

# *Erie Yacht Club Racing Fleet*

NOTICE OF RACE INFORMATION AND OFFICIAL

## **2024 RACE INSTRUCTIONS**



***PAGAN***

2023 EYC Boat of the Year



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2024 RACING FLEET SCHEDULE										OFFICIAL										
EYCRF Race Committee	Race dates	START GPS TIME	Location			JAM FJAM	NOTES	RACE & SPONSOR												
			BOY	ZURN																
1	WED	15-May	6:30PM	LH				1		FAMILY JAM - BRIER PATCH SERIES #1 OF 3										
2	SUN	19-May	11:00AM	BAY		1, 2				SPIN-BRIER PATCH SERIES #1 & 2 OF 3										
3	WED	22-May	6:30PM	LH				2		FAMILY JAM - BRIER PATCH SERIES #2 OF 3										
	SAT	25-May								REYBURN SAILING SCHOOL ALUMNI REUNION REGATTA										
4	SUN	26-May	9:00AM	LH	1	3	O/A	P	A	MORK TROPHY LIGHTHOUSE RACE / SPIN BRIER PATCH SERIES #3 OF 3										
5	WED	29-May	6:30PM	LH				3		FAMILY JAM - BRIER PATCH SERIES #3 OF 3										
	SUN	2-Jun	11:00AM							MAKE UP DATE 1										
6	WED	5-Jun	6:30PM	LH				4		FAMILY JAM - PONY EXPRESS SPRING SERIES #1 OF 3										
	SAT	8-Jun								ERIEGATTA ILYA TRAVELERS SERIES @ EYC REYBURN RACE TEAM										
7	SUN	9-Jun	11:00AM		2,3,4	4,5,6				HOOVER SUMMER SERIES 1,2,3										
8	WED	12-Jun	6:30PM	LH				5		FAMILY JAM - PONY EXPRESS SPRING SERIES #2 OF 3 Full Moon Sat June 22										
9	SUN	16-Jun		BAY						DESIGNATED OFF DAY, NO RACE SCHEDULED OR TO BE RESCHEDULED HERE										
10	WED	19-Jun	6:30PM	LH				6	A	FAMILY JAM - PONY EXPRESS SPRING SERIES #3 OF 3										
	FRI	21-Jun							P	2024 66th ANNUAL INTERCLUB CRUISE STARTING @ EYC										
	SAT	22-Jun				7			P	RACE 1 EYC course race										
	SUN	23-Jun				8				RACE 2 Erie to Port Dover										
	MON	24-Jun				9				RACE 3 Long Port Bay Race										
	TUE	25-Jun				10				RACE 4 Port Dover to Port Colburne										
	WED	26-Jun				11				RACE 5 Point Colburne to Point Abino (BYC)										
11	WED	3-Jul	6:30PM	LH				7		FAMILY JAM McDonald's i'm lovin' it.® Summer Series #1 of 3										
	FRI	5-Jul		RCBH					P	EYC FOUNDATION BOAT HOUSE PARTY @ RICKLOFF COMMUNITY BOAT HOUSE										
	SAT	6-Jul	11:00AM							MAKE UP DATE 2										
12	SUN	7-Jul	11:00AM	BAY	5,6,7	12,13,14				SPIN - GILMORE CUP #1,2,3										
	MON	8-Jul								EYC FROLIC ON THE BAY 2024										
13	WED	10-Jul	6:30PM	LH				8		FAMILY JAM McDonald's i'm lovin' it.® Summer Series #2 of 3										
	FRI	12-Jul	5:00PM	LH				JAM	A	B.F. FIELDS MOVING & STORAGE - REGATTA DES FEMMES #1 & 2 of 2 Fleet member RC.										
14	WED	17-Jul	6:30PM	LH				9	A	FAMILY JAM McDonald's i'm lovin' it.® Summer Series #3 of 3										
	SAT	20-Jul	5:00PM	LH				JAM	A	BORT INSURANCE-JUNIORS RACERS CUP #1 & 2 of 2. Fleet members act as RC										
	SUN	21-Jul								DESIGNATED OFF DAY, NO RACE SCHEDULED OR TO BE RESCHEDULED HERE										
15	WED	24-Jul	6:30PM	LH				10		FAMILY JAM-JAMISON FAMILY HEATWAVE SERIES #1 OF 3 Full Moon Sun July 21										
16	SAT	27-Jul	5:00PM	LH				11	P	FAMILY JAM-JAMISON FAMILY HEATWAVE SERIES #2 OF 3										
	SUN	28-Jul	11:00AM							MAKE UP DATE 3										
17	WED	31-Jul	6:30PM	LH				12	A	FAMILY JAM-JAMISON FAMILY HEATWAVE SERIES #3 OF 3										
	WED	31-Jul								EW YC DEEPWATER RACE TO PUT-IN-BAY										
	THU	1-Aug	THU FRI SAT SUN								I-LYA BAY WEEK - PUT-IN-BAY, OHIO AUG 1 - 4, 2024									
	SAT	3-Aug	SAT SUN								ERIE OPEN REGATTA AUG 3 & 4									
18	WED	7-Aug	6:30PM	LH				13	A	FAMILY JAM - SCHUYLER FAMILY SUNSET SERIES #1 OF 3										
	FRI	9-Aug	8:00AM	R2			O/A	JAM		ERIE TO ASHTABULA -JAM KOEHLER CUP										
19	SAT	10-Aug	7:00AM	R2	8	15				COLETECH MARINE HARDWARE KOEHLER CUP 1 - ERIE to ASHTABULA FALCON CUP AUG10										
	SUN	11-Aug	8:00AM	ALH	9	16	O/A			COLETECH MARINE HARDWARE KOEHLER CUP 2 - ASHTABULA to ERIE										
	SAT	10-Aug								LAKE ERIE SOLO CHALLENGE Aug 10-14 Finish @ EYC										
20	WED	14-Aug	6:30PM	LH				14		FAMILY JAM - SCHUYLER FAMILY SUNSET SERIES #2 OF 3 Full Moon Mon Aug 19										
21	FRI	16-Aug	8:00PM	LH		17	O/A			NIGHT LIGHT HOUSE RACE for the COMMODORE'S CHAIR SUNSET 8:18 PM										
22	SUN	18-Aug	11:00AM	BAY		18,19	O/A	O/A		AMERICAN CRUISING SAILS' GOVERNORS CUP, MAYOR'S CUP, FLAGSHIP NIAGARA CUP										
23	WED	21-Aug	6:30PM	LH				15	A	FAMILY JAM - SCHUYLER FAMILY SUNSET SERIES #3 OF 3										
	SAT	24-Aug	5:00PM	RCBH					P	EYCRF CHAIR PARTY @ RICKLOFF COMMUNITY BOATHOUSE										
	SUN	25-Aug	2:00PM	BAY						FLEET RAFT UP @ PI MARINA. Please dress boats, battle flags etc.										
24	WED	28-Aug	6:30PM	LH				16		FAMILY JAM - RCR YACHTS FULL MOON SERIES #1 OF 3										
25	SUN	1-Sep	11:00AM	BAY	10,11,12	20,21,22				SPIN-ECKERD CUP #1, 2, 3										
	WED	4-Sep	6:30PM							MAKE UP DATE 4										
26	SAT	7-Sep	7:00AM	LH		23				WOLFORD TROPHY #1 ERIE TO PORT DOVER via Bluff Bar										
	SUN	8-Sep	8:00AM	ED2		24				WOLFORD TROPHY #2 PORT DOVER to ERIE										
27	WED	11-Sep	6:30PM	LH				17		FAMILY JAM - RCR YACHTS FULL MOON SERIES #2 OF 3										
	SAT	14-Sep	SAT SUN							BATTLE OF LAKE ERIE-COLLEGIATE REGATTA at Rickloff Boathouse SEP 14-15										
	SUN	15-Sep								DESIGNATED OFF DAY, NO RACE SCHEDULED OR TO BE RESCHEDULED HERE										
28	WED	18-Sep	6:30PM	LH				18	A	FAMILY JAM - RCR YACHTS FULL MOON SERIES #3 OF 3 Full Moon Wed Sep 18										
29	SUN	22-Sep	11:00AM	BAY		25	O/A	P	A	THOMAS CARROLL REVERSE HANDICAP RACE										
	WED	25-Sep	6:30PM							MAKE UP DATE 5										
	SUN	29-Sep	11:00AM							MAKE UP DATE 6										
			Totals:			12	25	25												
	SUN	6-Oct	NOON	LH					P	A	GREAT CHILI RACE OFF \$10 fee. 11 AM SKIPPERS MEETING & REG. @ EYC WEST DECK									
	SAT	2-Nov								RACING FLEET BANQUET										

