



Conditions and Sailing Instructions



Conditions:

Management

The 2008 Mills Trophy Race and related activities will be conducted under the management of the Mills Trophy Race Committee (Race Committee). The race will commence on June 6, 2008. The Race Committee shall have the authority to interpret the rules and conditions at any time prior to the start of the race. The fleet will be divided into classes according to rating/handicap and other factors at the discretion of the Race Committee. Any protest regarding ratings will be disallowed.

Eligibility

- a) Open to yachts owned by or under charter to members of yacht clubs or yachting associations affiliated directly or through regional associations with US Sailing. The provision for US Sailing affiliation will be waived for yachts of foreign registry.
- b) One design and PHRF rated yachts shall be 20-feet minimum LOA. All yachts shall be single hulled (except Multi-Hull), self-righting, enclosed cabin sailing vessels with water tight self-bailing cockpit or positive flotation conforming with ISAF Special Regulations Governing Minimum Equipment and Accommodations as set forth herein. They must be properly rigged and ballasted, be fully seaworthy and must conform to the equipment and accommodations standards set forth in the Conditions under Equipment and Inspection.
- c) All yachts shall have fully executed and submitted the prescribed entry form and fees by specified deadlines.

Entry Requirements

Entries must be made on-line using the Official Entry Forms and be accompanied by a valid Rating Certificate and credit card paid entry fee. IRC entrants must also submit

a current PHRF rating certificate. Entries must be received by June 1, 2008. Note: Reflective Boat ID#'s will be required to be displayed aft of the beam on the portside / shoreside lifelines at the finish line (day or night). Please leave mainsail and boat ID# showing well past the finish line. Turn in boat ID#'s with finish card.

The entry fee is \$160.00 (\$145.00 for US Sailing members) including the use of a Reflective Boat ID #.

Deadline for receiving all entries and rating certificates is Sunday, June 1, 2008.

Later entries will be accepted only under special circumstances approved by the Race Committee with a \$35.00 surcharge.

Yachts desiring to race in the PHRF or JAM class must obtain a copy of their certificate signed by their local measurer.

Classes

Scratch sheets will be posted on the Official Bulletin Board at Toledo Yacht Club prior to 1800 Thursday, June 5, 2008. The fleets will be divided to race four separate courses.

Mills Trophy Course

Fleet minimum 15 boats.
 PHRF A IRC A
 PHRF B IRC B
 PHRF C MULTI-HULL
 PHRF D

Governor's Cup Course

PHRF E PHRF G
 PHRF F PHRF H

President's Trophy Course

PHRF I JAM A
 PHRF J JAM B
 PHRF K JAM C
 DOUBLE-HANDED JAM D
 JAM E

One Design Trophy Course

One Designs
 Cruising Class
 Classics Class

Required Charts

Numbers: 14830, 14844.

Results

Results will be posted on the Official Bulletin Board at Put-in-Bay as soon as practical after the race, and at www.toledoyachtclub.com after the race weekend.

Sailing Instructions:

Rules

The Mills Trophy Race shall be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) for 2005-2008, the prescriptions of US Sailing and as modified by these sailing instructions.

The Race Committee will enforce class rules where published and made available to all entrants in the class prior to the race. Any class wishing to have class rules enforced will notify the Race Committee no later than the entry deadline and will make said rules available to the Race Committee at that time.

All participants shall adhere to Rule 9 of the Inland Navigation Rules which reads in part: "...a sailing vessel shall not impede the passage of a vessel that can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway".

Temporary Security Zones

As part of US Coast Guard defense responsibility, Temporary

Security Zones may be established and published in Local Notice to Mariners. All participants should be aware of these zones and stay clear.

Registration

Skipper's packets (including reflective #) will be available at Toledo Yacht Club Thursday, June 5 from 1600 - 2100, and Friday, June 8 from 1000 - 1300.

Notices to Competitors and Changes in Sailing Instructions

Notices to competitors will be posted on-line and on the official notice board at Toledo Yacht Club.

