



Royal Hamilton Yacht Club and Burlington Sailing and Boating Club

Organizing Authority: Royal Hamilton Yacht Club (RHYC)

Bill Cheek Memorial Regatta

Saturday, October 10, 2026

Notice of Race

1. RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the "rules" as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 (RRS); the PHRF Rules; this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, except as any of these are changed by the Sailing Instructions.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRIES

- 2.1 The regatta is open to boats owned or chartered by members in good standing of RHYC, with an RHYC member in good standing aboard while racing, or any other Sail Canada affiliated club with a member of the affiliated club aboard while racing.
- 2.2 Boats possessing a valid PHRF-LO certificate will be assigned start times based on their certified rating. Centreboard, multi-hull and boats without a valid PHRF-LO certificate will be assigned a handicap rating at the discretion of the Organizing Authority including a 6 second penalty, and that rating will be used to assign their start times.

3. REGISTRATION

- 3.1 Registrations will be accepted exclusively online at [2026 Bill Cheek Turkey Regatta Event Page](#)
- 3.2 Entry fee is \$25 (including HST) until midnight EDT on Thursday Oct 8, 2026.
- 3.3 Registrations after midnight Thursday October 8th, 2026 will be accepted on a best-effort basis at the discretion of the regatta chair, subject to logistical considerations i.e. handicap rating assignment.

4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1 The Regatta will be a pursuit race format with the highest PHRF-LO handicap boat starting first and the lowest handicap boat starting last.
- 4.2 The starting sequence will be posted on the official notice board at RHYC after registration is completed, also will be available at the skippers meeting.
- 4.3 The scheduled time for the warning signal for the first boat(s) to start is 1:25 p.m.

5. SKIPPERS' MEETING

Skipper's meeting will be held on the clubhouse patio at 12:15pm on Saturday, October 10, 2026.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board at the Club, as well as on the club's website.



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7. THE COURSE

7.1 Racing will take place in the waters of Hamilton Harbour. One pursuit format race is scheduled.

7.2 The course to be sailed will be announced on the day of the regatta at the skippers meeting.

8. SCORING

Boats will be scored points equal to their finishing place. The Low Points System of RRS Appendix A will apply.

9. PRIZES AND AWARDS

9.1 Presentation of Prizes and Awards - Saturday afternoon post-race at RHYC Clubhouse.

9.2 Turkeys will be awarded to the first 3 boats in each fleet to sail the course and finish. Chickens will be awarded to all other boats sailing the course and finishing. Please note that all boats registered before midnight EDT on October 8th will receive a prize. Every effort will be made to obtain prizes for boats that register after October 8th, however the availability of prizes cannot be guaranteed.

9.3 The results of any appeal of a protest committee's decision will not cause the prizes to be redistributed.

10. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

11. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of Two Million dollars (\$2,000,000) or the equivalent.

12. CONTACT

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