

Queen City Regatta / Mayors Cup Regatta

Buffalo, NY, August 8th and 9th 2026

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS with Amendment 1

1 RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing and the current PHRF-LE Class Rules.

2 ENTRIES

All boats that have submitted applications accepted by the Organizing Authority and have paid the proper entry fee are eligible to race.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors for Saturday's and Sunday's morning will be posted on the official notice board located in the window on the front porch of the Buffalo Yacht Club's Point Abino North building no later than 9:45 AM on the date that the race is to be held. Sunday afternoon notices will be posted on a window at the patio of the BYC Porter Avenue clubhouse. Class splits will be available at the skippers meetings and on Yachtscoring.com.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located at BYC Pt. Abino. If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 1 (one) hour after AP is lowered.

5 SCHEDULE

A competitors' meeting will be held on both race date mornings at 9:30 AM. The warning signal for the first race will be 11:00 AM both days. 3 races may be run on Saturday. One race on Sunday. The starting sequence for both days is below.

CLASS START	TIME
	11:00 AM Warning
M1	11:05 AM
S2	11:15 AM
S1	11:20 AM

A boat not starting within 5 minutes of the last start will be scored 'DNC'. This changes rule A4.

- 6 **CLASS FLAGS.** Boats are NOT required to display their colored class flag from their backstay, but should not display color class flag other than their class flag shown in this chart..

CLASS	FLAG COLOR
M1	White
S2	Light Blue
S1	Yellow

7 STARTING AREA

The Starting area Saturday and Sunday will be located approximately 1/2 mile east of the BYC Point Abino outer channel marker.

8 COURSE and MARKS

Courses will be displayed from the stern of the signal vessel. There may be different courses for different classes. The course may be announced each morning on VHF ch. 79. at or within 10 minutes prior to the warning signal of the first start of the first class. Saturday's races may be a windward and leeward course, or a triangle or a triangle then windward and leeward course consisting of all dropped marks. The windward leeward course will be displayed as P1 Long rounding or P2 Short rounding. The Triangle course will be displayed as T on the committee boat course board and the Triangle, Windward / Leeward course will be displayed as TWL. Rounding marks shall be left on port. The approximate distance and compass heading to the weather mark will be posted on the signal vessel for Saturday's course. Change of Course after the start: The race committee will place a new mark (orange inflatable) to change the next leg of the course. They will remove the original mark as soon as practical. **The Race Committee (RC) may post different courses for the various classes.**

P1 or P2 Courses

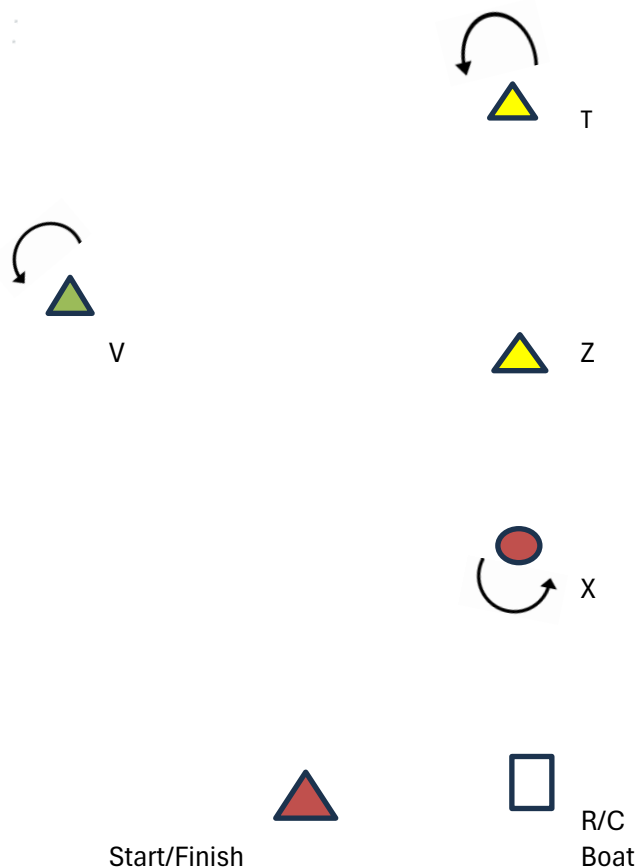
P1 Course: Start to T to X to T to finish