BOY=BOAT OF THE YEAR RACE. ZURN =ZURN TROPHY RACE. FJAM=FAMILY JAM DIVISION RACE. RI'S PROVIDE TROPHY SCORING PARAMETERS. ZURN TROPHY LONG RACE: XX  
O/A = JAM DIVISION SCORED OVERALL WITH ORIGINAL NON-ADJUSTED RATING. LH= START @ EYC LIGHT HOUSE P= EYC DECK PARTY A=AWARDS PRESENTATION

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# ERIE YACHT CLUB RACING FLEET 2023 SEASON CHAMPIONS

## BOAT OF THE YEAR **PAGAN**

### 2023 SPINNAKER DIVISION CLASS CHAMPIONS

<b>PHRF A</b>	<b><i>RAVEN</i></b>	<b>P/C DAVE HEITZENRATER</b>
<b>PHRF B</b>	<b><i>PAGAN</i></b>	<b>ALEX MILLER</b>



### 2023 FAMILY JAM DIVISION CLASS CHAMPIONS

<b>FJAM-A</b>	<b><i>ATTACK</i></b>	<b>JACK GORDON-P/C MATT NIEMIC</b>
<b>FJAM-B</b>	<b><i>JOKER</i></b>	<b>A.J. FICCARDI</b>
<b>FJAM-C</b>	<b><i>INFINITY</i></b>	<b>THOMAS SCHUYLER</b>
<b>FJAM-D</b>	<b><i>PONEMAH</i></b>	<b>JOE NAGLE</b>
<b>FAMILY SPIN</b>	<b><i>PAGAN</i></b>	<b>ALEX MILLER</b>

Congratulations to these racers and their fine crews for outstanding performances and dedication to the sport of sailboat racing!

# RACE INSTRUCTIONS

**NOTE – CHANGES FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR ARE SHOWN IN BLUE FONT.**

## I. DEFINITIONS

Unless otherwise expressly defined below, terms used in these Sailing Instructions shall have the meaning assigned to them in the Racing Rules of Sailing promulgated by the International Federation of Sailing (“ISAF”). Undefined terms should be construed in the sense ordinarily understood in nautical or general use.

The following terms, when used in these Sailing Instructions, have the following meanings:

“**Erie Yacht Club Racing Fleet**” (**EYCRF**) refers to the entire sailboat racing fleet and support personnel who participate in one or more sailboat races on the Official Race Schedule. This includes the Race Committee, as well as yacht owners, skippers, and crew of participating yachts. For the purpose of this definition, a “participating yacht” is a yacht for which dues have been paid for a racing season or for a particular race (if applicable). A yacht for which dues are paid for a racing season shall be considered “participating” from the time dues are paid until the start of the first race of the following year’s racing season. A yacht for which dues have been paid only for a particular race(s) shall be considered participating only for the particular race(s).

“**Organizing authority**,” as used in the Rules, refers to the EYC (as represented through the EYCRF Fleet Officers).

“**PRO**” Principal Race Officer The PRO is responsible for Race Course selection and is the sole point of contact between the Race Committee (RC) and fleet competitors. A competitor or crew wishing to communicate with the RC must do so through the PRO only. Verbal communication with the RC is limited to check-in and withdrawal from a race.

A competitor or crew determined by the RC to be interfering with or harassing the RC before, during or after a race will be protested by the RC and subject to penalty under RRS #2 Fair Sailing and sportsmanship. The protest committee for such incident shall consist of EYCRF Executive Committee members. Penalties including DSQ may be assessed retroactively.

“**Race Committee**” or “RC” refers to the Race Committee of the EYC. The Race Committee was established by the EYC Board of Directors, and was given the duty and authority to promulgate rules governing sailing and racing for the EYC. See, EYC Bylaws, Section IV, Par. 4. As presently composed, the Race Committee consists of the EYC Fleet Captain and the following EYCRF Fleet Officers: the Fleet Chair; the Assistant Fleet Chair; the Fleet Secretary/Treasurer; the Fleet Vice Chair, and Principal Race Officer. In addition, the EYCRF Fleet Officers have created additional EYCRF offices to fulfill certain functions of the Race Committee, including: 1) the immediate past Fleet Chair; 2) the RC Boat Officer; 3) the Race Results Chair(s); 4) the Protest Chair; and 5) any other officer, chair, committee, or person who performs a Race Committee function.

“**Rules**” refer to the current "Racing Rules of Sailing" as adopted by the International Federation of Sailing as modified by United States Sailing Association prescriptions.

## II. ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to race in the EYCRF, a yacht must:

- A. Carry life-saving equipment conforming to government regulations (see, Fundamental Rule 1.2 and Rule 40); **See section XX.**
- B. Have a valid current rating certificate issued by PHRF-Lake Erie or have a temporary rating certificate as provided in this Handbook;
- C. Carry the current EYCRF Race Instructions and the current Racing Rules of Sailing;
- D. Comply with Sub-paragraph A of the Yacht Entry (Section V) of this Handbook.
- E. ISAF Sailor Classification Code will not be used for purposes of PHRF racing in the EYCRF.

## III. TEMPORARY RATINGS

Class measurers may assign temporary ratings by issuing temporary rating certificates under the following circumstances and conditions:

- A. A yacht new to the fleet. A class measurer may issue a temporary rating certificate to be used from the time the yacht is measured until a valid rating certificate is received.  
Temporary ratings assigned under this sub-paragraph **will include a 10 second per mile penalty** (based on the anticipated handicap) unless the yacht owner establishes, to the satisfaction of the class measurer, that the failure to obtain a valid rating certificate was not caused by the yacht owner. A yacht owner may request a temporary rating certificate issued under this Section to be reviewed promptly by the Fleet Chair. The Fleet Chair will affirm or adjust the temporary rating assigned by the class measurer. Decisions of the Fleet Chair concerning temporary ratings will be final.
- B. Invitational races. A class measurer may issue a temporary rating certificate to an unrated yacht for calculating time and fleet positions and awarding prizes for those races only. Temporary ratings assigned under this sub-paragraph may include a penalty (based on the anticipated handicap) if the yacht owner does not establish, to the satisfaction of the class measurer, that the failure to obtain a valid rating certificate was not caused by the yacht owner.
- C. FAMILY JAM ratings will be assigned to all of those yachts without certificates by the measurer and official scorer in accordance with LE- PHRF standards. A class measurer may issue a temporary rating certificate to an un-rated yacht for calculating time and fleet positions and awarding prizes for those races only. The penalty provisions under Sub-paragraphs III, A and III, B above shall not apply to temporary rating certificates for FAMILY JAM races.

## IV. YACHT ENTRY

- A. The following items **must** be submitted to the EYCRF Secretary **prior** to being scored:
  1. Executed EYCRF application with current PHRF–LE certificate for spinnaker division.
  2. A copy of marine liability insurance coverage.
  3. Payment of the entry fee for the racing season or the individual race, as appropriate.

***Entry form and required items must be received by the SECRETARY 5 days prior to a race to allow processing time in order to be scored in that race.***



- B. In accordance with Rule 76.1, the organizers may refuse the entry of any yacht not within the spirit of the Rules and these Sailing Instructions as interpreted by the EYCRF Officers who also reserve the right to deny participation to any yacht or individual for unsportsmanlike behavior by any crewmember either on the water or on the grounds or in the vicinity of the Erie Yacht Club. (Modifying Rule 76).

