

# YYC COCK-OF-THE-WALK RACE

SEPTEMBER 9, 2023



## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Monitor **Channel 72** on your VHF.

The warning signal (which is five minutes before the start) will be given at approximately **1:30 p.m.** The warning signal may be postponed for a short period at the discretion of the Race Committee. Watch the committee boat for signal flags and listen on VHF Channel 72.

There will be a Skippers' Meeting at the YYC Flagpole at 1:00 p.m.

### **THE START:**

The starting line will be between the Committee Boat and the red and white lighthouse nearest to the NOLSC clubhouse on the Ontario shore. The Committee Boat will be anchored in the River near the boat launch at Fort Niagara State Park.

The starting sequence will be 5-minutes / 4-minutes / 1-minute / Start. Start signals will be made by flags, by sound and by radio calls on VHF Ch. 72.

The Class Flag for all boats is Numeral Pennant 1 (white pennant with a red ball), and all boats start at the same time.

### **THE COURSE – PROBABLY:**

- After starting, head down river and into Lake Ontario;
- then round government mark G-3 (the green bell) to STARBOARD (that's clockwise for those of you who don't do a lot of racing);
- then round the CENTER Mark of the Olympic Circle Course, also to STARBOARD;
- then round Olympic Circle Course race Mark No. 4, this time to PORT (that is, counterclockwise);
- then wait for further instructions from the Race Committee on VHF Channel 72 as to remaining marks to be rounded. **Note:** It is possible that some boats may be instructed to round different marks, so listen for boat-specific radio calls.

## **THE RULES:**

1. No spinnakers or other flying sails. No sails that are not part of a boat's normal inventory.
2. No protests.
3. Competitors are prohibited from colliding with one another.
4. The use of water balloons, squirt guns and other methods of propelling water between boats is permitted, subject to the following rules:
  - If you don't want to be a recipient of water, fly a visible red flag from your backstay or an ensign from your stern. Anyone flying a red flag or ensign who propels water *from* his or her boat at any other boat will be publicly shamed. Anyone who propels water *at* a boat that is flying a red flag or ensign will be compelled to buy drinks at the YYC bar for all persons on the boat flying the red flag immediately following the race.
  - Any person who propels water at the Committee Boat will be required to buy the Race Committee drinks at the YYC bar immediately following the race. Names will be taken, top shelf only. Should a competitor attempt to avoid the effect of this Rule by having a minor child (or a person otherwise ineligible to buy drinks at the YYC bar) propel water at the Race Committee, the aforesaid top-shelf obligation shall thereupon devolve to the minor child's parent or guardian, or the skipper of the offending boat, as applicable.
5. No launching of incendiaries from boats during the race without an extremely good reason.
6. No nudity. Please.
7. The use of vegetables or fruits for immodest display during the race is forbidden.

## **RACE SCORING:**

Scoring will be done using a tried-and-tested secret formula. The winning boat will be awarded the coveted Cock-of-the-Walk trophy on shore at YYC after the race.