



**2026 Founders Regatta**  
**July 18-19, 2026**  
**Royal Canadian Yacht Club (RCYC) - Organizing Authority**  
**Toronto, Canada**

**Notice of Race (NoR)**  
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**Amended June 16, 2026**

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

**1 RULES**

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: "if it is from a boat that alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was neither involved in, nor saw the incident, or".
- 1.3 Appendix T, Arbitration will apply.
- 1.4 The Vakaros Race Sense system may be utilized by the Race Committee for the VX One fleet. This changes RRS 41(c). Rules pertaining to its use are outlined in Appendix A.

**2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available after 1600 Thursday, July 17, 2026 at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/IVUetV7rOG>.
- 2.2 The sailing instructions will consist of those in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and supplementary instructions posted on the Official Notice Board located at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/IVUetV7rOG>.

**3 COMMUNICATION**

- 3.1 The official notice board is located at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/IVUetV7rOG>.
- 3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on standard Canadian marine channels.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SSIs.
- 3.4 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

**4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats of the VXOne, J/80, Shark, 8mR and International 14 classes.
- 4.2 A minimum of five (5) boats must be registered one month prior to the event on June 17, 2026 at 1800 for an individual-designated start unless extended by the Organizing Authority.

- 4.3 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

## 5 FEES

- 5.1 Entry fees are as follows (fees do not include HST):

| Class            | Entry Fee    |
|------------------|--------------|
| VX One           | \$200 + HST  |
| International 14 | \$200 + HST  |
| J80              | \$260 + HST  |
| J105             | 325.00 + HST |
| Shark (one day)  | \$100 +HST   |

- 5.2 Other fees: Saturday Dinner tickets for regatta participants may be purchased in advance on the event website <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/IVUetV7rOG> or at the time of registration. Online purchase will close with registration. Limited day-of sales will be available.
- 5.3 Cancellations received prior to Thursday, July 16, 2026, are eligible for a full refund, less a processing fee of \$25. Cancellations received on or after Thursday July 16, 2025, will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

## 6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Dates of racing:

| Date    | Class                    | Event  |
|---------|--------------------------|--------|
| July 18 | All Classes              | Racing |
| July 19 | All Classes except Shark | Racing |

- 6.2 Number of races:

| Class                | Number | Races per day<br>Scheduled   | Races per day<br>Maximum     |
|----------------------|--------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| VX One               | 8      | 4                            | 4                            |
| All other<br>classes | 7      | 4 on Saturday<br>3 on Sunday | 4 on Saturday<br>3 on Sunday |

- 6.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1100.

- 6.4 On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1530.

## 7 VENUE

- 7.1 The event headquarters is located at the Royal Canadian Yacht Club's Sailing Office, located on Toronto Island.
- 7.2 Racing will occur on Lake Ontario, south of Toronto Island and in Toronto Harbour.

## 8 COURSES

- 8.1 The courses to be sailed and their specific locations will be provided in the SSIs.

## 9 SCORING

- 9.1 One race is required to constitute a series.
- 9.2 When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst scores. This changes Appendix A2.1.

## 10 [NP] BERTHING

- 10.1 [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned slips.

- 11 [NP] HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**  
**11.1** [DP] Keelboats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee. Vx Ones may be hauled each day and kept in their designated places in the dry sail area.
- 12 DATA PROTECTION**  
**12.1** Competitors grant, at no cost, RCYC the absolute right and permission to use their name, voice, image, likeness, biographical material, as well as representations of the boats in any Club-related media (including print and internet media), including video footage, for the sole purposes of advertising, promoting, reporting and disseminating information regarding Club events.
- 13 RISK STATEMENT**  
**13.1** RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**
- 14 [NP] INSURANCE**  
**14.1** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.
- 15 PRIZES**  
**15.1** Prizes will be given to boats placing first, second and third in each class.  
**15.2** Other annually awarded trophies are:
  - 8mR - THE SIR WILLIAM HEARST TROPHY (winner Modern Division)
  - 8mR - INVADER II TROPHY (winner of the Classic Division)Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.
- 16 FURTHER INFORMATION**  
**16.1** For further information:  
Please contact the RCYC Sailing Office at [sailing@rcyc.ca](mailto:sailing@rcyc.ca) for general information on RCYC. For more information, please visit the Club's website at <https://rcyc.ca> or call 416.967.7245.

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#### **Appendix A – Use of Vakaros RaceSense for VxOne Fleet.**

- A1** A working Vakaros Atlas 2 configured for Race Sense, shall be mounted on the aft side of the mast at all times while racing. A boat shall either provide a working Atlas 2 head unit at check in for configuration with Race Sense or an Atlas 2 head unit shall be provided by the VX One fleet to any boat that does not have one available.
- A2** All boats shall have an active RaceSense license. Annual and monthly licenses are available for purchase at Vakaros.
- A3** Alleged failure of an Atlas 2 or the Race Sense system shall not be grounds for a competitor to request redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

- A4**      Boats utilizing a loaner Vakaros Atlas 2 will be responsible for loss or damage to the Atlas 2 due to negligence.

**Other Information, not part of the NOR**

RCYC Emergency Information

Accident on the water

- Toronto Marine Services – 416.808.5800
- Race Officer – Signal Boat monitors channel 16 and the regatta VHF Channel
- RCYC Sailing Office monitors VHF channel 09

Accident on the Island

- Call 911 – RCYC Island address is 2 Chippewa Ave, Toronto Island.
- Send someone to meet emergency services at the Snug Island back Gate.
- RCYC Sailing Office Monitor VHF Channel 09.