

# The 2023 Invitational Mills Trophy Race

June 09-10, 2023

Organized under the Authority of

The Mills Trophy Race Committee, Toledo Yacht Club, and Storm Trysail Club

Toledo, Ohio, USA

## NOTICE OF RACE

### 1 DEFINITIONS

- 1.1 The notation (NP) in a rule means that a boat may not protest for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a) and 60.2 (a).
- 1.2 The notation (DP) in a rule means that a boat may be given a Discretionary Penalty for breaking that rule (see RRS 64.6).

### 2 RULES

- 2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* and *Class Rules on file with the Mills Trophy Race Committee*. For example, the rules of PHRF-LE and GLMRA.
- 2.2 US Sailing's US Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER, effective 3/1/2023, Version 2023.0 as amended by the Mills Trophy Race Committee) governing minimum safety equipment, accommodations, lifelines, and Safety at Sea requirements for Coastal events will apply. These requirements are available at [2023 Mills Trophy Race Documents](#). A copy of these requirements should be kept aboard while racing. In the event of a conflict between these requirements and applicable class rules, the class rules shall apply.
- 2.3 The US SAILING Prescriptions to rules 60.3, 63.2 and shall not apply.

### 3 ADVERTISING

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

### 4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The regatta is open to boats of the Multi-Hull, PHRF, JAM, Double-Handed and Cruising/Classics classes. See Section 12 for ORC dual-scoring details on the Mills Trophy Course.
- 4.2 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.
- 4.3 Competing vessels must be a minimum of 22 feet LOA.
- 4.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form together with the required fee, at [2023 Mills Registration](#) by Friday June 2, 2023.
- 4.5 Late entries will be accepted under special circumstances approved by the Race Committee and with a \$35.00 surcharge.
- 4.6 All Entries must be made on-line using the Official Entry Forms and be accompanied by a valid Rating Certificate and credit-card paid entry fee.
- 4.7 Entries must be received by June 2, 2023.
- 4.8 Each individual competitor may, with the agreement of the Mills Race Committee, display advertising on clothing and personal equipment without restriction.
- 4.9 Advertising chosen and provided by the Mills Race Committee may be displayed on hulls, spars and sails without restriction except on the spaces reserved for identification by Appendix J of the Racing Rules and under Regulations 20.5 & 20.9.

- 4.10 Racing yachts shall carry corresponding numbers on mainsails, spinnakers, storm trysails and all overlapping headsails whose LP measurement exceed 130%. Note: Reflective boat ID #'s will be required to be attached tightly at four corners and displayed aft of the beam (midships) on the portside/shoreside lifelines at the finish line (day or night). Please leave mainsail and boat ID# showing well past the finish line. Please make sure reflective boat ID#s are still reflective.

## 5 FEES

- 5.1 Required fees are as follows:

Until midnight Sunday May 7, 2023

Boats less than 33' - \$195.00

Boats 33' and over - \$225.00

After Sunday May 7 until June 2, 2023

Boats less than 33' - \$225.00

Boats 33' and over - \$250.00

After Friday June 2, 2023 - \$35.00 late fee.

Optional: Mills Trophy Course – Dual scoring ORC - \$25.00

- 5.2 Reflective Boat ID Sail Numbers are available for an additional \$50.00. Contact the [Mills Race Committee](#) to confirm Boat ID order.

- 5.3 Other fees:

Unless adjustments are required for Covid compliance:

Put-in-Bay hospitality tent wristbands are \$20.00 each and \$10.00 for under age 21 bands.

FYI – The Toledo Yacht Club Thursday Night Party may require a separate cover charge as published by Toledo Yacht Club.

## 6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Registration:

Thursday June 8 at Toledo Yacht Club from 1600 to 2100, and

Friday June 09 from 1000 to 1300

- 6.2 Date of racing: Friday June 09, 2023

- 6.3 Number of races: One

- 6.4 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first start is 1655.

