

2004 Edgewater Race Program Sailing Instructions
One Design – Set mark Course
Edgewater Yacht Club, Cleveland, Ohio

1. RULES

1.1 The 2004 Edgewater Yacht Club Race Program (“EYCRP”) will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (“RRS”) 2001-2004; the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association, when they apply; the rules of the J/22, J/24, Dragon, Ensign, and Highlander classes (except as those rules are changed by the sailing instructions), and by these Sailing Instructions.

1.2 Rule 27.1 is changed to read: “No later than the **preparatory signal**, the race committee shall signal or otherwise designate the course to be sailed.”

1.3 Rule 29.3 (**General recall**) is changed to postpone the start of any recalled class (es) to the end of the starting sequence, as specified in **12** below.

1.4 Rule 35 is changed to read: Boats failing to finish within thirty (30) minutes after the first boat in their class to finishes or within the time limit, whichever is later, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF).

1.5 Class rules for all classes are changed to permit the use of VHF radios.

2. ENTRIES

2.1 Eligible boats may be entered by completing registration with the Edgewater Yacht Club. Boats shall complete all registration forms and pay all applicable fees before qualifying as a competitor.

3. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

3.1 Notice to competitors will be posted on the EYCRP **Official Notice Board** located on the Edgewater Yacht Club clubhouse patio.

4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1 Any changes to these sailing instructions will be posted not later than one (1) hour before the first warning gun on the day it will take effect. Except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 22:00 hours (10:00 p.m.) the day before it will take effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 **Signals Made Ashore:** Visual signals made ashore will be displayed on the EYC Patio flagpole or the mast of the appropriate Committee Boat.

5.2 Flag AP with two (2) sound signals (one sound when lowered) means “The race is postponed. Leave the harbor at your own risk.” The warning signal for the first class to start

will be made not less than sixty (60) minutes after the AP is lowered.

5.3 Racing for some or all classes may be cancelled for the day by hoisting Flag N over Flag H above the class flags for those classes affected, accompanied by three (3) sound signals. Flag N over H with no class flags displayed cancels racing for all classes.

5.4 AP over Flag L designates that a skipper's meeting will be held on the patio at the time posted on the Official Notice Board.

5.5 Flag L hoisted alone means a Notice has been Posted.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 The EYC Race Program will be conducted from May 23, 2004, through September 26, 2004. Two (2) races are scheduled on each Sunday or Holiday race day, and two (2) races are scheduled for each Wednesday evening, time permitting. (Ensign class will race one (1) race on Wednesday.)

6.2 The warning signal for the first start on Sundays and Holidays shall be 11:25 a.m. The warning signal for the first start on Wednesday evenings shall be 1855 hours (6:55 p.m.)

6.3 The starting sequence:

Sunday and Holidays	Wednesday Evenings
(1) Ensign	(1) Highlander
(2) Highlander	(2) Dragon
(3) Dragon	(3) J/22
(4) J/22	(4) J/24
	(5) Ensign

6.4 The Race Committee may, at its sole discretion, eliminate the start for a class which chooses not to race, or if no boats are present from a class to start its race. In such an event, all succeeding classes scheduled after the eliminated class will move forward in sequence. The attention of the competitors is hereby directed to the importance of observing signal and class flags displayed by the Race Committee.

6.5 When sailing the second race of two "back-to-back" races, the starting order may differ from that described in 6.3. Starts may be in the order of class finishes from the preceding race, or some other order. Your attention is therefore called to the flag sequences to determine starting order.

7 CLASS FLAGS

7.1 Class flags will be as follows:

Class	Flag
Ensign	Gray
Highlander	Purple
Dragon	Light Blue
J/22	Green
J/24	J/24 Class Flag

8 RACING AREA

8.1 The racing area will be selected by the Race Committee at its sole discretion, subject to weather conditions, and will be as close to the entrance to the Edgewater basin as deemed practicable. It is the responsibility of each competitor to locate the Race Committee boat. The Race Committee boat may display Flag L to lead the classes to the starting area.