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted no later than 1200 on Friday, June 6, 2008.

Race Schedule

See Preliminary Starting Times on page 33 or as modified by posted notice.

Friday, June 6, 2008

Harbor gun	1430
Warning gun	1650
Preparatory gun	1655
Starting gun	1700
Etc.	

Starting Numbers

A number designating the start of each class shall be displayed from the Race Committee yacht during the period preceding the start of that class.





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The Courses:

See page 32 for diagram.

Mills Trophy Course

From the starting line in an east-southeasterly direction to Niagara Reef lighted buoy (G "5" Fl G 4s) leaving it to starboard, then in a southeasterly direction to the flashing Red Buoy No. 2 (R "2" Fl R 4s) at the Sandusky Harbor (Moseley) Channel, leaving it to port, then in a northeasterly direction to the Mid-Channel buoy (RW "X" Mo (A)) approximately 1 mile south of Southeast Shoal Light, leaving it to port, then in a northwesterly direction to Pelee Passage Light (Fl 4s), leaving it to port, then in a west-southwesterly direction to the Bell Buoy (G "1" Fl G 4s) off the easterly tip of Middle Bass Island, leaving it to starboard, then to the finishing line leaving Ballast Island to port. Total length of course 75.15 nm

President's Trophy Course

From the starting line in an east-northeasterly direction to Middle Sister Island light (Fl G 4s), leaving it to starboard, then in a south-southeasterly direction to Green Island, leaving it to port, then in a southeasterly direction to the Starve Island Reef Light, (R "2" Fl R 6s), leaving it to port, in a north-northeasterly direction to Ballast Island, leaving it to port, to the finishing line. Total length of course 38.06 nm

Governor's Cup Course

From the starting line in an east-northeasterly direction to Middle Sister Island light (Fl G 4s), leaving it to starboard, then in a south-southeasterly direction leaving South Bass Island to port, then southeast to the flashing Red Buoy No. 2 (R "2" Fl R 4s) at the Sandusky Harbor (Moseley) Channel leaving it to port, then in a north-northwesterly direction, keeping Kelleys Island to starboard, to Ballast Island leaving it to port, to the finishing line. Total length of course 54.10 nm.

One Design Trophy Course

From the starting line in an east-southeasterly direction to Niagara Reef lighted buoy (G "5" Fl G 4s), leaving it to starboard, then in an east-southeasterly direction to Starve Island Reef Light (R "2" Fl R 6s), leaving it to port in a north-northeasterly direction to Ballast Island, leaving it to port, to the finish line. Total length of course is 30.50 nm.

The Start

Races will be started as follows: Signals shall be made at Race Committee discretion. The starting signal for each class shall be the warning signal for the next. Each signal shall be removed one (1) minute before the next is made.

See Preliminary Starting Times on page 33 or as modified and posted on the Official Bulletin Board.

Starting Line

On page 32 is a diagram of the starting line. The starting line is approximately 1.5 statute miles, ESE (100°) of the Toledo Harbor Light. The line itself shall be between an Orange Flag on the race committee yacht (identified by a Yellow Flag with the black letters "RC") and the Orange Flag mounted on the observers committee yacht at the opposite end of the line.

Committee Boat Protection Limit Marks

One or more Limit Marks (flag buoy with half red and half green horizontal bands) may be set near a starting line. If a yacht touches any limit mark, the starting line boat, or passes between a limit mark and a starting line boat, she shall have touched a starting mark.

Committee Boat Restricted Area

All yachts shall keep clear of the historically designated restricted area and the first leg of the course prior to the starting of the class ahead. All yachts sailing in this regatta may be subject to protest by the Race Committee for failing to stay clear of the indicated areas. (See Chart of the Courses page 32.)

