

The Youngstown Chase

July 24-26, 2026

Organizing Authority (OA); The Youngstown Yacht Club, Youngstown New York

Notice of Race (NOR)

1. Rules

- 1.1 This is only a game and is supposed to be fun.
- 1.2 To keep us from crashing, the regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.3 The prescription of US Sailing will apply and be posted on the official notice board.
- 1.4 It would be nice if you have a valid PHRF Lake Ontario certificate.
 - 1.4.1 If you do not have a valid PHRF Lake Ontario certificate, a handicap **for this regatta only**, will be provided. If you do not like this handicap see rule 1.1
 - 1.4.2 At the discretion of the OA, regatta handicaps may be massaged to encourage all boats to finish in a specific time range.

2. Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1 The Youngstown Chase is open to all sailboats.
- 2.2 We will have classes for:
 - 2.21 FS (Spinnaker)
 - 2.22 NFS (main and jib)
- 2.3 A boat is considered registered once the online registration has been completed and the entry fee is received by the OA.
- 2.4 Registration closes at 0900 hrs on July 25, 2026
- 2.5 Single and double handed sailing is fine
- 2.6 Competitor liability waiver shall be completed online for each crew member prior to check in.
 - 2.6.1 Crew members below the age of 18 shall have this waiver completed online by parent or legal guardian.

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2.7 Boats may enter by completing the online registration at:
<https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu/50631> paying the required fees,
accepting the waiver of liability and submission of the crew waivers.

2.8 Fees All entries: \$75

3. Schedule

3.1 Friday July 24: Welcome Party with “The Funkesteins” and free pours

3.2 Saturday July 25: The Youngstown Chase Pursuit Race

3.2.1 Warning for the first yacht to start 1100 hrs

3.2.2 Course TBA

3.3.3 Party at YYC with free pours and “Strictly Hip”, prize giving

3.3 Sunday July 26, The Chase Home Pursuit Race

3.3.1 Warning for the first yacht to start 1100 hrs

3.3.2 Course TBA

3.3.3 Course will finish at Niagara River outer buoy (R2)

3.3.4 Awards and farewell party at YYC following racing.

4. Sailing Instructions

4.1 Sailing instructions will be available on Yachtscoring.com
July 18, 2026

5. Venue

5.1 Racing will start near the mouth of the Niagara river and will include
the southern shore of Lake Ontario eastward within 5 NM of shore.

6. Scoring and Prizes

6.1 Each race will be scored individually

6.2 A prize will be given each day for the first boat to finish

6.3 Individual fleet prizes will be awarded each day

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7. Radio Communication

7.1 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.

7.2 The race committee may broadcast information on VHF 69

7.2.2 After the last boat starts the race committee intends on monitoring Channel 16

7.3 All boats are asked to monitor channel 16 once they have started.

8. Disclaimer of liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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.

9. Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid third party liability insurance with a minimum of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

10. Further information

Call Tracie Zortman, YYC Office Manager 716-745-7230 Ext 10 or E-mail vcfleet@yyc.org