



AEL DYC Opening Regatta May 30th and 31st, 2026 Notice of Race (NOR) Issued April 26, 2026

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) This regatta 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. [NP] c) If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence. [NP]
2. Organizing Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Dartmouth Yacht Club is the organizing authority for this regatta.
3. Sailing Instructions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Sailing Instructions will be available on-line at dartmouthyachtclub.ca/sailboat-racing May 27th, 2026.
4. Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The official notice board is located in the DYC clubhouse. b) On the water, the race officer may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF channel 68. [NP] c) 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 relevant to the races and shall not receive voice or data communication relevant to the races that is not available to all boats. [NP]
5. Registration and Fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Registration may be online at dartmouthyachtclub.ca/sailboat-racing or in person at Dartmouth Yacht Club between 1000 and 1100 Saturday, May 30, 2026. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Registration for the two-day regatta is \$40 prior to Noon, May 25th and \$50 thereafter.
6. Eligibility and Entry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Open to all yachts that hold a current Sail Nova Scotia PHRF certificate. b) Classes must have a minimum of four entries to be considered their own class unless otherwise decided by the OA.

<p>7. Schedule</p>	<p>Saturday, May 30th, Day 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Registration online before the first day of the event or from 1000 to 1100 at DYC. b) Competitors' Meeting 1100 Saturday May 30th. c) Initial warning signal 1200 d) The maximum number of races for one design and vessels sailing in spinnaker classes shall not exceed 5, and vessels in non-spin classes shall not exceed 4 over the two days. e) Saturday First Day Results and awards 1730 f) Music, Food and Drinks for purchase 1630 to 1930 <p><i>*All Regatta skippers and crew are invited to stay for DYC's Opening Weekend Party and live music, at no charge, which begins at 2000.</i></p> <p>Sunday, May 31st, Day 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> g) Informal get together at DYC 1100 h) Initial warning signal 1200 i) Overall Results and Awards 1630
<p>8. Handicap and Class Splits</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Sail NS PHRF-NS handicap shall be used. [NP] b) Sail NS PHRF handicaps can be obtained through the Sail NS website at https://www.sailnovascotiaydb.ca/yacht/add c) Fleet splits will be made at the discretion of the Organizing Authority and posted no later than the end of the Competitors' Meeting. [NP] d) The RC reserves the right to adjust splits as necessary depending on number of boats and PHRF spreads. The fleet split intentions are as follows. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Spin classes. (A&B) ➤ White sail classes (C&D) ➤ One design classes. e) PHRF splits will be determined after registration, a minimum of four boats must be registered to comprise a class for any PHRF splits.
<p>9. Venue and Courses</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The races will be sailed in and around the waters of Bedford Basin. b) Starts will be from the DYC race committee boat.
<p>10. Penalty System</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty, except when the incident occurs in the zone where the penalty is a Two-Turns Penalty.

11. Scoring	a) The races shall be scored in accordance with Appendix A 5.3 of the RRS.
12. Results	a) Results will be posted in the DYC clubhouse by the Race Committee following racing once the Race Committee Boat returns to shore and tabulates the results.
13. Prizes	a) Prizes will be awarded following racing on day 1. b) Prizes for the overall results will be presented following the completion of racing on day 2.
14. Insurance	a) All vessels shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1,000,000 per event or the equivalent. DYC member owned yachts are subject to the insurance coverage and proof of insurance requirements as provided in the DYC bylaws and policies. b) Proof of insurance for visiting yachts must be provided either at registration or emailed to raceofficer@dartmouthyachtclub.ca
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. [NP]
16. 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