



Convoy Cup Coastal Races Aug 29, 2026

Sailing Instructions (SIs) Issued 25 August 2026

1. Rules	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. 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. Recommended equipment	In addition to the equipment required by Transport Canada the following equipment/procedures are recommended: a) Jacklines comprised of wire or webbing, affixed to the yacht and ready for use. b) Safety harnesses available for all crew members on deck after dark. c) Parts to facilitate repairs to rigging and/or vessel if necessary. d) Lifejackets when on deck.
3. Organizing Authority	a) The Dartmouth Yacht Club is the organizing authority for this regatta.
4. Sailing Instructions and changes to SIs	a) The Sailing Instructions will be available on-line at https://www.dartmouthyachtclub.ca/dyc-racing at least one week prior to the event. b) Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted and announced at the Competitors’ meeting, posted on Club Spot and announced on VHF Ch 68.
5. Signals made ashore	a) Signals made ashore will be displayed from the club’s flagpole.
6. Communications with competitors	a) The official notice board is located in the DYC clubhouse. b) Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the DYC clubhouse and on Club Spot. c) The race office is located in the boardroom in the main clubhouse, email: raceofficer@dartmouthyachtclub.ca. d) On the water, the Race Committee (the “RC”) intends to monitor and make courtesy broadcasts and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 68. e) An operational VHF radio is required; all RC notices will be broadcast over channel 68 VHF with corresponding visual and sound aids. A failure by the RC to broadcast over channel 68 shall not result in redress. This alters RRS 41. f) 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.
7. Schedule of Races	a) Schedule: Races will commence on Saturday, August 29th, 2026. b) 09:45 – 10:00hrs Saturday, August 29th skippers briefing (DYC) c) 09:00 Saturday, August 29th Late Registration (DYC)

	d) 09:30hrs -09:45 hrs. Competitor meeting and sail past briefing e) 1245 - Saturday, August 29th Warning signal for 50 n/m Coastal Distance Race f) 1250 – Saturday August 29th Warning signal for the 25 n/m Coastal Race g) 17:30 -1900 Sunday, August 30th Dinner and Awards presentation (DYC)
8. Handicaps and class splits	a) There will be a 50 Nm. “A” Fleet, and a 50 Nm. “B”, with the splits determined at registration. Spin and NonSpin to be declared at registration with corresponding handicaps assigned. b) There will be a single 25 Nm Fleet. Spin and NonSpin to be declared at registration with corresponding handicaps assigned. c) This changes the splits specified in the NOR section 8.
9. Race Marks	a) Navigation marks Pleasant Shoal (H19), Ives Knoll West (H22) and Ives Knoll North (HT2) shall be honoured in a customary manner both when leaving and entering Halifax Harbour. b) The area known as the Sambro Ledges as defined by the lines on a chart connecting navigation aids Ketch Harbour (HE19), Sisters (HD3), Sambro Harbour (HS), Smithson Rock (HE2), Thrumcap Rock (HE3) shall be considered out of bounds. Any yacht found to have entered this area shall be disqualified from the race
10. Starts	a) Race will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal given 1 minute before the 5-minute starting signal sequence. b) The Start line will be between the RC flag staff on the wharf next to HMCS Sackville and a floating yellow mark. c) Coast Guard Vessel Hare Bay will be the Ceremonial Start Vessel and will be anchored at an extension of the start line. Coast Guard Vessel Hare Bay is not part of the start line. d) The 50 n/m fleet will start under the code flag Alpha and the 25 n/m fleet will start under the code flag Bravo. e) Rule 30.1 I Flag Rule will be in effect.
11. Position Reporting Prior to Finishing	1) For the 50 Nm Race To assist the RC in accurate scoring, yachts are required to call the Race Committee by cellular phone, to report as they pass Ives Knoll West (H22) 2) For the 25 NM Race To assist the RC in accurate scoring, yachts are required to call the Race Committee by cellular phone, to report as they pass under the MacKay Bridge. The number at which the race committee can be contacted will be provided at the Skipper’s Meeting. Primary number (RC cell number (1-902-410-9367)
12.	a) The 50 Nm race shall finish at a line between the dock near the stern of the Sackville and a transit line established by the Race Committee from their position on the dock. b) Upon crossing the finish line each yacht shall identify herself to the committee and should make every effort to illuminate distinguishing sail numbers when finishing after dark. c) If the Race Committee is on station and has recorded the finish time, the official time will be that taken by the Race Committee.

	d) The 25 Nm race shall finish in Bedford Basin, at a line between the committee boat, in it's typical location, and H11 at the western end of Navy Island.
13. Time Limits	Time limits are as follows: a) For the 50 n/m race Sunday Aug 30 th , 04:00 hrs b) For the 25 n/m race Saturday August 29 th , 21:00hrs. c) Race Committee displays N over A (racing done for the day.)
14. Protests and Hearings	a) Protest forms are available at the office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit. b) For each class, the protest time limit is 1 hour after the last boat has finished, or when the time limit has expired. This alters RRS 61.3. c) Protest forms are also available online at https://www.dartmouthyachtclub.ca/sites/default/files/protestform.pdf
15. Retirement	a) A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible
16. Radio Communications	a) Prior to the start all yachts will check into the starting area using VHF channel 68. (Informing RC of Number of crew onboard) b) During the start communications between the racing fleet and the race committee will be VHF channel 68. Neither failure of the Race Committee to make a broadcast nor failure of the yacht to receive a broadcast will be grounds for redress. c) Each yacht will maintain a continuous watch on VHF channel 16, 14 or 12, as required, from 10 minutes after her start until the end of the race.
17. Interference with shipping	a) Any boats which interfere with the orderly passage of naval or commercial shipping may be subject to disqualification from the race. Such disqualification shall be reported to SAIL NOVA SCOTIA and may result in further disciplinary action, including denial of entry into future events. b) Engines may be used in an emergency. c) Details of the emergency must be reported to the Race Committee immediately after the race. This alters RRS 42
18. Scoring	a) As per NOR section 11. b) The scoring system is as follows: Low point system as per RRS shall be used for this race. c) PHRF NS ratings and the time-on-time handicaps system shall be used to calculate results.
19. Insurance and Risk Statement and Release of Liability	a) Insurance requirements as per Section 14 of the NOR. b) Risk statement and Release of Liability as per section 15 of the NOR.
20. Additional information	d) Additional information may be provided via the DYC website www.dartmouthyachtclub.ca or DYC email blasts. e) For further information please contact the Rear Commodore at rearcommodore@dartmouthyachtclub.ca or the Race Officer at raceofficer@dartmouthyachtclub.ca