

July 10 – 12, 2026

RACING DAYS: JULY 11 – 12, 2026

Ashbridge's Bay Yacht Club
Toronto, Canada

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. Sail Canada prescriptions ([available here](#)) will apply.
- 1.3. The following appendices will apply:
 - RRS Appendix P, Special Procedures for RRS 42 will apply. Appendix P2.3 is deleted, and P2.2 is changed to: "When a boat is penalized a second and subsequent times during the regatta, she shall promptly retire. If she fails to do so she shall be disqualified without a hearing and her score shall not be excluded."
 - Appendix T will apply.
- 1.4. RRS 40.1 will apply.
- 1.5. Rule 41 is changed for the Green Fleet by adding "(e) in-race coaching for stragglers by a race committee designated coach or coaches."
- 1.6. Rules 44.1 and P2.1 are changed for the 29er class so that the two-turns penalty is replaced by the one-turn penalty.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available on the Official Notice Board no later than 1300 ET on July 10, 2026.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The Official Notice Board (ONB) can be found at racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/13802/event – there will be no notice board onsite.
- 3.2. All coaches are required to have functional VHF radios, and monitor them, to enable communications with the Race Committee in the event of an urgent situation or a competitor requiring assistance; courtesy announcements may also be made. Course channels will be stated in the Sailing Instructions.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The event is open to the following classes that have met all class measurement requirements and subject to age restrictions in NoR4.2: 29er, Club 420, ILCA 4, ILCA 6, Optimist, and RS Feva (green fleet option only).
- 4.2. The regatta is open to the following competitors in the foregoing classes:
 - 29er class must have a skipper who is under 21 years of age and a crew who is under 25 years of age by the first day of scheduled racing at the event;
 - Club 420, ILCA 4, ILCA 6, and RS Feva competitors must be under 21 years of age by the first day of scheduled racing at the event;
 - Optimist competitors must be under 16 years of age by December 31, 2026.
- 4.3. Boats may enter the event by registering online at abyc.ca/regatta/m49WMQraTz and submitting the required fee. If unable to access online registration, please email SeahorseRegatta@abyc.ca.

- 4.4. At the time of registration, the class and fleet (if applicable) in which racers will compete must be specified:
- 29er: Racers should be members of the Canadian 29er association.
 - Club 420
 - Club 420 racers must indicate whether they will compete in the Championship Fleet or the Green Fleet (see NoR11.3 for additional Green Fleet information). Note that for Green Fleet: at least one of the boat's competitors must not have competed in the Club 420 class at other regattas, unless no Green Fleet was offered.
 - ILCA: Racers must indicate whether they will compete in the ILCA 4 or ILCA 6 class.
 - Optimist
 - Optimist racers must indicate whether they will compete in the Championship Fleet or Green Fleet (see NoR11.3 for additional Green Fleet information).
 - Championship Fleet competitors will automatically be placed in Red, Blue or White fleets based on their date of birth as follows:
 - Red fleet competitors must have reached the age of 13 by the first day of scheduled racing at the event and are not older than 15 years of age as of December 31st of the year of the event;
 - Blue fleet competitors must have reached the age of 11 by the first day of scheduled racing at the event and are younger than 13 years of age as of the first day of scheduled racing at the event;
 - White fleet competitors must be younger than the age of 11 by the first day of scheduled racing at the event.
 - Green Fleet competitors must not have competed in Red, Blue or White Optimist fleets at other regattas, unless no Green Fleet was offered.
 - RS Feva: Racers can only compete in Green Fleet (see NoR11.3 for additional Green Fleet information).
- 4.5. As a condition of registration, the following shall be agreed to via separate e-signature:
- The [2026 Sail Central at ABYC Seahorse Regatta Waiver and Release](#)
 - The [Sail Canada Code of Conduct](#) and all policies that are part of the [Sail Canada Safe Sport Policy Package](#)
 - The Ontario Sailing Concussion Code of Conduct (for [athletes](#) or [coaches](#)). The Code of Conduct asks competitors and coaches to confirm that they and their guardian (if applicable) have read the Ministry Approved Concussion Awareness Resource – found at <https://ontariosailing.ca/concussion-information/>
- 4.6. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements (including e-signatures) and pay all fees.
- 4.7. The Organizing Authority may, at its discretion, refuse an entry where it considers the entrant's participation to be a safety risk. In this situation, fees will be fully refunded.
- 4.8. If five paid entries are not received by Saturday, July 4, 2026, 2359 PT, in any of the regatta classes, the class may be cancelled at the discretion of the Organizing Authority. Affected entries will be refunded in full or may transfer to another class for which they are eligible.
- 4.9. Registrations will not be accepted after July 9, 2026, 1400 PT.

