

**CONVOY CUP OCEAN RACE - Sept 7-8, 2024
Notice of Race (NOR)**

<p>The Race</p>	<p>a) The Convoy Cup Regatta will be comprised of two events the Ocean Race (Convoy Cup) and the Bassin Race (Veterans’ Cup). The overnight ocean race of 100 nautical miles (the “Convoy Cup Ocean Race”). Course and distance may be adjusted according to forecast winds and conditions, at the sole discretion of the Dartmouth Yacht Club (“DYC”) Race Committee.</p> <p>b) The race will commence on September 7, 2024, at a line established between the transom of the HMCS Sackville and a set mark. The race shall finish in Halifax Harbour in the vicinity of West Outer Middle Ground light buoy</p>
<p>1. Rules</p>	<p>a) This event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-24, the prescriptions of Sail Canada and this Notice of Race except as modified by the Sailing Instructions.</p> <p>b) DYC Race Committee will have final authority on all matters.</p> <p>c) The navigation rules of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (“IRPCAS”) replaces RRS part 2 from 2000 Atlantic Daylight Time (ADT) (UTC – 3hr) until 0800 ADT each day, and when visibility is reduced.</p> <p>d) Whenever RRS 20 applies, a boat may indicate her need for room to tack or her response by hailing on VHF 16.</p> <p>e) Every yacht entering the race must have a crew of at least two persons and must always have a watch-keeper on deck.</p> <p>f) All yachts must provide a cell phone number at registration.</p> <p>g) All yachts shall be equipped as per Transport Canada small vessel regulations. In addition, the following shall be carried:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Jacklines comprised of wire or webbing, affixed to the yacht and ready for use. ➤ Safety harnesses available for all crew members on deck after dark. ➤ Parts to facilitate repairs to rigging and/or vessel if necessary. ➤ Sufficient stores of food and water for up to two days. <p>h) If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence.</p>
<p>2. Organizing Authority</p>	<p>a) The Dartmouth Yacht Club and the Convoy Cup Foundation are the organizing authorities for this regatta.</p>
<p>3. Sailing Instructions and course</p>	<p>a) The Sailing Instructions will be available on-line at https://www.dartmouthyachtclub.ca/dyc-racing at least one week prior to the event and at the skippers’ meeting.</p>

	b) The course will be posted at the skippers meeting but will be an approximate total distance of 100 nautical miles, departing from Halifax Harbour in the vicinity of HMCS Sackville sailing to Cross Island along Nova Scotia's southeast coast, and return.	
4. Communications	a) The official notice board is located in the DYC clubhouse. b) All boats shall carry a VHF radio. c) On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs. d) While racing, a boat may make voice or data transmission, and may receive voice or data communication provided no tactical, strategic or other technical advice is received. In RRS 41(c)(OUTSIDE HELP) the term "freely available" as defined by the Royal Yachting Association case 2005/5 will apply. It states, "Information available at no cost other than subscribing to and using a generally available and non-specialized service through which it is obtained is 'freely available'".	
5. Registration and Fees	a) The registration fee is \$50 per boat for online registration. b) The registration fee is \$60 per boat for in person late registration, after Sept 6 th .	
6. Eligibility and Entry	a) The race is open to all boats with an overall length of 25 feet (7.5 meters) or greater, with a valid Sail Nova Scotia PHRF handicap and that complies with Transport Canada Small Vessel Regulations will be eligible. b) Boats without a valid Sail Nova Scotia PHRF handicap may be assigned one by the Race Committee. c) Eligible boats can register online at https://www.dartmouthyachtclub.ca/dyc-racing or at the DYC clubhouse September 30 th from 10:00am to 11:00am. d) Participants must check in on VHF 72 during the official check-in call with the Race Committee boat (the "RC Boat")	
7. Schedule		
	Time	Date
		Description
		Until Sept 5 th
		Online Registration
	1800 - 2000	Friday Sept 6 th
		Late registration (in-person). Race Committee available for discussion and skipper / crew information. Beverages and bar menu available for purchase.
	0830 - 0930	Saturday Sept 7 th
		Late registration (in-person), check-in and skipper's meeting
	1100	Saturday Sept 7 th
		Warning signal for ocean race (DYC Race Committee boat on station in Halifax Harbour near the stern of HMCS Sackville).
	1630	Sunday Sept 8 th
		Awards presentation for race competitors in the Convoy Cup Regatta (Ocean and Basin Races) and Convoy Cup Foundation and DYC invited guests.
8. Handicap and Fleet Classes	a) Race Classes may consist of spinnaker, non-spinnaker and double-handed. b) Should registrations warrant, competitors will be split into additional classes (A and B). The split will attempt to create equal fleets and minimize the handicap spread. Details will be provided to all registrants at the skippers' meeting before the race.	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c) Handicap yachts shall have a valid PHRF-NS rating listed on the Sail Nova Scotia yacht database. Boats not listed will be given a provisional handicap. d) Boats not listed on the Sail Nova Scotia yacht database should give at least two days' notice of intent to compete so that a handicap can be assigned. e) Provisional handicaps cannot be contested during the course of the event. f) Race classes will be determined after registration.
9. Venue and Course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Visiting competitors will be provided with a marina berth or mooring free of charge from Friday (September 6) to Monday (September 9). b) Visiting yachts should contact DYC before or upon arrival by VHF Channel 68 or by phone at (902)472-6050 to be assigned a marina. c) Racing will take place between Halifax Harbour and Lunenburg d) The final course will be announced at the skipper's meeting
10. Penalty System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) For all classes RRS 2021-2024 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty for incidents outside the zone.
11. Scoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The race shall be scored in accordance with Appendix A of the RRS 2021-2024. b) The corrected time will be calculated using time-on-time scoring system.
12. Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Results will be announced in the DYC clubhouse by the Race Committee at the Convoy Cup Regatta Awards Ceremony on Sunday.
13. Prizes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers in each class.
14. Insurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Visiting yachts from clubs other than DYC shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1,000,000 per event or the equivalent. b) Proof of insurance for visiting yachts must be provided either at registration or emailed to raceofficer@dartmouthyachtclub.ca c) DYC member owned yachts are subject to the insurance coverage and proof of insurance requirements as provided in the DYC bylaws and policies.
15. Risk Statement and release of Liability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) In accordance with the RRS # 3 '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. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes. b) Dartmouth Yacht Club its officers, trustees, members, committees, employees, sponsors, or agents will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property, or to any participant, including injury or



	<p>death; and that each of them releases and waives all claims which he or she, or any heir, representative, successor, or assignee, may have against the Dartmouth Yacht Club and parties mentioned above.</p>
<p>16. Additional information</p>	<p>a) Additional information may be provided via the DYC website www.dartmouthyachtclub.ca or DYC email blasts.</p> <p>b) For further information please contact the Rear Commodore at rearcommodore@dartmouthyachtclub.ca or the Race Officer at raceofficer@dartmouthyachtclub.ca</p>

