



**2026 Royal Weekend
(Including the Albacore Canadians under a
separate NOR)
Royal Canadian Yacht Club (RCYC) – Organizing Authority
September 4-6, 2026
Toronto, Canada**

NOTICE OF RACE (NOR)

Amendment #1 – August 11, 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.*

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 as follows: “if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was neither involved in, nor saw the incident, or”.
- 1.3 Appendix T, Arbitration will apply.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available after 1600 Thursday, September 3, 2026 on the official notice board: <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/Q0vd4md3PH>.
- 2.2 The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions (SSIs), and supplementary sailing instructions that will be on the official notice board, located at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/Q0vd4md3PH>.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board is located at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/Q0vd4md3PH>.
- 3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on standard Canadian marine channels.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SSIs.
- 3.4 [DP] While racing, 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 with a valid PHRF-LO certificate or as a member of a recognized one-design class. Expected one design classes include are not limited to, J/80, J/105, 8mR, Shark, International 14, and VX One. Additional classes may be formed based on registration.
- 4.2 A minimum of five (5) boats must be registered for an individual-designated start.
- 4.3 The OA reserves the right to keep like-boats together, even if this action overrides one or more boats' separation by rating. In the event of an assignment of a boat to a class outside its rating band, the owner shall be notified by email.
- 4.4 Boats may enter the event by registering online at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/Q0vd4md3PH> by 1200 Thursday, September 3, 2026.
- 4.5 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

5 FEES

- 5.1 Entry fees are as follows (fees do not include HST):

Class	Entry Fee
Rally	\$50.00+ HST (no dinner/drink tickets included)
Shark	\$165.00 + HST (3 competitors x \$55 per dinner/drink)
VX One	\$110.00 + HST (2 competitors x \$55 per dinner/drink)
8mR	\$325.00 + HST (6 competitors x \$55 per dinner/drink)
PHRF	\$275.00 + HST (5 competitors x \$55 per dinner/drink)
International 14	\$110.00 + HST (2 competitors x \$55 per dinner/drink)

- 5.2 Other fees: Saturday Dinner tickets for regatta participants are included for each class, except the Royal Rally: Shark (3), VX One (2), 8mR (6), PHRF (5), and International 14 (2). Additional tickets may be purchased in advance on the event website (<https://theclubspot.com/regatta/Q0vd4md3PH>) or at the time of registration for \$55.00+ HST. Online purchase will close with registration. Limited day-of sales will be available.
- 5.3 Cancellations received prior to Thursday, Sept 3, 2026, are eligible for a full refund, less a processing fee of \$25. All other cancellations will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

9 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 9.1 Wristband collection:

Date	Start	End
September 4	1800	2000
September 5	0800	1000
September 5	1600	1730

- 9.3 Dates of racing:

Date	
September 5	All classes
September 6	Rally

- 9.4 Number of races:

Class	Number	Races per day Scheduled	Races per day Maximum
Shark	4	4 on Saturday	4
VX One	5	5 on Saturday	5
8mRs	3	3 on Saturday	3
All other classes	4	4 on Saturday	4
Rally	1	1 on Sunday	1

- 9.5 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on Saturday is 1100. The scheduled time for the Rally on Sunday is 1330.
- 9.6 On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1530.

10 VENUE

- 10.1 The event headquarters is located at the Royal Canadian Yacht Club's Sailing Office, located on Toronto Island.
- 10.2 Racing will occur on Lake Ontario, south of Toronto Island, and in Toronto Harbour.

11 COURSES

- 11.1 The courses to be sailed and their specific locations will be provided in the SSIs.
- 11.2 The marks used will be inflatable marks.

12 SCORING

- 12.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.2 For all classes:
- (a) When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - (b) When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst scores.
- This changes RRS A2.1.

13 BERTHING

- 13.1 [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned slips.

14 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 14.1 [DP] Keelboats shall not be hauled out during the event, except with an according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

15 DATA PROTECTION

- 15.1 Competitors grant, at no cost, RCYC 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 purposes of advertising, promoting, reporting and disseminating information regarding Club events.

16 RISK STATEMENT

- 16.1 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.**

17 [NP] INSURANCE

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

18 PRIZES

- 18.1 Prizes will be given to boats placing first, second, and third in each class.
- 18.2 Other annually awarded trophies are:
- 8mR – The Harbour Castle Hilton Bowl (awarded to the Classic 8mR winner Royal Weekend)
 - 8mR – The Hiram Walker Trophy (winner Modern Division Royal Weekend)
 - 8mR – The Mackinaw Cup (winner 8mR Classics, Club Championship)
 - 8mR – The Gordon F.R. Norton Bowl (winner, Modern Division, Club Championship)
 - I14 – Itchenor Tray– Crew (Awarded to the Crew)
 - I14 – Itchenor Tray – Skipper (Awarded to the Skipper)
 - I14 – The Norman R. Gooderham Memorial Trophy
 - J/105 – Royal Week North Sails Plaque ROYAL plaque
 - Albacore - John Geike Trophy
 - Albacore - Beefeater Trophy
 - Albacore - Hiram Walker Builders Trophy
- The Queen's Cup, awarded occasionally to a yacht sailed in an outstanding manner.
- Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

25 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 25.1 For further information, please contact the RCYC Sailing Office at sailing@rcyc.ca. For general information on the RCYC, please visit the Club's website at <https://rcyc.ca/> or call 416.967.7245.
- The Royal Canadian Yacht Club
150 Cherry Street
Toronto, Ontario
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Other Information, not part of the NOR

RCYC Emergency Information

Accident on the water

- Toronto Marine Services – 416.808.5800
- Race Officer – Signal Boat monitors 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.