

Windmill National Championship Regatta

10-13 August 2017 Rev-4

1 Ravine Dr. Erie, PA 16505



The Organizing Authority Erie Yacht Club
Windmill Class Association (WCA)
Web site: www.windmillclass.com



Notice of Race

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)
- 1.2 The By-Laws of the Windmill Class Association (WCA) dated March 29, 2010, will apply.
- 1.3 No US Sailing prescriptions will apply except: RRS 88.2
- 1.4 RRS 63.7 will be replaced by: "If there is a conflict between a rule in the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall apply."

2. ADVERTISING – Boats may be required to display advertising chosen by the Organizing Authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats that are registered with the Windmill Class Association. All skippers for the Windmill National Championship shall be a 2017 "Active" paid WCA, Inc. member in good standing.
- 3.2 Eligible boats shall enter by mailing the completed registration form and checks payable to Windmill Class Association, Inc. by July 15, 2017.

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c/o WCA, Inc.
213 Richard Dr.
Chestertown, MD 21620

- 3.3 Entries will be accepted on site at Erie Yacht Club grounds until 4 pm Thursday August 10, 2017; the late fee will apply.
- 3.4 All skippers shall have paid all event fees before becoming official competitors.
- 3.5 Skippers and crew will be required to sign a waiver form available at check in.
- 3.5 All boats shall meet the measurement and safety standards as prescribed in the WCA By-laws.

4. CLASSIFICATION - The following classification requirements will apply: Windmill Class Association By-laws XIII.13. Championship Events Section XIII.14.C.i

5. FEES The entry fees, payable by check to WCA Nationals, are as follows:

Event	Entry Fee	Late Entry Fee After 15 July 2017
Windmill Class National Championship	175.00	\$200.00

5.1 Registration fee includes:

- (a) For each skipper and crew: Windmill Racing, Thursday night Welcoming Dinner and drinks, (2) Two Colony Banquet Friday Night Dinner tickets and (2) Two Annual Windmill Class Regatta Shirts and glasses.

(b) Launching facilities: Erie Yacht Club has a concrete boat launching ramp, wooden ramp and cranes that may be used for launching by dolly or trailer.

6. SCHEDULE

6.1 Registration: On-site registration, check in and signing of the required waiver form will be at the Sponar Silver Travel Trailer located near the Erie YC launching ramp on Thursday 10 August 2017 from 9 – 11:00 am and 1 - 4:00 pm.

6.2 Boat measurement and Inspections will be conducted near the Erie YC launching ramp on Thursday 10 August 2017 from 9 – 11:00 am and 1 - 4:00 pm.

6.3 Windmill National Championship – Racing is scheduled to begin on Friday August 11, 2017 and continue through Sunday August 13, 2017.

(a) Competitors Meeting 9:00 am Friday August 11, 2017 at Sponar Travel Trailer.

(b) Scheduled time of the first Warning Signal:

Friday	10:30 am
Saturday	10:00 am
Sunday	9:00 am

(c) A total of 12 races are scheduled to be sailed. A maximum of 5 races each day.

(d) No race will be started after 1300 on Sunday.

7. MEASUREMENTS AND INSPECTION

7.1 To complete the registration process all boats will be inspected.

7.2 The mainsail and jib must be measured and approved prior to the first race or have a previous Nationals Measurement signature in accordance with WCA by laws rule XIII.5.

7.3 In addition to sail measurements, one or more of the following measurements may be taken in accordance with WCA by rule XIII.5.E: Hull weight, mast bands, rudder and dagger board.

7.4 A new Windmill hull that has not been issued a measurement certificate must be measured. The owner SHALL contact the WCA Class Measurer Larry Christian PRIOR to arrival at Nationals to schedule time for appropriate measurements.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS - The sailing instructions will be available at the check-in, on-site registration desk and at the skippers meeting. Notices and Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official bulletin board located at the Sponar's Silver Travel Trailer on the grounds of Erie Yacht Club by the launching ramp.

9. VENUE

9.1 Erie Yacht Club which is located at 1 Ravine Dr. Erie, PA 16505 Phone: 814-453-4931 website at www.erieyachtclub.org

9.2 Racing will take place in Presque Isle Bay Erie, PA.

10. RACE COURSES – The courses will be Windward-Leeward or Triangle-Windward-Leeward as described in the Sailing Instructions.