9 THE COURSE

9.1 All One Design classes will sail windward-leeward courses as shown in the diagram on the 2004 EYC course chart. The windward mark shall always be rounded to port. Unless the Race Committee sets a leeward mark or gate pursuant to Section 9.3, the pin end of the starting line will serve as the leeward turning mark and shall be rounded to port at the end of the first downwind leg.

9.2 The approximate compass bearing from the starting line to Mark 1 shall be displayed on the race Committee signal boat by displaying the first two (2) digits of the bearing round to the nearest ten (10) degrees. For example, 270 degrees will be displayed as "27" and 90 degrees will be displayed as "09". This bearing will be displayed no later than the **Preparatory Signal** and may be removed with the **Start Signal**. (*Note: This will permit a class to sail to a different weather mark than the class starting before it.*)

9.3 The Race Committee may, at its sole discretion, set a leeward gate. In such case, the gate will be to windward of the starting line as depicted on the course diagram. Boats shall sail between the two gate marks from the direction of the windward mark and round either Mark 2S to starboard or Mark 2P to port, as shown on the One Design diagram. The leeward gate is not a mark of the course during any windward leg nor the final downwind leg.

9.4 Prior to the start, the Race Committee may shorten the course to "once around" (i. e., one (1) windward leg followed by one (1) downwind leg, with the finish at the end of the downwind leg), by displaying Flag S at the Preparatory Signal for the class starting.

10 MARKS

10.1 All course marks shall be tetrahedrons. The starting and finishing marks may be Yellow. The weather mark and the gates may be Orange. The course change mark will be Yellow.

11 THE START

11.1 **Qualifying as a starter:** Any boat in the vicinity of the Race Committee boat from the time the committee boat drops anchor on that course is considered to be intending to race, and must report to the race committee if she elects not to start.

11.2 Races will be started using Rule 26 with the following exceptions: the blue shape may be substituted for Flag P, and the yellow shape may be substituted for Flag I.

11.3 The starting line will be between a pole displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end and the starting mark (Yellow tetrahedron) at the port end.

11.4 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.2. In addition, the Race Committee may attempt to hail the sail number of each recalled boat by hail and/or VHF channel 71. The following shall not be grounds for redress:

- a. failure of a boat to hear the recall hail;
- b. failure of the Race Committee to hail recall numbers;
- c. a boat's position in the sequence of hailed numbers.

11.5 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

11.6 A boat shall not start later than ten (10) minutes after her starting signal.

11.7 **Anti-Barging mark:** a mark may be positioned closely behind and/or in front of the Race Committee boat and must be treated as an extension of the boat itself. Boats may not touch this mark or sail between it and the Race Committee boat.

12 GENERAL RECALLS

12.1 When a general recall has been signaled, any class which has been recalled shall immediately clear the starting area for the benefit of the next class to start. **All recalled classes will drop to the end of the starting sequence.** The first recalled class will start after the last scheduled start. Recalled classes will start in their order of recall. Class flags will designate the next class to start.

13 CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

13.1 Before a Start: A change of course **before** any Class Start may be signaled by raising Flag C (Change of Course) before the Class Start. This will be accompanied by multiple short sound signals and the posting of the new magnetic bearing on the R/C Course Board. **Note:** All classes starting after this time will sail to the new weather mark, which will be the color of a "Change Mark".

13.2 After a Start: A change of course after the start will be signaled before the leading

boat has begun the changed leg. A Race Committee boat near the mark beginning the changed leg will display Flag C and the first two digits of the approximate bearing to the new mark, with repeated sounds. If Flag C is flown with one or more class flags, the course will be changed only for those classes whose class flags are flown. If Flag C is flown with no class flag, the race will be changed for all classes.

14 SHORTENING COURSE

14.1 The course may be shortened at any rounding mark by displaying Flag S with two (2) sound signals. Boats shall finish in the direction of the course from the last mark and pass between the rounding mark and the pole from which Flag S is displayed. If Flag S is flown with one or more class flags, the course will be shortened only for those classes whose class flags are flown. If Flag S is flown with no class flags, the race will be shortened for all classes.

