



CONVOY CUP Coastal Races- August 29th, 2026

Notice of Race (NOR)

The Race	a) The Convo Cup Regatta will be comprised of three events: the Coastal Distance Race (50n/m); the Coastal Race (25 n/m) on August 29th, and the Basin Races (Veterans' Cup) on August 30th, 2026. A separate NOR shall be generated for the Veterans Cup. Courses and distances may be adjusted according to forecast winds and conditions, at the sole discretion of the Dartmouth Yacht Club ("DYC") Race Committee. b) We would like to see all participants in the coastal races participate in the sail past prior to the start of the coastal races, if possible. Register through the Dartmouth Yacht Club website https://dartmouthyachtclub.ca, racing, then select the appropriate event. c) The Coastal races will commence on August 29th, 2026, at a start line near HMCS Sackville. The race shall finish in Bedford Basin in the vicinity of mark 11 (HY2) unless shortened.
1. Through the Rules	a) This event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing RRS 2025- 2028 , the prescriptions of Sail Canada and this Notice of Race except as modified by the Sailing Instructions. b) DYC Race Committee will have final authority on all matters. 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. d) Whenever RRS 20 applies, a boat may indicate her need for room to tack or her response by hailing on VHF 16. e) Every yacht entering the race must have a crew of at least two persons and must always have a watch-keeper on deck. f) All yachts must provide a cell phone number at registration. g) All yachts shall be equipped as per Transport Canada small vessel regulations. h) 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 and the Convo Cup Foundation are the organizing authorities for this regatta.
3. Sailing Instructions and course	a) The Sailing Instructions will be available on-line at https://www.dartmouthyachtclub.ca/dyc-racing on or before August 28th, 2026, and prior to the event and at the skippers' meeting. b) The courses will be posted at the skippers meeting and announced by the RC on VHF but will be an approximate total distance of 50 and 25

	nautical miles, departing from Halifax Harbour in the vicinity of HMCS Sackville and finishing in the vicinity of the HMCS Sackville.	
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 many 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 as, “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 at dartmouthyachtclub.ca/sailboat-racing for either race. b) The registration fee is \$60 per boat for in person late registration, after 23:59 hrs. on August 27 th . c) Participating boats will be provided with one ticket to the Awards dinner, with additional tickets available for purchase @\$45 per person.	
6. Eligibility and Entry	a) The 50 n/m race is open to all boats with an overall length of 25 feet (7.5 meters) or greater, and the 25 n/m race with a length of 24 feet or greater. All boats participating must have a valid Sail Nova Scotia PHRF handicap and comply with Transport Canada Small Vessel Regulations. b) Eligible boats can register online at https://www.dartmouthyachtclub.ca/dyc-racing or at the DYC clubhouse as indicated below. c) Participants must check in on VHF during the official check-in call with the Race Committee boat (the “RC Boat”)	
7. Schedule		
Time	Date	Description
	Until Aug 27 th 23:59 hrs	Online Registration
1900 - 2000	Friday Aug 28 th	Late registration (in-person). Beverages and bar menu available for purchase.
0900 - 0930 09:30-09:50	Saturday Aug 29 th	Late registration (in-person) Participant briefing; Sailpast Salute, followed by Coastal Races Briefing.
1245 1250	Saturday Aug 29 th	Warning signal for Coastal Distance Race (50 n/m) Warning signal for Coastal Race (25 n/m) DYC Race Committee boat on station in Halifax Harbour near the stern of HMCS Sackville.
1700-1900	Sunday Aug 30 th	Awards presentation and dinner for race competitors in the Convoy Cup and Veteran’s Cup Regattas, 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, provided there are more than 4 entries in each category. b) 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.	



	c) 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. d) Provisional handicaps cannot be contested during the event. e) Race classes will be determined after registration.
9. Venue and Course	a) Visiting competitors will be provided with a marina berth or mooring free of charge from Friday (August 29) to Monday (August 31). b) Visiting yachts should contact the DYC Marina Manager at marina@dartmouthyachtclub.ca by the 27th of August for marina slip assignment. If opting to wait until your arrival, you may contact the DYC Gas Dock by VHF Channel 68 or by phone at (902)472-6050 to be assigned a marina or mooring, subject to availability. c) Racing will take place in Halifax Harbour and approaches. d) The final course will be announced at the skipper's meeting and on VHF.
10. Penalty System	a) For all classes RRS 2025- 2028 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty for incidents outside the zone.
11. Scoring	a) The race shall be scored in accordance with Appendix A of the RRS RRS 2025- 2028. b) The corrected time will be calculated using time-on-time scoring system.
12. Results	a) Results will be announced in the DYC clubhouse by the Race Committee at the Convoy Cup Regatta Awards Ceremony on Sunday.
13. Prizes	a) Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers in each class.
14. Insurance	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	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.

