

EVENT RULES

NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

ANNUAL NIGHT RACE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2026

Organizing Authority (OA) – Etobicoke Yacht Club, Toronto, Canada

RACING



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

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 rules for the Performance Handicap Rating Formula (PHRF) handicap divisions are PHRF Lake Ontario (PHRF-LO).
- 1.4 RRS Appendix RV, Reduced Visibility ([Appendix RV](#)), replaces RRS Part 2 between sunset and sunrise.
- 1.5 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, applies.

2. CHANGES TO EVENT RULES

- 2.1 Any changes to the event rules will be available at the Competitors' meeting no later than 1800 on September 4, 2026.

3. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the online Official Notice Board located at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/aEMdxVnYNg/#notice-board>.
- 3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on VHF channel 8, 16 and 68.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF channel 8.
- 3.4 [DP] While racing, 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 boats holding a valid PHRF-Lake Ontario (PHRF-LO) rating certificate who are members of Etobicoke Yacht Club, Mimico Cruising Club or any other Ontario Sailing member club.
- 4.2 If a valid rating certificate is not available, a temporary rating will be assigned (on a best-efforts basis) for the duration of this event at the discretion of the organizing authority.
- 4.3 Eligible boats may only enter the event by registering online at [Registration](#). Registrations will be accepted until 2000 on Wednesday, September 2, 2026.
- 4.4 To be considered an entry for the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements.

5. EVENT SCHEDULE

- 5.1 There is a Competitors' meeting scheduled at 1800 on Friday, September 4, 2026 near the flagpole in front of the Etobicoke Yacht Club clubhouse.
- 5.2 The scheduled time of the first warning signal is 1900.
- 5.3 There is an after-race gathering scheduled at approximately 2200 at Etobicoke Yacht Club.

6. RISK STATEMENT

- 6.1 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. INSURANCE

- 7.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability coverage of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) CAD per incident.

8. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

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

9. DIVISIONS AND CLASS FLAGS

- 9.1 There are two divisions: White Sail and Spinnaker.
9.2 The organizing authority reserves the right to group similar boats together to form up to five classes: Small, Medium, and Large White Sail, and Small and Large Spinnaker.
9.3 The class flags are: *Small White Sail* - numeral pennant one, *Medium White Sail* – numeral pennant two, *Large White Sail* – numeral pennant three, *Small Spinnaker* – numeral pennant four, and *Large Spinnaker* – numeral pennant five.

10. EVENT VENUE

- 10.1 The racing area will be in Lake Ontario.

11. COURSES AND MARKS

- 11.1 Courses shall be selected from the EYC/MCC fixed marks with numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Gibraltar buoy (G) or Dufferin buoy (D). The locations of the marks are defined online at [Event Webpage](#).
11.2 The starting marks will be the signal vessel and a nearby EYC/MCC mark.
11.3 The finishing marks will be the signal vessel and a nearby EYC/MCC mark.
11.4 The course numbers/letter will be posted on the bottom course board of the signal vessel in the order of rounding, the first number being the first mark to be rounded.
11.5 The signal vessel will display a red flag if the marks are to be kept to port and a green flag if the marks are to be kept to starboard.
11.6 The race committee may shorten the course at any rounding mark in accordance with RRS 32. To finish, boats shall pass between the staff displaying flag S on the signal vessel and the nearby mark from the direction of the last mark.

12. THE START

- 12.1 The Race Committee may give a courtesy sound signal approximately 1 minute prior to the first warning signal.
12.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel and the course side of the nearby EYC/MCC mark.
12.3 [DP] [NP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other boats.
12.4 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at their starting signal and they are identified, the race committee will attempt to hail their sail number. Failure to hail their number, failure of them to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

12.5 A boat that does not start within 20 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

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 nearby EYC/MCC mark.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

15.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

16 TIME LIMITS

16.1 The race time limit for each race is 3 hours after the start of their class. Boats that did not finish within the time limit will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.

17 HEARING REQUESTS

17.1 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(a) in an email to protest@eyc.ca within 45 minutes of the signal vessel 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.

17.2 For all other protests, information required by RRS 60.3(a) must be submitted by email to protest@eyc.ca by midnight on the day of the race. The protestor and protestee(s) will be contacted by the Chief Judge for a hearing. Hearings will be held on-line or in-person.

17.3 Notices of protests by a committee to inform boats under RRS 60.2(a)(2) will be posted online as soon as reasonably possible at [Notice Board](#).

18 SCORING

18.1 Boats shall be scored using the PHRF-LO Time on Time (TOT) handicap formula. Corrected times shall be rounded to the nearest second.

18.2 Boats will be scored in order of their corrected finish time with the results announced at Etobicoke Yacht Club after the race.

19 [DP] [NP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

19.1 Boats shall check in with the signal vessel prior to the start of the race.

19.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

19.3 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 PRIZES

20.1 Prizes will be awarded to the first three boats in each class.

20.2 Additional awards may be presented.

21 FURTHER INFORMATION

21.1 Event website: <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/aEMdxVnYNg>

21.2 For further information or a request for a weekend berth, please contact:

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PRACTICAL INFORMATION
(NOT PART OF THE EVENT RULES)

EMERGENCY PLAN:

In the event of damage or injury:

1. Contact Toronto Police Services Marine Unit
2. Contact the Race Committee VHF 16 or 08

Emergency Phone Numbers

Toronto Emergency Services	For emergencies ONLY – 911 BE PREPARED TO TELL 911: - Current location of injured person - Where you plan to bring injured person - Age/gender/number of injured people - Type of injury/situation - Your name and call back number
Toronto Police Services Marine Unit	VHF 16 or 12 416-808-5800
Canadian Coast Guard (Trenton)	VHF 16 1-800-267-7270
Etobicoke Yacht Club	VHF 68 416-259-1159
Signal Vessel Charles McKeon	VHF 08

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