## V. OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY

SUBJECT TO RRS 3. The Safety of a Yacht and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the yacht owner/skipper who must do his/her best to ensure that the yacht is fully found and seaworthy and manned by experienced crew who are physically fit to face bad weather. Neither the establishment of these sailing instructions, their use by the sponsoring organization, nor the inspection of a yacht in any manner, limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the owner/skipper.

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will 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. A competitor is solely responsible for deciding whether or not to Start or to Continue racing. US Sailing Prescription, Racing Rule 81 shall not apply to any EYCRF event.

## VI. DIVISIONS - RATINGS

**A. PHRF** -- Open to any yacht with a current PHRF-LE rating (handicap) certificate or temporary rating certificate as provided in these race instructions.

**B. JAM, FAMILY JAM** --Open to any yacht with a current PHRF-LE rating certificate or assigned rating in accordance Sub-paragraph III.C (Temporary Ratings), above. The following restrictions shall apply:

- 1 No spinnakers of any type are permitted.
- 2 Only one jib (or genoa) may be set at any time, except when changing from one to another
- 3 A single whisker pole is permitted, provided that It is no longer than the PHRF spinnaker pole dimension or the "J" dimension of the yacht, whichever is longer; and it is attached to the mast when in use.

**C. FAMILY JAM** Initial ratings in each class will be *adjusted* during the season by awarding 9, 6, and 3 second penalties respectively for the first three places at the end of each race day. Adjusted ratings will be cumulative, remain in place for the season and will be maintained by the scorekeeper. Initial ratings may be assigned based on the spinnaker rating of a sister ship plus any propeller allowance if no current PHRF-LE certificate is presented. A PHRF measurement certificate is required to receive any credit for roller furling jibs.

## VII. SCORING (Modifying RULE 89.3, Appendix A)

A. **The low point scoring** system in Appendix A of the Rules shall apply, with the following modifications:

- 1 A minimum of three boats are required to start in a class to qualify as a race except only one boat is required to start a race to qualify as a race in the FJAM Division.
- 2 A minimum of two races must be completed to constitute a completed series.

- B. **A yacht that retires** from a race shall report her withdrawal to the Race Committee Boat. Yachts withdrawing and not reporting may be disqualified. In the event the Race Committee Boat cannot be reached, a retiring yacht must report to another boat in her class.
- C. **Series scoring** will be calculated in accordance with Appendix A of the Rules. However, this will not apply to the EYCRF Boat of the Year series and/or series scoring established by deed of gift (e.g., the Zurn Trophy). The EYCRF Boat of the Year series scoring is set forth in Section VIII .

#### D Scoring within Time Limits

1. Races with stated time limits: The first yacht in each class must finish within the designated time limit in order for the race to be scored. Each class is considered separately.
2. Races without stated time limits: All yachts still racing after the RC determines the race to be complete will be scored equal to the number boats that have finished in class plus one.
3. All F-JAM LIGHTHOUSE start races have a two hour time limit beginning with the starting signal of each class . All yachts still racing when the time limit expires will be scored equal to the number of finishers in their class plus one.

### VIII. BOAT of the YEAR, CLASS CHAMPION SCORING and AWARDS

A. PHRF Division. The EYCRF **Boat of the Year** for the PHRF Spinnaker Division will be determined by counting the best **10 of the 12** races noted on the Official Race Schedule as Boat Of the Year races or the best **80%** rounded to the closest whole number if less than **12** races are completed. Class Champions may also be awarded as noted here. **2024:  $.8 \times 12 = 9.6 = \text{rounded up to } 10$ . Use the best 10 completed races.**

B. FAMILY JAM Division may be divided into classes. A Class Champion will be determined in each class by the yacht with the best score when using **70%** (rounded to the closest whole number) of the completed races in each class. **2024:  $.7 \times 18 = 12.6$  rounded up to 13. Use the best 13 completed races.**

C. **The Zurn Trophy** will be awarded to eligible yachts that must have a fixed inboard engine as provided by the Deed of Gift. The trophy is awarded to encourage season long racing participation and allows the exclusion of 40% of the races held. Short races are weighted **one** "race point", and long races (underlined on the race schedule) are weighted **two** "race points". The percent of "race points" are rounded up to the closest whole number. The EYCRF Official Race Schedule designates the races and weighted scoring for the purpose of awarding the Zurn Trophy.

**2024 Zurn Trophy: There are 11 long and 14 short races which equates to 36 "race points". Using the best 60% of the races held i.e.  $.6 \times 36 = 21.6$  (rounded to nearest whole number) equals 22 "race points". The best 22 "race points" will be used to determine the winner of the Zurn Trophy. Note: Race points are weighted as noted and provided by the Zurn trophy deed of gift in the above paragraph. Note: Race points are not the same as an individual race scores.**

D. Participation awards. A yacht must participate in at least 50% of its class races to be entitled to receive a season participation award IF such award is provided by the fleet.

E. Perpetual trophies in all classes will be awarded according to their respective deeds of gift.

## IX. RULES

Races will be sailed under the currently approved Racing Rules of Sailing, as modified by these Sailing Instructions and US Sailing Prescriptions. Racing Rule 81 shall not apply to any EYCRF event.

Racing After Sunset -- If races start or continue after sunset, the Right of Way Rules of Part 2 are superseded between sunset and sunrise by the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (see, Introduction to Part 2 of the Rules).

## X. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Every reasonable effort will be made to provide Notices to Competitors prior to the day of the race. In any event, Notices to Competitors will be posted on the bulletin board at the EYC at least 90 minutes before the start of the race. Competitors shall be responsible for checking the bulletin board. Note: If changes are made too late to be sent, the Notice will be posted on the EYC bulletin board at least 90 minutes before the start of the race, and the Race Committee Boat shall fly the "Come within Hail" flag prior to the preparatory signal.

## XI. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Changes in sailing instructions shall be In writing and signed by the Fleet Chairperson or his/her designate posted and sent as a "Notice to Competitors".

## XII. OFFICIAL RACE SCHEDULE

The Official Race Schedule is printed only in these Sailing Instructions. Other versions may contain inaccurate information and therefore are not considered official. Changes in the official schedule will be issued as a "Notice to Competitors".

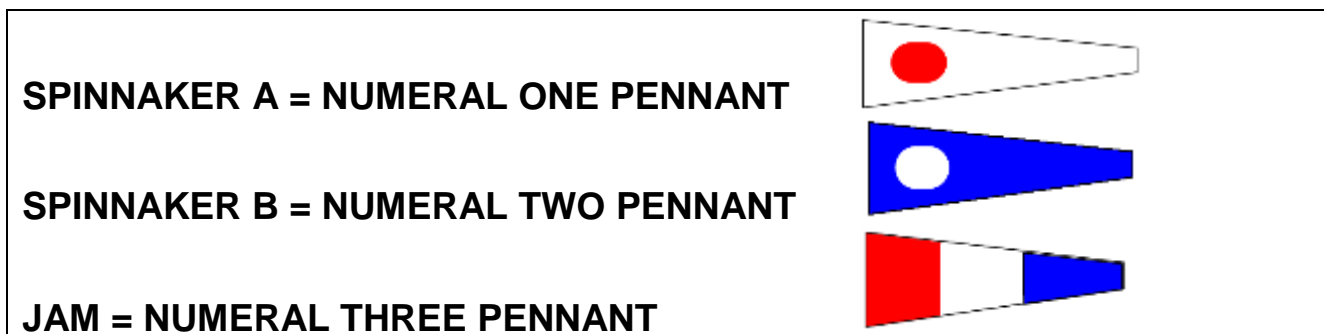
## XIII. COURSES AND MARKS

- A. The race schedule for PHRF SPINNAKER will include point to point and course races. All scheduled bay course and lake course races will be set by the Race Committee in cooperation with the Principal Race Officer to the best of their ability. The Race Committee shall note the type of course chosen with the race results.
- B. Presque Isle Bay course races -- The location of permanent race marks and corresponding courses for bay races will be sent as a Notice to Competitors. See Bay Mark Designation Diagram in this handbook.
- C. Lake course races -- Races will be set in Lake Erie with the course to be set approximately 2 nautical miles northeast of the harbor entrance. See course configurations page for course diagrams. The race committee will use inflatable marks for lake course races.

