



**Port Credit Yacht Club**  
115 Lake Promenade, Mississauga, Ontario

**PORT CREDIT YACHT CLUB**

## **Wednesday Midweek Racing**

### **2026 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(a).

#### **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 RRS 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: "if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or RRS 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or "
- 1.4 RRS A5.3 will be in effect.
- 1.5 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, applies.

#### **2 CHANGES TO EVENT RULES**

- 2.1 Any change to the 2026 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: [NOTICE BOARD](#)
- 3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on VHF 1-87.
- 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 either **Non-Flying Sails** or **Flying Sails** and must be entered by a member who is eligible for a mooring for that boat.
- 4.2 A club member who is a Senior, Honourary or life member as described in the Club's By-Laws, can register a boat or an immediate family member of a Club member must be in charge while racing.
- 4.3 All eligible boats must register ONLINE at: [REGISTRATION](#)
- 4.4 Boats must have a valid PHRF-LO certificate. Boats without a valid PHRF-LO certificate shall contact the Club Handicapper at [handicapper@pcyc.net](mailto:handicapper@pcyc.net).
- 4.5 Boats must register by 3 p.m. on the first day they intend to race in order to be scored.
- 4.6 **[NP] Each competitor participating in the race shall submit an online Liability Waiver prior to racing.**

#### **5 CREW LIMITATIONS**

- 5.1 All boats must have a minimum crew of a Skipper.



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#### **6 DATA PROTECTION**

6.1 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.

#### **7 SCHEDULE**

7.1 Dates of Racing: This is

Series A

May 20	June 3	July 1	August 12
	June 17	July 15	August 26
		July 29	

Series B

May 27	June 10	July 8	August 5	September 2
	June 24	July 22	August 19	

**Rum Runners Series:**

September 9

September 16

September 23

**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.

7.2 For all races held prior to August 23<sup>rd</sup>, the first warning signal will be at 1830.

7.3 For all races held after August 23<sup>rd</sup>, the first warning signal will be at 1815.

7.4 One race will be completed each day.

#### **8 RISK STATEMENT**

8.1 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.

8.2 Competitors voluntarily assume the risks associated with communicable diseases including but not limited to COVID-19.



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**9 INSURANCE**

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

**10 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

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

**11 DIVISIONS AND CLASS FLAGS**

11.1 The class flags are as follows:

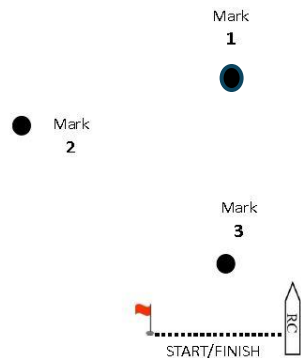
	<i>Class</i>	<i>Flag</i>
Start 1	NFS IV	Numeral Pennant 1
Start 2	NFS III	Numeral Pennant 2
Start 3	FS II	Numeral Pennant 3
Start 4	FS I	Numeral Pennant 4

**12 VENUE**

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

**13 COURSES AND MARKS**

13.1



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 III and NFS IV Start – Mark 1 – Mark 2 – Mark 3 – Mark 1 - Finish



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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 III and IV: Start – Mark 1 – Mark 2 – Mark 3 – Mark 1 - Finish

#### **14 MARKS**

14.1 Inflatable marks will be used.

#### **15 THE START**

15.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel and the course side of the starting mark.

15.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

15.3 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 61.1(a).

15.4 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.

15.5 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

15.6 [NP] The race committee, at its discretion, may combine starts.

#### **16 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

16.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

16.2 The race committee may, without signal, move a mark to change the direction up to 10 degrees or the length up to 10 percent of the previous length, provided that no boat is sailing to the mark.

#### **17 THE FINISH**

17.1 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.

17.2 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.

#### **18 TIME LIMITS [AND TARGET TIMES]**



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- 18.1 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.
- 18.2 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.
- 18.3 Overall time limit for each race is not to exceed the time from the warning signal to 15 minutes prior to sunset. Sunset Times are provided in Appendix A.

### 19 HEARING REQUESTS

- 19.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the signal vessel docks. The time will be posted on the online official notice board.
- 19.2 Hearing request forms are available outside of the Communications Station or online from: [APPEALS](#)
- 19.3 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 60.3 by completing a hearing request form within 60 minutes of the signal boat docking. 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.
- 19.4 Hearings will be held in the Boardroom, located on the second floor of the east end of the clubhouse as soon as is feasible. RRS 62.2(a) and do not apply.

### 20 SCORING

- 20.1 The scoring system is the PHRF Lake Ontario Time on Time formula.
- 20.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 20.3 When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 20.4 When 6 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 20.5 The winners of Monday A/B Series will be scored based on RRS A4. Women on the Helm (WOTH) will be scored in the applicable Monday Series B for each Fleet.

### 21 [DP] [NP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 21.1 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 21.2 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/>.

### 22 TRASH DISPOSAL

- 22.1 Trash may be placed aboard official vessels.

### 23 DIVING RESTRICTIONS AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 23.1 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.

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23.2 Swimming in the harbour is prohibited.

**24 PRIZES**

24.1 Prizes will be awarded to the first three boats in each class for classes with five or more boats entered.

24.2 Additional awards may be presented.

**25 Further Information**

25.1 For further information, please contact:

Anne Sanderson – [clubracing@pcyc.net](mailto:clubracing@pcyc.net) 674 920 6146

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**Addendum A**

Sunset Times:

[Sunrise and sunset times in Hamilton, May 2026](#)

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**(NOT PART OF NOTICE OF RACE OR SAILING INSTRUCTIONS)**

**EMERGENCY PLAN:**

In the event of damage or injury:

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

Emergency Phone Numbers

Peel Region Emergency Services	For emergencies ONLY – 911
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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.