



Family Fun Races (FFR) Sailing Instructions (SIs)
Saturday July 4th, and Sunday August 2nd, 2026)
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1. Rules	a) This series shall be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 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	a) The Dartmouth Yacht Club is the organizing authority for this regatta.
3. Sailing Instructions and changes to SIs	a) The Sailing Instructions will be available on-line at https://www.dartmouthyachtclub.ca/dyc-racing at least one week prior to the event. b) Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 10:00 am on the day of the race and will be announced by the Race Officer and Race Committee ("RC") before the start of the race on VHF channel 68.
4. Signals made ashore	a) Signals made ashore will be displayed from the club's flagpole.
5. Communications with competitors	a) The official notice board is located in the DYC clubhouse. b) Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the DYC clubhouse. c) The race office is located in the boardroom in the main clubhouse, email: raceofficer@dartmouthyachtclub.ca. d) On the water, the Race Committee (the "RC") intends to monitor and make courtesy broadcasts and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 68. e) From the first warning signal until the end of the 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.
6. Schedule of Races	a) The expected time of the warning signal for the first start is approximately 11:30 hrs on the day of the race.
7. Handicaps	a) Yachts shall compete with handicaps supplied by the Sail NS PHRF-NS. b) If a yacht does not have a handicap, one will be provided by DYC's handicapper on an interim basis. c) We need the handicap rating for every boat in the race to enable us to calculate your start time.
8. Classes	a) There will only be one class for this race

9. Courses	a) The course will be provided to all competitors along with their start times. b) The course will also be posted on the committee boat and communicated to all competitors on VHF channel 68.
10. The start	a) The start line will be between Mark 11 and the committee boat. b) The race shall have a Bermuda (Pursuit) start. Boats shall start at a time determined by their handicap. A list of boats, their handicaps and start times shall be emailed to competitors after close of registration. c) A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start. This changes Rule A4. d) The race committee will attempt to broadcast or hail the sail number of boats that are OCS (On Course Side) on VHF channel 68. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately shall not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes Rule 62.1(a). e) RRS 30.1 Note that the "India" Flag is in effect, meaning a re-start entails the offending boat completing a turn around either the committee boat, or the pin at the opposite end of the starting line prior to recrossing the start line.
11. Change, Shorten or Abandon Course	a) In the event of a change, shorten or abandon of course, the RC shall communicate this on VHF channel 68. b) After the starting signal the Race Committee may shorten the course or abandon the race. c) After the starting signal in the event of a change of course, the RC shall communicate the new course over VHF 68. d) If one boat completes the course within the time limit, the race shall not be abandoned. e) In the alternative, if the RC shortens the course, the RC may move the finish line to a position between a race mark of the course and the RC boat.
12. The Finish	a) The finishing line will normally be between RC staff on the RC boat and mark 11. b) In the event the RC committee boat moves off station, The RC reserves the right to use an existing or a floating mark for finish. c) Crossing between the RC boat and the mark in compliance with the RRS definition of finish is required to finish.
13. Time Limits and Target Race Times	a) The time limit for all yachts is 4 hours. b) The Race Committee displays N over A and the class flag with 3 sounds (racing done for the day) to indicate when the time limit has expired for all classes. c) The RC will also attempt to hail the class affected on VHF 68 of the abandonment. Failure by the RC to do so shall not result in redress. This alters RRS 32, 35 and 41.
14. Protests and Hearings	a) The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last yacht finishes the race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. Protest forms are available online at https://www.dartmouthyachtclub.ca/sites/default/files/protestform.pdf b) Affected parties will attempt to be notified in person by the RC at the dock. Emails to affected parties will be sent no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

	c) Protest hearings will be scheduled as required.
15. Penalty System	a) For all classes <i>RRS 2021-2024</i> 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty for incidents outside the zone.
16. Interference with shipping	a) Any boats which interfere with the orderly passage of naval or commercial shipping may be subject to disqualification from the race. Such disqualification shall be reported to SAIL NOVA SCOTIA and may result in further disciplinary action, including denial of entry into future events. b) Engines may be used in an emergency. c) Details of the emergency must be reported to the Race Committee immediately after the race. This alters RRS 42
17. Scoring	a) As per NOR
18. Results and Prizes	a) SCORING (Scores will be posted on the DYC Racing website) The race shall be scored Time on Distance. The distance will be included with the start times. b) Results will be posted online as soon as possible after the last boat has finished. c) Prizes for the event consist of the pleasure of sailing in the beautiful Bedford Basin and Halifax Harbour and the satisfaction of completing the race, doing well, and having fun.
19. Additional information	b) Additional information may be provided via the DYC website www.dartmouthyachtclub.ca or DYC email blasts. c) For further information please contact the Rear Commodore at rearcommodore@dartmouthyachtclub.ca or the Race Officer at raceofficer@dartmouthyachtclub.ca