5. FEES

- 5.1. **Competitor and Coach fees** include the Sail Canada clinic (July 10), the Sail Canada regatta fee, on-the-water snacks (both race days), a BBQ dinner (July 11) and boat parking (note that coach boats may need to be rafted/overnight mooring may be required). The first 150 registered participants (competitors or coaches) will receive a regatta souvenir. The entry fee is determined by the date and time the completed entry and payment are received.

- 5.2. Entry fees are as follows and each is subject to HST:

Fleet	Early Entry Fee (ends June 21, 2026, 2359 PT)	Standard Fee (June 22 – July 3, 2026, 2359 PT)	Late Entry Fee (July 4 – July 9, 2026, 1359 PT)
Singlehanded (Optimist Championship, ILCA 4 or ILCA 6)	\$171	\$189	\$214
Doublehanded (29er or Club 420 Championship - per boat)	\$298	\$331	\$374
Green Fleet – Optimist	\$171	\$189	\$189 *
Green Fleet – Club 420 or RS Feva (per boat)	\$298	\$331	\$331 *
Coach	\$75	\$80	\$85

* Effective July 4, 2026, 0000 PT, Green Fleet registration will not be transferable, i.e. Green Fleet registrants (see NoR11.3) cannot switch to the Championship Fleet beginning July 4, 2026.

- 5.3. **Refunds:** Until June 21, 2026, 2359 PT, fees paid for an entry withdrawn will be refunded, less \$50 for ILCA/Opti/Coach or less \$100 for 29er/Club 420 (per boat). Between June 22 and July 3, 2026, 2359 PT, fees paid for an entry withdrawn will be refunded 50%. No refunds will be provided on or after July 4, 2026, 0000 PT, except as provided by NoR4.8.

6. ADVERTISING

- 6.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.
- 6.2. By participating in the event, competitors automatically consent to any photograph or video taken of themselves and/or the boat they are sailing during the event for unlimited use in ABYC marketing, promotional, public relations and/or editorial use, and waive the right to seek compensation for any use whatsoever and in perpetuity.

7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1. Detailed Schedule:

Date	Time (all times ET)	Description
Jul 8 – 9		Practice – with permission from the Regatta Chair*
Jul 9	1630 – 1800 **	Boat Drop-Off
Jul 10	0730 – 1800 **	Boat Drop-Off
	0830 – 0930	Clinic Registration
	0930 – 1600	Sail Canada Clinic
	1600 – 1630	Opening Ceremony
	1630 – 1800	Regatta Registration
Jul 11	0730 – 0900 **	Boat Drop-Off
	0800 – 0900	Regatta Registration
	0915	Coaches' Meeting + Check-Out/Snack Pick-Up
	1100	First Warning Signal
	After Racing	Competitor Check-In + BBQ Dinner
Jul 12	0915	Coaches' Meeting Check-Out/Snack Pick-Up
	1100	First Warning Signal
	1500	No Warning Signal after this time.
	After Racing	Competitor Check-In + Awards Ceremony

* Limited practice spots are available at ABYC on a first-come, first-served basis. Please contact SeahorseRegatta@abyc.ca no later than July 7, 2026 for terms and conditions and to reserve.

** Boats may be dropped off earlier by requesting permission to the Organizing Authority at SeahorseRegatta@abyc.ca no later than July 7, 2026.

7.2. Number of races:

Fleet	Scheduled for Event	Scheduled Per Day
29er	8	4
Club 420	6	3
Club 420/RS Feva Green	n/a	n/a
ILCA 4, 6	6	3
Optimist Championship	6	3
Optimist Green	n/a	n/a

7.3. The race committee may run one extra race on a day provided that they do not get more than one race ahead of the daily schedule and do not exceed the number of races scheduled for the event.

