



BELL CLAPPER RACE
Saturday, September 20, 2025

EVENT RULES (NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS)

Organizing Authority – Port Credit Yacht Club, Mississauga, Ontario

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.pcy.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 1000 on the day it will take effect.

3 COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 The official notice board is located online at pcyc.net.
- 3.1 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on VHF 6,9,16,68,71,72 and 73.
- 3.2 For the purposes of safety, the Chair will monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 71.
- 3.3 [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 Flying Sails, Cruisers and Power Boaters and participation must be entered by a member who is eligible for a mooring for that boat.
- 4.2 All eligible boats must register online at pcyc.net.
- 4.3 Boats must register by **1700 Friday, September 19th**.
- 4.4 A minimum of 8 boats must be registered and appear for the start in order for the race to proceed.
- 4.5 Competitors are encouraged to make a voluntary donation to the "Navigators of PCYC". Donations will be collected by the race committee at the skipper's meeting.
- 4.6 **[NP] Each competitor participating in the race shall submit an online Liability Waiver (part of the registration process) prior to racing.**



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5 CREW LIMITATIONS

- 5.1 All boats must have a minimum crew of a skipper and one crew.

6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 The race will be held on Saturday, September 20th.
6.2 The first warning signal will be at 1400.
6.3 There will be one race.
6.4 The organizing authority reserves the right to cancel the race without rescheduling it.
6.5 There will be a skipper's and crew meeting in the Chartroom at 1330 for the purposes of check-in and to present course information.

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.

9 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole situated on the south lawn adjacent to the visitor's dock.

10 DIVISIONS AND CLASS FLAGS

Division splits will be announced at the skipper's and crew meeting.

11 VENUE

- 11.1 Racing will take place on a bearing and distance from the harbour to be announced at the skipper's and crew meeting.
11.2 [NP] Course location will be at the discretion of the race officer.

12 COURSES AND MARKS

- 12.1 The race is an unsupervised event. No signal boat will be provided for starts or finishes.
12.2 The location of the turning mark will be announced at the skipper's meeting.



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13 THE START

- 13.1 The Warning signal will be at 1400 and consist of one ring of the PCYC Chartroom bar bell. The start signal will occur at 1405 and consist of one ring of the PCYC Chartroom bar bell. All participants, including skipper and crew, must be in the Chartroom for the start signal with the participants' boats fully secure, including spring lines, in their assigned mooring, sails down and engine off. The boat may be otherwise rigged for departure.
- 13.2 At the start signal the entire crew shall depart the PCYC Chartroom and proceed to their boat. **NO RUNNING ON THE DOCKS IS PERMITTED.** Crews will board their boat, start the engine and cast off. **HARBOUR SPEED LIMITS MUST BE OBSERVED AT ALL TIMES.**
- 13.3 No sail may be raised until the boat is clear of the harbour entrance lighthouse, however, sails must be raised and engine turned off (power boats exempt) within 0.25 nm from clearing the harbour entrance or within 4 minutes of clearing the harbour lighthouse whichever is less, unless unsafe to do so.
- 13.4 Proceed to the designated lake mark, round the mark to port and then return under sail, if applicable, towards the harbour entrance lighthouse.

14 THE FINISH

- 14.1 At 0.25 nm from the harbour entrance lighthouse, sails must be lowered and engines started. Proceed under power to your assigned PCYC slip. Fully secure your boat, including your spring lines, and turn off the engine.
- 14.2 All crew are to disembark and proceed to the PCYC Chartroom.
- 14.3 The finishing line is the Chartroom bar bell.
- 14.4 Elapsed time for the participating boat stops when all crew members are present in the PCYC Chartroom and a designate from the boat calls out the boat's name and rings the Chartroom bar bell.
- 14.5 If the RC is absent when a boat finishes, participating boats are to record their finishing time using the form found in Appendix A and submit the completed form to the Communications Centre by 1735 September 20th.

15. TIME LIMITS (AND TARGET TIMES)

- 15.1 The overall time limit is 3.5 hours from the start time.
- 15.2 Failure to meet target time will not be grounds for redress.

16 HEARING REQUESTS

- 16.1 The protest time limit for the race is 30 minutes after the last boat to finish has rung the Chartroom Bell. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 16.2 Hearing request forms are available outside of the Communications Station.
- 16.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. 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 SCORING

- 17.1 The scoring system for sailboats is the PHRF-LO Alternative Time on Time system.



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- 17.2 The scoring system for power boats is the "PHRF-PCYC" (Powered Hull Reduction Factor) Time on Time factor.
- 18 [DP] [NP] SAFETY REGULATIONS**
- 18.1 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 18.2 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/>.
- 19 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.
- 20 PRIZES**
- 20.1 Prizes will be awarded to the first three boats in each class for classes with five or more boats entered.
- 20.2 Additional awards may be presented.
- 21 Further Information**
- For further information, please contact:
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APPENDIX A

BELL CLAPPER RESULTS

Please print clearly

Bell Clapper – Friday, September 20 th			
Boat Name		Boat make & length	Sail Number
Skipper's Name			<i>Division (circle one)</i> Cruising NFS Flying Sails Power
Start time		Finish Time	H min sec

Scorer use only

Elapsed time	
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(NOT PART OF THE EVENT RULES)

EMERGENCY PLAN:

In the event of damage or injury:

1. Contact Peel Region Marine Unit
2. Contact the Race Committee VHF 16 or 71



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Emergency Phone Numbers

Peel Region Emergency Services	For emergencies ONLY - 911
Peel Region Marine Unit	VHF 16 or 12
Canadian Coast Guard (Trenton)	VHF 16 1-800-267-7270
Port Credit Yacht Club	(905) 278-7911
Signal Boat	VHF 71

1 PCYC COVID-19 Safety Guidelines

- 1.1 <https://pcyc.net/index.cfm?ID=1298&Download=%291%5B%2257B%26%25S%5D1J%0A&f=8939>

2 CONCUSSION GUIDELINES

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

- 2.1 Ontario Sailing Concussion Code of Conduct – Athletes and Participants
<http://www.ontariosailing.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/OS-Concussion-Management-Policy-V2-August-2019.docx.pdf>
- 2.2 Ontario Sailing Concussion Management and Return to Play
<http://www.ontariosailing.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/OS-Concussion-Management-Policy-V2-August-2019.docx.pdf>
- 2.3 Rowan's Law
<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/18r0>
- 2.4 Ontario Ministry Provided Concussion Resources
<https://www.ontario.ca/page/rowans-law-concussion-awareness-resources>

3 VENUE PARKING

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