



THE ROYAL HAMILTON YACHT CLUB.

Established 1888 (Inc.)



Organizing Authority - Royal Hamilton Yacht Club

NOTICE OF RACE

Ontario Martin 16 Provincial Championship

and

John Farrell Regatta

August 22 and 23, 2026

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of Sail Canada will apply.
- 1.3 [DP][NP] RRS 40.1 applies at all times while on the docks and afloat.
- 1.4 Rule G1.1 (b) will not apply. This changes rule 77.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and on line at RHYC.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The official notice board is located on the patio wall at the east end of the main club building.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The Martin 16 class is open to sailors with a disability. Sailors in the Gold fleet may elect to sail with or without a companion. Sailors in the Silver Fleet shall sail with a companion.
- 4.2. The 2.4mR class is open to all sailors.
- 4.3. Upon review, the regatta organizers may assign a Martin sailor to either gold or silver fleet, or require a gold fleet sailor to sail with a companion.
- 4.4. Competitors must register before midnight, August 14, 2026, using online registration, found at the following link: [2026 Martin 16 Championship and John Farrell Regatta](#)
After August 14, 2026, a late registration fee will apply.
- 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. The fee for participating in the regatta is \$100.00 This includes lunch on both days.
Registrations received after August 14, will be required to pay a late registration fee of \$50.00.
Competitors, companions, and others may purchase dinner from the menu at the Club dining room.

6. SCHEDULE

6.1

Friday, August 21, 2026	1600 - 2000	Launch and rig of visiting boats
	1700 - 2000	Registration and check-in
Saturday, August 22, 2026	0800 - 0900	Registration and check in
	0900	Competitors meeting
	0930	Harbour start – Martin 16 Gold Fleet, 2.4mRs
	1015	Warning Signal - Martin 16 Gold Fleet,
	1330	Harbour start - Martin 16 Silver Fleet
	1400	Warning Signal – Martin 16 Silver Fleet
Saturday, August 23, 2026	0930	Harbour start – Martin 16 Silver Fleet, 2.4mRs
	1015	Warning Signal - Martin 16 Silver Fleet, 2.4mRs
	1300	Martin 16 Gold Fleet – Harbour start
	1545	No Warning Signal after this time.
	1630	Prize presentations



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7. VENUE
 - 7.1. Sailing will take place on Hamilton Harbour adjacent to the RHYC.
8. COURSES
 - 8.1 The courses to be sailed will be windward/leeward.
9. PENALTY SYSTEM
 - 9.1 For all classes, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
10. SCORING
 - 10.1. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
 - 10.2 If fewer than 4 races are completed, a boat's series score shall be her total score.
 - 10.3 If 4 or more races are completed, a boat's score shall be the total of her scores excluding her worst score.
11. [DP] SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS
 - 11.1 Support person vessels shall register with the organizing authority and shall be marked with a flag.
 - 11.2 All support person vessels shall carry a VHF radio capable of communication on the course radio channel that they are monitoring. In the event of a safety issue on the course, support person vessels will be contacted by and will be required to follow the instructions of the RHYC safety officer, the principal race officer, or the course race officer.
 - 11.3 Support person vessels will be assigned a berth or mooring area for the duration of the event. Such berth or mooring is subject to the terms and conditions for all boats using RHYC controlled facilities.
12. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS
 - 12.1A limited number of borrowed boats may be available for out-of-town competitors. Please contact the regatta organizers. Competitors who borrow a boat are responsible for damages to the boat while in their care.
 - 12.2 Competitors using borrowed boats will be required to provide a \$500.00 damage deposit.
13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY AND RISK STATEMENT
 - 13.1 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.
 - 13.2 All participants take part in this event entirely at their own risk. The Organizing Authority will not accept liability for material damage, injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.
14. INSURANCE
 - 13.1 Each participating boat must be insured with valid 3rd party insurance with a minimum cover of one million dollars Canadian (C\$ 1,000,000)
15. PRIZES
 - 15.1. Ontario Sailing will award provincial prizes to top finishers in the Martin 16 fleet who are residents of Ontario.
 - 15.2. Farrell Cup prizes will be awarded to the first three finishers in each Martin 16 fleet and in the 2.4mR fleet.
16. CONCUSSION AWARENESS
 - 16.1 Certain aspects of Rowan's Law are in effect. To review current information and requirement, check the Ontario Sailing website: <https://ontariosailing.ca/concussion-information/>
 - 16.1. Competitors and Support Persons under the age of 26, need to:
 - Confirm they have read a Ministry Approved Concussion Awareness Resource.



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- Confirm you have reviewed, and committed to, the Ontario Sailing Athlete Concussion Code of Conduct.

17. CONTACT INFORMATION

17.1 Contact: Royal Hamilton Yacht Club,
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PRACTICAL INFORMATION (NOT PART OF THE NOTICE OF RACE)

1. Accommodation

Accommodations will be available at a Regatta Price at Sheraton Hamilton. Please contact organizers for more information.

For alternate accommodation information in the Hamilton area: www.tourismhamilton.com.

2. Food

Lunches for competitors are provided. Other Food and Beverages will be available at the clubhouse as per menu and prices.

3. Clean Regatta

Competitors are reminded of rule 47 from the Racing Rules of Sailing which states: competitors and support persons shall not intentionally put trash in the water. Single-use water bottles have been eliminated. Please bring your own permanent water bottle to the refill station located by the pool. We encourage all green boating practices.

4. Trailer Parking

Trailer Parking will be at the HOPA building on James St. North (northwest corner of James ST N and Guise St). The entrance to the parking lot located off Burlington St. Please do not block the garage door at the parking lot. Each trailer should have a tongue and box locks. No trailers are to be left in the RHYC parking area.