

The Youngstown Chase
July 26-28, 2024
Organizing Authority (OA);
Youngstown Yacht Club, Youngstown, NY USA

NOTICE OF RACE (NoR)

1. RULES

- 1.1. This is just a game and is supposed to be fun
- 1.2. To help keep us from crashing, the regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing
- 1.3. The prescriptions of US Sailing will apply and will be posted on the official notice board
- 1.4. It would be nice if you had a valid PHRF-Lake Ontario certificate
 - 1.4.1. If you do not have a PHRF certificate, a handicap for this regatta only will be provided for you but, if you don't like it, see 1.1

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. The Youngstown Chase is open to all sailboats:
- 2.2. We will have classes for
 - 2.2.1. Spinnaker
 - 2.2.2. NFS (Main and Jib)
 - 2.2.3. A boat is considered registered after both the online registration has been completed and the entry fee has been received by the OA
 - 2.2.4. Registration closes on 0900 hrs July 27
 - 2.2.5. Single and double-handed sailing is fine
 - 2.2.6. Competitor Liability Waiver shall be executed online for each boat's crew prior to check-in.
 - 2.2.6.1. Crew members under the age of 18 shall have this waiver executed online by a parent or legal guardian.
 - 2.2.7. Eligible boats may enter by completing the on-line registration process at: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=16707>, paying the required fees, agreeing to the waiver of liability and submission of the Crew Waivers.
 - 2.2.8. FEES All entries: \$60 USD

3. SCHEDULE

- 3.1. Friday July 26, feeder races
 - 3.1.1. Party at YYC, with a band & free pours, courtesy of Griffin Brewing (Brewery & Tap Room)
- 3.2. Saturday July 27, The Youngstown Chase Pursuit Race (PHRF Time on Distance)
 - 3.2.1. 1100 Warning Signal for FIRST BOAT
 - 3.2.2. Courses TBA
 - 3.2.3. Party at YYC with free pours, courtesy of Griffin Brewing (Brewery & Tap Room), a band, and prizes awarded for Friday and Saturday races.
- 3.3. Sunday July 28, The Chase Home; Pursuit Race
 - 3.3.1. 1100 Warning Signal for FIRST BOAT
 - 3.3.2. Courses TBA
 - 3.3.3. RACE WILL FINISH AT NIAGARA RIVER OUTER BOUY R2 (to allow visiting boats a quicker trip home if that's important to you)
 - 3.3.4. There will be awards and a farewell party, with music, back at YYC following Sundays racing.

4. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1. Sailing instructions will be available on the Yacht Scoring website after July 15, 2024.

5. VENUE

- 5.1. Pursuit Feeder Races (Friday 7/26/2024) will be scored from any yacht club (or consolidated group of close-by clubs) providing that at least two (2) boats from there are registered in advance (by Saturday, July 13 2024), to allow adequate time to develop the start time matrix; then forward the start times to registrants &/or their respective yacht clubs.

Note: the actual start locations (identifying the mark name and/or GPS coordinates) will be posted on YachtScoring &/or in the SI's after participating clubs have met the two-boat minimum AND an e-mail to "fleet@yyc.org" is received providing the preferred mark name and coordinates for their location (we will combine starts at a common location where several clubs are in close proximity).

- 5.2. LYRA is planning one conventional fleet race from the GTA to YYC for the Youngstown Chase that will be scored as both a feeder race to the Chase & to LYRA, fulfilling a requirement for those boats competing for the overall LYRA Regatta Championship to race a feeder. Those details are solely at the discretion of LYRA, and participants should refer to their web-site, NOR and SI's.

- 5.3. Saturday and Sunday races will start in Lake Ontario near the mouth of the Niagara River.

6. SCORING & PRIZES

- 6.1. Each race will be scored separately
- 6.2. Special prizes may be presented as memorable keepsakes to those with 'special' achievements during our inaugural event.

7. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 7.1. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 7.2. The race committee may communicate information on the VHF channel 69
 - 7.2.1. After the last boat starts, the committee intends to monitor channel 16
- 7.3. All boats are asked to monitor VHF channel 16 after the start

8. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

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 Mark Schimley, YYC VC-Fleet (fleet@yyc.org) and provide a call-back number
- 10.2. Call Tracie Zortman, YYC Office Manager, at YYC Office (716-745-7230, ext 10 and she'll connect you to someone who can help.