Postponements

A postponement will be signalled by the sounding of two signals, either gun or horn, and accompanied by the display of the "AP" cylindrical shape with vertical red and white panel stripes or the code answering pennant. This will mean that all classes not yet started are postponed. This signal will be lowered (accompanied by a sound signal) one minute before the warning signal for the next class to start. The starting order and intervals between divisions will be resumed after the period of postponement.

In the event of prolonged severe weather, the Race Committee may postpone the race start until the following morning. If such should occur, the Race Committee reserves the right to change the course for all entrants. The new

course and new start sequence schedule will be posted at Toledo Yacht Club within one hour of the Race Committee's return to the dock at Toledo Yacht Club.

In the event of complete cancellation of the race, festivities will still continue as planned at Put-in-Bay.

There will be no refunds of entry or wrist band fees.

Recalls

Individual recalls will be signaled by displaying the **code flag X and making a sound signal.**

The Committee will endeavor to call the racing number of the yacht or yachts starting prematurely on VHF Channel 71. Failure to make or receive such a call will not relieve a yacht of the responsibility to make a proper start and will not be grounds for a protest against the Race Committee. The individual recall signal will be struck when all premature starters have started correctly or at the preparatory signal for the next class whichever occurs first. Yachts starting prematurely and not restarting may be subject to either protest by the race committee or assessment of an appropriate scoring penalty as calculated in RRS Rule 44.3(c)

There will be no general recalls.





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Recording Marks of Course

Each yacht shall record the yacht ahead and behind when rounding:

1. Mills Trophy Course - Southeast Shoal Light and at the finish line.
2. President's Trophy Course - Middle Sister Island and at the finish line.
3. Governor's Cup Course - Middle Sister Island and at the finish line.
4. One Design Course - Niagara Reef Buoy and at the finish line.

The Finish

See the Finish Line Diagram on page 33. The finishing line is between the outer white strobe light and the lighted flag pole flying the R. C. pennant located on South Bass Island.

Radio

After finishing, each yacht shall contact the race committee on VHF channel 71 and give:

1. The yacht name
2. The yacht ID#
3. The yacht ahead (if known)
4. The yacht astern (if known)

Yachts are requested to monitor VHF channel 71 until instructed to change to VHF Channel 78 for docking or inspection instructions. **Do not break in on transmissions at the finish line.**

All boats must wait for the Mills Harbormaster's docking instructions before entering the harbor.

Day Finish

Leave mainsail up well beyond the finishing line so that sail numbers and yacht's class may be verified after each finish.

Night Finish

Note: Reflective Boat ID#'s will be required to be displayed aft of the beam on the portside / shoreside lifelines at the finish line (day or night). Please leave mainsail and boat ID# showing well past the finish line. Turn in reflective ID# with finish card.

General Finishing Requirements

Each yacht shall take its own time at the finishing line and record yacht time and day on the card provided. Also, each yacht shall indicate the sail number or name of other yachts ahead, astern and abeam on the same card.

It is required that the finish card be turned in at end of dock by 0900 Saturday or within 1-1/2 hours after finishing, whichever is later. Failure to turn in finish card and reflective ID# may subject yacht to disqualification.

Due to the location of the finish line, yachts will not receive a gun or sound signal. If the Finish Line is to be unattended, the Race Committee will broadcast advance notification on Channel 71. It is the responsibility of the skipper to record and inform the Race Committee of its finishing time.

Protests

RRS Rules, Part 5 shall govern all protests. If possible, oral notice of intent to protest shall be given to the Race Committee, if on station, when the protesting yacht finishes. Written protests shall be submitted at the Duty Office within two (2) hours after finishing. The Race Committee suggests that the protesting yacht request a receipt signed by the party accepting the protest form. The penalty for an infraction of the racing rules or these conditions and sailing instructions may be in accordance with the graduated scoring penalties set forth in RRS Rule 44.3(c), at the discretion of the protest committee, in lieu of disqualification.