11. SCORING

11.1 The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A will apply.

11.2 Three races are required to constitute a Windmill National Championship in accordance with our WCA by law XIII6. E. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

11.3 If five or more races are sailed, (1) one race will be excluded.

12. PRIZES - Windmill Nationals: Prizes will be given to skipper and crew of the top 10 places. Prizes other than place in regatta racing may also be awarded at the discretion of the class officers.

13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY - Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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. Competitors shall complete the waiver form and submit with the registration form and fees.

The Erie Yacht Club, Windmill Class Association, Inc., and their members, volunteers, employees, officers and agents shall not be responsible for any loss, damage or injury that may occur to person(s) or property whether ashore or at sea because of the participation of any boat.

14. FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sandy Sponar Windmill National Chairperson

Email: Rsponarwindmills@gmail.com Cell phone 443-520-7384.

Social Schedule Updates to be posted on Windmill Activity Board

Thursday 10 August

9:00-11:00 am – 1:00-4:00 pm All boat skippers must meet with WCA class measurer Larry Christian at Erie YC boat ramp to comply with boat measurements and safety inspection.

9:00-11:00 am – 1:00-4:00 pm On-site registration and check in at Sponar's travel trailer at Erie YC boat ramp.

5:00 – 6:00 pm Windmill Class Board of Directors Meeting at Rickloff Community Boathouse on the EYC grounds.

7:00 pm Welcoming Meet and Greet Dinner and Drinks at Rickloff Community Boathouse on the EYC grounds.

Friday 11 August Windmill National Championship Racing PRO:

0900 Skippers Meeting at Sponar's travel trailer at Erie YC boat ramp

1030 1st Warning Signal for Racing

Daily Sailing Debrief after racing and securing boats.

6:30-10:30 pm Windmill Class Annual Meeting will be conducted followed by the Windmill Dinner at Colony Banquet & Catering 3014 W. 12th St Erie, PA 16505 Phone: 814-836-7600 - Dress Smart Hawaiian Casual.

Saturday 12 August Windmill National Championship Racing PRO:

1000 1st Warning Signal for Racing

Daily Sailing Debrief after racing and securing boats.

Dinner on your own

Sunday 13 August Windmill National Championship Racing PRO:

0900 1st Warning Signal for Racing

No races will start after 1300 on Sunday.

Awards to follow ASAP in the Rickloff Community Boathouse after scoring is completed.

Lodging

Clarion Hotel and Conference Center: Located at 2800 West 8th St. Erie, PA 16505 Phone: 814-833-1116

Has 10 rooms with a special room rate of \$149 per night plus tax, starting 8-13 August 2017. **You must call Clarion Hotel at Phone: 814-833-1116 request "Windmill Association" to get this rate.** Special rate cut off date is Friday 21 July 2017 or when room inventory is depleted. This rate is not eligible for partner awards.

Hotel check in time is 4 pm. Check out time is by 11 am. A hot breakfast buffet is available between the hours of 6-10 am in Maxi's at \$5 per person.

Comfort Inn Presque Isle: Located at 3041 West 12th St. Erie, PA 16505 Phone: 814-835-4200

Has 10 rooms with a special room rate of \$159 per night plus tax, starting 8-13 August 2017. **You must call Comfort Inn at Phone: 814-835-4200 request "Windmill Association" to get this rate.** Special rate cut off date is Friday 21 July 2017 or when room inventory is depleted. This rate is not eligible for partner awards.

Hotel check in time is 4 pm. Check out time is by 11 am. A hot breakfast buffet is available between the hours of 6-10 am and included with your room.

There are several small none brand motels in the Erie Presque Isle area.

Motel that was recommended: **The Glass House Inn** 3203 West 26th St. Erie, PA 16506 Phone: 855-782-4852

Lodging in the Erie area fills up quickly on summer weekends so book early!

Camping:

Lampe Campground at 3 Wayne St. Erie, PA 16507 Phone: 814-454-5830

Sara's Campground at 50 Peninsula Dr. Erie, PA 16505 Phone: 814-833-4560 website: sarascampground.com

Presque Isle Passage RV Park and Cabin Rentals: 6300 Sterrettania Rd. Fairview, PA 16415 Phone: 814-833-3272 Website: Presqueislepassage.com

Other Links:

Vacation House Rentals: www.vbro.com

Home Away Rentals: www.homeaway.com

Air Bed and bath Rentals: www.airbnb.com