

Dalhousie Yacht Club Sunday Morning / Tuesday Evening

JUST FOR FUN Race Around the Marks 2025

The series begins Sunday, May 11, and Tuesday, May 13, or as soon as race marks are in place. Scoring will commence after two weeks of warm-up races. All boats are welcome.

Although it's still a bit cool, the beginning of the season offers excellent sailing weather. We could always use more boats participating, so get your boat and crew out there. Whether it's for tuning up the boat, training the crew, or yourself, you'll value the commitment and enjoy some great sailing stories. The season is short, so getting your boat off the dock for any reason, even this early in the season, is worth the effort.

Consistency is key to doing well in this event, so try to make it a regular part of your boat schedule. If we have enough starters, it is possible to separate Tuesday and Sunday races at the end of the season.

Sailing Instructions:

- Sunday Morning Start Time: 10:00 hrs GPS time.
- Tuesday Evening Start Time: 18:00 (6:00 pm) GPS time.

Refer to your DYC Race website for further information. Racing will occur every week from May to early September, except when the club schedules long-distance races, hosts interclub races, and regattas.

The race course is counterclockwise around the white numbered cans northwest of the Dalhousie Channel entrance. Keep the marks to the port side of your boat. A general diagram of the marks with rough GPS locations is in the SI Appendixes A & B on the DYC race webpage. After the start, proceed to marks 3, 2, 1, 8, 7, 6, 5, and 4.

The start line is between mark 4 and an offset mark approximately 100 meters southeast of #4. If this offset is not in place, the start line is between mark 4 and the north side of the outer range lighthouse. Mark 4 can be seen about 400 meters west of the end of the west pier. The start line also serves as the finish line.

Finish by rounding mark number 4 on either port or starboard, crossing the finish line in either direction.

Scoring:

- Regatta style bullet to the winner - low number wins series.
- DNF's are scored as the number of starters plus 1.

Time Limit:

- The lead boat must finish within 90 minutes; otherwise, there is no race, and all starters are scored a bullet.
- There is no time limit for the balance of boats.

In Light Air Conditions:

If the lead boat does not think they can finish within the 90-minute time limit (or if after 30 minutes, the first boat has not reached mark 3), the lead boat may elect to shorten the course by rounding the next mark and returning directly to the start/finish line, passing mark 4 to starboard. All other boats should follow the lead.

First-time boats should provide boat details such as boat name, make, and PHRF if available by email (see below). If no PHRF certificate is available, the committee reserves the right to assign a club rating.

The current rules of racing apply to incidents such as touching a race mark or another boat. All of this, including the start, is on the honor system, and good sportsmanship is paramount.

Note: After the first use of a spinnaker, you will no longer be classed as white sail unless you advise when reporting your time.

In the event a mark is officially missing, such mark will be ignored.

IMPORTANT: Email your results to ctainc3@gmail.com or text at 905-980-4191, including the race date, time of finish, and a list of other boats racing.

Results will be posted at reasonable intervals. Announcements, notices, and updates will be issued on the DYC race webpage. The top boat will receive recognition in the Breeze and at the award night in November.

Enquiries should be addressed to Chris Turner, Chair, at ctainc3@gmail.com.