



Thistle Lake Erie District Championship
Edgewater Yacht Club
June 5-6 2021
6700 Memorial Shoreway N.W.
Cleveland OH, 44102



Notice of Race (NoR)

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

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The US Sailing prescription to RRS 63.2 will not apply.
- 1.3 Other racing rules may be changed. These changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.4 Alcohol consumption by persons under 21 years of age, the use of illegal substances and the abuse of prescription-only drugs shall be considered "misconduct" for the purposes of RRS 69.
- 1.5 [NP] It is each skipper's responsibility to ensure they and their crew adhere to all state and county health regulations.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available no later than 22:00 on 6/3/21 at the event registration web site and on-site at the registration desk.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at the south end of the clubhouse patio by the grill.

3.2 The RC may transmit via VHF radio information concerning safety, OCS boats, and general information to assist in the management of the event.

3.3 From the time a boat leaves the dock until she has finished the last race of the day, returned to shore, or, has been instructed to return to shore by the Race Committee, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The event is open to all Measured boats of the Thistle Class Association and Registered Skippers

4.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing online registration and paying regatta fees by June 4, 2021. No entry will be accepted after June 4 without written permission from the EWYC Fleet Captain.

4.3 Online registration can be found at www.yachtscoring.com.

5 FEES

5.1 Entry fees are as follows:

	Early Entry Fee until 5/21/21	Standard Fee
<i>Skipper Under 26</i>	<i>\$40</i>	<i>\$50</i>
<i>All Others</i>	<i>\$70</i>	<i>\$80</i>

Non US Sailing Members Add \$ 10.00

Registration includes keg beer after racing. No meal is included as part of registration, but the EWYC kitchen will be open to support socially distant dining

6 ADVERTISING

6.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

7 SCHEDULE

Friday, June 4

1700 - 2000 Boat Drop off and Set up available

Saturday, June 5

0930 Registration Closes

1000 Skippers Meeting

1125 First Warning Signal, additional races may follow

Sunday, June 6

955 First Warning Signal

1300 Deadline for initial warning sequence of last race

After racing Awards

7.1 Number of races: 7 Races are scheduled

8 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

8.1 Each boat may be asked to produce or verify the existence of a valid measurement certificate.

8.2 Boats may be inspected at any time.

9 VENUE

9.1 Racing will take place in the open waters of Lake Erie, North of Edgewater Yacht Club

10 COURSES

10.1 The courses to be sailed will be windward leeward or triangle at the discretion of the PRO.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1 RRS Appendix V shall apply which states:

11.2 **Penalties at the time of the incident:** According to Appendix V; the first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty."

11.3 Penalties within three (3) boat lengths of Mark 1 or on the leg from Mark 1 to Mark 1a may be delayed and taken as soon as possible on the downwind leg. *This changes RRS 44.2 and V1*

11.4 **Penalties after the race:** After a race, a boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing may take a Post-Race Penalty for that incident. The penalty shall be a 20% Scoring Penalty, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply and the penalty shall not be taken after a protest hearing involving the incident has begun. A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by informing the race committee in writing and identifying the race number and when and where the incident occurred.

12 SCORING

12.1 The scoring system is according to Appendix A except there will be no throw outs. This changes RRS Appendix A.

12.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

12.3 A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.

12.4 Rule A5.3 applies.

13 Dockage and Launching

13.1 Edgewater Yacht Club is a small footprint urban yacht club. Parking space is at premium. Non-members' cars are not allowed to park in the club lot. Competitors may park in designated areas less than 100 yards away in the adjacent Metropolitan Park. Camping is not allowed in the Metropolitan Park, or on yacht club property. To accommodate competitors who wish to stay on site, vehicles will be allowed inside the Edgewater Yacht Club gate after 8:00 pm each night. Vehicles must be moved out of the EYC parking lot before 8:00 am each day. Competitors violating 15.1 may not be protested by another boat.

14 RISK STATEMENT

14.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' 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.**

15 INSURANCE

- 15.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$100,000 per incident or the equivalent.

16 PRIZES

- 16.1 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th place prizes will be awarded.

17 COVID STATEMENT

- 17.1 EWYC has published a Regatta COVID-19 safety plan based on the CDC and state-specific best practices and requirements. All participants and guests are required to read and adhere to the safety plan while participating in regatta events. This includes hand washing, social distancing, use of face coverings, daily temperature screenings, and other guidelines to protect the health and safety of all participants. It is each skipper's responsibility to ensure they and their crew adhere to all state and county health regulations. [NP]

18 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 18.1 For further information please contact

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