

Thursday, July 30 – August 2, 2026

The Around the Island Race

A circumnavigation of the Province of Prince Edward Island

**Organizing Authority – Prince Edward Island Boating Festival in partnership with
the Charlottetown Yacht Club**

NOTICE OF RACE

The Round the Island Race will comprise of an approximately 320 nautical mile non-stop circumnavigation of the Prince Edward Island in relatively close proximity to its shores. The 2026 Round the Island Race will be the 10th running of this race.

1. RULES

- a. Subject to exemptions provided herein and the sailing instructions, the races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2026, the prescriptions of Sail Canada and the 2024-2025 World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (with the anticipation that the revised 2026 regulations will apply).
- b. If there is a conflict between this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions (SI), the SI will take precedence.
- c. PHRF entries shall compete with the equipment that is in compliance with their current PHRF certificate.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- a. The regatta is open to all monohull and multi-hull handicap boats with an overall length of 25 feet (7.5 metres) or greater and which meets the requirements of ORC Category 3 (as modified by the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions).
- b. Every boat entering the race must have a crew of two persons or greater and must have a watch-keeper on deck at all times.
- c. PHRF entries require a valid NSYA PHRF handicap (PHRF). If a vessel is racing in PHRF Classes and does not have a valid NSYA PHRF certificate, the owner of the vessel must make arrangements with the NSYA authority for measurement prior to 16:00 on July 29th, 2026. Scoring will be PHRF ToD.
- d. Eligible competitors may enter by requesting participation by email to info@peiboatingfestival.com, by calling the Charlottetown Yacht Club at (902) 892-9065, or in person at 1 Pownal Street, Charlottetown, PE. Registration on www.yachtscoring.com is required.

3. EQUIPMENT

- a. All boats shall be equipped to adhere to the Transport Canada's Safe Boating Guide and small vessel regulations.
- b. The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the "Person-In-Charge", as per RRS 46, who shall ensure that the boat is seaworthy and manned by an experienced crew with sufficient ability and experience to face bad weather. S/he shall be satisfied as to the soundness of hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. S/he shall ensure that all safety equipment is at all times properly maintained and safely stowed and that the crew knows where it is kept and how it is to be used.
- c. All boats must carry capacity to charge cellular phones while at sea.
- d. All boats shall meet the requirements of ORC Category 3 in effect as of the date of the issuance of this Notice of Race, except as provided below and in the Sailing Instructions:
 - i. Boats with stability indexes of between 98 and 102.9 may seek approval to race based on proven history of resisting capsizes (amends s.3.04.2(b));
 - ii. Lifelines may be coated so long as they are in a good state of repair (amends s.3.14.3(c));
 - iii. Bunks may be temporarily installed for the purpose of the race (amends s.3.19.1);
 - iv. An AIS transponder shall be recommended but not mandatory (amends s.3.29.7);
 - v. Jackstay fittings may be temporarily installed for the purpose of the race (amends s.4.04.1);
 - vi. Emergency steering shall be recommended but not mandatory (amends s.4.15.1);
 - vii. Storm sails shall be recommended but not mandatory (amends s.4.26.1 and 4.26.2) but a boat sailing without storm sails must carry a main capable of reefing 40% of its maximum luff and a heavy weather jib.
 - viii. Lifejackets with sprayhoods shall be recommended but not mandatory (amends s.5.01.1(d));
 - ix. Harnesses may be separate from a lifejacket (amends s.5.02.1); and
 - x. Sail Canada accredited coastal personal survival courses for 50% of the crewmembers and the Person in Charge is strongly recommended but not mandatory (amended 6.01.2 and 6.01.3) so as to permit time for participants to obtain accreditation.

4. DIVISIONS

- a. Racing classes may consist of spinnaker, non-spinnaker and cruising classes and shall be divided into classes based on participating boats' NSYA PHRF Ratings (with the exception of the cruising class).

5. FEES

- a. The cost for each participating boat shall be \$300.00 (one night of berthing and trackers included).

6. SCHEDULE

- a. July 29, 2026 – 1800 hrs – Skippers Meeting at Charlottetown Yacht Club
- b. July 30, 2026 – 855 hrs – Warning signal Charlottetown Harbour

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Sailing instructions will follow when available.

8. COURSE

- a. The course will be set using Transport Canada navigational buoys as marks in such a manner as to keep participants largely within visual range of Prince Edward Island shores; however, racers should prepare for offshore conditions on the Province's north shore. The rotational direction (or directions) of the course shall be set within 48 hours of the first warning signal.

9. BERTHING

- a. Skippers will be responsible for arranging berthing Charlottetown Yacht Club (902) 892-9065 or Charlottetown Marina (902) 629-6806.

10. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- a. Competitors participate in the race entirely at their own risk. See rule 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.

11. INSURANCE

- a. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.