

**Britannia Yacht Club 2026 Women's Provincial Keelboat Championship
in Partnership with Ontario Sailing
September 18th to 20th, 2026
Ottawa, Ontario**

NOTICE OF RACE

You are cordially invited to attend the 2026 Women's Provincial Keelboat Championships being held at Britannia Yacht Club, from September 18th to 20th, 2026. Competitors, coaches, and their families are welcome before and after these dates. The Organizing Authority (OA) is Britannia Yacht Club (BYC) in partnership with Ontario Sailing.

*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 regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. [DP] RRS 40 and the preamble are changed to: All competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times while on the water except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits or dry suits do not qualify as personal flotation devices.
- 1.3. The Sail Canada Prescriptions Can be found at [HERE](#).
- 1.4. The boat used will be the J22
- 1.5. Class rules for the J22 can be found [HERE](#).

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in the RRS Appendix S, and supplementary sailing instructions (SSI) that will be on the online on the Official Notice Board <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/4hJRj6XzQ5/#notice-board>
- 2.2. The sailing instructions will be available after 2:00pm on September 16th, 2026 on the official on-line notice board located at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/4hJRj6XzQ5/#notice-board>

3. COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1. The online official notice board is located at: <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/4hJRj6XzQ5/#notice-board>
- 3.2. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors and support personnel on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the supplementary sailing instructions (SSI).
- 3.3. [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, 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. This event is open to all boats of the J22 class
- 4.2. Eligible boats may only enter the event by registering online at <https://theclubspot.com/register/regatta/4hJRj6XzQ5/class> by September 16th, 2026
- 4.3. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.4. Late entries will be considered if the participants do not require a longer boat to race in the event, by September 17th, 2026.

5. FEES

- 5.1. Entry fees include coaching and racing fees, temporary storage for visiting boats, regatta shirt, welcome reception, on water instruction during the practice race, after race debrief, event dinner on Saturday evening, continental breakfast Saturday and Sunday.

Class	Early Entry Fee until Aug. 31, 2026	Standard Fee until Midnight Sept. 10, 2026	Late Fee after Midnight Sept. 10, 2026
J/22	\$500.00	\$550.00	\$600.00

- 5.2. In the case of cancellation of the event by the Britannia Yacht Club, all fees will be refunded.
- 5.3. Entry fee refunds may be granted at the discretion of the OA. An administrative fee may apply.

6. [NP] ADVERTISING

- 6.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA. If the rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies

7. SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Thursday September 17 th	1500-1900	Registration & check-in at the Regatta Office
Friday September 18 th	0900 -1100	Registration & check-in at the Regatta Office
	1400	Practice Races and instruction
	1730	Welcome Reception
Saturday September 19 th	0800-0900	Competitor check-in at the Regatta Office
	0900	Competitors Meeting near the gas docks
	1100	Warning signal of first race of the day
	1800	Event Dinner
Sunday September 20 th	1030	Warning signal of first race of the day
	1400	No warning signal after this time
	After Racing	Awards

- 7.1. A maximum 7 races, will be scheduled for the regatta.

8. VENUE

- 8.1. The regatta is to be held at Britannia Yacht Club, 2777 Cassels St, Ottawa, ON.
Appendix 1 shows the site plan and the location of the race areas.

9. Courses

- 9.1. Course will be windward-leeward around inflated marks, with and offset and a gate

10. SCORING

- 10.1. Only one race is required to constitute a series
10.2. When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of their race scores.
10.3. When from 5 to 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be their total race score excluding their worst score.

11. [DP][NP] SUPPORT PERSONNEL AND VESSELS

- 11.1. Support person vessels shall register with the OA and shall be marked with a numbered flag.
11.2. Support persons are required to monitor the designated course channel on their VHF radios and be able to assist with safety when requested.

12. LOANER BOATS

- 12.1. A limited number of loaner boats will be available to entries on a first-come first-served basis.
12.2. Registrations from entrants requesting a loaner boat must be received by August 31, 2026.
12.3. For loaner boats a damage deposit of \$450.00 must be paid on arrival. This deposit is the maximum payable by the skipper as a result of one incident.
12.4. If a deduction from the damage deposit is decided by the OA, it may require the deposit to be restored to its original amount before the skipper will be permitted to continue in the event.

13. BERTHING

- 13.1. Boats and support person vessels are to be kept in the designated areas of Britannia Yacht Club as directed at check-in.

14. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 14.1. [DP] Keelboats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Officer.

15. PRIZES

- 15.1. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, mid fleet and last place.
15.2. All participants will receive a souvenir
15.3. Other awards may be awarded.

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY AND RISK STATEMENT

- 16.1. RRS 3 of Racing Rules of Sailing states: *"The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is "theirs" alone."* Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involvement in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event.
 - b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat, and their property whether afloat or ashore.

- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage, or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.
- e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizers does not relieve them of their responsibilities.
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

16. [DP] CONCUSSION AWARENESS

16.1. Certain aspects of Rowan's Law (Ontario Concussion Legislation) are in effect. To review current information and requirement, check the Ontario Sailing website:

<https://ontariosailing.ca/concussion-information/>

16.2. Competitors and Support Persons under the age of 26, need to:

- Confirm they have read the Ministry Approved Concussion Awareness Resource.
- Confirm they have reviewed, and committed to, the appropriate Ontario Sailing Concussion Code of Conduct.

17. PHOTO AND VIDEO DISCLAIMER

17.1. By participating in the event, competitors give absolute right and permission for any photograph and video footage to be taken of themselves or the boat they are sailing during the event to be published in any media whatsoever, for either editorial or advertising purposes or to be used in press information without compensation.

18. INSURANCE

18.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance. The OA does not accept any responsibility for verifying that a boat has valid third-party liability insurance.

We look forward to welcoming you to a weekend of keen competition and good sportsmanship in our Nation's Capital.

For more information, please contact Regatta Chair, Lisa Shishis by email at womensrep@byc.ca