



2023 EVENT RULES (NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS)

Organizing Authority – Port Credit Yacht Club, Mississauga, Ontario

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

The notation [DP] in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The prescriptions of Sail Canada will apply and will be posted at www.pcy.net under racing documents. Prescriptions can be found at https://www.sailing.ca/uploads/2020/10/Sail-Canada-Prescriptions-to-the-RRS_2021-2024.pdf
- 1.3 RRS A5.3 will be in effect.
- 1.4 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, applies.

2 CHANGES TO EVENT RULES

Any change to the 2023 Event Rules will be posted before 1300 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3 COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the online Official Notice Board located at https://pcyc.net/boating/club_racing/wednesday .
- 3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on VHF 6,9,16,68,71,72 and 73.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 71.
- 3.4 [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the race, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all mono hull boats racing **Non-Flying Sails** or **Spinnaker** and must be entered by a member who is eligible for a mooring for that boat.
- 4.2 A club member as described in the Club's By-laws (Senior, Honourary, Life, Associate, etc.) or an immediate family member of a Club member must be in charge while racing.
- 4.3 All eligible boats must register ONLINE at https://pcyc.net/boating/club_racing/wednesday .
- 4.4 Boat should have a valid PHRF-LO certificate. Boats with out a valid PHRF-LO certificate shall contact the Club Handicapper at handicapper@pcyc.net.
- 4.5 Boats must register by 3 p.m. on the first day they intend to race in order to be scored.
- 4.6 **[NP] Each competitor participating in the race shall submit an online Liability Waiver (part of the registration process) prior to racing.**

5 CREW LIMITATIONS

All boats must have a minimum crew of a Skipper and one Crew.



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6 SCHEDULE

6.1 Dates of Racing:

Series A

May 17 th Practice Starts	June 7 th	July 5 th	August 2 nd
May 24 th	June 21 st	July 19 th	August 16 th August 30 th

Series B

May 31 st	June 14 th	July 12 th	August 9 th	September 6 th
	June 28 th	July 26 th	August 23 rd	

Rum Runners:

September 13th
September 20th

- 6.2 For all races held prior to August 25th, the first warning signal will be at 1830.
- 6.3 For all races held after August 25th, the first warning signal will be at 1815.
- 6.4 One race will be completed each day.

7 RISK STATEMENT

- 7.1 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.
- 7.2 Competitors voluntarily assume the risks associated with communicable diseases including but not limited to COVID-19.

8 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with an adequate and valid third-party liability insurance with minimum coverage of Two (2) million dollars.

9 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 9.1 The vessel carrying the Race Officer shall make one courtesy sound signal upon departure from the harbour on the way to the race area.
- 9.2 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the signal vessel at its mooring.
- 9.3 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1" minute is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes" in Race Signals AP.

10 DIVISIONS AND CLASS FLAGS

10.1 The class flags are as follows:

	<i>Class</i>	<i>Flag</i>
Start 1	Melges 32	Melges 32 Class Flag
Start 2 (Spinnaker)	PHRF I	Numeral Pennant 1



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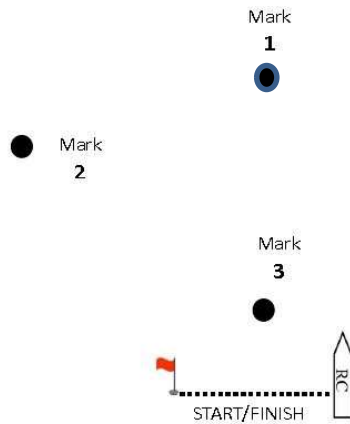
Start 3 (Spinnaker)	PHRF II	Numeral Pennant 2
Start 4 (White Sail)	PHRF III	Numeral Pennant 3
Start 5 (White Sail)	PHRF IV	Numeral Pennant 4

11 VENUE

- 11.1 Racing will take place on a bearing of 145 degrees and a distance of 1.2 nautical miles from the entrance to the harbour.
- 11.2 [NP] Course location will be at the discretion of the race officer.

12 COURSES AND MARKS

- 12.1 The course to be sailed will be a twice around windward/leeward for Melges 32, PHRF I and PHRF II and a triangle windward/leeward course for PHRF III and PHRF IV.



Melges 32	Start – Mark 1 – Mark 3 – Mark 1 - Finish
PHRF I:	Start – Mark 1 – Mark 3 – Mark 1 – Finish
PHRF II:	Start – Mark 1 – Mark 3 – Mark 1 – Finish
PHRF III:	Start – Mark 1 – Mark 2 – Mark 3 – Mark 1 – Finish
PHRF IV:	Start – Mark 1 – Mark 2 – Mark 3 – Mark 1 – Finish

- 12.2 Inflatable marks will be used.
- 12.3 **The race committee may signal an additional windward/leeward leg for Starts 1 and 2 by displaying code flags ‘C’, ‘L’ and ‘numeral pennant 3’ before the last leg of the course.**

13 THE START

- 13.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel and the course side of the starting mark.
- 13.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 13.3 If any part of a boat’s hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure



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of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress for request. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

- 13.4 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
- 13.5 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- 13.6 [NP] The race committee may, at its discretion, combine starts.

