



# MBC Sailing Fleet

## 2025 SOLO CHALLENGE / DOUBLEHANDED

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

#### 1. RULES

The races will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2025-2028 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and PHRF-LE Class Rules, except as modified by the Notice of Race or these sailing instructions. Each yacht must conform to the USCG requirements for their vessel.

#### 2. ENTRIES

Competitors may enter the race by delivering a completed entry form, proof of insurance, a valid PHRF-LE rating certificate, and a paid \$45.00 entry fee, to Monroe Boat Club before 8pm, Friday August 8th, 2025.

#### 3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the Recreation Room of MBC, and the waterside windows of the club.

#### 4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board not later than 1 hour before the race.

#### 5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

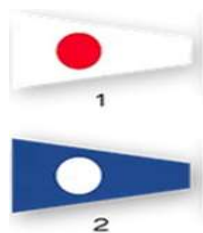
- There will be NO competitors' meeting.
- One race will be held on Saturday, August 9, 2024.
- The scheduled time of the warning signal will be at 9:55 am.

#### 6. CLASS FLAGS AND ORDER OF STARTS:

Class splits will be posted on the official notice board and waterside windows no later than 9:00 am on Saturday, August 9, 2024. Classes will start in the following order and at these approximate starting times:

**Warning Signal: 09:55 am**

Class Flag	Class	Approximate start time
#1	JAM Solo	10:00 AM
#2	JAM Doublehanded	10:05 AM



7. **On-water postponement:** Code Flag "AP" and two sound signals. The Warning Signal will be made one minute after lowering the "AP" flag.

#### 8. RACING AREA

The racing area will be western Lake Erie, starting at the MBC-NCYC "North" mark approximately ½ nm southeast of the Bolles Harbor R2 buoy.

#### 9. MARKS

Race marks are orange spar buoys with letters "N," "W," and "NCYC Racing Mark." The approximate locations of those used in the race are:

N 41° 50.870  
83° 21.840

W 41° 49.457  
83° 21.850

Toledo Harbor Light  
41 45.711 83 19.741

**10. COURSES**

A green flag flown indicates marks are rounded to starboard (S); a red flag indicates marks are rounded to port (P). The courses are as follows:

(P) Start – West Racing Mark - Toledo Harbor Light - Finish

(S) Start – Toledo Harbor Light – West Racing Mark - Finish

For scoring purposes, the course is considered to be 12.2 nm in length

Should conditions warrant, the Race Committee MAY shorten course and will notify yachts by flying code "S" flag accompanied by two sound signals upon approach of the first yacht.

**11. THE START**

Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal. The Race Committee will fly either a RED or GREEN flag, indicating marks are to be left to port (P) or starboard (S).

The starting line will be between an orange flag on the R/C boat and the North mark. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

**12. RECALLS**

The R/C boat will fly the "X" flag and signal in accordance with Rule 29.1, and MAY attempt to notify individual yacht(s) by hail. However, failure of a yacht to hear her recall shall not relieve her of her obligation to start correctly. Starting order will not change. Rule 29.2 does not apply (there will be no general recalls).

**13. THE FINISH**

The finish line will be between an orange flag on the R/C boat and the North racing mark unless shortened or abandoned (See RRS 32).

**14. TIME LIMIT**

There shall be no time limit.

**15. AUTOMATIC STEERING DEVICES**

Steering devices ARE permitted, changing Rule 52.

**16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

Protest flags must be flown. Protest forms are available on the official notice board. Protests shall be delivered to MBC sail fleet notice board within 1.0 hour after the race committee/finish boat docks.

The protesting yacht must notify the R/C boat at the finish line of her intent to protest and the sail number of the protested yacht. Hearings will be held as soon as possible after racing in clubhouse banquet room. All interested parties must be present.

A boat that has taken a penalty under RRS 31.2 or 44.1 shall notify the Race Committee after finishing the race.

**17. SCORING**

The Low Point System of Appendix A of the RRS will apply.

**18. SAFETY**

Each competitor is responsible for the personal safety of him/herself. It shall be the sole and inescapable responsibility of the skipper and crew of the yacht to decide whether to start, continue, or finish the race.

*For your safety and race communications, all skippers MUST tune in and continuously monitor VHF-71.*

*This communication may include weather delays, race updates.*

Retirement: A yacht that retires shall notify the Race Committee, verbally or using VHF channel 71, before leaving the racing area. If that is not possible, the yacht shall notify MBC as soon as possible by telephone: (734) 243-8935.

**19. COMMUNICATIONS**

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) telephones, except as provided in Sailing Instruction 18.

**20. TROPHIES AND PRIZES**

Flags will be awarded to the top three finishers of each class with 5 or more boats; only one flag is awarded in classes with fewer than three boats, two flags if 4 boats. A perpetual trophy will be awarded to the top boat in each division ( Solo/Doublehanded ).