



2026 29er North American Championships
Royal Canadian Yacht Club (RCYC) – Organizing Authority
August 19-23, 2026
Toronto, Canada

NOTICE OF RACE (NOR)
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The notation [NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed to read “if it is from a boat that alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31, but she was neither involved in it nor saw the incident”.
- 1.3 Appendix T shall apply.
- 1.4 Rule 40.1 concerning personal flotation devices shall apply at all times. Code flag Y need not be displayed.
- 1.5 The Class Rules will apply except for any that are altered by the Notice of Race. The Class Race Management Guidelines will also apply, but failure to follow these Guidelines is not grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).
https://29er.org/images/29er_Race_Management/29er_Race_Management_Guidelines-201904.pdf.
- 1.6 International 29er Class Rule C.10.3(a)(vi), concerning all-women teams carrying a red rhombus shape on their mainsail, shall not apply.
- 1.7 Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, shall apply, with RRS P2.1 to P2.3 deleted and replaced by:
 - P2.1 First and Second Penalty
When a boat is penalized under rule P1.2 for the first or second time during the event, her penalty shall be a One-Turn Penalty under rule 44.2. If she fails to take the penalty she shall be disqualified without a hearing.
 - P2.2 Third and Subsequent Penalties
When a boat is penalized a third or subsequent time during the event, she shall promptly retire. If she fails to do so, she shall be disqualified without a hearing and her score shall not be excluded.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be on the official notice board located online at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/V2cq8iZyiW> by 1200 Monday, August 17, 2026.

- 2.2 Amendments to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/V2cq8iZyiW>
- 3.2 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to support persons on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 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 The event is open to all boats of the International 29er Class, subject to all conditions stated in this NoR and all entry requirements.
- 4.2 All competitors shall be current members of the Canadian 29er class association or their home country's class association.
- 4.3 Each competitor under 18 years of age must submit a completed Parent/Guardian Declaration prior to racing.
- 4.4 All eligible boats must register ONLINE at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/V2cq8iZyiW> by Monday, August 17, 2026 unless extended by the Organizing Authority.
- 4.5 To be considered an entry to the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

5 FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee is CDN \$450.
- 5.2 The entry fee includes, at a minimum, access to the RCYC Island facilities, berthing during the event, racing, entry to social events, trailer storage and awards.
- 5.3 Cancellations received before Monday, August 17, 2026, are eligible for a full refund less a processing fee of \$25. Cancellations received from Tuesday, August 18, 2026, onward will be handled on a case-by-case basis.
- 5.4 Coaches' registration is \$150 (dinner on Saturday night).
- 5.5 [DP] Coaches will be provided with an identifying flag, which they must always display on their coach boat while on the water. Flags must be returned by the prize giving on the last day of racing.

6 SCHEDULE

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| 6.1 | Wednesday, August 19 | Registration and Inspection | 0900 – 1800 |
| | | Coaches Briefing | 1700 |
| | | Opening Ceremony | 1830 |
| | Thursday, August 20 | Coaches Meeting | 0845 |
| | | First Warning Signal | 1100 |
| | | Subsequent races to follow | |
| | Friday, August 21 | Coaches Meeting | 0845 |

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Saturday, August 22	Coaches Meeting	0845
	Daily First Warning Signal	1100
Sunday, August 23	Coaches Meeting	0845
	Daily First Warning Signal	1100

Prize giving will follow as soon as possible after racing.

6.2 Dates of Racing:

Date	Races per day
August 20, 2026	4
August 21, 2026	4
August 22, 2026	4
August 23, 2026	4

Four races per day are scheduled. One additional race per day may be sailed, provided the event does not become more than one race ahead of schedule.

6.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on each day is 1100.

6.4 On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1500.

7 MEASUREMENT & EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

7.1 Boats may be inspected at any time during the event for compliance with the Class Rules.

8 VENUE

8.1 The event headquarters is in the Sailing Office at the RCYC Island Club. Registration and check-in and out will be at the north end of Annex building at the Dinghy Docks.

8.2 [NP] The racecourse will be located on Lake Ontario, south of Toronto Island. Canadian Hydrographic Service nautical chart 2085 shows the location of the racing area.