14.2 In addition, the course may be shortened by the **start/finish** committee boat to only two legs, one to windward and one to leeward.

14.3 Before the Start: If Flag S is displayed from the start/finish committee boat with or before the **preparatory** signal, that race is shortened to two legs for the class starting.

14.4 After the Start: The Committee boat may, before the first boat in a class rounds the first leeward mark or gate, display Flag S over that class flag, with two (2) sound signals. This shortens the race to two legs for that class. Flag S with no class flags shortens the race for all classes. **The finish line is then between Flag S and the normal finish mark (opposite side from the starting mark.)**

15 THE FINISH

15.1 The finishes will be in the direction of the course from the last mark and between a pole displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee boat and the finishing mark placed on the starboard side of the Committee boat (Opposite side of the Committee boat from the starting mark, as shown on the course diagram.) Unless a shortened course, finishes will be at the end of the second downwind leg.

15.2 If for any reason the Committee boat can not remain on station, boats are to finish between the Start and Finish marks, and record their finish positions with "boat ahead/boat behind" designated, as well as date and class. Boats are to turn in those results into the finish form box located outside the EYC office within one hour after the Committee boat docks at EYC.

16 TIME LIMIT AND SAFETY

16.1 The time limit will be two hours for all races. Boats failing to finish within thirty (30) minutes after the first boat in their class finishes or within the time limit, whichever is later, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS rule 35.

16.2 A Wednesday evening race shall be abandoned for a class if the first boat in that

class does not reach the first mark within one (1) hour after its start, or if no boat in that class has finished within two (2) hours after its start.

16.3 Wednesday evening races shall end at “official sundown”. Official sundown is as determined by the U.S. Naval Observatory for the date of the race, at the latitude and longitude of EYC “S” mark, and measured by a Garmin GPS (if available) or other timing device on the Committee boat. A list of “official sundown” times is included in the EYC race packet. Boats which have not finished by “official sundown” shall be scored DNF.

16.4 All boats must carry all State of Ohio and U.S. Coast Guard required safety equipment.

17 RETIREMENT FROM A RACE

17.1 Boats retiring from a race shall attempt to hail their retirement to the Race Committee, either verbally or by radio on VHF channel 71, before leaving the racing area. If unable to notify the Race Committee before leaving the racing area, the boat shall notify the Edgewater Yacht Club fuel dock immediately upon returning to shore.

17.2 *Failure to comply with this Section (17), may result in disqualification from the current series.*

18 PROTESTS

18.1 Protests shall be made pursuant to RRS rules 60 and 61. Boats intending to protest shall notify the Race Committee boat of their intent to protest after finishing or retiring, and shall provide the sail number(s) of the protested boat(s). Protests shall be written on forms available in the Chart Room of the Edgewater Yacht Club clubhouse and filed within protest time, which will end one (1) hour after the Race Committee boat docks. Protest forms are to be delivered to either Principle Race Officer or Protest Committee Chairman within the Protest Time. The PRO or PC chair shall record the time the protest form was received on the protest form, and sign it. If the PRO or PC chair cannot be located, the time of receipt (which must be within the protest time) is to be recorded and signed by a member of the EYC staff, and the protest form placed in the protest form slot in the EYC Chart Room.

18.2 Protests will be heard by the Protest Committee based upon the schedule established by the Protest Committee Chairperson, at his/her sole discretion. The Protest Committee will usually hear protests starting at 1900 hours (7:00 p.m.) on Tuesdays, no earlier than one (1) week after the incident. Hearing schedules shall be posted on the EYCRP Official Notice Board no less than one (1) week before the date of the hearing. If a party to the hearing does not come to the hearing, the Protest Committee may never the less decide the protest or request for redress.

18.3 The Edgewater Yacht Club Fleet Captain shall appoint the Protest Committee Chairperson (Adam Zangerle for 2004). The Protest Committee Chairperson shall select members of the Protest Committee.

19 SCORING AND PRIZES

19.1 The scoring system choice, scoring procedures, and prizes are the responsibility of each class.