



Wednesday Night Midweek Racing
2025 EVENT RULES (NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS)

Organizing Authority – Port Credit Yacht Club, Mississauga, Ontario

Amendment #1 – May 28th
Changes in Red

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The Event Rules (ER) which integrate the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions into a single document are compliant with RRS 89.2(a) and RRS 90.2(a).
- 1.3 The prescriptions of Sail Canada will apply and will be posted at www.pcyg.net under racing documents. Prescriptions can be found at [Sail-Canada-Prescriptions-to-the-RRS-2025-2028_revfinal.pdf](#)
- 1.4 RRS A5.3 will be in effect.
- 1.5 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, applies.
- 1.6 Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: (2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or

2 CHANGES TO EVENT RULES

Any change to the 2025 Event Rules will be posted before 1300 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3 COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the online Official Notice Board located at [CLICK HERE](#)
- 3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on VHF 6,9,16,68,71,72 and 73.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 71.
- 3.4 [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the race, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all mono hull boats racing **Non-Flying Sails** or **Spinnaker** and must be entered by a member who is eligible for a mooring for that boat or club owned boats.
- 4.2 A club member as described in the Club's By-laws (Senior, Honourary, Life, Associate, etc.) or an immediate family member of a Club member must be in charge while racing.
- 4.3 All eligible boats must register ONLINE at [CLICK HERE](#)
- 4.4 Boats should have a valid PHRF-LO certificate. Boats with out a valid PHRF-LO certificate shall contact the Club Handicapper at portcreditychandicappingteam@gmail.com .
- 4.5 Boats must register by 3 p.m. on the first day they intend to race in order to be scored.



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- 4.6 [NP] Each competitor participating in the race shall submit an online Liability Waiver (part of the registration process) prior to racing.

5 CREW LIMITATIONS

All boats must have a minimum crew of a Skipper and crew.

6 SCHEDULE

6.1 Dates of Racing:

Series A

May 14 th Practice Starts	June 4 th	July 2 nd	August 13 th
May 21 st	June 18 th	July 16 th July 30 th	August 27 th

Series B

May 28 th	June 11 th June 25 th	July 9 th July 23 rd	August 6 th August 20 th
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Crew Race: Wednesday, September 3rd

Note: The helmsperson must be a regular crew member during the season. The results do not count towards the overall seasonal results. The awards will be presented immediately after racing. Awards will be presented to the first three finishes in each division. Additional awards may be presented at the discretion of the race committee.

Rum Runners Series:

September 10th
September 17th
September 24th

Note: Race scores will not be included in the overall season scores. A shot of rum will be awarded to the first place boat in each division.

- 6.2 For all races held prior to August 25th, the first warning signal will be at 1830.
6.3 For all races held after August 25th, the first warning signal will be at 1815.
6.4 One race will be completed each day.

7 RISK STATEMENT

- 7.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury.
7.2 Competitors voluntarily assume the risks associated with communicable diseases including but not limited to COVID-19.

8 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with an adequate and valid third-party liability insurance with minimum coverage of Two (2) million dollars.



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9 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 9.1 The vessel carrying the Race Officer shall make one courtesy sound signal upon departure from the harbour on the way to the race area.
- 9.2 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the signal vessel at its mooring.
- 9.3 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1" minute is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes" in Race Signals AP.

10 DIVISIONS AND CLASS FLAGS

- 10.1 The class flags are as follows:

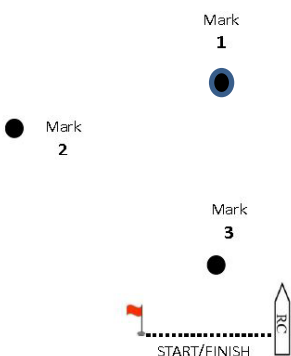
	<i>Class</i>	<i>Flag</i>
Start 1 (White Sail)	NFS II	Numeral Pennant 1
Start 2 (White Sail)	NFS I	Numeral Pennant 2
Start 3 (Spinnaker)	FS II	Numeral Pennant 3
Start 4 (Spinnaker)	FS I	Numeral Pennant 4

11 VENUE

- 11.1 Racing will take place on a bearing of 145 degrees and a distance of 1.2 nautical miles from the entrance to the harbour.
- 11.2 [NP] Course location will be at the discretion of the race officer.

12 COURSES AND MARKS

- 12.1



When **Code Flag W is displayed** at the Five Minute Warning

FS I and FS II: Start - Mark 1 - Mark 3 - Mark 1 - Mark 3 - Mark 1 - Finish
NFS I and NFS II: Start - Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Mark 3 - Mark 1 - Finish

When **Code Flag W is not displayed** at the Five Minute Warning:

FS I and FS II: Start - Mark 1 - Mark 3 - Mark 1 - Finish
NFS I and NFS II: Start - Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Mark 3 - Mark 1 - Finish

- 12.2 Inflatable marks will be used.