#### XIV. THE START

- A. Except for starts made at the EYC Lighthouse, starts will be in accordance with Rule 26.
- B. All signals will be made from the Race Committee Boat (or from shore in special cases -- e.g., lighthouse races) stationed at one end of the starting line.
- C. The starting line will be between a **staff** displaying a yellow flag on the race committee boat and the **starting mark**.

*The following colored pennant will designate each class for starting purposes. Two or more pennants may be flown simultaneously to combine starts:*



- D. CHECK-IN Each yacht must pass near the stern of the Race Committee Boat on starboard tack (or the EYC lighthouse, as appropriate) prior to the first preparatory signal in order for the sail number to be recorded and the yacht acknowledged. Failure to comply may result in the yacht being recorded as a "Did not Start" in the Race Committee's sole discretion.

**Family JAM.** Each boat must fly their assigned **FJAM** class pennant designating its class. Boats without FJAM class pennants will not be scored.

<b>A FAMILY JAM CLASS – ALPHA</b>	<b>YELLOW</b>
<b>B FAMILY JAM CLASS - BRAVO</b>	<b>LIGHT BLUE</b>
<b>C FAMILY JAM CLASS – CHARLIE</b>	<b>ORANGE</b>
<b>D FAMILY JAM CLASS - DELTA</b>	<b>PURPLE</b>
<b>S FAMILY SPIN CLASS - SIERRA</b>	<b>PINK</b>

- E. GENERAL RECALL RRS # 29.2 When at the starting signal the race committee is unable to identify boats that are on the course side of the starting line or to which rule 30 applies, or there has been an error in the starting procedure, the race committee may signal a general recall (display the First Substitute with two sounds). The warning signal for a new start for the recalled class shall be made one minute after the First Substitute is removed (one sound), and the starts for any succeeding classes shall follow the new start.

## XV. THE FINISH

The finish line will be between a finish mark in the water and a staff displaying a yellow flag on the Race Committee Boat, or as otherwise specified for point-to-point races.

**If the Race Committee is not on station** (as in the finish of some long distance races), each yacht is required to: (modifying Rule 34 and the US Sailing prescription)

1. Record the name of the yacht ahead and the approximate time the yacht ahead finished;
2. Record its own finish time and elapsed time;
3. Record the name and finish time of the yacht behind; and
4. Complete and submit a Finish Form as provided in this Handbook. All information must be filled out, including hours, minutes, and seconds. Finish Forms must be submitted as soon as possible, to the scorer but not later than **TWO** hours after the reporting yacht finishes the race. **Yachts failing to submit a completed report within the time limit will be subject to disqualification at the discretion of the scorer and Fleet Officers.**

If no Race Committee Officer is present, Finish Forms must be returned to the race results bulletin board at the EYC.

## XVI. SHORTENING OF COURSE

A race course may be shortened at a course mark. The finish line will be between a **staff** displaying a yellow flag on the Race Committee Boat and the **course mark**. Shortening of the course will be conducted in accordance with Racing Rule 32.

## XVII. TIME LIMITS

There shall be no stated time limits for bay course races or lake course races. The RC and the PRO may determine the completion point of a race when required by darkness or sea conditions. The RC will indicate that time has expired or the race has ended by lowering the Blue RC Flag signaling that the time limit has expired. The RC may also announce that the time limit has expired and race has been ended as a courtesy. Time limits for other races are indicated on the respective race charts in this Handbook and apply to each Division i.e. Spinnaker or JAM. Special time limits apply to Family Jam Lighthouse Races. See scoring VII, D.

## XVIII. PROTEST REQUIREMENTS (Modifying RULE 61 and 61.4)

- A. The Protest Committee Chair shall appoint committees who shall consist of at least three judges, as follows: a Protest Committee Chairperson and at least two additional judges.
- B. Hearing Request [Protest] forms must be hand delivered to a Race Committee Officer within two hours of the time the RC boats docks or in the absence of a finish RC boat, **2hrs** after the last boat finishes.

## IXX. RESULTS

Race results will be posted as soon as possible after the completion of each race. Summaries of results will be posted on the official EYC bulletin board and the EYC web site.

The scoring committee chairman will maintain season class results. Tentative race results will be e-mailed a.s.a.p. after races as a convenience to competitors. The Official results will be posted on the fleet bulletin board at the EYC.

## XX. REQUIRED SAFETY EQUIPMENT & PROCEDURE

- A. In addition to complying with Fundamental Racing Rule 1.2 and Rule 40, yachts must carry life-saving and other equipment conforming to current government regulations. All vessels racing EYC Racing Fleet events shall comply with the Racing Rules of Sailing, USCG regulations. Compliance with ISAF OFFSHORE SPECIAL REGULATIONS Race Category 4 is recommended for offshore races.
- B. A yacht's or competitor's failure to carry life-saving and other equipment conforming to current government regulations, as determined by the appropriate government agency, shall constitute grounds for protest and/or disqualification.
- C. Each yacht must carry a functional VHF Radio.
- D. CHECK-IN Each yacht must pass near the stern of the Race Committee Boat on starboard tack (or the EYC lighthouse, as appropriate) prior to the first preparatory signal in order for the sail number to be recorded and the yacht acknowledged. Failure to comply may result in the yacht being recorded as a "Did not Start" in the Race Committee's sole discretion.
- E. Any yacht retiring from a race must notify the RC and receive acknowledgement from the RC.

## XXI. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. RADIO - The Race Committee shall utilize marine VHF **Channel 72** to broadcast courtesy information to competitors. Courtesy radio transmissions are not subject to scoring re-dress.
- B. RRS Rule 41.CELL PHONES. A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile CELL phones and satellite communications. Use for emergency purposes is permitted.
- C. COMPUTER SOFTWARE - In order to standardize electronic communications and documents within the fleet, *MS Word and MS Excel* with Adobe readable versions have been chosen for word processing and spreadsheet documents by the fleet.
- D. TIME – GPS - Global Positioning System time shall be used as the standard by the RC and competitors.

## **COURSE DESIGNATIONS and MARKS**

**COURSE CONFIGURATION:** The Race Committee will display a board on the aft rail of the boat for around the buoys races designating the first heading and course. The first three digits will be numbers (in red) signifying the approximate compass heading to the first mark. The fourth digit will be a letter (in black) signifying the course configuration, using the letters 'A' through 'E', as illustrated below.



**BEARING TO  
FIRST MARK**

**CHARLIE COURSE 4 LEGS  
START - WINDWARD - LEEWARD - WINDWARD - LEEWARD - FINISH**

**MARKS:** The marks of the course will be displayed on the transom display board of the RC boat in the order to be rounding. Examples: **T - Y** or **T - Y - T** or **M - R14 - W** or **T - S - Y**  
**COURSES** may include both temporary and permanent marks. The temporary marks will be inflatable marks designated as “**T**” or “**Y**”.

The **Windward mark** will be an temporary inflatable mark designated “**T**” or one of the permanent marks listed on the mark chart for races within Presque isle bay. The **Leeward Mark** will be a **YELLOW** temporary inflatable mark designated as “**Y**”. In the case of a triangular course, the **Jibe Mark** will be either a temporary inflatable mark “**T**” or one of the permanent marks.

