Associated Yacht Clubs
Handicap Yachts Championship Series
Notice of Race Series 2025

Eligibility

Any yacht that is registered by a skipper in good standing with any AYC affiliated club is eligible for the series. A registration form to be qualified for this AYC championship series is not necessary. The yacht must have a current valid PHRF certificate and meet all qualifications for the AYC club sponsored race in which it is participating. The AYC Championship will be scored using PHRF-LE ratings. A yacht must sail in the race to be scored.

Classes

The AYC Championship Series is divided into 5 classes:

Class	PHRF Rating
PHRF-A	0-89
PHRF-B	90-115
PHRF-C	116-300
JAM-A	0-149
JAM-B	150-300

The AYC Sailing Fleet Coordinator has estimated the number of yachts per class based on the number of AYC yachts with Lake Erie PHRF-LE certificates, and the number of those yachts participating in past AYC-affiliated regattas. The AYC Sail Fleet Captain reserves the right to change the rating splits for the current year. This change must occur prior to the June 2025 AYC meeting and will be posted as an amendment on the AYC website.

Scoring

The Championship Series will be scored as follows:

All PHRF Classes: The best 4 finishes of 9 qualifying races.

All JAM Classes: The best 4 finishes of 9 qualifying races.

Overall Classes: The best 4 of 9 overall finishes in both PHRF and JAM classes.

Championship Series races are listed below. Refer to the Notice of Race of the particular club's event for details, dates and Sailing Instructions regarding the race.

Qualifying Races: Please consult the individual clubs for official dates and times

Grosse Ile Day Race	GIYC
Commodore Perry Race	NCYC
Mills Trophy Race	TYC
Race for the Sisters	MBC
Summer Series Races	FYC
FYC Sail Regatta	FYC
Labor Day Race	GIYC
Mid-Channel Race	NCYC
George O'Connell Fall Bay	NCYC

Points

The number of points per regatta will be scored as follows:

Place	Number of points
1st	1
2nd	2
3rd	3
4th	4
5th	5
6th	6
7th	7
Each place thereafter	Add 1 point
DNF	Number of yachts in the AYC Class Regatta Fleet +1

Fleets

A yacht's AYC Championship points will be competing against the yachts in their pre-designated AYC Fleet noted above regardless of class splits for the individual events.

Example: A yacht with a PHRF-LE rating of 126 in a particular AYC counter event may be in the PHRF-F class for that particular event. For AYC scoring purposes, this yacht will be scored in the PHRF B AYC Class so that AYC results will reflect all PHRF B yachts scored. In other words, overall results for the particular counter races will be used for AYC scoring purposes and yachts will be scored in their respective AYC classes for this series.

Tie Breakers

If 2 or more yachts are tied in points using their best 4 races a yacht's 5th best finish will be counted. If they are still tied then the best 6th, 7th, 8th and, 9th race will be counted in order to break the tie. If the yachts are still tied, then the yacht with the best sailing record against the other Yacht(s) in AYC events for that year shall win the tiebreaker.

Mills Race

Yachts sailing different courses in the Mills Trophy Race may win the same place in their respective courses. These standings will be used for scoring purposes which would indicate a tie. The other AYC counter races will be used to break the tie.

Awards

Awards will be presented to the top 3 yachts in each class at the annual AYC Sailing Awards dinner.

An additional award will be given to the yacht in both PHRF and JAM that has the best overall finishes as described above.

The yacht that finishes with the best PHRF overall score will be awarded the Blue Gavel Trophy. This yacht will be then honored as the "AYC Boat of the Year".

For any questions, please contact:

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