

ETOBICOKE YACHT CLUB
ISLAND RACE / PUFFIN CUP
**2022 EVENT RULES (NOTICE OF
RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS)**



Pursuit Race: Sunday, June 12, 2022
Organizing Authority – Etobicoke Yacht Club, Toronto, Canada

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

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The rules for the Performance Handicap Rating Formula (PHRF) handicafp divisions are PHRF Lake Ontario (PHRF-LO).
- 1.3 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, applies.

2. CHANGES TO EVENT RULES

- 2.1 Any changes to the event rules will be available at the Competitors' meeting no later than 1000h on June 12.

3. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located inside the Etobicoke Yacht Club Clubhouse and at <https://www.eyc.ca/life-at-eyc/racing/weekend-racing/>.
- 3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on VHF 8, 16 and 68.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF 8 radio.
- 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 holding a valid PHRF Lake Ontario rating certificate. If a valid rating is not available, a temporary rating will be assigned (on a best efforts basis) for the duration of this regatta at the discretion of the organizing authority.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may only enter the event by registering online at <https://www.eyc.ca/registerweekendskipper/>. Registrations will be accepted until 2400h on Friday, June 10.
- 4.6 To be considered an entry for the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements.

5. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 5.1 Boats 20 feet length overall (LOA) or more must have a minimum of 2 people on board while racing, unless otherwise specified by class rules.

6. EVENT SCHEDULE

- 6.1 There is a Competitors' meeting at 1000h on Sunday, June 12 at Etobicoke Yacht Club.
- 6.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal is 1125h.

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6.3 There is an after-race BBQ scheduled at approximately 1500h at Etobicoke Yacht Club.

7. RISK STATEMENT

7.1 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.

7.2 Competitors voluntarily assume the risks associated with communicable diseases including but not limited to COVID-19.

8. INSURANCE

8.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with an adequate and valid third-party liability insurance.

9 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

9.1 The vessel carrying the Race Officer shall make one courtesy sound signal upon departure from the harbour on the way to the race area.

9.2 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the signal vessel at its mooring.

9.3 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1" minute is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes" in Race Signals AP.

10. DIVISIONS AND CLASS FLAGS

10.1 There are two divisions: White Sail and Spinnaker.

10.2 The class flag will be numeral pennant one.

11. EVENT VENUE

11.1 The racing area will be in Humber Bay.

12. COURSES AND MARKS

12.1 Courses shall be selected from the EYC/MCC marks 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Gibraltar buoy (G) or Dufferin buoy (D). The course numbers/letters will be posted on the bottom course board of the signal boat in the order of passing, the first number being the first mark to be passed. White Sail and Spinnaker boats will sail the same course.

12.2 The signal boat will display a red flag if the marks are to be kept to port and a green flag if the marks are to be to starboard.

12.3 The starting mark will be the signal boat and a nearby EYC/MCC mark.

12.3 The finishing mark will be the signal boat and the *same* nearby EYC/MCC mark.

13. THE START

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13.1 The Race Committee may give a courtesy pre-warning sound approximately 1 minute prior to the warning signal.

13.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel and the course side of the mark nearest the signal boat.

13.3 Each competitor's start time will be in accordance with their PHRF-LO rating. The time table in Appendix A – 'Start Sequence' will be available at the Competitors' meeting. The table outlines the individual start times after the start signal.

13.4 The starting procedure will be as follows:

Warning signal (numeral pennant 1) displayed with one sound 5 minutes before start

Flag 'P' displayed with one sound 4 minutes before start

Flag 'P' removed with long sound 1 minute before start

Numeral pennant one removed with one sound before first start

13.5 [DP] [NP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area and of all boats whose start time is less than 5 minutes as per Appendix A – Starting Sequence.

13.6 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).

13.7 A boat that does not start within 20 minutes after her starting time will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

14. THE FINISH

14.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal vessel and the course side of the mark nearest the signal boat.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

15.1 For boats with a spinnaker flying, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. The boat must fly its spinnaker again immediately after taking the penalty.

16. TIME LIMITS

16.1 The race time limit is 1530h. Boats that did not finish within the time limit will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.

17. HEARING REQUESTS

17.1 A boat intending to protest another boat or boats under a rule of Part 2 or RRS 31 shall provide the information required by RRS 61.2 in an email to protest@eyc.ca within 45 minutes of the signal boat docking. The protestor and protestee(s) will be contacted by the Chief Judge for an arbitration hearing. The arbitration hearing will be held on-line or in-person.

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17.2 For all other protests, a protest form must be submitted by email to protest@eyc.ca by midnight of the evening the race was conducted. The protestor and protestee(s) will be contacted by the Chief Judge for a hearing. Hearings will be held on-line using Zoom or in-person. (A protest form is available from the Race Information bulletin board in the EYC clubhouse or online from <https://www.sailing.ca/protests-appeals/>).

18. SCORING

18.1 Boats will be scored in order of their finish with the results announced at Etobicoke Yacht Club after the race.

19. [DP] [NP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

19.1 Boats shall check in with the signal boat at the start line.

19.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

19.3 All participants are required to follow the latest COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines as published by the Province of Ontario and Municipality of Toronto.

19.4 Boat owners are responsible for maintaining a crew roster for each race in which their boat participates.

19.5 The owner of the boat and the crew are responsible for adhering to the 'Concussion Codes of Conduct for both Participants and Leaders', 'Removal from Sport Protocols' and 'Return to Sport Protocols'. <https://ontariosailing.ca/concussion-information/>.

20. Prizes

20.1 Prizes will be awarded to the first three boats in each division at a later date.

20.2 The Puffin Cup shall be awarded to the Yacht Club to score the highest cumulative points. The first place boat in each division shall be awarded points equal to the number of contributing participants in that fleet. All subsequent contributing boats shall be awarded one point less.

The number of contributing participants shall be three times the number of entries fielded in that fleet by the club with the smaller/fewest number of participants.

White sail and Spinnaker fleets will be scored separately, with points from both added to determine the club winner.

20.3 Additional awards may be presented.

21. Further Information

For further information, please contact:

Etobicoke Yacht Club
416-259-1159

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PRACTICAL INFORMATION
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EMERGENCY PLAN:

In the event of damage or injury:

1. Contact Toronto Police Services Marine Unit
2. Contact the Race Committee VHF 16 or 08

Emergency Phone Numbers

Toronto Emergency Services	For emergencies ONLY - 911
Toronto Police Services Marine Unit	VHF 16 or 12 416-808-5800
Canadian Coast Guard (Trenton)	VHF 16 1-800-267-7270
Etobicoke Yacht Club	416-259-1159
Signal Boat Charles McKeon	VHF 08