Penalty System

The protesting yacht shall define the dockage location of all yachts named in the protest. All protest hearings will be held on the island, and the time of the hearing will be posted on the official Mills Race Bulletin Board at Put-in-Bay.

Scoring

The scoring system is as follows: PHRF and JAM yachts will be calculated in accordance with the yacht's rating certificate and as approved by the race committee. Multi-Hull yachts will sail using the PHRF rule.

For the purposes of this race, the rated Mills Trophy Course will be scored time on time. The rated distance for the Mills Trophy Course is 75.15 nm, President's Trophy Course is 38.06 nm, Governor's Cup Course is 54.10 nm and the One Design Trophy Course is 30.50 nm. Time allowances for yachts will be calculated in accordance with a yacht's time correction factor for time on time or with a yacht's rating and the rated distance. IRC class finishes will be calculated time on time using the IRC issued TCC.

Yachts Abandoning the Race

A yacht which has abandoned the race for any reason must break out her ensign and keep clear of yachts still racing. She must also notify the Race Committee in Put-in-Bay as soon as possible by contacting them on VHF 71 or telephoning them at Put-in-Bay at (734) 552-4353.

Equipment and Inspection

Racing yachts shall carry corresponding numbers on mainsails, spinnakers, storm trysails and all overlapping headsails whose LOP measurement exceed 130%.

Each PHRF yacht must conform to the current ISAF Special Regulations Governing Minimum Equipment and Accommodations Standards category 4 (see www.sailing.org category 4 Monohulls 2007-2008). For multi-hull (see www.sailing.org category 4 Multihulls 2007-2008).

Inspection of a yacht in no way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of a yacht's skipper for the safety of a yacht or her crew. The Race Committee reserves the right to inspect entries for eligibility and equipment requirements at any time prior to the awards.

Yachts which fail to comply with these equipment and accommodation standards may be protested by the Committee. If such a protest is sustained, the yacht may be disqualified or assessed an appropriate time penalty.

Electronic Gear

Loran, GPS and similar electronic equipment may be used for purposes of tactics as well as for safety and other navigational purposes.

Disclaimer of Liability

The Toledo Yacht Club, the Mills Trophy Race Committee, and cosponsoring clubs do not accept responsibility for loss of life or injury to participants or others or for the loss or damage to any vessel in any way or from any cause during or related to this race, cruise or related activities.

The safety of a yacht and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner or skipper who must insure that the yacht is fully sound, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced crew who are physically fit. The skipper of the yacht must be satisfied as to the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging and sails and all gear. He must insure that all equipment is properly maintained and stowed. Further, through a safety meeting with the crew, the skipper must assure himself that the crew knows where the safety equipment is kept and how to use it. The skipper and/or owner of each yacht is responsible for the conduct of each member of the crew and is further responsible for making sure that only those of his crew who are of the legal drinking age receive the specified wrist bands.



General Conditions Governing



All Racing and Cruising Entrants

Management

The races, cruise and related activities will be managed by the Mills Trophy Race Committee. This Race Committee or its representatives shall have the authority to interpret the rules and conditions of the race, cruise and related activities and to reject the entry of any yacht at any time prior to the start of race or activities. Cruise activities will be directed by the Race Committee's Cruise Chairman.

Shore Activity Wrist Band

Wrist bands are required for every person wishing to enter the Hospitality Pavilion at the Bay. Participating in race-related social events and admission to complimentary parties, with the exception of the Sunday Flag Presentation, is by wrist band only. They may be obtained for other shore guests of the yacht at the Put-in-Bay Duty Office.

The skipper has responsibility for passing out the yacht's wrist bands and their being properly distributed to only those crew who are of legal drinking age. Separate wrist bands can be purchased for persons not of legal drinking age. The skipper may request that wrist band(s) be issued at the Put-in-Bay Duty Office. The fee per wrist band is \$15.00 US and \$10.00 US for under age 21 bands. The total fee must accompany the form. All lost wrist bands will be replaced for \$15.00 US. In order to have a wrist band replaced, the name of the person must be in the master list, identified by the skipper of the boat, or by said person showing his skipper's yellow card. Anyone under 21 will be issued a contrasting color wrist band. **No wrist band fee refunds.**

Awards

An awards ceremony will be held in the Crescent Pavilion starting 0930 Sunday. All Flags will be awarded at this party.

