



Dalhousie Yacht Club
2025 Distance Race Series

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(a).

1. Rules

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. All boats must hold a valid Lake Ontario PHRF certificate unless racing in a one design class with a governing body.
- 1.3. All boats must be registered, and fees paid. Register online at:
<https://www.dalhousieyachtclub.com/racing>.

2. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 2.1. Changes to these Sailing Instructions affecting racing will be posted on the DYC website by 1900 hours on the day prior to racing.
- 2.2. It is the responsibility of each boat to check the website or official notice board prior to each day of racing. Failure to do so shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

3. Communication with Competitors

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the event website
<https://www.dalhousieyachtclub.com/racing>.
- 3.2. On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 71. All boats must have a working VHF.

4. Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole located South of the Clubhouse.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5. Schedule

- 5.1. See Appendix A for Schedule, Courses, Start Time & Time Limits.

6. Racing Area

- 6.1. The racing area will be located on Lake Ontario.

7. Courses and Marks

- 7.1. See Appendix A for Schedule, Courses, Start Time & Time Limits.

8. The Start

- 8.1. See Appendix A for Schedule, Courses, Start Time & Time Limits.

9. Change of Course

- 9.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.
- 9.2. The race committee may, without signal, move a mark to change the direction up to 10 degrees or the length up to 10% of the previous length, provided that no boat is sailing to the mark.

10. The Finish

10.1. See Appendix A for Schedule, Courses, Start Time & Time Limits.

11. Time Limits

11.1. See Appendix A for Schedule, Courses, Start Time & Time Limits.

11.2. Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

12. Scoring

12.1. The Low-Point Scoring System, RRS 90.3, will apply.

12.2. A series will consist of that competitor's best 5 races (if 7 races, 2 drops; if 6 races, 1 drop, to a minimum of 5 races).

13. Hearing Requests

13.1. Boats are requested to notify the Race Committee by VHF radio, immediately after finishing or retiring, of their intention to protest or request redress in that race.

13.2. For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the docking time of the signal vessel. The time will be posted on the official notice board.

13.3. Hearing request forms are available online at Protests & Appeals - Sail Canada (sailing.ca).

13.4. 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. Arbitration and protest hearings will be held as soon as possible after being posted. Hearings may be held online using video conferencing or in-person at the south end of the main floor veranda.

14. [DP][NP] Safety

14.1. On water, prior to the warning signal of the first race of each day, competitors shall sail past the stern of the signal boat and be acknowledged by the race committee.

14.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity, or email racing@dalhousieyachtclub.com.

14.3. All skippers will complete a DYC Crew Overboard Certificate by July 15th, 2025.

15. Replacement of Crew or Equipment

15.1. Unless prohibited by class rules and as long as minimum crew requirements are met, crew changes will be allowed.

15.2. Unless prohibited by class rules, substitution of damaged or lost equipment will be allowed.

16. Equipment and Measurement Checks

16.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race or sailing instructions.

17. Disclaimer of Liability

17.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, 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.

18. Insurance

18.1. Each participating boat shall hold valid third-party general liability insurance, in an amount not less than \$2,000,000.

19. Further Information

19.1. For further information regarding the regatta, please contact racing@dalhousieyachtclub.com.

Appendix A

Race	Date	Name	Start Time	Course	Time Limit	Notes
1	Sunday, May 25 th	Sunday Distance	10:00	DYC Distance Course	See Appendix B	<p>Click here to record your race results.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>Record the following data and email to racing@dalhousieyachtclub.com.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat name and sail number • Whether you sailed FS or NFS during the race • Your GPS finish time • Boat Ahead/ Boat Behind
2	Sunday, June 15 th	Commodores Cup	TBD – watch for Sailing Instructions			
3	Sunday, June 22 rd	Sunday Distance	10:00	DYC Distance Course	See Appendix B	
4	Saturday, July 12 th	Pursuit Race	TBD – Boats start in reverse order of their handicap (i.e. slowest first). Watch for Sailing Instructions			
5	Sunday, July 27 th	Sunday Distance	10:00	DYC Distance Course	See Appendix B	
6	Sunday, August 24 th	Sunday Distance	10:00	DYC Distance Course	See Appendix B	
7	Sunday, October 5 th	Frostbite	TBD – watch for Sailing Instructions			

Appendix B

DYC Distance Course

When not otherwise defined by Schedule within Appendix A

<p>Start Line/ Finish Line:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The start will be at 10:00 hours (cell phone time or GPS time). • (A horn may be sounded if possible, including a warning sound at T minus 5min!) • The start/finish line is the gate between mark 4 and an offset mark 4A (approx 100 yards ESE). (Mark 4 is approx 400 yards due west of the outer range light house.)
<p>DYC Distance Course</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proceed NNE to mark 3 and round it, keeping mark 3 to starboard, then proceed east to Port Weller. • Turn “Welland Canal” Virtual Mark N 43 14.792 W 79 13.388 to port • Proceed west passing north of mark 3 to Jordan Harbour • Turn “Jordan Harbour” Virtual Mark N 43 11.584 W 79 22.195 to port • Head east back to the start/ finish line, cross in either the south or north direction.
<p>Time limit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The lead boat must finish in 5 hours or less. As long as the lead boat finishes in 5 hours or less there is no time limit on the remaining boats.
<p>Light air variation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the forecast wind speed at the time of the preparatory signal is less than 5 knots for the duration of the first 90 minutes after the start time, it will be deemed questionable as to whether the lead boat can complete the course in the reasonable time. A sound signal will be issued followed by instructions that the light air course variation will be sailed. In this case each boat will take mark 3 to port and then proceed directly to the start finish line and record your time. • In the event the long course is completed, by at least one boat, within the 5 hour time limit, all boats completing the long course will be scored in the normal manner on corrected time (first place one point second place two points etc). Boats completing the short course will be scored in a similar manner PLUS a two point penalty.

- In the event no boats complete the long course within 5 hours, those long course boats may be scored DNF or may record their time at the finish line and will be scored with the short course fleet.