



2026 Dorothy Vigrass Women's Race

Saturday August 29th

NOTICE OF RACE



1 RULES

- 1.1 This event is governed by the rules as defined in the current edition of *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS). This NOR has been prepared in accordance with RRS Appendix J1.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the US Sailing national authority apply.
- 1.3 The PHYC/SYC PHRF By-Laws and Handicapping Rules, Credits and Penalties (HRCP) will apply.
- 1.4 Each boat shall have a current PHYC/SYC PHRF rating certificate.
- 1.5 The minimum number of crew per boat is two (2).
- 1.6 RRS 52 applies and the use of autopilots while racing is not allowed.
- 1.7 One Design, Multihull, Cruising Class and Double Handed Class rules apply (Local Double Handed Class rules may allow autopilots).
- 1.8 The navigation rules of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) apply. RRS Appendix RV (Reduced Visibility) recommendations apply.
- 1.9 Michigan/Ontario boating laws and DNR/Ontario boat safety regulations apply.
- 1.10 This event is limited to women only according to RRS 76.1 and RRS 88.2. There is a class of Coached Boats for those with limited racing experience and the coach may be male or female. Only one coach per boat is allowed.
- 1.11 If there is a conflict between languages the English text takes precedence.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available by August 27th on www.yachtscoring.com.
- 2.2 The sailing instructions will consist of instructions in compliance with RRS Appendixes J & S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and supplementary sailing instructions will be on the official notice board located at www.yachtscoring.com

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at the Yachtscoring Race Page, on www.yachtscoring.com. Notices may also be posted on the race information board at PHYC and SYC as a courtesy.
- 3.2 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on VHF channels, including international distress channel 16, boater calling channel 9, port operation channels and non-commercial channels 68, 69, 71, 72. The vessel VHF radio must be capable of receiving and transmitting within the race course area and also include the area boats must transit to and from their harbors and the race course. It is the responsibility of skippers/owners to maintain and regularly test their vessel VHF receiving and transmitting communications.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on the VHF radio. The specific non-commercial channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.4 While racing, from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that are not available to all boats.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Boats registered for the Port Huron Yacht Club/Sarnia Yacht Club Women's Race are eligible to race. This event is limited to women only according to RRS 76.1 and RRS 88.2 (*also see NOR 1.10).
- 4.2 The event is open to all boats (subject to NOR 4.1) with a valid current PHYC/SYC PHRF rating certificate.
- 4.3 The PHYC/SYC PHRF rating certificate applies to boats racing under the PHRF racing handicap system. One Design, Multihull, Cruising Class and Double Handed Class rules apply.
- 4.4 Classes are: PHRF (Symmetrical and Asymmetrical) and JAM (Jib and Main only). The Coached Boat Class shall race under the Jib and Main rules (see NOR 1.10). Registered yachts can change classes until 2000 hours on Thursday, August 27th. Class splits will be posted on the PHYC website by 2100 hours on Thursday, August 27th.
- 4.5 There is no paper application for entry (see NOR 4.6)
- 4.6 Eligible boats may enter the event by signing up on www.yachtscoring.com.
- 4.7 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete the online registration and pay all fees.
- 4.8 Late entries may not be accepted.

5 FEES

- 5.1 Registration fee is \$25 paid on www.yachtscoring.com.
- 5.2 Additional fees (mooring, event etc.) may be required for this regatta by the hosting yacht clubs.

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1 The following limitations apply: A minimum number of crew per boat is two (2). See NOR 1.3.
- 6.2 One Design, Multihull, Cruising Class and Double Handed Class rules may apply.



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7 ADVERTISING

7.1 Boats shall display advertising in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20- ISAF Advertising Code.

8 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

8.1 The Women's Race is a single race not part of a series.

9 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

9.1 The Women's Race registration will close at 2000 hours on Friday, August 28th.

9.2 Class equipment and measurements for racing will occur Friday, times TBA

9.3 The Women's Race is on Saturday, August 29th.

9.4 There will be one race.

9.5 The Skippers Meeting will take place at 900 hours on Saturday, September at PHYC and SYC. The Warning Signal will take place at 1100 hours on Saturday, August 29th.

10 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

10.1 Each boat shall produce or verify the existence of a valid measurement/rating certificate.

10.2 Class boats that require pre-race inspection shall be available on the day before the race for inspection, times TBA.

10.3 Boats may be inspected at any time.

10.4 Boats may be inspected for compliance of weight placement and ballast (RRS 50 and 51).

10.5 One Design Classes may be subject to inspection for compliance of class rules (RRS 78).

11 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

11.1 Boats may be inspected for compliance to RRS 50.1(a)

12 VENUE

12.1 The Women's Race is sponsored and hosted by PHYC/SYC.

13 COURSES

13.1 The lake course will be specified in the SIs and will consist of a set buoy course utilizing the American shore marks and or the PHYC/SYC octagon standard racing marks. A St. Clair River course may be substituted if conditions warrant. The decision regarding what course to use will be made just prior to skipper's meeting (see NOR 9.5).

13.2 Specific mark locations will be identified in the SIs.

14 PENALTIES

14.1 Penalties on the race course will be addressed according to RRS 44.1 and 44.2

15 SCORING

15.1 Race results will be scored according to RRS 90.3

16 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

16.1 Support vessels will be marked with an RC flag.

17 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

17.1 A boat chartered/loaned for this event may carry a sail number in contravention of her class rules (RRS G3) provided that notification has been given to the Race Chairman and or the Class/Fleet Captain.

18 DOCKAGE/BERTHS

18.1 Non-member boats must make prior dockage arrangements by contacting the PHYC Harbormaster

19 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

19.1 Keelboats shall not be hauled out during the event except with permission of the Race Chairman.

20 CLEANING BELOW THE WATERLINE AND USE OF DIVING EQUIPMENT

20.1 Underwater breathing apparatus shall not be used from during the race.

20.2 Keelboats shall not be cleaned below the waterline by any means during the race.



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21 DATA PROTECTION

21.1 For a statement of data protection see the PRIVACY POLICY on www.yachtscoring.com.

22 RISK STATEMENT

22.1 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. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

23 INSURANCE

23.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with minimum coverage of \$250,000 per incident.

24 AWARDS/PRIZES

24.1 See <https://phyc.org> Racing/Awards, Women's Race.

25 FURTHER INFORMATION

25.1 For further information please contact the PHYC Race Chairman.