



1. **RULES**

The race will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), PHRF-LE Class Rules, or these sailing instructions. Each yacht must conform to the USCG requirements for their vessel.

2. **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.

3. **CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

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

4. **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located near the waterside of MBC. When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in the race signal AP.

5. **SCHEDULE OF RACES**

There will be NO competitors' meeting.

RACING: One race will be sailed, Saturday, July 15, 2017. The scheduled time for the warning signal will be at 9:55 am.

6. **CLASS FLAGS AND ORDER OF STARTS**

Classes will start in the following order and at these approximate starting times:

		09:55 am	Warning Signal	Course:
PHRF	Pink	10:00 am	PHRF Start	LONG
JAM B	Gray	10:05 am	JAM B Start	SHORT
JAM A	Yellow	10:10 am	JAM A Start	SHORT

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

7. **RACING AREA**

The racing area will be in western Lake Erie.

8. **THE START**

Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal. The starting line will be between an orange flag on the R/C boat and the North racing mark. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

9. **COURSE(S)**

Course will be indicated by black number on white board by the Race Committee. A green flag on the R/C boat will indicate marks to starboard; a red flag indicates marks to port (Note: marks are NOT listed in rounding order).

PHRF COURSE 1 Marks are outermost green buoy (G-1) of the Monroe Channel and West Sister Island. For scoring purposes, this course will be considered to be 26.1 nm.

PHRF COURSE 2 Marks are West Sister Island and Toledo Channel Harbor Light. For scoring purposes, this course will be considered to be 25.8 nm.

JAM COURSE Marks of the course for JAM are the outermost green buoy (G-1) of the Monroe (Raisin River) channel and the R-18 buoy of the Toledo (Maumee River) channel. For scoring purposes, this course will be considered to be 15.5 nm. Competitors on this course are NOT eligible for Overall Trophy.

10. **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).

11. MARKS (not in order)

PHRF:

West Sister Island

G-1 Monroe Channel buoy

Toledo Channel Harbor Light

JAM:

G-1 Monroe Channel buoy

R-18 Toledo Channel buoy

12. RECALLS

The R/C boat will fly the "X" flag or "First Substitute" and signal in accordance with Rule 29, 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.

13. TIME LIMIT

There will be no time limit.

14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

Protest flags must be flown. Protest forms are available on the official notice board (Sail Fleet Bulletin Board). Protests shall be delivered to Protest file folder (MBC Sail Fleet bulletin 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 MBC Commodore's 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 it has finished the race.

15. SCORING

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

16. SAFETY

Each competitor is responsible for the personal safety of him/herself, his/her crew and yacht. It shall be the sole and inescapable responsibility of the skipper and crew of the yacht to decide whether or not to start, continue, or finish a race. All yachts shall follow the U.S. Coast Guard requirements for carrying lights at night.

Retirement: A yacht that retires shall notify the Race Committee, verbally, via mobile phone **(734 - 497- 9047)**, or using VHF channel 71, before leaving the racing area. If that is not possible, the yacht shall notify MBC as soon as possible. The club monitors VHF channel 16. Club telephone: (734) 243-8935.

17. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Each boat shall have onboard an operating VHF radio, capable of both transmitting and receiving, and monitoring Ch 71 while racing. This is the only method to immediately broadcast potentially life and/or property saving information to the entire fleet and other potential responders at once.

18. TROPHIES AND PRIZES

Winners will be announced following protests and scoring. On Sunday July 16, 2017 (11am) in the MBC Pavilion, flags will be awarded to the top three finishers of each class. Additionally a Perpetual Trophy is awarded to the top finisher in PHRF.

19. CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

This race counts toward the AYC Championship Series.

West Sister Island is an island of the U.S. state of Ohio located in Lake Erie. The 82 acres island is in the Western Basin of Lake Erie and is jointly owned by the United States Coast Guard and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and managed and designated as a wilderness area.

The only such area in Ohio with this designation, West Sister Island Wildlife Refuge is home to many birds.

To protect vital nesting areas of the island's bird population, public access is permitted for research only, and only one day a year. Most of the island is covered with trees. Tall hackberry trees make up most of the canopy, with poison ivy on the ground. A great variety of ferns, wildflowers, mushrooms, and other plant life can also be found.



Middle Sister Island is a 9.5-acre island in Lake Erie. Along with the Canadian East Sister Island and the U.S.-owned West Sister Island, it is part of the Pelee Island archipelago in the western basin of Lake Erie, and is considered to be the "most natural and undisturbed" of these islands.

During the War of 1812, the island was a staging area for William Henry Harrison's U.S. troops, just prior to the invasion of Canada and the Battle of the Thames. Guano from the Lake Erie population of double-crested cormorants is interfering with tree growth in the Carolinian forest on this island and the nearby East Sister Island and Middle Island.