## 7 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 appropriate rating for the Mills Trophy Race.

PHRF Boats racing in ORC shall also provide a valid ORC Rating Certificate. See Section 12 for dual-scoring details.

## 8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Official Sailing Instructions will be available on-line no later than midnight on June 5, 2023 at [2023 Mills Trophy Race Documents](#) and during registration beginning on Thursday June 8.

**Note:** The General Sailing Conditions published in the Race Program are intended for general guidance only. They are not the official Sailing Instructions.

## 9 VENUE

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

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

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

## 9.2 Boat Dockage

Dockage and rafting is available at TYC from Sunday, June 4, 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.

## 10 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: 67.8 nm** for Multi-hulls, PHRF 147 and below and higher rated boats racing for the Mills Trophy.

**President’s Trophy Course: 37.6 nm** for all JAM classes, Double-handed, PHRF 150 and above and Cruising and Classics with 6 or more entries.

**Governor’s Cup Course: 52.6 nm** optional course for PHRF 147 and below.

## 11 PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1 The Scoring Penalty, rule 44.3, will apply. If circumstances dictate a penalty less severe than DSQ, the penalty will be at the discretion of the Protest Committee. (DP)

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

## 12 SCORING

Scoring will be determined in accordance with RRS Appendix A. Time allowances for yachts will be calculated, Time on Distance, in accordance with a yacht’s rating as approved by the Mills Race committee. For an additional \$25 fee, PHRF Boats on the Mills Trophy Course with a valid ORC rating certificate may opt to be dual scored in ORC, and with 6 or more boats be considered a class for awards.

## 13 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.**

## 14 SAFETY

- 14.1 [NP] For all classes at least 30%, but not fewer than two members of the crew, including the person in charge, have a valid Coastal, Offshore, or International Offshore Certificate from US Sailing, or the equivalent from another national authority.
- 14.2 [NP] Attention is drawn to RRS 1.2 Life Saving Equipment: "Each competitor is individually responsible for wearing personal buoyancy for the conditions," including but not limited to the following:
- Between the hours of sunset and sunrise;
  - When alone on deck;
  - When reefed;
  - When the true wind speed is 25 knots or more;
  - When visibility is less than 1 nautical mile;
  - With due consideration of the water temperature;
  - At all times when a boat is being sailed Double Handed; and
  - By all crew on deck at all other times unless the person in charge has indicated they may be set aside.

## 15 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 15.1 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.
- 15.2 The Race Committee may make announcements via VHF channel 71.
- 15.3 RRS 41, OUTSIDE HELP, is changed by adding: (e) Help in the form of information freely available to all boats even if that information is only accessible at a cost. "At a cost" help shall not include private forecast or tactical advice, or information customized for a particular boat or group of boats and/or her/their situation.
- 15.4 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 PHRF entries 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.

## 18 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk.

See RRS Rule 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for damage or personal injury, or death sustained in connection with their participation in the regatta, including events occurring prior to, during, or after the regatta. The Skipper/Owner of each boat participating in the Mills Trophy Race shall be responsible for the behavior of each member of the crew of his/her boat both on the water and while ashore. The destruction of property, the breach of reasonable standards of good sportsmanship by any crew member, or any other person associated with the boat, or the failure of any of those persons to comply with any reasonable request of any Race Officer, Regatta Committee member, or their representatives, may result in disqualification of the boat, and its exclusion from the regatta.

## 19 INSURANCE

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

**20. PHOTOGRAPHERS AND MEDIA RIGHTS**

Competitors grant Organizing Authority, and its official sponsors, the unrestricted right and permission to use their name and the image for any text, photograph or video footage of either themselves or the yacht they are sailing during the event, to be published or broadcast in any media whatsoever (including but not limited to Press and TV advertisements or Internet), for either editorial or advertising purposes or to be used in press information. In this respect, competitors' names, and any biographical material of themselves may also be used or reproduced in any way known. By registering for the event, each individual participating crewmember accepts this waiver of rights.

**21 FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please email [Mills Race Committee](#)

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[Mills Trophy Race Website](#)

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