



**2026 EYC OPEN
2026 LYRA RACE WEEK**

**NORTH AMERICAN DRAGON CHAMPIONSHIP
LAKE ONTARIO FAST 30+ CHAMPIONSHIP**

The Organizing Authority is the Etobicoke Yacht Club in conjunction with
Lake Yacht Racing Association (LYRA)

Friday, August 28 – Sunday, August 30, 2026

Etobicoke Yacht Club
Etobicoke, Ontario, Canada

Notice of Race

Amendment #1 (August 10, 2026)

Amendment #2 (August 26, 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 (RRS)*.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of Sail Canada will apply and a copy can be found at <https://www.sailing.ca/rules-prescriptions/>.
- 1.3 The rules for the Performance Handicap Rating Formula (PHRF) handicap divisions are PHRF Lake Ontario (PHRF-LO). PHRF-LO Alternate Time on Time applies.
- 1.4 The rules for the Offshore Racing Congress (ORC) shall apply to boats racing under ORC.
- 1.5 The races of the EYC Open Regatta will form part of the Lake Ontario Racing Circuit Series Championship.
- 1.6 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, applies.

2. Sailing Instructions

- 2.1 The sailing instructions (SIs) will be available after 1800 hours on Thursday, August 13 at:
[2026 EYC Open - LYRA Race Week - Course Racing](#)
[2026 EYC Open - LYRA Race Week - Freeman Cup Race](#)

3. Communication

- 3.1 The online Official Notice Board is located at:
[2026 EYC Open - LYRA Race Week - Course Racing - Notice Board](#)
[2026 EYC Open - LYRA Race Week - Freeman Cup Race - Notice Board](#)
- 3.2 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel for each course will be stated in the sailing instructions (SI).
- 3.3 [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 with a valid PHRF-LO certificate for the class they are racing in, a valid ORC certificate for the class they are racing in or is a member of a recognized one design class.
- 4.2 To be eligible for LYRA awards, owners and charterers must be members in good standing of a LYRA member club.
- 4.3 Boats entering in one design are not eligible for PHRF or ORC LYRA awards.

- 4.4 A minimum of 5 boats makes a class. Expected classes include Beneteau 36.7, C&C27, J80, J105, Viper 640, Viking 28, Shark, Fast 30+ and 8 Metre. Additional classes will be formed based on registration.
- 4.5 The organizing authority reserves the right to group similar boats together to form one or more classes.
- 4.6 There may be single- and double-handed divisions for the Freeman Cup Race only. These divisions will race under PHRF.
- 4.7 While racing, a boat shall carry a minimum of a skipper and two crew members, except where a lesser number is required by the relevant one design class rule.
- 4.8 Boats may only enter the event by registering online at:
[2026 EYC Open - LYRA Race Week - Course Racing - Registration](#)
[2026 EYC Open - LYRA Race Week - Freeman Cup Race - Registration](#)
- 4.9 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

5. Fees & Registration

5.1

Class/Course	Days		Regular Fee	Late Fee After July 28
Freeman Cup Race	One	Friday	C\$ 120.00	C\$ 135.00
Course Racing	Two	Sat + Sun	C\$ 240.00	C\$ 260.00
Freeman Cup and Course Racing	Three	Fri + Sat + Sun	C\$ 270.00	C\$ 290.00

- 5.2 Registration will close on 2359h on August 26, 2026.
- 5.3 Friday night BBQ dinner and Saturday night dinner. Dinner tickets for these events must be purchased in advance; menu and instruction will be posted by August 19 at:
[2026 EYC Open - LYRA Race Week - Course Racing](#)
[2026 EYC Open - LYRA Race Week - Freeman Cup Race](#)

6. Schedule

6.1

Class/Course	Date	Time	
Freeman Cup Race	Friday, August 28	1000	Warning signal for first race
One Design, PHRF and ORC Course Racing	Saturday, August 29	1055 TBD	Warning signal for first race Dinner at EYC
One Design, PHRF and ORC Course Racing	Sunday, August 30	1055 TBD	Warning signal for first race Awards

- 6.2 The Freeman Cup Race will be a long-distance race and will be scored separately.
- 6.3 One Design and PHRF Course Race: A maximum of 4 races are scheduled on Saturday and a maximum of 3 races are scheduled on Sunday. For the 8 Metre class, a maximum of 3 races are scheduled for Saturday and a maximum of 2 races are scheduled on Sunday.
- 6.4 On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1500 hours.

7. Equipment Inspection

- 7.1 Each boat shall produce or verify the existence of a valid measurement or rating certificate.

8. Venue

- 8.1 The Etobicoke Yacht Club is located at 300 Humber Bay Park Road West, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, M8V 3X7, 416-259-1159. The club is located on Humber Bay at the western edge of Toronto, on Lake Ontario.

- 8.2 Freeman Cup sailing is scheduled to take place ~~along the shore of on~~ Lake Ontario between Etobicoke Yacht Club ~~and Bronte Harbour Yacht Club~~ and the Toronto Islands. The race area and the coordinates of the marks will be described in the SIs.
- 8.3 Course racing will take place on Lake Ontario adjacent to Etobicoke Yacht Club. The location of each course will be described in the SIs.