P2 Course: Start to T to X to Z to finish

T/TWL Courses

T Course: Start to T to V to finish

TWL Course: Start to T to V to X to T to finish

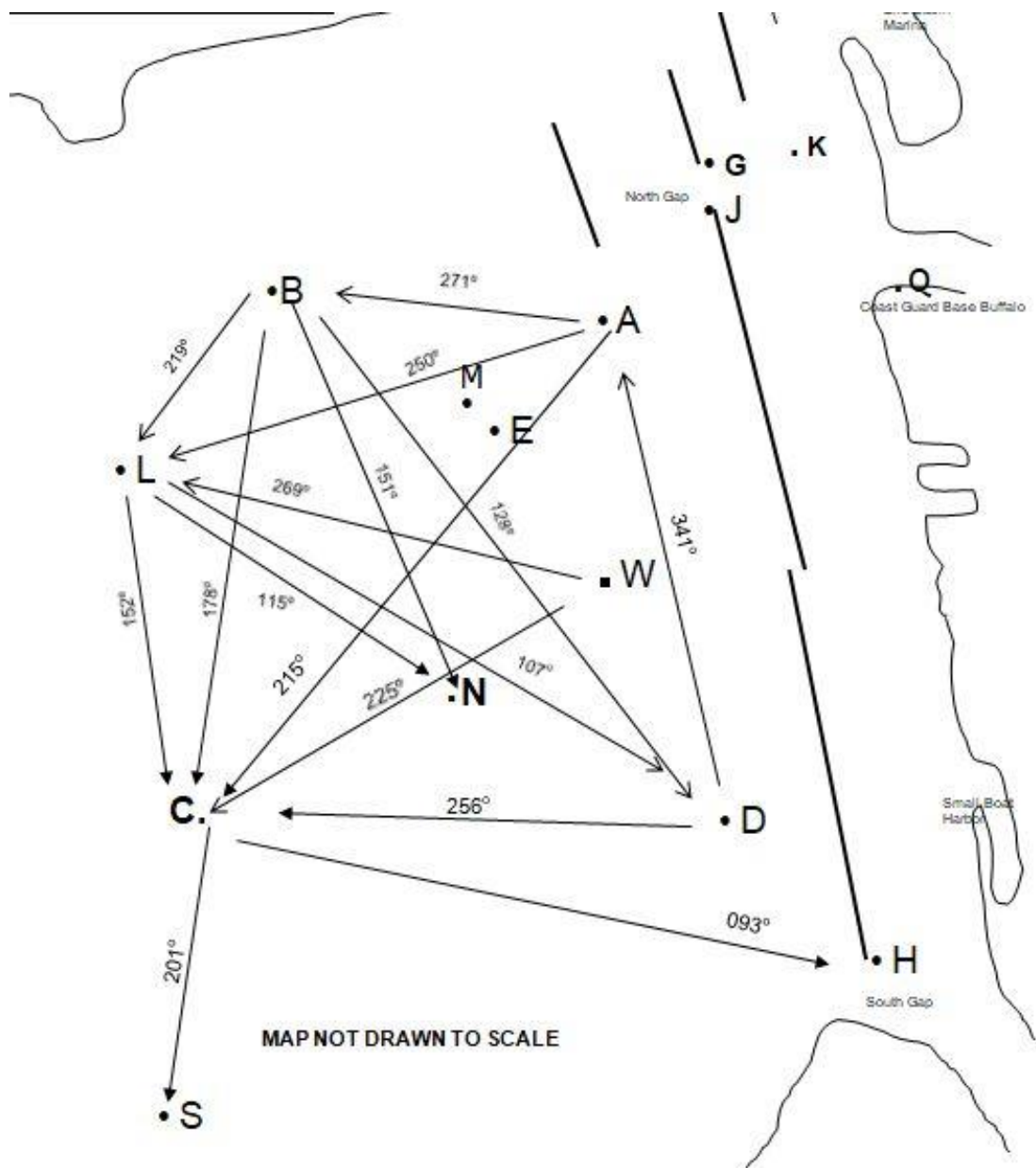


Sunday's course will have all marks of the course listed on the RC signal vessel.

When a mark of the course is displayed in black with a white background leave the mark to port. When a mark of the course is displayed in white with a green or black background leave the mark to starboard.

The following diagrams show the marks and their approximate locations.