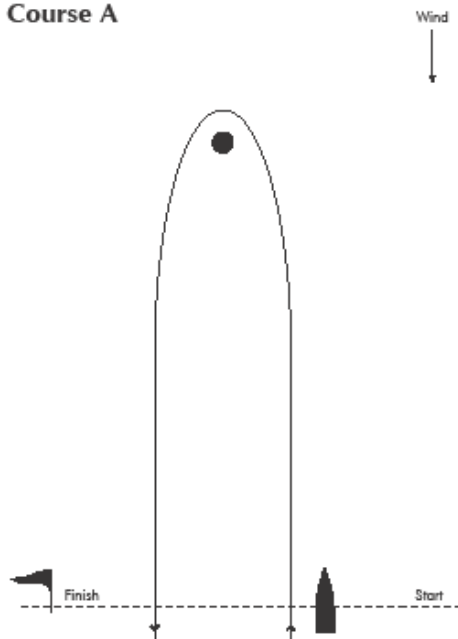
Weather marks will be reset or changed if a substantial wind shift occurs (approximately 15 degrees or more) when possible by the Race Committee. If movement is not possible, the race may be abandoned and restarted.

**DISTANCES** will be verified by use of the Race Committee’s GPS. The Race Committee will set courses that can be sailed in approximately two (2) hours or less in the prevailing conditions, or for approximately three (3) hours of total sailing time if two (2) races are scheduled. The Race Committee may shorten a race when necessary to complete a race in the time specified above. Races will be shortened in accordance with section XVI.

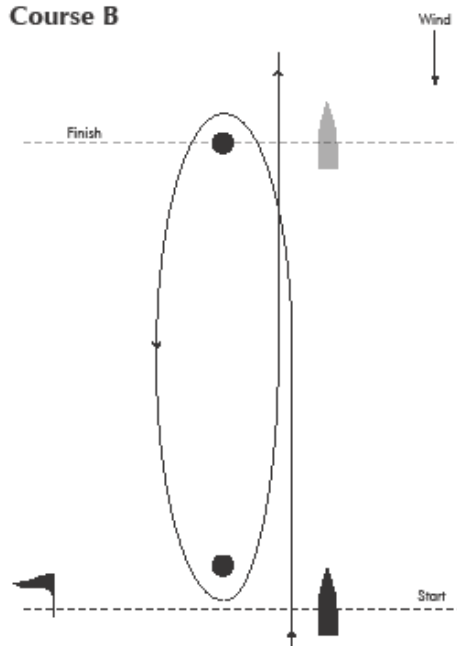
## RACE COURSE CONFIGURATIONS

COURSE **ALPHA** 2 LEGS: START, WINDWARD, LEEWARD, FINISH  
 COURSE **BRAVO** 3 LEGS: START, WINDWARD, LEEWARD, WINDWARD, FINISH  
 COURSE **CHARLIE** 4 LEGS: START, WINDWARD, LEEWARD, WINDWARD, LEEWARD, FINISH

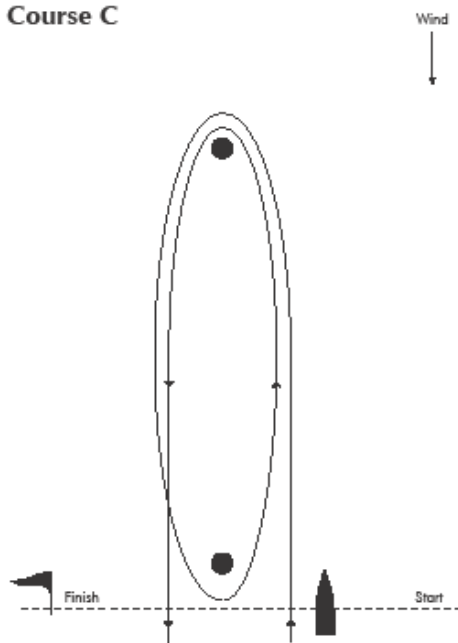
**Course A**



**Course B**



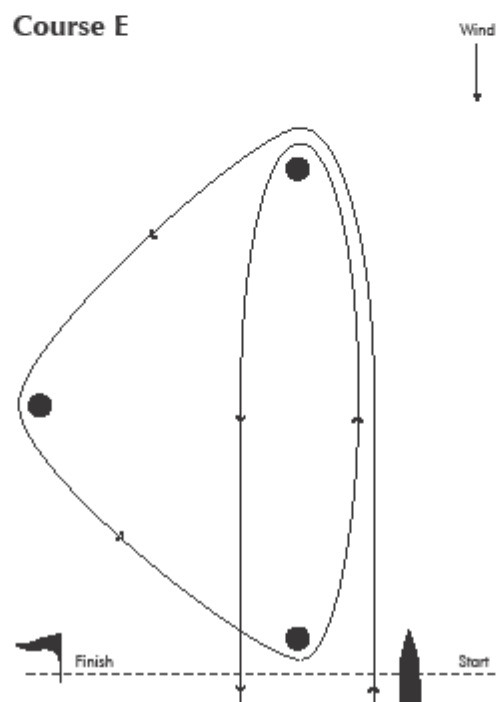
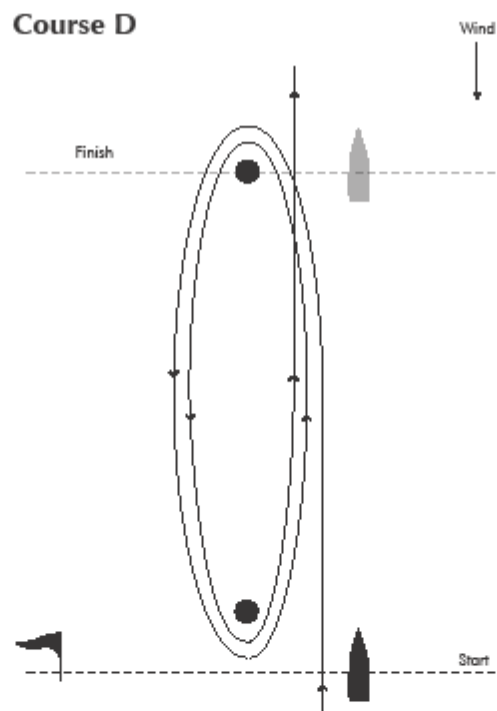
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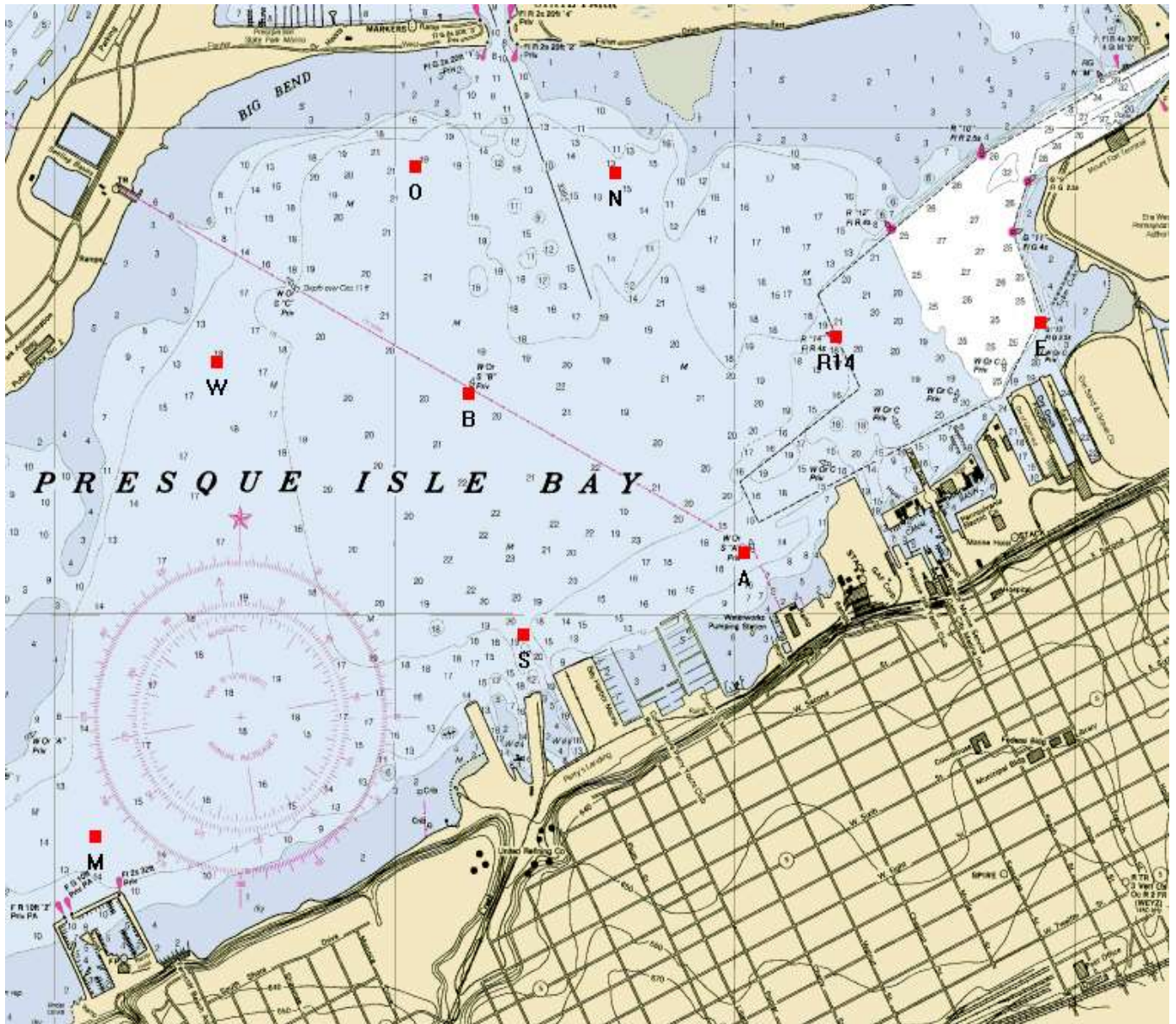