14 THE FINISH

- 14.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal vessel and the course side of the mark nearest the signal boat.
- 14.2 If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she should record her finishing time (GPS time), and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 5.1 For boats with a spinnaker flying, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Tuns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. The boat must fly its spinnaker again immediately after taking the penalty.

16 TIME LIMITS

- 16.1 The Finishing Window of 30 minutes is the time for boats to finish after the first boat in each division sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing.
- 16.2 A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.
- 16.3 Overall time limit for each race is not to exceed the time from the warning signal to 15 minutes prior to sunset.

17 HEARING REQUESTS

- 17.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the signal vessel docks. The time will be posted on the online official notice board.
- 17.2 Hearing request forms are available outside of the Communications Station or online from <https://www.sailing.ca/protests-appeals/>.
- 17.3 A boat intending to protest another boat or boats under a rule of Part 2 or RRS 31 shall provide the information required by RRS 61.2 by completing a hearing request form within 60 minutes of the signal boat docking. The protestor and protestee(s) will be contacted by the Chief Judge for an arbitration hearing. The arbitration hearing will be held on-line or in-person.
- 17.4 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. Hearings will be held in the Boardroom, located on the second floor of the east end of the clubhouse as soon as is feasible.
- 17.5 RRS 66.2(a) does not apply.
- 17.6 For all other protests, a protest form must be submitted by email to protest@pcyc.net by midnight of the evening the race was conducted. The protestor and protestee(s) will be contacted by the Chief Judge for a hearing. Hearings will be held on-line using Zoom or in-person.



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18 SCORING

- 18.1 The scoring system is the PHRF Lake Ontario Time on Time formula.
- 18.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.3 When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 18.4 When 6 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 18.3 The winners of Wednesday A/B Series will be scored based on RRS A9.

19 [DP] [NP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 19.2 The owner of the boat and the crew are responsible for adhering to the 'Concussion Codes of Conduct for both Participants and Leaders', 'Removal from Sport Protocols' and 'Return to Sport Protocols'.
<https://ontariosailing.ca/concussion-information/>.

20 DATA PROTECTION

All pictures, audio and video recordings, graphic logos and service names contained herein or produced during the race by or on behalf of the Organizing Authority or Port Credit Yacht Club, are the property of either the Organizing Authority or Port Credit Yacht Club or their respective members. No rights are granted to use pictures, graphic logos, and service names without permission. Registrants, competitors, and participants grant the Organizing Authority or Port Credit Yacht Club (PCYC) the unrestricted right and permission to use the name and/or image for any text, photograph, or video footage of either themselves or the sailboat they are sailing during the event to be published or broadcast in any media whatsoever (including but not limited to press, TV advertisements, social media or internet), for either editorial or advertising purposes or to be used in Press Information.

21 TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard official vessels.

22 DIVING RESTRICTIONS AND PLASTIC POOLS

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the event.

23 PRIZES

- 23.1 Prizes will be awarded to the first three boats in each class for classes with five or more boats entered.
- 23.2 Additional awards may be presented.

24 Further Information

For further information, please contact:
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EMERGENCY PLAN:

In the event of damage or injury:

1. Contact Peel Region Marine Unit
2. Contact the Race Committee VHF 16 or 71

Emergency Phone Numbers

Peel Region Emergency Services	For emergencies ONLY – 911
Peel Region Marine Unit	VHF 16 or 12 905-453-2121 Ext 4799
Canadian Coast Guard (Trenton)	VHF 16 1-800-267-7270
Port Credit Yacht Club	(905) 278-7911
Signal Boat	VHF 71

1 PCYC COVID-19 Safety Guidelines

- 1.1 <https://pcyc.net/index.cfm?ID=1298&Download=%291%5B%2257B%26%25S%5D1J%0A&f=8939>

2 CONCUSSION GUIDELINES

Those participants, including both Skippers and Crew should familiarize themselves with the information provided below.

- 2.1 Ontario Sailing Concussion Code of Conduct – Athletes and Participants

<http://www.ontariosailing.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/OS-Concussion-Management-Policy-V2-August-2019.docx.pdf>

- 2.2 Ontario Sailing Concussion Management and Return to Play

<http://www.ontariosailing.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/OS-Concussion-Management-Policy-V2-August-2019.docx.pdf>

PORT CREDIT YACHT CLUB
115 Lake Promenade, Mississauga, Ontario
Wednesday Night Midweek Racing



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- 2.3 Rowan's Law
<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/18r0>
- 2.4 Ontario Ministry Provided Concussion Resources
<https://www.ontario.ca/page/rowans-law-concussion-awareness-resources>

3 VENUE PARKING

- 3.1 Parking is available free of charges for all participants.