

2026 Vampire Race
Monday September 7th, 2026
Edgewater Yacht Club

NOTICE OF RACE

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

1. RULES

- 1.1. This race shall be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. The Rules of PHRF-SS and the Class Rules of any boat competing with that class OD rating shall apply.
- 1.3. US Sailing prescriptions to *RRS Section B and RRS 63.1 shall not apply*.
- 1.4. The Equipment Rules of each Class shall apply. To the extent allowed under RRS 87, class and fleet rules may be changed as follows: the use of marine VHF radios, Loran and GPS is permitted; there are no class membership requirements; and, there shall be no crew weight restrictions. [NP]
- 1.5. *RRS 63.5(c)(2)* is changed such that: "If there is a conflict between a rule in the notice of race and one in the sailing instructions, the sailing instructions shall apply."

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions shall be available at the Competitors Meeting.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board is located at the north side of the EYC clubhouse.
- 3.2 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on U.S. marine frequencies.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. This event is open to PHRF, JAM and One-Design mono-hull boats whose owners are members of Edgewater Yacht Club (EWYC), or other Inter-Lake Yachting Association (I-LYA) Club, or who are registered for EWYC's summer club race program. Eligible boats shall register using online registration at <https://edgewateryachtclub.com/register/regatta/AKhdeYUvqE/class>
- 4.2. The deadline for registration is 23:59, Sunday, September 6th, 2026. There is no late registration.

5. FEES

- 5.1. There shall be no registration fee for this race

6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 6.1. Monday September 7th, 2026
 - a) 10:00: Competitors' Meeting
 - b) 10:55: Warning Signal
 - c) 11:00: First Start. After the first start, all boats shall start at their assigned time.
 - d) After Race Awards on the EYC Patio.

7. MEASUREMENT

- 7.1. Each boat shall conform to its class rules.

- 7.2. Possession of a current, valid rating and/or measurement certificate is encouraged and strongly recommended. PHRF Certificates will be accepted from any PHRF organization. The measurement information from that certificate will be used to calculate the rating for your boat using the PHRF-SS rules. In the absence of a current rating certificate, a rating shall be assigned by the Organizing Authority (OA). PHRF ratings assigned by the OA shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a)

8. VENUE AND COURSE

- 8.1. "The Vanpire Race" shall be a single race with a pursuit start. Start order, course to be sailed, and the Sailing Instructions shall be available at the Competitors' Meeting.
- 8.2. All racing shall take place on the open waters of Lake Erie, north of the western entrance to Cleveland Harbor.
- 8.3. All boats should check in with the Race Committee no later than 10:45.

9. SCORING

- 9.1. The regatta shall be scored in accordance with the low-point system of *RRS Appendix A*.

10. AWARDS

- 10.1. Prizes shall be awarded for the top three (3) finishers for PHRF and JAM fleets. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Authority. Awards will be presented after the race on the EYC Patio.

11. PARKING AND GUEST DOCKAGE

- 11.1. Edgewater Yacht Club is a small footprint urban yacht club. Parking is at a premium. Non-member cars are not allowed inside the yacht club parking lot to park. Competitors may park in designated areas less than 100 yards away in the adjacent Metropolitan Park.
- 11.2. Limited complimentary dockage shall be available for the regatta participants. Please make prior arrangements through the EYC Gas dock by calling (216) 281-1518 at least a day in advance.

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 12.1. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race.
- 12.2. By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.
- 12.3. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) shall not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.
- 12.4. All competitors shall sign the "Disclaimer of Liability" provided on the EWYC Registration form. [DP]

13. INSURANCE

- 13.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid, third-party marine liability insurance, sufficient to cover liability for loss, damage, personal injury, or death, with a minimum value of \$300,000.
- 13.2. Each boat shall file evidence of current insurance with the EYC Office.

14. FURTHER INFORMATION

14.1. For further information, please visit www.edgewater yachtclub.com or contact the EYC Fleet Captain at sailingmackey@gmail.com