



Family Fun Races (FFR) Notice of Race (NOR)
Saturday July 4th, and Sunday August 2nd, 2026)
Issued 28 June, 2026

1. Rules	a) This series shall be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing RRS 2025- 2028 . b) All aspects of the DYC By-laws shall apply. c) Boats shall compete with equipment that is compliant with their Sail Nova Scotia Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (“PHRF”) certificate and safety equipment in accordance with the Transport Canada Safe Boating Guide. d) If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence.
2. Organizing Authority	a) The Dartmouth Yacht Club is the organizing authority for this race.
3. Sailing Instructions	a) The Sailing Instructions will be available on-line at https://www.dartmouthyachtclub.ca/dyc-racing at least one week prior to the event.
4. Communications	a) The official notice board is located in the DYC clubhouse. b) On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF channel 68. c) From the first warning signal until the end of the race, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions relevant to the races and shall not receive voice or data communication relevant to the races that is not available to all boats.
5. Registration and Fees	a) Eligible boats must register not later than 1700 on the Friday, prior to the race. Advance registration is necessary as this is a pursuit start race and start times must be calculated in advance. Register online at https://dartmouthyachtclub.ca/sailboat-racing/ b) On the day of the race, check in with the race officer prior to the event, either at the club or on the water VHF 68. c) There shall be no entry fee for this event
6. Eligibility and Entry	a) The event is open to DYC member-owned yachts that hold a current Sail Nova Scotia PHRF certificate. Yacht owners shall be current DYC members in good standing to participate. b) Crew members need not be members. c) Persons who have been suspended or expelled from DYC shall not be present on DYC property.
7. The Pursuit Start	a) With a Pursuit Start, start times are based on your boat’s PHRF, which (for those unfamiliar with this format), designates a specific start time for each boat, allowing for reduced congestion at the start line. It results in having boats with similar PHRFs beginning their starts at nearly the same time, (while others should stay out of the start area until they are in their starting sequence). If all boats run perfect races, they should theoretically be arriving at the finish line at the same time, a highly unlikely scenario.

	b) After the Preparatory Signal for first start, the race committee will announce GPS Time at frequent intervals, and at every posted start time. Competitors will be responsible to determine their start time from that signal. <i>If possible</i>, the RC will announce who will be starting next, and provide a countdown when possible; however, this may not always be possible, and the onus remains on the competitor to start properly. c) More detail regarding the start is contained in the SIs
8. Schedule	a) On-line registration prior to 1700 on the Friday night prior to the race. b) Competitors' meeting will not be scheduled but individual boat's start times will be posted in the Clubhouse [see (d) below]. Check in is required on the water with the Race Committee Boat on Ch 68 VHF. c) The expected time of the warning gun for the first start is approximately 1130 on the day of the race. d) A more detailed start schedule with start times and finish locations will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.
9. Handicaps	a) Sail NS PHRF handicaps shall be used. Sail NS PHRF handicaps can be obtained through Sail Nova Scotia at https://www.sailnovascotiaydb.ca/yacht/add which organizes the handicap committee with a representative from NYC. b) Ratings at the time of registration will be used and cannot be contested.
10. Venue and Courses	a) Races will be sailed in the waters of Bedford Basin and Halifax Harbour. b) Starts will be from the race committee boat, which normally will be positioned in the vicinity of Mark 11. c) The course will normally be out the Harbour and the finish may or may not be back at NYC (it could be at another location, depending upon wind speed and direction). This will be communicated in the Sailing Instructions and the info provided with start times.
11. Scoring	a) The race will be started based upon time on distance handicaps and the results will be in the order of finish.
12. Results	a) Results will be announced in the NYC clubhouse or at the finish location if other than NYC. b) Results will not be posted online until after they are announced to participants.
13. Insurance	a) NYC member owned yachts are subject to the insurance coverage and proof of insurance requirements as provided in the NYC bylaws and policies.
14. Risk Statement and release of Liability	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 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.
15. Additional information	a) Additional information may be provided via the DYC website www.dartmouthyachtclub.ca or DYC email blasts. b) For further information please contact the Rear Commodore at rearcommodore@dartmouthyachtclub.ca or the Race Officer at raceofficer@dartmouthyachtclub.ca