

J35 CANAM Challenge and Fleet 8 Lake Ontario Championship Regatta

October 2nd – 4th, 2026

Organizing Authority: The Royal Hamilton Yacht Club,
Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

<https://rhytc.ca/regatta/qvHUQ0CSLr>



Notice of Race (NOR)

The organizing authorities for the 2026 CANAM Challenge and Fleet 8 Lake Ontario Championship are the J/35 Class Association and the Royal Hamilton Yacht Club

- RULES** - The regatta shall be managed by the Royal Hamilton Yacht Club CANAM Challenge and Fleet 8 Lake Ontario Championship Committee and be governed by The Rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- Boats of the J/35 class are invited to participate. Class association dues must be paid prior to registration, <https://j35.org/index.php/join-renew>
 - Registration and entry fee of \$500 are due by 1700 on September 30th. Late entries will be subject to an additional \$100 late fee. Entry fees are payable in full upon registering and are nonrefundable. All funds are in CAD
 - The entry fee includes racing and all social events for up to 8 total crew members. Additional details and meal plans will be included on the event website.
 - Entry may be made online at <https://rhytc.ca/register/regatta/qvHUQ0CSLr/class>
 - To be considered an entry in the regatta, a boat shall complete all registration steps and pay all fees.
- MOORING** – Will be provided by the Royal Hamilton Yacht Club Organizing Committee – Clarke Perry, president@rhytc.ca 905-730-5007 and the Royal Hamilton Yacht Club 905-528-8464

4 CLASSIFICATION

- J35 Class Rules (J35CR) Appendix 1 will apply. Not more than one competitor classified as Group 3 shall sail aboard each boat.
- J35 Class Rules (J35CR) Appendix 2 will apply. A Group 3 competitor shall be prohibited from steering a boat of which he or she is not bona fide owner or co-owner.

5 SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Event
Thu, October 1	0900-1800	Onsite registration and inspection and launch available. Practice race starts at 1825
Fri, October 2	800 1100	Included Breakfast First scheduled warning signal.
	After racing	To be announced in a separate bulletin.
Sat, October 3	800 1100 1800	Included Breakfast First scheduled warning signal. Included dinner and dancing
Sun, October 4	800 1000 1530	Included Breakfast First scheduled warning signal. No warning signal made after this time
	After racing	Awards at the Royal Hamilton Yacht Club following the last race

5.1 Up to 4 races scheduled per day if practical.

6 MEASUREMENT AND INSPECTION - Teams sailing with more than nine total crew members shall be weighed during onsite registration and inspection for compliance with J35CR 5.5.1.

6.1 Sails will be measured in accordance with J35CR 4

6.2 Boats will be inspected for compliance with class rules before 2100hrs October 1, 2026.

6.3 Advance inspection will be made available by appointment:
Details to follow...

7 **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** - The SI will be available on <https://rhyc.ca/regatta/qvHUQ0CSLr/#notice-board> the event website on or before 1700 on September 30th. Official notices will be posted in the notice board on the above link and posted on the bulletin board on the northeast patio of the club.

8 VENUE

8.1 The racing area will be on Hamilton Harbour.

8.2 The regatta venue will be the Royal Hamilton Yacht Club, Hamilton, Ontario

9 **THE COURSES** - The courses will be Windward/Leeward, dropped mark courses. Windward Offset Mark and Leeward Gates may be used.

10 SCORING

10.1 One race must be completed to constitute a championship.

10.2 In accordance with RRS A2.1, when five (5) or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When six (6) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

11 **COMMUNICATIONS** - The official notice board will be located electronically on <https://rhyc.ca/regatta/qvHUQ0CSLr/#notice-board> [DP] On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channel 72.

12 **HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS** - Boats shall be afloat and shall not be hauled out from 1800 on October 1st. until the end of the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

13 **CLEANING OF HULLS** – No restriction on in water cleaning

14 PRIZES

14.1 Prizes will be given to the overall top 5 boats in the regatta.

14.2 The Fleet 8 trophy shall be presented to the overall regatta winner.

14.3 Awards for individual races and each day's overall results will be given after racing on Friday and Saturday, ten minutes after the Signal Boat has docked and sounded the beginning of protest time. If results are potentially affected by protest(s) presentation will be delayed until outcome(s) determined. On Sunday, individual race and day overall awards will be given along with regatta overall prizes as soon as practical following racing.

14.4 The J/35 CanAm Trophy may be presented to the top finishing boat representing Canada or USA according to a formula to be determined.

14.5 Additional prizes awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.

15 **INSURANCE** - Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid third-party liability insurance policy with a minimum coverage of \$2,000,000 CAD per event for Canadian boats and an adequate level of third party liability insurance applicable in Canadian and US waters for non-Canadian boats.

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

For more information contact: Event Chair: Clarke Perry clarke.perry.home@gmail.com