MARKS of the COURSE		GPS Coordinates (Approx.)	GPS Coordinates (Approx.)
		North - Lat.	West - Long.
A	Red Buoy – “R4”	42°52.15	078°53.94
B	BHSC Club Mark – yellow post and ball on top (Waverly Shoal)	42°51.90	078°55.92
C	BHSC Mark Apprx. 1/3 NM south of the original Departure Mark.	42°49.88	078°55.30
D	BHSC Club Mark D white pole with white ball	42°50.72	078°52.80
E	Red Buoy – “R2”	42°51.71	078°54.33
F	Shoal marker off Cassidy Point, Port Colbourne (ED2)	42°50.40	079°14.22
G	Green light – North Harbor Entrance	42°52.67	078°53.87
H	South end of South Wall	42°50.19	078°52.04
J	North end of North wall	42°52.55	078°53.75
K	Red/Green can-divides the Black Rock Channel and Buffalo River, At the general vicinity of the entry to the Coast Guard Station	42°52.78	078°53.52
L	BHSC Club Mark –yellow post and 2 balls on top (South of Waverly)	42°51.02	078°56.55
M	Green Can with bell-“G 1”	42°51.54	078°54.72
N	Club Mark – white post with ball (Southwest of South Gap) 2019 Location	42°50.62	078°54.49
O	Orange Inflatable Tetrahedron Start and Finish Mark	Set down by RC	Temporary
R	Red Can off Point Abino	42°49.69	079°05.80
S	Seneca Shoal Buoy	42°47.66	078°55.87
T	Yellow Tetrahedron Weather Mark - Distance from the Signal Vessel to T mark will be displayed on the stern of the Signal Vessel	.25 to 3 NM to weather	Temporary
V	Jibe Mark Green Tetrahedron. Bear away apprx 135 degrees from T	Set down by RC	Temporary
W	BHSC Club Mark W– a white pole with ball (6/10's of a mile west of mid-gap)	42°51.42	078°53.90
X	Leeward Mark Orange Bema Ball	Set down by RC	Temporary
Z	Yellow inflatable – 0.5 to 0.7 NM from the Start Line in the direction of Weather mark	Set down by RC	Temporary



Buffalo Harbor Area

9 STARTING AND FINISHING LINES

The starting line for both days will be between the RC Flagstaff on the Signal vessel and the weather most part Mark O (orange tetrahedron). The finish line for Saturday will be in the same location as the start line.

The Finish line for Sunday will be between the RC Flagstaff on the Signal vessel and the last mark displayed on the course board.

When Z is displayed as the last mark of the course, the finish line will be between the Green Tetrahedron and Red R14 directly in front of the BYC Buffalo station. As boats approach the Buffalo shoreline and are about to enter the Black Rock Channel, they are required to leave navigation marks G1 ($42^{\circ} 53.065' N 78^{\circ} 53.589' W$) and G3 ($42^{\circ} 53.168' N 78^{\circ} 53.570' W$) to port, as well as, pass the proper side of all navigation marks in the Black Rock Channel to the BYC.

10 TIME LIMIT

The time limit on Saturday will be 90 minutes, after that class starts, for the first boat to finish in their class on Saturday. If no boat in a class has rounded the first weather mark within 30 minutes of their class start, the race shall be abandoned. Boats finishing more than 45 minutes after the first boat of their class finishes will be scored DNF without a hearing. The time limit on Sunday will be 4:30 in the afternoon. Any boat finishing after 4:30 PM on Sunday will be scored DNF without a hearing regardless of class time limits. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4 and A5.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1 PENALTY AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT

The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 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 a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.'

11.2 PENALTY TAKEN AFTER A RACE

After a race, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing may take a Post-Race Penalty for that incident. A boat takes the penalty by delivering a written notice to the race office that identifies the race number and when and where the incident occurred. The penalty shall be a 30% Scoring Penalty, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply, and the penalty shall not be taken after a protest hearing involving the incident has begun.

12 PROTESTS

Protests shall be delivered to Race Committee within 1 (one) hour after the Race Committee's finish vessel docks or the last boat finishes, whichever is later. The protest time limit and a list of protests received will be posted on the notice board. Hearings will be held as soon as possible after racing each day in the BYC clubhouse.

13 SCORING

13.1 All scores will count. Each day's racing is a separate event and will be scored as such.

13.2 Scoring will be done using the PHRF time on time system.

13.3 When each day's race(s) is (are) completed, the completed race(s) will constitute that day's regatta.

13.4 Only a completed race will constitute a regatta.

13.5 The Low Point System shall be used in determining finishing scores. This changes RRS A4 and A5:

Adjusted Finish Time Position	Points
1st Place Boat	1
2nd Place Boat	2
3rd Place Boat	3
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X Place Boat	X Points
DNF- Did not Finish	Finishers in class + 2 pts
RAF- Retired After Finish	# competing in class + 2 pts
DNS - Did Not Start	# competing in class + 2 pts
OCS - Premature Starter (On Course Side)	# competing in class + 2 pts
NSC- Not Sail Course	# competing in class + 2 pts
DSQ - Disqualification	# competing in class + 3 pts
DNE - DSQ Not Excludable	# that came to start area +3 pts
DNC-Did Not Compete(Did not come to starting area)	# that came to start area +3 pts

14 TROPHIES

Trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishes per day. Saturday's trophies will be based on the combined score of all Saturday races.

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