8. EQUIPMENT & CREW

- 8.1. Sail Numbers: Competitors are reminded that boats are expected to comply with class rules. There should be no duplicate sail numbers within each fleet and ILCA sail numbers should match the hull number. **It is the responsibility of the competitor to ensure that their sail number is unique and finalized no later than July 10, 2026, 1800 ET**, otherwise a scoring penalty may be assessed.
- 8.2. Boats may be inspected (including measurement checks) at any time at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 8.3. Entrants in double-handed classes may change one of their crew members. The Organizing Authority must be notified [via the ONB](#), and substitute crew members are required to satisfy registration and eligibility requirements prior to launch.

9. VENUE

The regatta is hosted by [Ashbridge's Bay Yacht Club](#) (ABYC) and racing will take place in Lake Ontario. Parking will be available to all registered coaches (one vehicle per coach) and other spots may be available. Paid parking is available just outside the club gates.

10. COURSE

Optimist Championship fleet will run on either an IODA trapezoid course or a windward-leeward; all other fleets will be windward-leeward. The Green fleets may sail other course configurations. Note: it is expected that there will be three (3) separate courses: Alpha (ILCA 4, ILCA 6, 29er); Bravo (Optimist Championship, Club 420 Championship); Green (Opti Green, Club 420 Green, RS Feva).

11. SCORING AND RESULTS

- 11.1. One completed race constitutes the regatta.
- 11.2. Competitive fleets:
- When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - When from 4 to 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - When 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 11.3. **Green Fleet:** this is a recreational class for developing sailors and casual competition. Raw finishes for each race will be posted on the ONB; however, the series **will not be scored**.
- 11.4. Results will be available online only at abyc.ca/regatta/m49WMQraTz – they will not be posted onsite.

12. COACHES AND COACH/SUPPORT BOATS

All athletes must provide their own coaching support, and coaches must register online at abyc.ca/regatta/m49WMQraTz by the deadline (NoR4.9). Those athletes who do not have a registered coach by the deadline to register, may be refused participation and their fees may be refunded (per NoR5.3). Coaches must identify if they are coaching clubs other than their own (during their registration).

Coach/support boats shall be equipped with an engine kill cord or equivalent mechanism. Coaches and support boat operators shall wear a personal flotation device and kill cord (or equivalent) at all times on the water. Coaches will be given an identifying flag which must always be displayed on their boat.

13. BERTHING, CAMPING AND VISITING KEELBOATS

- 13.1. Coach boats, dinghies, and boat trailers must be kept in their assigned areas, and all competitors and coaches must respect ABYC member's boats. No wake is permitted in the harbour.
- 13.2. Camping will be offered at Ashbridge's Bay Yacht Club at no charge on a first-come, first-served basis from July 9 to July 12 inclusive. To enquire or arrange a camping spot (limited availability), please email SeahorseRegatta@abyc.ca.
- 13.3. All visiting keelboats must have a reservation. If you are planning on using a visitor's dock at ABYC during the regatta, please visit <https://abyc.ca/visitor-registration-page> to see if your club is listed and book your spot as soon as possible since space is limited.

14. RISK STATEMENT AND DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race which 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. The Organizing Authority and all other individuals and entities involved in the organization of this regatta accept no liability whatsoever for any illness/injury/death, damage, or loss, whether personal or material, sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.

15. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of C\$1,000,000 per incident or the equivalent. The Organizing Authority does not accept any responsibility for verifying that a competitor is insured.

16. PRIZES

- 16.1. Sail Canada Regional Championship awards presented by Sail Canada and Helly Hansen to the top three boats in each competitive class.
- 16.2. Up to three Seahorse Regatta awards per scored class and division as well as top female.
- 16.3. Seahorse Regatta participation awards for all Green Fleet competitors (Optimist, Club 420, and RS Feva).
- 16.4. Additional prizes may be awarded.

17. CLEAN REGATTA

We wish to reduce the proliferation of single-use plastic water bottles. Competitors are asked to bring at least one refillable water bottle – water filling stations will be available onsite. All coach/support boats and race committee boats will accept trash on the water.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

To request additional information, please email SeahorseRegatta@abyc.ca.