

SYC/MORC Stn 26 FALL SOLO CHALLENGE
SEPTEMBER 12th, 2026
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES:

The challenge will be governed by current Racing Rules of Sailing, except as any of these are changed by these sailing instructions as amended by MORC Stn 26.

2. CREW: 2.1

The crew will be limited to one experienced, capable sailor.

* 2.2

Each sailor is required to wear a safety harness and have it attached to the yacht from the time the yacht leaves the harbor to start the challenge until the yacht returns to the harbor upon completion of the challenge.

3. ENTRIES:

Well-founded boats may be entered by completing registration with the organizing authority.

4. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS:

All notices to competitors will be emailed. Notices will be posted before 0800hrs Sept. 12th, 2026.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag staff located at the race committee building located at the entrance to the Sarnia Yacht Club.

6. DIVISION ASSIGNMENT SHEETS:

The division assignment sheets will be prepared Friday night Sept. 11th, 2026 at the Sarnia Yacht Club's main clubhouse.

Divisions may be assigned to the long or short course as decided by the race committee. The skippers meeting will be held on Sept. 11, 2026 at SYC at 1830 Hrs. If you are unable to attend, contact the Race Committee on Saturday morning, Sept. 12, 2026 between 0830 and 0900 on VHF Channel 72 for your division assignment and start time.

Division assignment sheets will also be posted on the official notice board.

7. POSTPONEMENT:

Participants will be notified of a postponement by the display of a shape with vertical red and white stripes by the race committee, and will be accompanied by two cannon or horn signals. This shape postpones all divisions not started.

8. THE START:

Rule #26 will be modified with the following starting procedure in section 8.1

8.1. STARTING SEQUENCE:

Time Signal START #1
0900 Warning Yellow
0905 Preparatory Blue 0910 Start Red
START#2
0915 Preparatory Blue 0920 Start Red
START #3
0925 Preparatory Blue 0930 Start Red
START #4
0935 Preparatory Blue 0940 Start Red
START #5
0945 Preparatory Blue 0950 Start Red

8.2. THE STARTING LINE:

The starting line will be between a staff displaying the race committee flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and MARK "M" (yellow shape) at the port end. The starting line is located approximately 1.25 miles northeast at a course of 040°M from the Blue Water Bridge.

Approx. Coordinates to "M" mark are N 43.01.306 and W 82.23.598.

8.3. RECALL:

Individual recalls shall be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1

The race committee will display code "Flag X" (white field with blue cross) and will attempt to notify yachts starting early via VHF Channel 72. The "Flag X" will be displayed until all early starters have restarted properly, or until one minute before the start of the next division.

* Early yachts failing to restart will be assessed a 30 minute penalty plus the elapsed time between the time started and the proper starting time.

9. COURSE:

9.1. LONG COURSE

Proceed from the starting line northerly to Red Navigational Buoy No.12 approximately 3.75 miles at 347°M.

Second leg is to Kettle Point Buoy (V4-QR), approximately 20 miles at 068°M. Third leg is to the finish line, approximately 23 miles at 230°M.

Overall distance is 43.45 nautical miles.

* NOTE: ALL MARKS ARE TO BE LEFT TO STARBOARD

9.2 SHORT COURSE:

The race committee may shorten the course for any reason it deems appropriate by displaying prior to the start, Code Flag "S" (blue square on white background).

The shortened course shall be from the starting line described in section 8.2 above to the Red Navigational Buoy No. 12, then 12.5 miles at 089°M to an orange buoy off Blue Point located at approximately 43°07.00N 82°10.04W, then to the finish described below.

The distance is 27.1 nautical miles.

*NOTE: ALL MARKS ARE TO BE LEFT TO STARBOARD

9.3 APPROXIMATE COORDINATES:

Starting Line "M" Mark

L 43° 0130'N. Lo 82° 23 59'W.

Red Buoy 12: L 43°05.39'N

Lo 82°24.68'W

Kettle Point (V4-QR)

L 43°14.47'N

Lo 82°03.09'W

Finish Line Red #2

L 43°00.40'N

Lo 82°25.20'W

Blue Point, orange tetrahedron short course L 43 07 00 N

Lo 82 10 04 W

10 THE FINISH:

10.1

The finish line shall be between Red Shipping Channel Buoy No. 2, a light buoy (left to starboard) and the red stripe on the white building ("Race Shack") at the entrance to the Sarnia Yacht Club.

10.2

Each yacht will attempt to notify the race committee on VHF Channel #72, 15 minutes prior to finishing the challenge.

10.3

The race committee reserves the right to finish the race at any mark of the course it deems appropriate.

*10.4

The race committee may not be on station after 2000 hrs. Skippers are to record their own finish time and report it to the race committee. If possible each skipper is asked to record the finish time of the yacht finishing ahead and the yacht finishing behind.

11 TIME LIMIT:

*There is no time limit on the challenge.

12 WITHDRAWALS:

Participants withdrawing from the challenge are required to notify the race committee via VHF Radio; channel 72, at the earliest opportunity. If an entrant is unable to notify the race committee by Radio, telephone the race committee at (226) 313-2488 (SYC RACE SHACK).

Failure to notify the Race committee may preclude entry in subsequent events of the Society.

13 PROTESTS:

13.1

A yacht protesting another in accordance with World Sailing (hail protest and must display, in the rigging, a red or orange pennant within a reasonable time after the alleged violation) must file a written protest with the race committee at the SYC after finishing and meet the requirements of World Sailing.

13.2

The protesting yacht would attempt to notify the race committee immediately upon finishing.

14 RADIO:

The Race Committee will attempt to monitor VHF channels 16 and 72 throughout the race.

15 AWARDS:

All participants and their guests are invited to the Sarnia Yacht Club's main clubhouse following the race for the awards presentation at approx 2000 Hrs.
Food will be provided for a nominal charge.

16 MOORINGS:

Overnight docking is available at Bridgeview Marina, Sarnia Yacht Club and some at Lake Huron Yachts. Contact Kyle Griffin –Phone (519) 331-9029 for dockage at the S.Y.C.

Also, for boats entering Canada from the US, skippers need to contact Canadian Customs 1-800-265-1440.

REMEMBER:

Friday Sept. 11, 2026 at 1830 Skippers Meeting @ S.Y.C. CLUBHOUSE BAR.

Saturday Sept.12, 2026 at 0900 - Warning Gun.

Saturday evening -TBD