

*2026 Racing Series
The Cleveland Yacht Racing Association
May 16, 2026 – September 27, 2026
Cleveland, Ohio*

Notice of Race (NoR)

Preamble *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 rules of the Cleveland Yacht Racing Association (CYRA) shall apply.

1.3 PHRF Class rules shall apply. Class rules for one design shall apply.

2 **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

2.1 The sailing instructions will be available online no later than midnight on May 11, 2026 at www.cyra.us. The sailing instructions will also be emailed to all registered boats.

3 **COMMUNICATION**

3.1 The online official notice board is located at www.cyra.us.

3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on Channel 69.

3.3 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. THE VHF Channel will be stated in the Sailing Instructions.

3.4 [DP] While racing, 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. This includes mobile telephones.

4 **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

4.1 The event is open to all boats have a valid PHRF-LE certificate, PHRF-SS certificate or a current one-design measurement certificate. Boatss may have a non-negotiable rating assigned by the race committee that is only applicable to CYRA racing for that year.

PHRF Certificates should be uploaded at <https://cyra.us/membership/uploads/> .

4.2 Classes and Divisions (scratch sheet) will be published with the Sailing Instructions.

- 4.3 Eligible boats must enter online by submitting the entry form at <https://cyra.us/registration> . Required fees can be paid online or check/cash can be delivered to one of the addresses below.

Hunter Chisholm
3302 Chadbourne Rd.
Shaker Hts., OH 44120

or

CYRA box at Lakeside Yacht Club

- 4.4 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

If you take a USSA membership discount, a photo of a CURRENT card at <https://cyra.us/membership/uploads/> . If a discount is taken and a card is not provided, a boat will be scored as DNC until one is provided.

Unless you have a PHRF rating Exemption, your CURRENT rating must be uploaded at <https://cyra.us/membership/uploads/> . **Exemptions must be approved by the Commodore.**

- 4.6 Late entries will be accepted upon completion of all registration requirements and payment of the appropriate fees.

5 FEES

- 5.1 Entry fees are as follows:

Class	Fees
All Classes except First Year Member	\$300.00
Late Fee (after April 30, 2026)	\$50.00
US Sailing Member Discount	(\$15.00)

- 5.2 First Year fees are as follows:

Class	Fees
First Year Member (must contact Commodore)	\$150.00

6 SCHEDULE

6.1 Four (4) series are scheduled.

1. Wednesday Spring Series
2. Wednesday Fall Series
3. Sunday Gold Series
4. Sunday Silver Series

6.2 Number of races:

Series	Number of Races (see https://cyra.us/notice-of-race/schedule/ for Schedule of Dates)
Wednesday Spring	8
Wednesday Fall	8
Sunday Gold	8
Sunday Silver	8

6.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal is as follows. **Please note that start times may change and the flags displayed at the booth will always take precedence.**

Series	Scheduled Warning Signal
Wednesday Spring	6:29 pm
Wednesday Fall	6:29 pm
Sunday Gold	9:29 am
Sunday Silver	9:34 am

7 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

7.1 [DP] All equipment required by Federal, State, and Local authorities and class rules for sailing purposes shall be carried while afloat.

7.2 Boats may be inspected at any time.

7.3 [DP] Boats shall comply with RRS 78.1

8 VENUE

8.1 Racing will take place inside the eastern end of Cleveland harbor and on the waters of Lake Erie.

9 COURSES

9.1 Race Courses: A chart of the numbered courses is available under Racing at www.cyra.us.

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty, however, RRS 44.1(a) and (b) apply.

11 SCORING

11.1 Each series shall be scored separately.

11.2 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

11.3 The scoring system is as described in App A2 with the following modifications:

11.3.a RRS A5.2 is changed as follows: a boat that did not start and did not come to the starting area (DNC) shall be scored the number of starters in that race plus two points.

11.3.b RRS A5.2 is changed as follows: a boat that came to the starting area but did not start (DNS or OCS), shall be scored the number of starters in that race plus one point.

11.3.c RRS A5.2 is changed as follows: a boat that started, but did not sail the course (NSC), did not finish (DNF), retired (RET) or is disqualified (DSQ) shall be scored the number of starters in that race plus one point.

11.4 A boat’s specific series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst scores based on the schedule below.

Number Per Series	
Total Races Scored	Throwouts
4 or less	0
5-6	1
7-8	2

12. RISK STATEMENT

12.1 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..**

13. INSURANCE

13.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000.00 per incident or the equivalent. Proof of insurance must be provided upon request.

14. PRIZES

- 14.1** If five or more boats compete in a class in any series, awards will be made for first, second and third places.
If four boats compete, awards will be made for first and second place only.
If three or fewer boats compete, only first place will receive an award.
- 14.2** The Schnagle-Murphy Cup will be presented to the PHRF boat with the lowest points total for all four series.
The Commodore Depner Trophy will be presented to the JAM boat with the lowest points total for all four series.
The Sportsman of the Year Trophy may be awarded. Nominations for this trophy can be made to the CYRA Bridge.
- 15.1** For further information please contact Dolores Galaska, dolores@galaska.net, 440-251-0229 or bridge@cyra.us.

Referenced Rules

A5.2

A boat that did not sail the course, retired or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the series. A boat that is penalized under rule 30.2 or that takes a penalty under rule 44.3(a) shall be scored points as provided in rule 44.3(c).

44.1. Taking a Penalty

A boat may take a Two-Turns Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while *racing*. She may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken rule 31. Alternatively, the notice of race or sailing instructions may specify the use of the Scoring Penalty or some other penalty, in which case the specified penalty shall replace the One-Turn and the Two-Turns Penalty. However,

1. when a boat may have broken a rule of Part 2 and rule 31 in the same incident she need not take the penalty for breaking rule 31;
2. if the boat caused injury or serious damage or, despite taking a penalty, gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach her penalty shall be to retire.

78.1.

While a boat is racing, her owner and any other person in charge shall ensure that the boat is maintained to comply with her class rules and that her measurement or rating certificate, if any, remains valid. In addition, the boat shall also comply at other times specified in the class rules, the notice of race or the sailing instructions. When a rule provides that the penalty for a breach of a class rule may be less than disqualification, the same penalty will apply to a breach of this rule..