COURSE **DELTA** 5 LEGS: START, WINDWARD, LEEWARD, WINDWARD, LEEWARD, WINDWARD, FINISH

COURSE **ECHO** 5 LEGS: START, WINDWARD, REACH, REACH, WINDWARD, LEEWARD, FINISH



# PERMANENT BAY MARK IDENTIFICATION



RACE MARK LATITUDE – LONGITUDE LOCATIONS ARE PUBLISHED ON A SEPARATE DOCUMENT

## Memorial Day Light House Race

Distance: approx. 12.22nm \*

Course: EYC LH - G1- WB-R2

Marks G1 and WB are to be passed to Port.

G 1: aprox N° 42, 09.827' W° 080, 03.180'

Weather Buoy, WB exact position is subject to annual change. Actual location and race distance\* will be published prior to race.

Start: EYC lighthouse start/finish line.

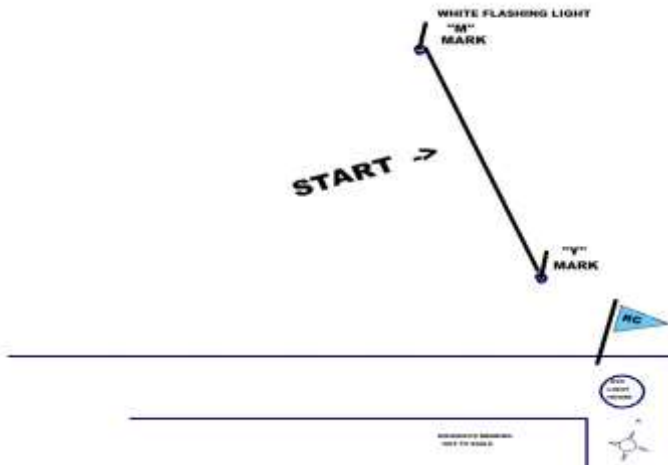
Finish: Between R2 and the RC.

If the RC is not on station, finish between the channel lighthouse and buoy R2.

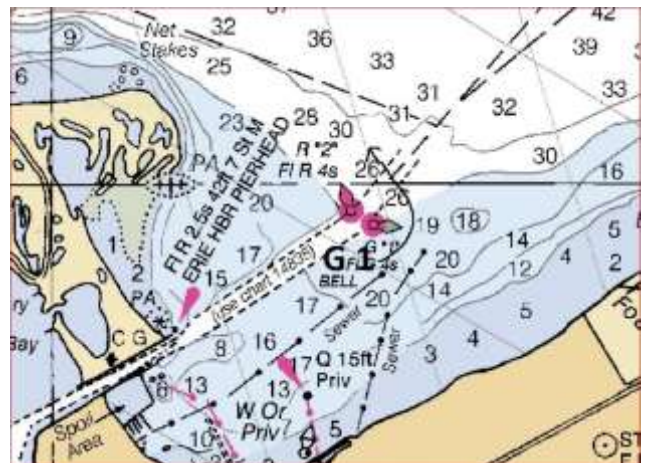
Record your own time and the time of the boat behind as required.

Time limit: 5 hours for the first boat

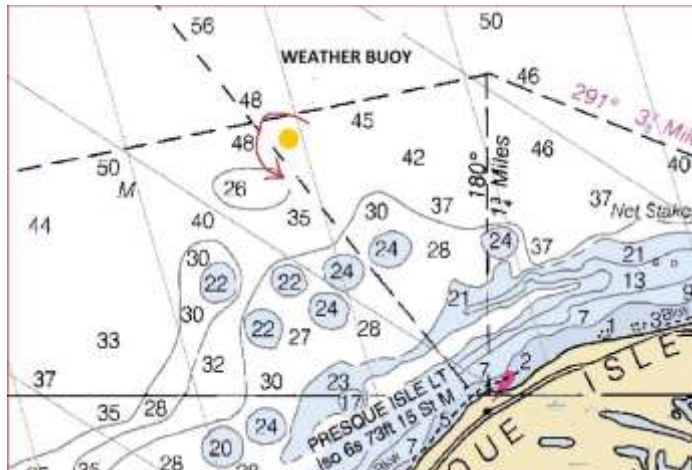
START



MARK G 1



MARK WB



FINISH



## Night Light House Race

Distance: 15.67nm \*

Course: EYC LH - G1 - WB - EYC LH

Marks G1 and Weather Buoy are to be passed to Port.

G 1: aprox N° 42, 09.827' W° 080, 03.180'

Weather Buoy, WB exact position is subject to annual change. Actual location and race distance\* will be published prior to race.

Start: EYC lighthouse start/finish line.

Finish: EYC lighthouse start/finish line.

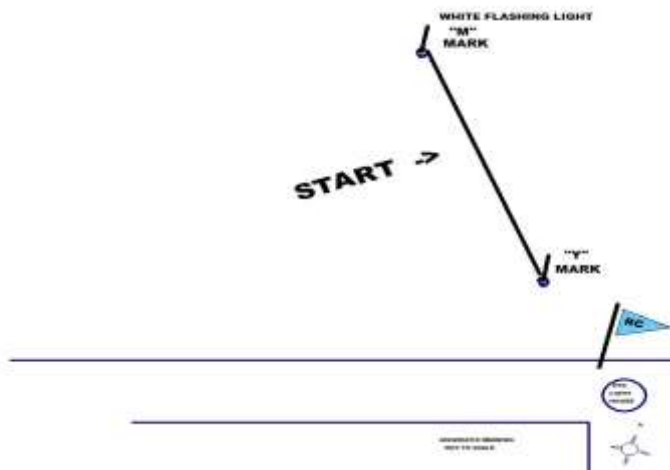
Check in with the RC as you finish and make sure the RC can view your sail numbers.

If the RC is not on station, record your own time and the time of the boat behind on the provided Finish Form as required in Section XV, 4.

