



Monday Night Race (MNR) May 25th – Sept. 28th, 2026
Notice of Race (NOR)
Issued May 5th, 2026

1. Rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) This series shall be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025 – 2028 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. Organizing Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Dartmouth Yacht Club is the organizing authority for this regatta.
3. Sailing Instructions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Sailing Instructions will be available on-line at https://www.dartmouthyachtclub.ca/dyc-racing at least one week prior to the first race.
4. Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The official notice board is located in the DYC clubhouse. There will be no skippers’ meetings. b) On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF channel 68. c) 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.
5. Registration and Fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) On the day of the race, register with the race officer prior to the event, either at the club or on the water VHF 68. b) There shall be no entry fee for this event
6. Eligibility and Entry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The event is open to DYC member-owned yachts that hold a current Sail Nova Scotia PHRF certificate. Yacht owners shall be current DYC members in good standing to participate. b) Crew members need not be members. c) Persons who have been suspended or expelled from DYC shall not be present on DYC property. d) On race day, eligible boats must register with the race officer, either in person at the DYC clubhouse before the race or on the water over VHF 68 during the official check-in call with the Race Committee boat (the “RC Boat”) the day of. e) Win the Night will not be scored as a series. f) For the single/double handed series it does not have to be the same people on the boat as long as there is only one or two people on the boat for any boat in that series

	<p>g) The Newcomer races will be a new addition to the Monday Night Racing schedule to allow new boats interested in getting into racing an opportunity to begin racing on a less competitive basis against similarly experienced participants. The Newcomer races will start last and shall have their own start provided at least two boats show up.</p> <p>h) The Race Committee reserves the right to adjust eligibility requirements for any of the series based on fair practice and the spirit of developing racers.</p>
7. Schedule	<p>The Monday Night Season is divided into two parts:</p> <p>a) Part 1 - Training and Development (T&D) May 25 – Aug 10 Training and Learn to Race</p> <p>b) Part 2 - Don Jessome Memorial Series (DJMS) Aug 17 – Sept 28 Monday Night Don Jessome Series</p> <p>c) Part 1 Training and Development will be comprised of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Win the Night set of races which are not to be scored as a series • A single/double handed three race mini-series. • Newcomer races if there are two boats or more registered. • A Women’s Skippers three race mini-series scheduled for July 6th, 13th, and 20th. <p>d) Part 2 The Don Jessome Memorial Series will be comprised of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Win the Night set of races which are not to be scored as a series • A 7 race white sail series called the Don Jessome Memorial white sail series. • Newcomer races if there are two boats or more registered.

Part 1 - Training and Development (T&D) Schedule				
Win the Night	Single double Handed mini-series	Women’s Skippers Series	Newcomers	First Start Time
May 25, June 1,8,15,22,29, July 6,13,20,27, Aug 3, 10	June 15, 22, 29	July 6, 13, 20	May 25, June 1,8,15,22,29, July 6,13,20,27, Aug 3,10	18:15
Part 2 The Don Jessome Memorial Series				
Win the Night	Don Jessome Memorial White sail series	Newcomers	First Start Time	
Aug 17, 24	Aug 17, 24	Aug 17, 24	18:15	
AUG 31, Sept 7,14, 21, 28	Aug 31,Sept 7,14, 21, 28	Aug 31,Sept 7, 14, 21, 28	18:00	

Notes:

1. Start times are the actual start times for the race the preparatory signal is 5 minutes before the start time.
2. If there are sufficient boats (5 or more a class shall have its own start.
3. Where there are less than five boats fleets may have a combined start at the discretion of the race officer.
4. Newcomers shall always have their own start unless they agree to a combined start.

8. Handicap and Class Splits	<ol style="list-style-type: none">a) Sail NS PHRF handicaps shall be used. These handicaps cannot be contested or changed during a series.b) Sail NS PHRF handicaps can be obtained through Sail Nova Scotia at https://www.sailnovascotiaydb.ca/yacht/addc) For the Win the Night races skippers will have the option to declare a spinnaker or white sail each night and will be scored for the night based on the declared handicap. There will only be one start for Win the Night races, with yachts starting together and sailing the same course. Handicaps must be declared before the course is posted or announced for the night.d) Win the Night and Newcomer races will not be scored as a series.e) The series races will be deemed white sail races, and yachts in those series will be scored using their white sail handicap.
9. Venu and Courses	<ol style="list-style-type: none">a) Races will be sailed in the waters of Bedford Basin. Starts will be from the race committee boat, which normally will be positioned in the vicinity of Mark 11.b) Courses may consist of a combination of windward-leeward, triangle, and around-the-buoy courses using marks as laid out in the DYC Course Card and in the SIs. The DYC Course Card, available at https://dartmouthyachtclub.ca/sailboat-racing/course-card shows the marks to be used for the courses.
10. Scoring	<p>The series races shall be scored according to Appendix A 5.3 of the RRS 2021-2024 for all series races subject to the following modifications:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">a) One race is required to be completed to constitute a series. <p>For the Don Jessome Memorial Series:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">b) When five races or less have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.c) When six races have been completed per series, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding one worst score.d) When seven or more races have been completed per series, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding two worst scores.
11. Results	<ol style="list-style-type: none">a) Results will be announced in the DYC clubhouse by the Race Committee each evening following racing once the Race Committee Boat returns to shore and tabulates the results.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) Results will not be posted online until after they are announced in person at the DYC clubhouse. c) All sailors are encouraged to attend the in person for results and to support our club.
12. Prizes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Prizes will not be awarded but trophies will be awarded to the top three finishers in each class at an Awards ceremony in the fall.
13. Insurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) DYC member owned yachts are subject to the insurance coverage and proof of insurance requirements as provided in the DYC bylaws and policies.
14. Risk Statement and release of Liability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) In accordance with the RRS # 3 '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. b) Dartmouth Yacht Club its officers, trustees, members, committees, employees, sponsors, or agents will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property, or to any participant, including injury or death; and that each of them releases and waives all claims which he or she, or any heir, representative, successor, or assignee, may have against the Dartmouth Yacht Club and parties mentioned above.
15. Additional information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Additional information may be provided via the DYC website www.dartmouthyachtclub.ca or DYC email blasts. b) For further information please contact the Rear Commodore at rearcommodore@dartmouthyachtclub.ca or the Race Officer at raceofficer@dartmouthyachtclub.ca