8.3 The Race Officer reserves the right to move the racecourse into Toronto Inner Harbour should conditions merit.

9 COURSES AND TARGET TIMES

9.1 The courses to be sailed will be windward/leeward and will be stated in the SIs.

9.2 The race target time will be 30 minutes.

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

11 SCORING

11.1 When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When six (6) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score. This changes Appendix A2.1.

11.2 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

12 BERTHING [NP]

- 12.1 [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while at the RCYC as allocated by the Sailing Office.
- 12.2 [DP] Support vessels shall be kept in their assigned places while at the RCYC as allocated by the Sailing Office.

13 SUPPORT VESSELS [NP]

- 13.1 [DP] Coaches are required to register through the event website at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/V2cq8iZyiW> and pay the appropriate fee as per NoR 5.4.
- 13.2 If code flag “V” is displayed on the signal vessel or otherwise called upon by the Race Committee, support vessels will be required to act as rescue boats.
- 13.3 See Addendum A for Support Vessel Regulations.

14 DATA PROTECTION

- 14.1 Competitors grant, at no cost, the Royal Canadian Yacht Club, the absolute right and permission to use their name, voice, image, likeness, biographical material as well as representations of the boats in any Club related media (including print and internet media), including video footage, for the sole purpose of advertising promoting, reporting, and disseminating information regarding Club events.

15 RISK STATEMENT

- 15.1 RRS 3 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. 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.

16 INSURANCE

- 16.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

17 CHARTER BOATS

- 17.1 A limited number of charter boats are available. For details, please see the “information to competitors” section at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/V2cq8iZyiW>.

18 PRIZES

- 18.1 Prizes will be given as follows:
- Awards will be given to both skipper and crew of the top three boats, the top three all-female boats, and the top junior boat (both skipper and crew under 17 years of age on December 31, 2026).
 - The top boat (both skipper and crew) will be awarded the 2026 29er North American Champion title.

19 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 19.1 For further information, please contact the RCYC Sailing Office at

racecommittee@rcyc.ca. For general information on the RCYC, please visit the Club's website at <https://rcyc.ca/> or call 416.967.7245.

ADDENDUM A

29er SUPPORT VESSEL REGULATIONS

Support Vessels shall carry the following Equipment on board,

- Life jackets/buoyancy aids for the driver and all passengers,
- Engine kill cord (also known as a safety lanyard or automatic engine immobilizer) with a spare kill cord on the support boat
- VHF radio capable of receiving instructions from the Race Committee
- First-aid kit
- Device for making a sound signal
- Compass
- Adequate anchor and tackle for conditions and depth
- Tow rope (minimum 15m long and 10mm thick)
- Knife

Support Vessel Regulations

- Support Vessels shall be registered with the Organizing Authority and shall be marked with their applicable national sail letters clearly displayed; the minimum height for these letters is 200mm.
- Support Vessels shall comply with all local regulations.
- Support Vessels shall follow instructions from the Race Committee or Judges on the designated VHF channel or in person.
- Kill cords shall be worn at all times when the engine is running.
- Life jackets/buoyancy aids – It is recommended that they are worn at all times when afloat and shall be worn in winds of over 10 knots or when motoring at more than 10 knots.
- Support vessels shall not be positioned, except during rescue operations:
 - Closer than 100 meters of any boat racing.
 - Within 100 meters of the starting line and its extensions from the warning signal until all boats have left the starting area.
 - Within 100 meters of any mark of the course while boats are in the vicinity of that mark.
 - Within 100 meters of the finishing line while boats are finishing.
 - In addition, support vessels that are motoring above 5 knots shall remain at least 150 meters from any boat racing.

Other information not a part of the NOR

RCYC Emergency Information

Accident on the water

- Toronto Marine Services – 416.808.5800
- Race Officer – Signal Boat monitors VHF channel 16 and the regatta VHF Channel.
- RCYC Sailing Office monitors VHF channel 09. Accident on the Island.
- Call 911 – RCYC Island address is 2 Chippewa Ave, Toronto Island.
- Send someone to meet emergency services at the Snug Island back Gate.
- RCYC Sailing Office Monitor VHF Channel 09.

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