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13 THE START

- 13.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel and the course side of the starting mark.
- 13.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 13.3 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress for request. This changes RRS 61.4.
- 13.4 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
- 13.5 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- 13.6 [NP] The race committee may, at its discretion, combine starts.

14 THE FINISH

- 14.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal vessel and the course side of the mark nearest the signal boat.
- 14.2 If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she should record her finishing time (GPS time), and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 For boats with a spinnaker flying, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Tuns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. The boat must fly its spinnaker again immediately after taking the penalty.

16 TIME LIMITS

- 16.1 The Finishing Window of 30 minutes is the time for boats to finish after the first boat in each division sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing.
- 16.2 A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.
- 16.3 Overall time limit for each race is not to exceed the time from the warning signal to 15 minutes prior to sunset.

17 HEARING REQUESTS

- 17.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the signal vessel docks. The time will be posted on the online official notice board.
- 17.2 Hearing request forms are available outside of the Communications Station or online from <https://www.sailing.ca/protests-appeals/>.
- 17.3 A boat intending to protest another boat or boats under a rule of Part 2 or RRS 31 shall provide the information required by RRS 69.3(a) by completing a hearing request form within 60 minutes of the signal boat docking and deliver it to the Race Officer. The protestor and protestee(s) will be contacted by the Chief Judge for an arbitration hearing. The arbitration hearing will be held on-line or in-person.



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- 17.4 The Chief Judge will contact both parties to find a mutually agreeable time to hold the hearing. Hearings will be held in the Boardroom, located on the second floor of the east end of the clubhouse as soon as is feasible.
- 17.5 For all other protests, a protest form must be submitted by email to protest@pcyc.net by midnight of the evening the race was conducted. The protestor and protestee(s) will be contacted by the Chief Judge for a hearing. Hearings will be held on-line using Zoom or in-person.
- 18 SCORING**
- 18.1 The scoring system is the PHRF Lake Ontario Time on Time formula.
- 18.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.3 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 18.4 When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 18.5 The winners of Wednesday A/B Series will be scored based on RRS A4.
- 19 [DP] [NP] SAFETY REGULATIONS**
- 19.1 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 19.2 The owner of the boat and the crew are responsible for adhering to the 'Concussion Codes of Conduct for both Participants and Leaders', 'Removal from Sport Protocols' and 'Return to Sport Protocols'.
<https://ontariosailing.ca/concussion-information/>.
- 20 DATA PROTECTION**
- All pictures, audio and video recordings, graphic logos and service names contained herein or produced during the race by or on behalf of the Organizing Authority or Port Credit Yacht Club, are the property of either the Organizing Authority or Port Credit Yacht Club or their respective members. No rights are granted to use pictures, graphic logos, and service names without permission. Registrants, competitors, and participants grant the Organizing Authority or Port Credit Yacht Club (PCYC) the unrestricted right and permission to use the name and/or image for any text, photograph, or video footage of either themselves or the sailboat they are sailing during the event to be published or broadcast in any media whatsoever (including but not limited to press, TV advertisements, social media or internet), for either editorial or advertising purposes or to be used in Press Information.
- 21 TRASH DISPOSAL**
- Trash may be placed aboard official vessels.
- 22 DIVING RESTRICTIONS AND PLASTIC POOLS**
- Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the event.
- 23 PRIZES**
- 23.1 Prizes will be awarded to the first three boats in each class for classes with five or more boats entered.
- 23.2 Additional awards may be presented.



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24 Further Information

For further information, please contact:

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APPENDIX A
Revised May 28th

	Time of Sunset
May 14	2035
May 21	2042
May 28	2049
June 4	2054
June 11	2059
June 18	2101
June 25	2103
July 2	2102
July 9	2100
July 16	2055
July 23	2049
July 30	2042
August 6	2033
August 13	2023
August 20	2012
August 27	2001
September 3	1948
September 10	1936
September 17	1923
September 24	1910

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EMERGENCY PLAN:

In the event of damage or injury:



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1. Contact Peel Region Marine Unit
2. Contact the Race Committee VHF 71

Emergency Phone Numbers

Peel Region Emergency Services	For emergencies ONLY – 911
Peel Region Marine Unit	VHF 16
Canadian Coast Guard (Trenton)	VHF 16 1-800-267-7270
Port Credit Yacht Club	(905) 278-7911
Signal Boat	VHF 71

1 CONCUSSION GUIDELINES

Those participants, including both Skippers and Crew should familiarize themselves with the information provided below.

- 1.1 Ontario Sailing Concussion Code of Conduct – Athletes and Participants
<https://ontariosailing.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/OS-Concussion-Code-of-Conduct-Athlete.pdf>
- 1.2 Ontario Sailing Concussion Management and Return to Play <https://ontariosailing.ca/member-services/concussion-information/>
- 1.3 Rowan's Law
<https://www.ontario.ca/page/rowans-law-concussion-safety>
- 1.4 Ontario Ministry Provided Concussion Resources
<https://www.ontario.ca/page/rowans-law-concussion-awareness-resources>

2 VENUE PARKING

- 2.1 Parking is available free of charges for all participants.