9. Courses

- 9.1 The courses to be sailed and their specific locations will be provided in the sailing instructions.

10. Penalty System

- 10.1 For all classes, a boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or RRS 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark (other than the starting mark), her penalty will be a Two-Turns Penalty.

11. Scoring

- 11.1 For One Design and PHRF Course classes, one race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.2 For the J105 Class, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2.1.
- 11.3 For all other classes:
- (a) When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - (b) 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.
- 11.4 PHRF classes will be scored using the PHRF-LO Alternate Time on Time. The corrected time will be calculated to the nearest second.

12. Support Person Vessels

- 12.1 [DP] Support person vessels will be assigned a berth or mooring area for the duration of the event. Such berth or mooring is subject to the terms and conditions for all boats using EYC controlled facilities.
- 12.2 Support person vessels shall register with the organizing authority and may be identified with a flag.

13. Berthing

- 13.1 [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the EYC harbour.

14. Haul-Out Restrictions

- 14.1 [DP][NP] Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

15. Data Protection

- 15.1 Competitors grant, at no cost, the Etobicoke Yacht Club, 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 purpose of advertising promoting, reporting, and disseminating information regarding Club events.

16. Risk Statement

- 16.1 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. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to accept the risk in sailing and release the race organizers from all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

17. Insurance

- 17.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability coverage of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) CAD per incident for Canadian boats and \$350,000 USD for American boats.
- 17.2 The club or school with which a competitor is affiliated with will be responsible for the financial obligations associated with any incident in which the competitor is found to be at fault.

18. Prizes

- 18.1 Prizes will be given to boats placing first, second and third in each class with five or more entries; to those placing first and second in classes with four entries and to the first place in classes with three entries.
- 18.2 LYRA trophies will be awarded. See Attachment A.
- 18.3 The winner of the Dragon class will be named the 2026 North American Champion and awarded the George L. Craig Memorial Trophy 1957.
- 18.4 The winner of the Fast 30+ class will be named the 2026 Lake Ontario Fast 30+ Champion. Prizes will be given to the top five placing boats.
- 18.5 Additional prizes may be awarded.

19. [DP] Concussion Awareness

- 18.1 Certain aspects of Rowan's Law are in effect. To review current information and requirement, check the Ontario Sailing website: <https://ontariosailing.ca/concussion-information/>
- 18.2 Competitors and Support Persons under the age of 26, need to:
 - read the Ministry Approved Concussion Awareness Resource.
 - review, and be committed to, the Ontario Sailing Athlete Concussion Code of Conduct.

20. Further Information

- 20.1 Etobicoke Yacht Club website:
www.eyc.ca.
- 20.2 Yacht Scoring Regatta Website:
2026 EYC Open - LYRA Race Week - Course Racing:
<https://yachtscoring.com/emenue/50584>
2026 EYC Open - LYRA Race Week - Freeman Cup Race:
<https://yachtscoring.com/emenue/50585>
- 20.3 For further information, please contact:
Neil McNeill – Regatta Chair
e: race.management@eyc.ca
p: 416-806-5025.

Attachment A

The LYRA Regatta Championships

1. To be eligible for the ORC LYRA Regatta Championship, a boat must compete in ORC in the Course Racing Series, and the Freeman Cup Race.
2. To be eligible for the PHRF LYRA Regatta Championship, a boat must compete in a PHRF spinnaker division in the Course Racing Series, and the Freeman Cup Race.
3. To be eligible for the One-Design LYRA Regatta Championship, a boat must compete in a one-design class for the Course Racing Series.
4. Scoring for the ORC and PHRF LYRA Regatta Championships will use the CHIPS 3 highpoint scoring system.
 - 4.1 Scoring for each race or series will be based on the boat's place within its division.
 - 4.2 The weighting of races will be as follows:
 - Freeman Cup race 1.0
 - Course Racing Series 2.0
 - 4.3. The boats with the highest combined score in their fleet will be awarded the regatta championships.
5. The One-Design LYRA Regatta Champion will be chosen from among the one-design class winners in the Course Racing Series by a selection committee. The selection committee will consider each class winner's performance and the level of competition in its class.
 - 5.1 The selection committee will be appointed by the regatta PRO in consultation with LYRA and the EYC organizing committee. The composition of the selection committee and its decision will not be grounds for redress.
6. The LYRA Executive Committee reserves the right not to award one or more of the Regatta Championship awards if, in its opinion, the performance of the boat with the highest score is not commensurate with the "best in fleet" spirit of the awards. This decision will not be grounds for redress.
7. The following perpetual trophies will be awarded to the LYRA Regatta Champions:
 - ORC LYRA Regatta Champion: Bamann Trophy
 - PHRF LYRA Regatta Champion: Lake Ontario PHRF Bowl
 - One-design LYRA Regatta Champion: Kay Heron Trophy
8. Each Regatta Champion will also receive a battle flag.