Social at Toledo Yacht Club

The Toledo Yacht Club and the Storm Trysail Club will begin festivities with The 2007 Mills Trophy Presentation Dinner beginning Wednesday, June 4, 2008. A complimentary Winners Party will begin at 6:00 pm.

There is a nominal charge for those wishing to attend the Mills Trophy Presentation Dinner.

The Toledo Yacht Club will sponsor The Famous Mills Race Party at 6:00 pm on Thursday, June 5, 2008, featuring food, entertainment and dancing.

Social at Put-in-Bay

(See Schedule on page 25.)

A full program of shore activities is planned for the weekend.

Trophies

Race flags will be awarded for overall, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in every class start except as noted below. Race flags may also be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in one design fleets with seven or more boats sailing within their PHRF classes.

Exceptions: First to Finish flag for Mills, President's, or Governor's entries. Cruising Class First Place finish only. Participation patches will be awarded to all participating racing and cruising yachts.

Race trophies for each class winner and all other overall, area, and special perpetual trophies (as shown on page 37), will be awarded at a special trophy presentation to be held at the Toledo Yacht Club. The date will be the Wednesday preceding next year's race.

Cruising Sailboat / Power Boat Entrants Only

Eligibility

a) Open to yachts by special invitation only and owned by, or under charter to, members of Toledo Yacht Club.

b) Yachts shall be 20-foot minimum length enclosed cabin motor or sailing vessels.

c) All yachts shall have fully executed and submitted the prescribed entry form and fees by specified deadlines.

d) The Race Committee, at its discretion, may limit the number of cruising entrants.

Skipper Packet

"Goody bags" including wrist bands ordered and participation patches will be available at Toledo Yacht Club Thursday, June 5 from 1600 - 2100, and Friday, June 6 from 1000 - 1300.

Responsibility

The Toledo Yacht Club, the Mills Trophy Race Committee, and cosponsoring clubs do not accept responsibility for loss of life or injury to participants or others or for the loss or damage to any vessel in any way or from any cause during or related to this race, cruise or related activities.

The safety of a yacht and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner or skipper who must insure that the yacht is fully sound, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced crew who are physically fit. The skipper of the yacht must be satisfied as to the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. He must insure that all equipment is properly maintained and stowed. Further, through a safety meeting with the crew, the skipper must

assure himself that the crew knows where the safety equipment is kept and how to use it. The skipper and/or owner of each yacht is responsible for the conduct of each member of the crew and is further responsible for making sure that only those of his crew who are of the legal drinking age, 21 in the State of Ohio, receive the specified wrist bands.

Rights of Racing Yachts

Any yacht not eligible for racing in the race must keep clear of any yacht which is racing. If there is any doubt that a yacht is racing, the yacht not eligible to race must presume that the other yacht is racing and keep clear.

If a cruising yacht wishes to cruise in the vicinity of the finishing line at Put-in-Bay, she must keep well clear of that line so as to not interfere with any possible maneuver of all yachts still racing or having just finished.

Docking

Complimentary directed dockage will be provided all cruising yachts. The facilities will be available to the racing and cruising entrants from 1800 Friday, June 6 to 1200 Sunday, June 8, 2008.

Round House Award

First power and sail cruising entry which docks at Put-in-Bay and buys the first drink at the Round House.

Required Charts

Numbers: 14830, 14844

Entries

Entries must be completed on the Official Entry Form and be accompanied with the proper entry fees. The entry fee is \$135.00 US. Deadline for receiving entry forms is Sunday, June 1, 2008.



