



SNOWBALL REGATTA
OCTOBER 10, 2020
BUCKEYE LAKE, OHIO

NOTICE OF RACE

PLEASE READ ADDENDUM #1 FOR GUIDELINESS FOR THE 2020 REGATTA IN REGARDS TO COVID-19

1 RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing and, for the Interlake Class, the Bylaws of the Interlake Sailing Class Association.

The following racing rules will be changed; 35, 63.1, A2, A4, A5. The changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.

• ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

The regatta will be open to all one-design boats racing under Portsmouth Handicapping and all cruising-type JAM boats racing under BLYC-PHRF handicapping. One-design classes with at least three boats participating may compete as a separate class.

Eligible boats may enter by registering online, delivering a completed entry form and paying the entry fee to the registration table at the BLYC Clubhouse prior to the start of racing on Saturday, October 10, 2020.

• FEES

Required fee is \$20 per boat for 1 day of racing

• SCHEDULE

Saturday October 10, 2020

A socially-distanced competitors' meeting will be held at 1030 hours on Saturday, October 10 on the front patio of the BLYC Clubhouse. **MASKS ARE REQUIRED!**

The warning signal for the first race will be made at approximately 1130 hours. Subsequent races will be held as soon as possible after the end of the previous race. No warning signal will be made after 1600 hours.

• SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be made available at the registration desk on Saturday, October 10, 2020.

• RACING AREA

The racing area will be on the waters of Buckeye Lake, generally in front of the Buckeye Lake Yacht Club. In order to maintain social distancing on the Race Committee, races may be started from the "Race Shack" on the southeast corner of Watkins Island utilizing a "two-mark" start/finish line.

- **SCORING**

- a) As many races as practical are scheduled. One race constitutes a series.
- b) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- c) When from 5-9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- d) When 10 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- e) Boats will be handicapped using the 2020 BLYC PHRF handicaps available on the BLYC website using Time-on-Time calculation.
- f) All PHRF ratings will be based on the North American Portsmouth Yardstick as published by US Sailing.
- g) Mixed One-design Class – will be handicapped using current Portsmouth Yardstick numbers and formulae from US Sailing (available on the US Sailing Website)
- h) One-design classes with *at least* three competing boats may elect to race as a separate class. The race committee will give these classes their own, separate start and they will be scored separately from the mixed one-design class.
- i) The Low Point Scoring System in Appendix A of the RRS will be used. Rule A9 will apply with the following change:
- j) The last sentence is changed to read, "*A boat that did not come to the starting area shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that came to the starting area.*"

- **PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third places in each class.

- **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race.

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.

- **RADIO COMMUNICATIONS ~**

The race committee will use VHF channel 72 or alternate designated recreational channel to make courtesy broadcasts. Failure to hear or understand a broadcast will not be grounds for redress. Except in an emergency, a boat, shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

- **FURTHER INFORMATION ~**

For further information, please visit the BLYC website at <http://www.buckeyelakeyc.com> or contact:

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ADDENDUM #1

COVID-19 RELATED GUIDELINES FOR THE 2020 SNOWBALL REGATTA

- If you live or work in a zip code designated as Level 3 (red) or Level 4 (purple) by the Ohio Public Health Advisory System, we ask that you not participate in this year's regatta. If you are in a "high-risk" category for coronavirus infection, we ask that you do not participate in this year's regatta.
- All skippers and crews are expected to exercise personal responsibility in regards to distancing, masking (PPE), sanitation, and crew composition – small, family-based crews are highly encouraged
- Please exercise social distancing at the launch ramp and do not congregate in large groups. The launch is a public launch and not dedicated to the regatta. If there is a back-up at the launch due to a large crowd, please inform the race committee at your earliest opportunity so that the first start can be appropriately postponed.
- At all times while on Watkins Island, whether inside or outside, **MASKS ARE REQUIRED**, except while seated for dining. Hand sanitizer and masks are available at the Clubhouse. For specific guidelines adopted by BLYC, please visit <http://buckeyelakekeyc.com/blyc-covid-19-expectations/>
- Online pre-registration is encouraged. You can register through the BLYC website at www.buckeyelakekeyc.com
- A socially-distanced competitors' meeting will be held outside on the front patio of the Clubhouse at 10:30 on Saturday – **MASKS ARE REQUIRED**. We encourage each crew to send the minimum number of people necessary to the competitors' meeting.
- There will not be a formal awards ceremony, although results may be announced on the front patio following racing – please follow all social distancing guidelines. Results will be posted online and award flags mailed to the winners at a later date.
- In order to maintain social distancing of race committee personnel, races will likely be started from "race shack" on the southeast corner of Watkins Island rather than on the water. A two-mark start finish line will be used.