



NYC OPEN
August 12, 2023



8Metre NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP
August 12 & 13, 2023

Organizing Authority – National Yacht Club
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Notice of Race

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule.

The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. These change 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. The prescriptions of Sail Canada will apply and a copy can be found at https://www.sailing.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/sail_canada_prescriptions_2021_2024_14_03_2022.pdf.
- 1.3. The rules for the Performance Handicap Rating Formula (PHRF) handicap divisions are PHRF Lake Ontario (PHRF-LO).
- 1.4. For protests involving an infringement of a rule of Part 2 of the RRS, an arbitration hearing may be held in accordance with RRS Appendix T.
- 1.5. The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and supplementary sailing instructions that will be on the official notice board located on the outside wall on the west side of the National Yacht Club (NYC) clubhouse and on the event website <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=16089>
- 1.6. All participants will adhere to the NYC's concussion protocol posted online at: https://www.thenyc.com/Learn_to_Sail/Concussion_Policy_-_Rowan_s_Law

2. Sailing Instructions

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available before 1800 hours on Tuesday, August 8, 2023 at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=16089>

3. Communication

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the outside wall on the west side of the NYC clubhouse. Notices will also be posted on the event website <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=16089> as a courtesy.

- 3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on the assigned radio frequency for the course they are competing on. International VHF channels that may be used include 6, 8, 9, 16, 68, 69, 71, 72, and 74.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on the course VHF radio frequency. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.4 [DP] While racing, 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 boats with a valid PHRF-LO certificate or a member of a recognized one design class.
- 4.2. A minimum of 5 boats makes a class. Expected one design classes include Beneteau 36.7, J80, J105, Sharks, Melges 24, Etchells, VXOne, and 8 Metre. Interested one design classes can submit a request for two days of course racing to racing@thenyc.com. Additional classes may be formed based on registration.
- 4.3. The organizing authority reserves the right to group similar boats together to form one or more classes.
- 4.4. While racing, a boat shall carry a minimum of a skipper and two crewmembers, except where a lesser number is required by the relevant one design class rule.
- 4.5. [DP] [NP] Notwithstanding any rule contained in RRS Appendix G, or any specific class rule, each boat shall carry her sail number on mainsails, spinnakers and each overlapping headsail having a luff perpendicular exceeding 130% of the base of the fore triangle.
- 4.6. Boats may only enter the event by registering online at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=16089>
- 4.7. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

5. Fees & Registration

- 5.1. To be considered an entry in the event, an eligible boat must complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 5.2. The registration fee is \$75 + HST per boat for one day of course racing and \$125 + HST for two days of course racing. Registration fee includes entry on Saturday to the NYC Open beer gardens, presented by Steam Whistle Brewing. In addition, BBQ, land games, and live music will be provided on the West Lawn and tent.
- 5.3. Registration will close on 1800h on August 4, 2023.
- 5.4. Late entries will be accepted until 1800h on August 11, 2023 with additional payment of \$25 + HST

6. Schedule

- 6.1 *The first warning signal will be 1050 on Saturday and no warning after 1630.*
- 6.2 *The first warning on Sunday will be 1050 and no warning after 1530.*
- 6.3 A maximum of 4 races are scheduled for course racing Saturday and Sunday. For the 8 Metre class, a maximum of 3 races are scheduled for Saturday and Sunday.

7. Equipment Inspection

- 7.1 Each boat shall produce or verify the existence of a valid PHRF-LO certificate or class membership.

8. Venue

- 8.1 The National Yacht Club is located at 1 Stadium Road, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, M5V 3HA, 416-260-8686. This is located on western entrance of Toronto Harbour, on Lake Ontario.
- 8.2 Sailing will take place on Lake Ontario adjacent to National Yacht Club.

9. Courses

- 9.1. The courses to be sailed and their specific locations will be provided in the sailing instructions.

10. Scoring

- 10.1. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.2. A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.

11. Support Person Vessels

- 11.1. [DP] Support person vessels will be assigned a berth or mooring area for the duration of the event. Such berth or mooring is subject to the terms and conditions for all boats using NYC controlled facilities.

12. Berthing

- 12.1 [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the harbour.

13. Risk Statement

- 13.1 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. The Club and Organizing Authority are not responsible for any risk to competitors as a result of their participation.

14. Insurance

- 14.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability coverage of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) CAD per incident.
- 14.2. The club or school with which a competitor is affiliated with will be responsible for the financial obligations associated with any incident in which the competitor is found to be at fault.

15. Prizes

- 15.1. Prizes will be awarded to boats placing first, second and third in each class with five or more entries; to those placing first and second in classes with four entries and to the first place crew in classes with three entries.
- 15.2. The 8 Metre fleet will award the Harry G. Kimber trophy to the top Classic boat and the Sodus Bay Cup to the top Modern boat.

16. Further Information

- 16.1. For further information please contact racing@thenyc.com or 416-260-8686.