

The Niagara Overnight Rally
July 7-8, 2023
Youngstown Yacht Club,
Youngstown, NY USA

EVENT FORMAT

- 1.1. This event will get an international group of sailing friends out for an overnight sail to the North Shore of Lake Ontario and back
- 1.2. The event will commence with a Le Mans start from the YYC dock at exactly 2000 hrs on July 7
- 1.3. Boats that do not want to do the Le Mans start (NOLSC, DYC, recent arrivals from points East) can commence the event by remaining SOUTH of a line between the NOLSC flagpole and the surveillance tower on the US side. You may cross anytime after the first boat from the les mans group that is longer than your boat crosses.
2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY
 - 2.1. The Niagara Overnight Rally is open to all boats
 - 2.1.1. Power boats are welcome to tag along at a safe distance from the sailing vessels. Keep your wake away from the sailors.
 - 2.2. A boat is considered registered after the online registration has been completed, the liability waiver's have been executed and the fee has been received
 - 2.3. Boats without a PHRF rating are welcome to register but will not be scored
 - 2.4. Registration closes on July 5
 - 2.5. Participant Liability Waiver shall be executed online for each boat's crew prior participating
 - 2.5.1. Crew members under the age of 18 shall have this waiver executed online by a parent or legal guardian.
 - 2.6. Boats shall enter by completing the on-line registration process at:
<https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=16074>, paying the required fees, agreeing to the waiver of liability and submission of the Crew Waivers.
 - 2.7. FEES All entries: \$30
 - 2.7.1. Fees to cover Yacht Scoring and incidentals
 - 2.7.2. Excess fees will be delivered to Youngstown Community Boating
3. SCHEDULE
 - 3.1.1. Friday July 7, 2000 hrs, Le Mans start YYC dock
4. RALLY INSTRUCTIONS
 - 4.1. Rally instructions will be available on the Yacht Scoring website after June 20, 2023.
5. COURSES
 - 5.1. Long Course
 - 5.1.1. TE18 FI R 4s off of Gibraltar Point (starboard)
 - 5.1.2. A Wilson racing mark illuminated with an amber strobe (starboard)
 - 5.1.3. Finish @ YYC Mark 5 (starboard)
 - 5.1.3.1. For the curious, take your own time, email to kevin@kevindoyle.net and we will calculate results
 - 5.2. Short Course
 - 5.2.1. TE18 FI R 4s off of Gibraltar Point (starboard)
 - 5.2.2. Finish @ YYC Mark 5 (starboard)
 - 5.2.2.1. For the curious, take your own time, email to kevin@kevindoyle.net and we will calculate results

6. SAFETY

6.1. The prime directive: If it is crappy out or it is forecast to be crappy out, don't leave the dock. Really.

6.2. This event is to be sailed in the open waters of Lake Ontario, at night. As such, it is the captain's responsibility to take exceptional measures to protect their vessel and crew.

6.3. An excellent resource to help you prepare is the World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Category 3 for Monohulls

(<https://d7qh6ksdplczd.cloudfront.net/sailing/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/16130905/OSR-Monohull-Category-3-Extract-22v2.pdf>).

7. RADIO COMMUNICATION

7.1. You can communicate with anyone you want. If it feels like you are cheating; you probably are.

7.2. All boats shall monitor VHF channel 16 for the entire event

8. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

8.1. You participate in the rally entirely at your own risk. The Youngstown Yacht Club and the rally organizers will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.

9. INSURANCE Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

10. FURTHER INFORMATION

10.1. For further information please contact Kevin Doyle kevin@kevindoyle.net.