



Bedford Basin Yacht Club
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NOTICE OF RACE ARK REGATTA 2026

Sat, July 11 and Sun, July 12 , 2026

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Organizing Authority: Bedford Basin Yacht Club

All participants hereinafter defined as competitors, coaches, officials, staff and volunteers are advised that the Sail Canada Safe Sport Policy Package is in effect for this regatta.

1 Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)2025-2028 and the special prescriptions of Sail Canada 2025-2028.*
- 1.2 The Sail Canada Code of Conduct applies to athletes and support persons, such as coaches and parents, at all times and infractions will be subject to action by the protest committee.
- 1.3 The Regatta will be subject to any COVID-related regulations of the Province of Nova Scotia that are in effect at the time and infractions may result in administrative dismissal from the BBYC grounds or the field of play without reference to the protest committee.
- 1.4 Racing Rules will be changed as follows:
 - 1.4.1 Rule 40.1 applies at all times while afloat.
 - 1.4.2 The Sailing Instructions will amend Rules 41 and 90.2(c) for the Green Fleet.

2 Sailing Instructions

SIs will be online [here](#) no later than midnight **July 10th 2026**. Competitors are reminded to secure the SIs for the fleets and courses on which they sail.

3 Communication

- 3.1 The official notice board will be online only, located [here](#).



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- 3.2 Coach boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 69, 71, and 72 so they are available for emergency situations.

4 Eligibility, Entry, and Fees

- 4.1 The Regatta is open to eligible participants in the following classes provided a minimum of five paid registrations are received by July 10, 2026. If five paid entries are not received, entries will be refunded in full or entrants may transfer to another class for which they are eligible:
- International 420
 - Club 420
 - ILCA 7 (Laser Standard)
 - ILCA 6 (Laser Radial)
 - ILCA 4 (Laser 4.7)
 - Optimist
 - 29er
 - 49er
 - Waszp
 - Green Fleets (Recreational racing, not scored)
 - Optimist
 - Club 420
- 4.2 The Regatta is open to eligible Sail Able class participants, regardless of the number of registrants.
- 4.3 Competitors shall register online [here](#). On-site registration is not available but there will be an area to sign in as well as get information. **All information required must be received electronically by 9.30 am on Saturday July 11, 2026**
- 4.4 Coaches shall register with the Organizing Authority (OA) online [here](#). Coaches shall email the names and sail numbers of the competitors they are coaching, contact information during the event, and signed acceptance of Sail Canada's Coaches Code of Conduct to ark@bbyc.ca. The Coaches Code of Conduct is located [here](#).
- 4.5 Fees for competitors are:

Online prior to 2400 hrs. July 4th, 2026:

Single Handed Dinghies	\$160 per boat
Single Handed Dinghies Green Fleet	\$145 per boat
Double Handed Dinghies	\$215 per boat
Double Handed Dinghies Green Fleet	\$190 per boat

Note: There will be an increased fee for those registering after midnight July 4st.

- 4.6 Fees include provision of the following:



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- 4.6.1 Lunch and snacks both mornings and a regatta t-shirt (every attempt will be made to accommodate however regatta shirt sizes and availability may be limited for those registering or checking in later.)
- 4.6.2 Food will be handed out at the sign-in area each morning where competitors will be able to choose from bagels, muffins, fruits, granola bars, juices, etc. The OA recommends that coaches or parents handle on-water storage and delivery of the lunches. Competitors, coaches and parents should bring their own refillable water bottles. Water bottle fill stations will be provided on the grounds of BBYC and in coach boats.
- 4.6.3 The famed **ARK Lasagna Dinner** will be again back this year on Saturday which is included in your registration as well as a Hamburger and Hotdog Barbeque on Sunday evening for a nominal fee to support junior sailing.
- 4.7 Meeting special dietary needs is the responsibility of competitors, their coaches and/or parents. BBYC will endeavor to ensure its offered food program will be nut-free.

5 Schedule

- 5.1 The schedule is as follows:

Sunday July 5	Midnight ADT 1200 hours	Early registration ends BBYC Site Available for boat storage and practice.
Friday July 10	Midnight ADT	Cut-off date for the minimum of 5 paid on-line registrations required for a class to be eligible
Friday July 10 Saturday July 11	1600-1900 hours 0800 – 0950 hours 1000 hours 1015 hours 1100 hours	Sign-in at BBYC Sign-in at BBYC Alpha & Bravo Fleet Competitors/Coaches Meeting Green Fleet Competitors/Coaches Meeting First warning signal
Sunday July 12	0800 – 0950 hours 1100 hours After racing	Sign-in at BBYC First warning signal Award Presentations

- 5.2 No initial warning signal will be made after 1500 hours on Sunday July 12, 2026.

6 Venue

- 6.1 Open 49er and 29er, Waszp, International 420, Club 420, Laser, Laser Radial, Laser 4.7, and Optimist fleets are scheduled to race on the Bedford Basin.
- 6.2 Green fleets will race in Bedford Bay.



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7 Penalty System

- 7.1 For the 29er and 49er and Waszp classes, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the two-turn penalty is replaced by the one-turn penalty.

8 Scoring

- 8.1 One race is required to constitute a series.
- 8.2 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of its race scores.
- 8.3 When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of its race scores excluding its worst score.
- 8.4 There will be a maximum of 10 races.
- 8.5 Green Fleet racing is a recreational event for developing sailors and casual competition. Neither races nor the series will be scored. There is no maximum number of races. The race committee may post raw race finishes as an aid to the coaches.

9 Support Person Vessels

Support person vessels shall be marked.

10 Risk Statement

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.

11 Insurance

It is the competitor's responsibility to have adequate third-party liability coverage in effect for the duration of the event. Insurance will not be checked at registration. Participation in the event is the competitors' or competitors' parent's confirmation of having such insurance in place.

12 Prizes

Prizes will be awarded to all skippers and crew as follows:

Class	Category	Prizes
Optimist	Green Fleet	Participation token for all
Club 420	Green Fleet	Participation token for all



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Optimist	Open	Awards for 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd
International 420	Open	Awards for 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd
Club 420	Open	Awards for 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd
ILCA 7	Open	Awards for 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd
ILCA6	Open	Awards for 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd
ILCA4	Open	Awards for 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd
29er and 49er	Open	Awards for 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd ,
Waszp	Open	Awards for 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd

13 Rights to Use Name and Likeness

In participating in an event, a competitor or coach automatically grants the OA and the sponsors of the event, the right in perpetuity, to make, use, and show from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures, and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition in the events in which the competitor or coach participates, and in all material related to the event without compensation.