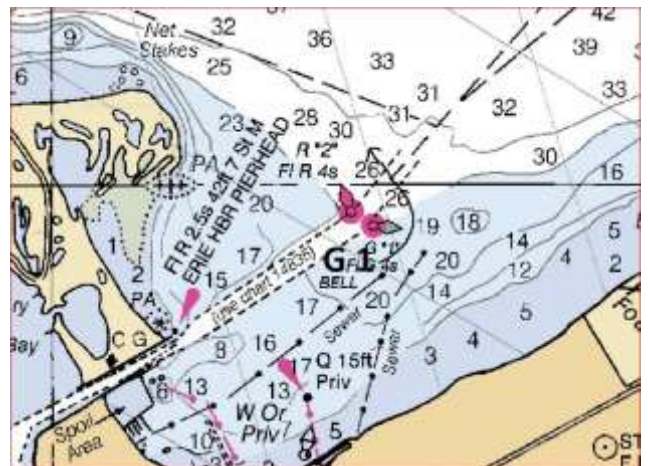
Time limit: 6 hours for first boat.

**REMINDER** – The right of way rules change at sunset.

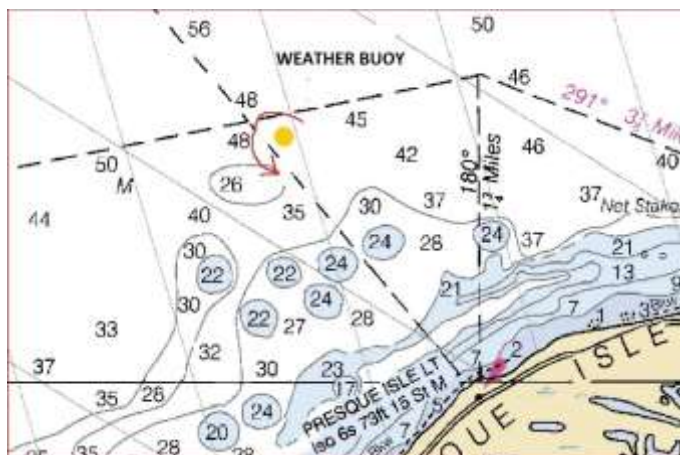
START



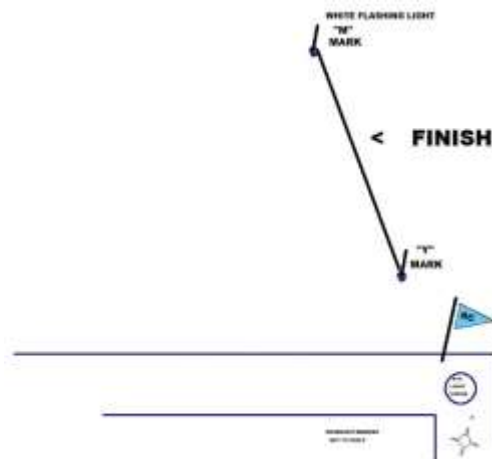
MARK G 1



MARK WB



FINISH



# KOEHLER CUP - Erie to Ashtabula

Distance: 36.62 miles

Time Limit: 13hrs for first boat.

Start: Lake Mark R2

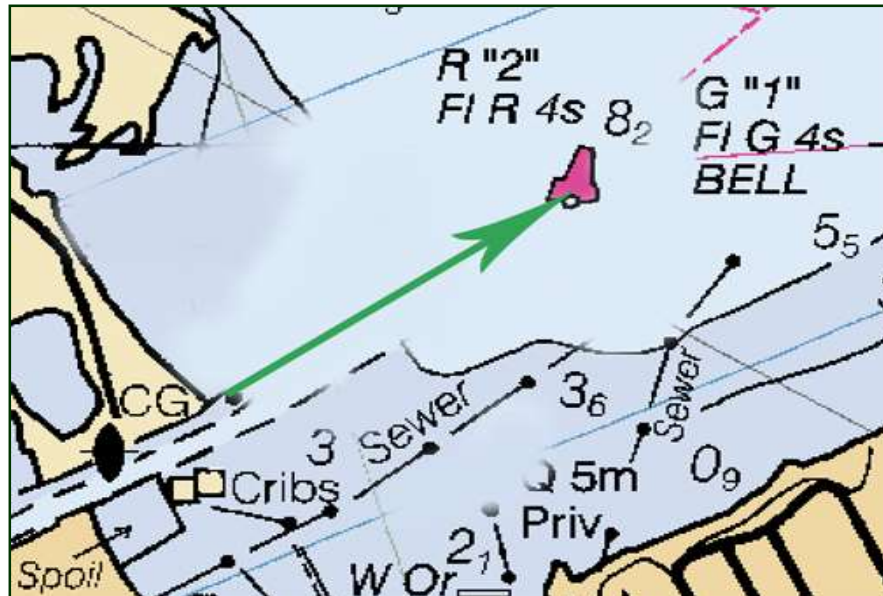
N 42 09 930 W 080 03 26 approx.

Finish: Ashtabula Harbor Entrance

N 41 55 248 W 080 47 55 approx.

**The Start:** The line is between R2 and the yellow flag on the committee boat. If the committee boat is not on station, the start line is a line between R2 and the North Channel wall light house.

**Start @**  
"R2"



**The Finish line** is between the Ashtabula harbor entrance lights at the east pier head and the west pier head as pictured below. Take your own time and record the time of the boat behind you using the finish form provided.



# KOEHLER CUP - Ashtabula to Erie

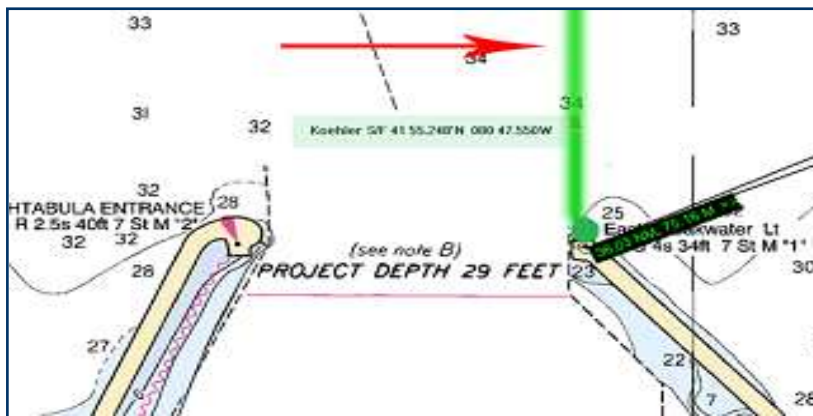
Distance: 36.62 miles      Time Limit: 13hrs for first boat.

Start:            Ashtabula Pier light                    **N 41 55 248    W 080 47 55 approx.**

Finish:          Lake Mark R2 to PORT                    **N 42 09 930    W 080 03 26 approx.**

The Start: In the absence of a race committee and physical start line, the start line is a line set @ 180° magnetic to the Ashtabula Pier Light located on the East Seawall of the Harbor Entrance. The start line is limited to approximately ¼ nautical mile (1,500') in length beginning at the pier light traveling magnetic north.

## Start at Ashtabula Light



**FINISH:** outside the Erie harbor entrance leaving "R2" to **PORT**. Finish between R2 and the channel lighthouse. Take your own time and the boat behind and submit your finish form as required.



# BLUFF BAR RACE for the WOLFORD TROPHY

EYC - Bluff Bar – Port Dover

Distance: 43.2 nm

Time Limit: 12 hrs.



