NOTICE OF RACE

2026 Holiday Long Distance Races

Commodore Edward C Metzgar Trophy

Commodore Earl O. Williams Trophy

Commodore Dwight R. Haggard Trophy

May 25, July 4, September 7, 2026

Buckeye Lake Yacht Club

Buckeye Lake, Ohio

*The notation "**[DP]**" in a rule in these Sailing Instructions means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than disqualification. The notation "**[NP]**" in a rule in these Sailing Instructions means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.*

1. RULES

1.1. The series will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*

1.2. The following rules will be changed. These changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions: RRS 35, A5, A10, and Race Signal AP

1.3. Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: (2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

2.1. The series is open to all single-masted, single sail or sloop-rigged boats and to all persons who

are members of the Buckeye Lake Yacht Club and their guests. **For 2026 *ALL* sailors on Buckeye Lake are invited as guests of the Club and may participate.**

2.2. Eligible competitors may enter by notifying the Race Committee of their intent to race prior to the warning signal on any racing Sunday of the series. In order to be scored, participants must register in Regatta Network https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30695) and pay the required 2026 BLYC Sailing Season registration fee ($100 for the entire season - all series & races, excluding the Snowball Regatta)

2.3. All entrants must electronically sign a "Waiver of Liability" releasing the BLYC from all liability prior to participation in the first race in which they compete. This "Waiver of Liability" is available from the Race Committee.

2.3.1. Junior entrants under the age of 18 must also have a parent or legal guardian sign this waiver.

3. SCHEDULE OF RACES

		Competitors' Meeting	Warning Signal	START
Monday, May 25	***Commodore Edward C. Metzgar Long Distance Race***	**1000**	**1055**	**1100**
Friday, July 4	***Commodore Earl O. Williams Long Distance Race***	**1200**	**1255**	**1300**
Monday, Sept. 7	***Commodore Dwight R. Haggard Long Distance Race***	**1000**	**1055**	**1100**

MAKE-UP DATES:

In the event that a scheduled Long Distance Race cannot be sailed due to weather, lack of wind, etc., the following **make-up racing dates** will be used:

		Competitors' Meeting	Warning Signal	START
Saturday, May 30	***Commodore Edward C. Metzgar Long Distance Race***	**1200**	**1255**	**1300**
TBD	***Commodore Earl O. Williams Long Distance Race***	**1200**	**1255**	**1300**
Saturday, Sept. 12	***Commodore Dwight R. Haggard Long Distance Race***	**1000**	**1055**	**1100**

4. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1. Sailing instructions will be made available online at https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30694 prior to the first long-distance race of the season and at the Race Committee Shack on each day of racing.

5. VENUE

5.1. Racing will be held on the waters of Buckeye Lake.

6. THE COURSES

6.1. The courses will be designated on the official notice board prior to, or immediately following, the conclusion of the skippers meeting on each day of racing.

7. SCORING

7.1. 3 races are scheduled. Each race will be scored independently of the others.

7.2. The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A of the Racing Rules will be used. The Low Point Scoring System in Appendix A of the RRS will be used.

7.3. All boats racing will be scored together, and handicapped using the 2026 BLYC PHRF handicaps using Time-on-Time calculation.

7.4. BLYC PHRF ratings will be based on the North American Portsmouth Yardstick as published by US Sailing. If no pre-calculated rating exists, ratings will be calculated using formulae as published in the North American Portsmouth Yardstick Handbook.

8. ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS *[NP][DP]*

8.1. All boats are ***required*** to continuously monitor VHF channel 72, or alternate designated recreational channel, at all times while on the water.

8.2. 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 and similar electronic devices.

9. IDENTIFICATION ON SAILS *[NP][DP]*

9.1. As required by RRS 77, a boat shall comply with the requirements of RRS Appendix G governing class insignia, national letters and numbers on sails

9.1.1. Per the US Sailing Prescription to G2, all mainsails and headsails with a LP (Luff Perpendicular) of 130% or larger are required to display numbers on both sides.

10. PRIZES

10.1. Prizes will be awarded for first place in each race.

10.2. The name of the first place winner in each race will have his/her name placed on the respective trophy for that race.

10.3. The last place finisher in the Earl O. Williams Long Distance Race will have his/her name placed on the Walter J. Knapp "Bringing Up the Rear" Trophy.

11. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

11.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, 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.

12. INSURANCE

12.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with adequate, valid third-party insurance covering liability, bodily injury, and property damage.

12.2. Proof of Insurance shall be provided upon request of the Race Committee, Protest Committee, or Organizing Authority (BLYC)

13. **FURTHER INFORMATION –** For further information, please visit the BLYC website at

http://www.buckeyelakeyc.com or contact:

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