



Lake Erie Championship Regatta
Ford Yacht Club
August 22-24, 2025
Sailing Instructions



1. Rules

1. The Regatta will be governed by the *rules* defined in *the Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and the S2 7.9 Class Rules.
2. Delete the first and second sentences of RRS 44.1 and substitute the following: A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty, consisting of one tack and one gybe, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2, Rule 31, or Rule 42 while *racing*. However, if a boat may have broken a rule of Part 2 within the three-length zone of a rounding or finishing mark, the penalty that may be taken is a Two-Turns Penalty. This changes RRS 44.1.
3. Due to the proximity of the International Shipping Channel to the race course and international laws requesting pleasure craft to stay a minimum of 100 yards away from cargo ships, the removal of the outboard motor while racing is not required or encouraged and left to the decision of the skipper.
4. General Recall is modified to allow the race committee to use any amount of time it wishes after the lowering of the general recall flag before resuming racing operations. This modifies RRS 29.2.

2. Notice to Competitors

- 2.1 Notice to Competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at the Ford Yacht Club's Peg Spriggs Pavilion near the fuel dock in the West Basin.
- 2.2 There will be general competitors' meeting on Saturday at 1000 hours at the Peg Spriggs Pavilion
There will be a general competitors' meeting on Sunday at 0900 hours at the Peg Spriggs Pavilion

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Any changes to these sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 3.2 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 1.5 hours before the scheduled start of the first race on the day the change will take effect.

4. Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from a flag pole near the Peg Spriggs pavilion (Next to Travel Lift well).
- 4.2 When the AP flag is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes."

5. Schedule of Races, events and awards.

1. Friday (All Day)

Setup, Launch, & Enjoy the club

Pre-registration, call Cary Diehl at 734-674-7882 or visit dock 80 (Gauntlet)

Registration Open (FYC bar area) 7:30pm-9:00pm

2. Saturday

Final registration 9:00am – 10:00am at Pegg Spriggs Pavillion (next to Travel Lift)

10:00am Skipper's Meeting at the Peg Spriggs Pavilion

11:00am Leave the Harbor

12:00pm (Approximately) First warning gun

Afterwards join us at the FYC clubhouse to share stories and enjoy the fine menu Ford Yacht Club has to offer.

8:00pm Daily Awards

3. Sunday

9:00am Skipper's Meeting at the Peg Spriggs Pavilion

9:30am Leave the Harbor

10:30am (Approximately) First warning gun

2:00pm Final warning gun for the day

~1 hour after all boats return to harbor- Final awards and refreshments

6. Racing Area

See Attachment A

7. Courses

7.1 Courses will be windward/leeward. The RC will display the number of legs.

7.2 The first leg will be approximately 1.0NM and a maximum of approximately 2NM.

7.3 Course Diagram. ***See Attachment B***

8. Marks

8.1 All marks will be inflatable buoys and described at the skipper meeting.

9. The Start

9.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.

9.2 The starting line will be between the mast on the race committee boat at the starboard end and the starting mark at the port end.

9.3 The Race Committee shall attempt to broadcast the Bow Number or Sail Number of any OCS boats on Channel 71. Failure to make a broadcast or timely order of broadcast will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

10. Change of the Next Leg of the Course

Any changes to course for next leg will be announced on channel 71.

11. The Finish

The finishing line will be between the mast on the RC boat at the port end of the finish line and the finishing mark on the starboard end of the finishing line.

12. Penalty System

12.1 RRS 44.1 will be changed so that except for infringements of RRS Part 2 that occur within the *Zone*, a boat may take a One-Turn Penalty.

13. Time Limit

The first boat shall round the first windward mark in 45 minutes or less. The first boat shall complete the course in 2 hours and 30 minutes or less. Any boat finishing more than 30 minutes after the first boat shall be scored DNF.

14. Protests

14.1 Protests shall be delivered to the Race Committee within 45 minutes after the RC boat docks.

14.2 After the protest time limit a list of protests received will be posted on the Notice Board.

14.3 Protest notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit.

15. Scoring

15.1 When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores. When six or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her scores excluding her worst score, with the exception of a DSQ.

16. Prizes

Prizes will be awarded as stated in the Notice of Race.

17. Safety Regulations

17.1 Boats shall check-in with the Race Committee prior to the first race of the day.

17.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

18. Replacement of Crew and Equipment

18.1 Substitution of damaged sails shall comply with S2 7.9 rule 3.7.B

19. Equipment and Measurement Checks

19.1 Any condition required by the S2 7.9 Rules may be inspected or measured at the discretion of the Organizing Authority, Race Committee, or Class Officers.

20. Haul Out Restrictions

Boats shall not be hauled out or laid on shore after 0900 on 08/23/2025 until the conclusion of the regatta, except in cases of accident or for necessary repairs by permission of the Regatta Committee or Judges.

21. Diving Equipment

Ford Yacht Club does not allow swimming or diving in the harbors.

22. Radio Communications

22.1 All boats shall carry an operable VHF radio per S2 7.9 Rule 2.9 (11)

22.2 Channel 71 will be used for communication to racers.

22.3 The Race Committee may make period courtesy broadcasts by VHF radio. Information reported is provided as a courtesy to competitors and shall not in any way alter the competitor's responsibility to observe Race Committee's visual signals. Errors or omissions during these courtesy broadcasts shall not be grounds for requesting redress. This modifies RRS 62.1 (a).

23. Disclaimer

23.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. (See RRS 4, Decision to race).

The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

23.2 The safety of a boat and its crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Skipper who must ensure that the boat is fully sound, thoroughly seaworthy, and manned by an experienced and physically able crew. Neither the establishment of regulations nor inspection of a boat in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the Skipper.

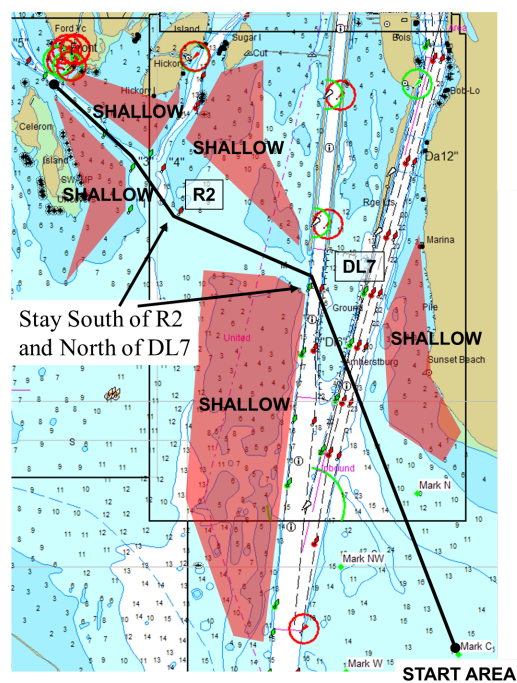
23.3 FYC, S2 7.9 Fleet 15, and their employees and volunteers do not accept responsibility for loss of life or injury to participants or others, or for the loss or damage to any vessel in any way or from any cause during or relating to this event.

23.4 The skipper shall be responsible for the conduct of his crew. In the event of a serious breach of conduct, the destruction of property or the failure to comply with a reasonable request of any Race Officer or Committee Member, the Skipper will be responsible for all damages and the boat may be subject to disqualification from the regatta.

24. Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 per event or equivalent.

ATTACHMENT A



ATTACHMENT B

Course Diagrams