Destination Put-in Bay



The Lake Erie islands first made the headlines, or maybe the town crier's calls, in 1813. That was the year that Commodore Perry routed the British fleet a few miles to the west of the archipelago. It is told that the survivors of both fleets put in at what is now Put-in-Bay to bury their dead and tend their wounded. It is further stated that there was much fraternizing and exchanging of alibis much like the custom of the contestants in present day boat races and rugby matches.

Perry was the first commodore to visit the island, but not the last. Since time immemorial Put-in-Bay has been host to the annual regatta of the of the Inter-Lake Yachting Association said to be the most populous, from an entry standpoint, of any operation of this type. There are always commodores galore in attendance, in all kinds of raiment and in various states of dignity.

In the Gay '90s and the early years of the 20th century, the islands were known as the Playground of Presidents. The heads of state more frequently mentioned as visitors were Cleveland and Taft. These two were the most rotund leaders in the history of the republic. So it must be assumed that they were attracted by good living as well as by the superb bass fishing.

In those days the mammoth Hotel Victory was in full swing and there were daily steamer

calls from Cleveland, Detroit and Toledo unloading thousands of excursionists. Many of these visiting pilgrims would be overcome by the fervency of their devotions. The fallen celebrants would be loaded on flat bed wagons and delivered to the departing steamers. It was inevitable that many would be misaddressed which led to droll complications.

The noble Doric column celebrating Perry's victory is recognized by many patrons of architecture as the world's foremost peace symbol. True or not, if legends of heroic knight actions are factual, it has been an inspiration to many. A trip to the top will be rewarding.

Hospitality Pavilion

The Hospitality Pavilion is guarded and closed to the public. Only your wrist band gets you in. Additional wrist bands may be purchased at the Put-in-Bay Duty Office, with the skipper or his representative showing his skipper's card.

This is the hub of Race Weekend activities ... a huge open air pavilion behind Crescent Tavern, where everyone meets, drinks, eats and swaps tall tales. The Mills Race Committee makes available complimentary beverages all day

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Saturday, and there are food and soft drink bars.

The Mills Sundowner Party and the Beer Blast take place here, along with music, dancing, arm wrestling and beer drinking contests, and all of the camaraderie of a sailor's weekend.

The flag presentation occurs at

the Crescent on Sunday morning. No wrist band is required to enter or help congratulate the winners. Toledo Yacht Club and the Storm Trysail Club will be offering champagne after the flag presentations to all those in attendance.

Put-in-Bay Primary Dock Rules

NO swimming, float toys, sling shots, or water fights allowed in marina area.

NO firearms or fireworks allowed on grounds at any time.

NO fires, including charcoal grills, are permitted on boats or docks.

NO picnic benches or roller blades permitted on docks.

NO refuse, excrement or fish offal shall be thrown, pumped or discharged overboard. Proper containers are available at foot of dock.

NO motorized vehicles or bicycles allowed on docks except to walk them to and from rack at foot of dock upon arriving and departing.

NO excessive noise. Acceptable noise level is 80 decibels or less. Total quiet hours between 10:00 pm and 8:00 am.

NO one allowed on top of boat except during docking maneuvers.

NO WAKE in Village Harbor. Bow out docking only.

NO reserve dockage, including rafting spots.

Rafting is required by authorization of dock master when prescribed dockside locations are filled.

NO more than 3 boats may raft off dockside boat, except fewer in restricted areas.

NO boats left unattended.

NO unleashed dogs on docks or grounds.

Hoses may be used only for filling freshwater tanks. They must then be disconnected and removed from the dock.

The Marina is not responsible

for loss or damage to boats or articles left on boat or premises.

Jet skis and rubber rafts, charge of \$5.00 each. Per day dockage charge for actual space used.

Violation of any rules may result in dismissal without notice, refund and/or a police citation.

NO open containers of alcohol permitted on public docks. Alcohol must be confined to the vessels.

CITATIONS WILL BE ISSUED TO VIOLATORS