Charts courtesy of Russ Thompson

**COURSE: “EYC”-“EAII”-“ED2”**

**START: EYC Lighthouse start line**

**MARKS: “EA II” (Bluff Bar) Leave to **STARBOARD****

N 42° 35.75 W 080° 09.55 aprox

**FINISH: ED 2 (Port Dover) Leave to **PORT****

N 42° 45.82 W 080° 11.72 aprox

**THE STARTING LINE IS BETWEEN THE “M” MARK AND THE “Y” MARK ADJACENT TO THE EYC LIGHTHOUSE.**

**THE FINISH: FINISH WITHIN ONE BOAT LENGTH OF ED2 LEAVING ED2 TO **PORT**.**

**TAKE YOUR OWN TIME AND RECORD THE TIME OF THE BOAT BEHIND YOU USING THE EYCRF FINISH FORM.**

**Alternate Start at R2: DISTANCE: 36.6 nm 11 HR TIME LIMIT.**

## PORT DOVER TO ERIE RACE

**DISTANCE: 40.8 NM    COURSE: ED2-R2    TIME LIMIT: 11 HOURS**

**START:** NEAR FAIRWAY BUOY ED2 FOR ALL CLASSES.  
NOTE YOUR CLASS GPS START TIME FOR THE FINISH FORM.

**FINISH:** BETWEEN THE ERIE CHANNEL LIGHTHOUSE AND BUOY "R2".  
TAKE YOUR OWN TIME AND RECORD THE TIME OF THE BOAT BEHIND YOU AND REPORT USING THE EYCRF FINISH FORM.

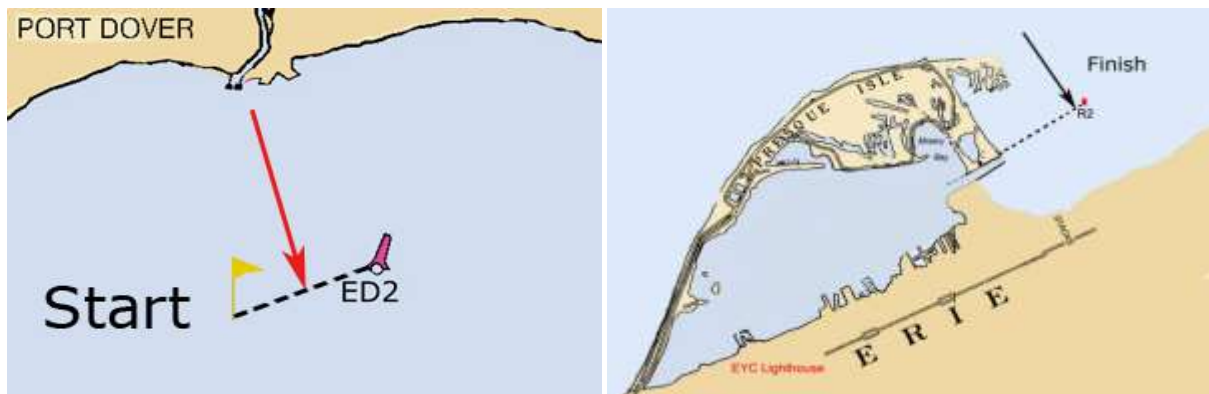


Chart Courtesy of Russ Thompson



## FAMILY JAM LIGHTHOUSE START RACE INSTRUCTIONS

**These instructions modify several of the Racing Rules of Sailing and apply only to Family Jam Races starting/finishing at the EYC lighthouse start/finish line. They DO NOT apply to any other JAM, FAMILY JAM or SPINNAKER races.**

### RACES STARTING AT THE EYC LIGHTHOUSE

These races start and finish near the Erie Yacht Club Lighthouse at the start/finish line and are noted on the schedule as LH. The Race Committee will be located on the EYC lighthouse deck, not on the *Flagship*. The courses will be posted on the Course Board located on the north wall of the EYC. The start/finish line is always between the “M” mark and “Y” mark next to the Lighthouse. See start/finish area chart below.

The **STARTING LINE** is between “M” mark to Port and the Y mark to Starboard.

The **FINISH LINE** is between “M” mark to Starboard and the Y mark to Port.

### CLASS PENNANT

Each boat must fly their assigned class pennant designating its class to enable the RC to identify a boat’s assigned class. Boats without class pennants will not be scored.

### CLASSES & STARTING SEQUENCE:

The classes may start in any sequence as determined by the race committee e.g. C, D, A, B. Each yacht must pass near the lighthouse on starboard tack prior to the first preparatory signal in order for the sail number to be recorded and the yacht acknowledged. Failure to comply may result in the yacht being recorded as a “Did not Start” in the Race Committee’s sole discretion.

### GENERAL RECALL

RRS #29.2 When at the starting signal the race committee is unable to identify boats that are on the course side of the starting line or to which rule 30 applies, or there has been an error in the starting procedure, the race committee may signal a general recall (display the First Substitute with two sounds). The warning signal for a new start for the recalled class shall be made one minute after the First Substitute is removed (one sound), and the starts for any succeeding classes shall follow the new start.

### COURSES

All races start and finish at the EYC lighthouse start/finish line. The RC will announce the course to be sailed via marine radio prior to the warning signal. The courses will be designated by the letter designation for each mark of the course to be rounded in the order stated. Examples are: O-S, S-R, R-N, R, S. Port or Starboard mark rounding will be designated by the RC with **RED** or **GREEN** flags.

Note that the course may not be the same for all classes to insure that all classes finish within the time limit. The Principal Race Officer (PRO) will make the appropriate course selection and notify the RC. The PRO criteria for course selection are to sail at least one windward leg and have all boats in each class finish within the time limit.

### CHANGE OF COURSE

The course may be changed or shortened for individual classes. The changed or shortened course shall be signaled before the first boat in the affected class rounds the mark that begins the leg being changed.

Note: Class Flags are required to be flown by the competitors to enable the RC to identify the class of an individual boat.

The RC may alter the originally announced course by changing or deleting any un-sailed legs by broadcast via VHF radio including the two-horn sound signal followed by a description of the course change. The RC shall repeat these broadcasts of the revised course as necessary.

### TIME LIMIT and SCORING

The time limit for Lighthouse Start F-JAM races is 2 hours from the individual class-starting signal. All boats still racing when the two-hour Time Limit Expires will be scored (TLE) equal to the number of finishers in their class plus one. One boat per class is required to start a race to qualify as a race in the F-JAM Division only.

## 2024 Wednesday Family Spinnaker Class

These instructions modify several of the Racing Rules of Sailing and apply only to **Wednesday Family Spinnaker Class** races starting/finishing at the EYC lighthouse start/finish line. They **DO NOT** apply to any other JAM, FAMILY JAM or SPINNAKER class races.

A separate class within the EYCRF has been established for Wednesday evening races to be known as the Wednesday Family Spinnaker Class (WFSC). Yachts within the class may fly spinnakers as defined by the RRS.

The decision to enter the WFSC is permanent for the year, therefore, once entered, a yacht may not opt out of the WFSC to participate in Family JAM Division races. A Family JAM division entrant however may race in a WFSC race by (1) notifying the RC in advance of the start and (2) by displaying the proper class pennant. The participating yacht will be scored accordingly, however will be scored DNC in their respective Family JAM class for the race.

Current PHRF-LE assigned handicaps as posted on the Fleet entry list will be used for scoring. Ratings will be not be adjusted based on race results as is practiced in the Family JAM Division.

WFS Class race results do not qualify for Spinnaker Division race awards.

The time limit is 2 hours from the class-starting signal. All boats still racing when the two-hour Time Limit Expires will be scored (TLE) equal to the number of finishers in their class plus one. One (1) boat is required to start a race to qualify as a race.

The WFC class name shall be S (SIERRA) with pennant color pink:

**S FAMILY SPIN CLASS    SIERRA            PINK**

## EYC LIGHTHOUSE START/FINISH LINE & SAFETY ZONE

This is a rectangular or nearly rectangular area established west of the Start/Finish Line. This Safety Zone is bounded on the north and south by the starting line marks and the EYC brake wall, on the east by the start/finish line and on the west by a Red & White "H" signal flag located on shore. Boats are permitted in the Zone only during their class 5 minute starting sequence. Boats in the Zone out of sequence are subject to immediate disqualification. After the Finish, the Zone is to be cleared immediately to allow room for the following finishers.

### EYC LIGHTHOUSE START / FINISH LINE

