



Opening Regatta May 30 & 31, 2026 Sailing Instructions (SIs) Issued 27 May 2026

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. Rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) This regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing RRS 2025-2028. b) If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence. 				
2. Sailing Instructions and changes to SIs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect. 				
3. Signals made ashore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Signals made ashore will be displayed from the club's flagpole. b) When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP. 				
4. Communications with competitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Notices to competitors will be posted online b) The race office is located in the boardroom in the main clubhouse, email: raceofficer@dartmouthyachtclub.ca. c) On the water, the Race Committee (the "RC") intends to monitor and make courtesy broadcasts and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 68. d) From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions relevant to the races and shall not receive voice or data communication relevant to the races that is not available to all boats. (DP) (NP) 				
5. Schedule of Races	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Registration 10:00am to 11:00am Saturday May 30, 2026 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1200 b) Sunday, the second day of the event, informal get together 1100. c) No race shall be started after 1600 on Day 1 and 1500 on Day 2. 				
6. Class Flags	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The class flags are as follows: <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%; text-align: center;">Spinnaker</td> <td style="width: 33%; text-align: center;">A Class</td> <td style="width: 33%; text-align: center;">Blue</td> </tr> </table>		Spinnaker	A Class	Blue
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	Spinnaker	B Class	Red
	White Sail	C Class	Yellow
	White Sail	D Class	Pink
	One Design	J-105	White
7. Race Marks	<p>a) Race marks may consist of DYC race marks outlined on the DYC course card as well as inflatable marks.</p> <p>b) Prior to the warning signal, the RC shall post the course(s) to be sailed on the stern of the committee vessel and will, on a best-effort basis, provide the information over the VHF channel described in Instruction 4(c).</p> <p>c) The DYC Course Card is available at dartmouthyachtclub.ca/sailboat-racing and shows the marks to be used except that the following changes are to be made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Orange inflatable tetrahedron is Mark O ● Yellow inflatable tetrahedron is Mark Y 		
8. Starts	<p>a) Races will be started by using RRS 26, with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal. The starting line is between the RC boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port end starting mark.</p> <p>b) The starting mark is described as a yellow inflatable pin on the port end of the committee boat.</p> <p>c) Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area. [DP]</p> <p>d) If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress for request. This changes RRS 62.1 (a) [NP]</p> <p>e) A yacht that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.</p>		
9. Change, Shorten or Abandon Course	<p>a) To change the course, the Race Committee will signal the change accordingly and display the new course to be sailed on a white board located on the Race Committee vessel signalling the change. This changes RRS 33.</p>		
10. The Finish	<p>a) The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Signal boat and a yellow inflatable pin off the starboard side of the Signal boat.</p>		
11. Time Limits	<p>a) The time limit for all classes, the Race Time Limit for each race (see RRS 35) is 2 hours and the Finishing Window is 30 minutes. The Finishing Window is the time for yachts to finish after the first yacht sails the course and finishes. Yachts failing to finish within the</p>		

	<p>Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized, or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A yacht scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last yacht that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.</p>
12. Protests and Hearings	<p>a) The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the last yacht finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. Protest forms are available online at dartmouthyachtclub.ca/sailboat-racing</p> <p>b) Affected parties will attempt to be notified in person by the RC at the dock. Emails to affected parties will be sent no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.</p> <p>c) Protest hearings will be scheduled as required.</p>
13. Interference with shipping	<p>a) Any boats which interfere with the orderly passage of naval or commercial shipping may be subject to disqualification from the race. Such disqualification shall be reported to SAIL NOVA SCOTIA and may result in further disciplinary action, including denial of entry into future events.</p> <p>b) Engines may be used in an emergency.</p> <p>c) Details of the emergency must be reported to the Race Committee immediately after the race. This alters RRS 42</p>
14. Scoring	<p>a) One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.</p> <p>b) When five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores minus her worst race.</p> <p>c) When less than five races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.</p>
15. Additional information	<p>d) Additional information may be provided via the DYC website www.dartmouthyachtclub.ca or DYC email blasts.</p> <p>e) For further information please contact the Rear Commodore at rearcommodore@dartmouthyachtclub.ca or the Race Officer at raceofficer@dartmouthyachtclub.ca</p>