

# The Invitational Mills Trophy Race

June 5-6, 2015

Organized under the Authority of  
The Mills Trophy Race Committee, Toledo Yacht Club, and Storm Trysail Club  
Toledo, Ohio, USA

## NOTICE OF RACE

### RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016*. **NOTE:** US Sailing's US Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER, effective 4/23/2014) governing minimum equipment and accommodations for US Coastal events (amended for this event as "Mills Trophy Race Safety Equipment Requirements") will apply.
- 1.2 Under RRS rule 87, PHRF Class Rules, is changed as follows: For the Double Handed Class (only) the minimum crew requirement is eliminated.

### 2 ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

### 3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to boats of the Multi-Hull, PHRF, JAM, Double-Handed and Classics classes.

The Mills Trophy Race is by invitation to boats owned by or under charter to members of yacht clubs or yachting associations affiliated directly or through regional associations with US Sailing. The provision for US Sailing affiliation will be waived for yachts of foreign registry.

Competing vessels must be a minimum of 22 feet LOA. All single-hulled vessels shall be self-righting, enclosed cabin sailing vessels with water tight self-bailing cockpit or positive flotation conforming with US Sailing's US Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER, effective 4/23/2014 as amended for the Mills Trophy Race) governing minimum safety equipment, accommodations, and life lines.

- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form together with the required fee, at [Yacht Scoring](#) by Sunday May 31, 2015.
- 3.3 Late entries may be accepted under the following conditions:
  - 1) Special circumstances approved by the Race Committee and with a \$35.00 surcharge.

- 3.4 All Entries must be made on-line using the Official Entry Forms and be accompanied by a valid Rating Certificate, Proof of Insurance, and credit-card paid entry fee.
- 3.4 All entries must be received by Wednesday June 3, 2015.

Note: Reflective boat ID #'s will be required to be attached tightly at four corners and displayed aft of the beam on the portside/shoreside lifelines at the finish line (day or night). Please leave mainsail and boat ID# showing well past the finish line.

#### **4 FEES**

- 4.1 Required fees are as follows: \$185.00  
US Sailing Members will receive \$10.00 discount (entry fee \$175.00)

Note: First time reflective Boat ID Sail Numbers are available for an additional \$25.00, replacements \$50.00. Contact [the Mills Race Committee](#) to confirm Boat ID order.

- 4.2 Other fees:  
Put-in-Bay hospitality tent wristbands are \$15.00 each and \$10.00 for under age 21 bands.  
FYI - Toledo Yacht Club Thursday Night Mills Party entry fee is \$5.00/person.

#### **5 SCHEDULE**

- 5.1 Registration:  
Thursday June 4 at Toledo Yacht Club from 1600 to 2100, and  
Friday June 5 from 1000 to 1300
- 5.2 Date of racing: Friday June 5, 2015
- 5.3 Number of races: One
- 5.4 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 1650.

#### **6 MEASUREMENTS**

Each boat shall produce a valid PHRF rating certificate. Should there be discrepancies between various handicapping regions, Mills Trophy Race handicapping representatives shall determine an agreed-upon rating for the Mills Trophy Race.

#### **7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The Official Sailing Instructions will be available on-line no later than midnight on May 24, 2015 at [2015 Mills Trophy Race Documents](#) and during registration beginning on Thursday June 4.

Note: The General Sailing Conditions published in the Race Program are intended for overall guidance and in case of discrepancies are not the official Sailing Instructions.

## **8 VENUE**

8.1 Attachment “A” shows the location of the Toledo Yacht Club harbor.

Attachment “B” shows the location of the Put-in-Bay harbor

### **8.2 Boat Dockage**

Dockage and rafting is available at TYC from Sunday, May 31, at no charge for registrants indicating their date of arrival on the entry form. The entry fee includes directed dockage at Put-in-Bay following the race.

8.3 Attachment “C” shows the location of the racing areas.

## **9 THE COURSES**

The courses to be sailed will be as follows:

Three courses, all starting in the vicinity of Toledo Harbor Light and ending at Put-in-Bay, Ohio, to be sailed as described in the Sailing Instructions:

**Mills Trophy Course: 70.9 nm** for Multi-hulls, PHRF 162 and below, and higher rated boats competing for the Mills Trophy.

**Governor’s Cup Course: 52.6 nm** optional course for PHRF 162 and below.

**President’s Trophy Course: 37.7 nm** for all JAM classes, Double-handed, PHRF 165 and above. Cruising and Classics classes with 6 or more entries.

## **10 PENALTY SYSTEM**

10.1 The Scoring Penalty, rule 44.3, will apply. If circumstances dictate a penalty less severe than DSQ, the penalty will be a minimum of three places (or more) at the discretion of the Protest Committee.

10.2 For the Multi Hull Class Only, rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

## **11 SCORING**

The scoring system is as follows: Time allowances for yachts will be calculated in accordance with a yacht’s rating as approved by the Race Committee.

## **12 BERTHING**

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the Toledo Yacht Club Basin and the Put-in-Bay Harbor. After finishing, each boat shall contact the Race Committee on VHF 71 and receive confirmation of finish. Boats will then be instructed to monitor VHF 78 for harbor entry and docking instructions. **All boats must wait for the Mills Harbormaster docking instructions.**

**13 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

Keelboats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

**14 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

**15 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

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. Yachts shall monitor VHF channel 71.

**16 PRIZES**

Prizes will be given as follows: Race flags will be awarded for first, second, and third place in each class, except as noted below, along with overall and pre-registered one design classes with six or more entries.

**Exceptions:** First to Finish flag for Mills, President's, or Governor's Trophy competitors only.

Race trophies for each class winner, and all other overall, area and special perpetual trophies will be awarded at the banquet immediately preceding next year's event.

**17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, 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.

**18 INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid, third-party insurance sufficient to cover liability for loss, damage, personal injury, or death.

**19 FURTHER INFORMATION**

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