



## ***QCYC Open***

***September 12, 2026***

**Seneca Ave, Algonquin Island, Toronto, Ontario M5J 2A1**

Queen City Yacht Club (QCYC) is the Organizing Authority for this event.

### **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)**

#### **AMMENDMENT One (September 11, 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

#### **1 RULES**

- 1.1** The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

#### **2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1** 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 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS**

- 3.1** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu/50792>

- 3.2 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts on VHF channel 69.

## 4 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

## 5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole on the bow of the Rapids Queen; courtesy announcements may be made on VHF channel 69.

- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

## 6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 Three races are scheduled for all fleets.
- 6.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 1100.
- 6.3 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 6.4 No warning signal will be made after 1530.

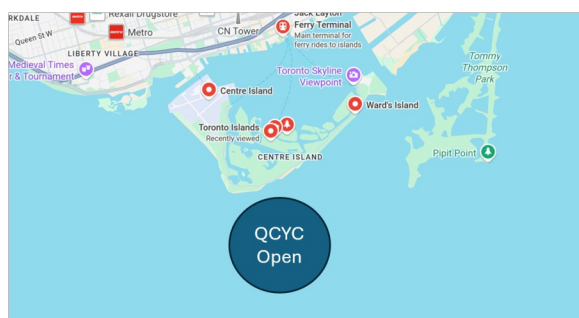
## 7 CLASS FLAGS AND DIVISION SPLITS

- 7.1 Division splits and class flags are as follows:

| Division             | Class flag        | PHRF splits    |
|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 8m                   | 8m                |                |
| 1 – Flying Sails     | Numeral Pennant 1 | 99 and lower   |
| 2 – Flying Sails     | Numeral Pennant 2 | 100 and higher |
| 3 – Non-Flying Sails | Numeral Pennant 3 | 149 and lower  |
| 4 – Non-Flying Sails | Numeral Pennant 4 | 150 and higher |

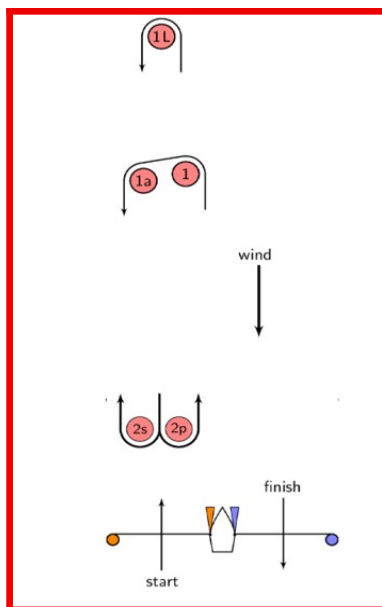
## 8 RACING AREA

- 8.1 The racing area is approximately 1 NM south of Toronto Island (South of Centennial Pier).



## 9 COURSES

- 9.1 The diagram below shows the course, including the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.



### Rounding order for 8m & Division 1:

Start – 1L – 2s/2p (gate) – 1L – Finish

### Rounding order for Division 2, 3, 4:

Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p (gate) – 1 – 1a – Finish

- 9.2 If one of Mark 1/1a or the gate marks is missing, the missing mark will be omitted from the rounding order, and the remaining mark shall be rounded to port.

## 10 MARKS

- 10.1 All marks will be inflatables. Colours will be as follows:

|                |                            |
|----------------|----------------------------|
| Starting mark  | Green                      |
| 1 & 1a         | Orange                     |
| 1L             | Yellow                     |
| 2s & 2p        | Orange (may be MarkSetBot) |
| Finishing mark | Yellow                     |
| 1 change mark  | Green                      |
| 1L change mark | Red                        |

- 10.2 A MarkSetBot may be used instead of an inflatable at mark 2s & 2p. The MarkSetBot are robot pontoon boats about 7 feet by 7 feet with orange inflatable tops 4 feet high. They are self-propelled instead of anchored and may move slightly at any time to maintain position.

## **11 THE START**

- 11.1** The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel and the course side of the starting mark.
- 11.2** [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 11.3** 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 by VHF radio. A boat may not request redress based on failure of the race committee to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed. This changes RRS 61.1(a).
- 11.4** A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.

## **12 CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START**

- 12.1** To change the next windward leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new mark and remove the original mark(s) as soon as practicable.

## **13 THE FINISH**

- 13.1** The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Signal Vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.

## **14 TIME LIMITS**

- 14.1** The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below:

| <b>Mark 1, 1L Time Limit</b> | <b>Race Time Limit</b> | <b>Finishing Window</b> |
|------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 30 minutes                   | 90 minutes             | 20 minutes              |

- 14.2** If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1, 1L Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 14.3** The Finishing Window is the time for a boat to finish after the first boat in its class sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, and A5.2.

## **15 HEARING REQUESTS**

- 15.1** The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat on the course finishes the last race of the day, or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.

- 15.2** Hearing requests should be made on-line at <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu/50792>



- 15.3** Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at *QCYC Conference Room*, beginning at the time posted.

## **16 SCORING**

- 16.1** 1 race is required to be scored to constitute a series.
- 16.2** A boat's series score is the total of her race scores.

## **17 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 17.1** [DP] Prior to the warning signal of the first race of the day, competitors shall sail by the Signal Vessel and hail their sail number until acknowledged by the Race Committee.
- 17.2** [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **18 BERTHING**

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