

The Youngstown Chase
July 25-27, 2025
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 Lake Ontario 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 0900hrs July 26
 - 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=?????>, paying the required fees, agreeing to the waiver of liability and submission of the Crew Waivers.
 - 2.2.8. FEES All entries: \$60

3. SCHEDULE

- 3.1. Friday July 25, feeder races
 - 3.1.1. Party at YYC, with a band & free pours.
- 3.2. Saturday July 26, The Youngstown Chase Pursuit Race
 - 3.2.1. 1100 Warning Signal for FIRST BOAT
 - 3.2.2. Courses TBA
 - 3.2.3. Party at YYC with free pours, a band and prize-giving for Friday and Saturday events
- 3.3. Sunday July 27, 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 Toronto boats a quick trip home, if that is important to you)
 - 3.3.4. There will be awards and a farewell party, with music, at YYC following Sundays racing

4. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1. Sailing instructions will be available on the Yacht Scoring website after July 18, 2025.

5. VENUE

- 5.1. Pursuit Feeder Races(Friday July 25, 2025) 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 12, 2025), to allow adequate time to develop the start time matrix; then forward the start times to registrants &/or their respective clubs.

Note: the actual start locations (identifying the mark name and or GPS coordinates) will be posted on the YachtScoring &/or in the SI's after participating clubs have met the two-boat minimum **AND** email 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. Races (Saturday and Sunday) 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.

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 Charles Kegler, YYC Commodore (Commodore@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.