

**The Youngstown Chase**  
**The Organizing Authority is the Youngstown Yacht Club (YYC)**  
**July 26-28, 2024**

Youngstown Yacht Club  
491 Water Street  
Youngstown, NY 14174  
[www.yyc.org](http://www.yyc.org)

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

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

**1. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 1.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0930 on the day it will take effect,
- 1.2. Changes to a sailing instruction may be made on the water by announcing the change on VHF radio. Race signal L will be made no less than 1 minute prior to announcing the change.

**2. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS**

**2.1.** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=16707>  
The race office is located at 491 Water St., Youngstown, NY USA

- 2.2. On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors via radio on VHF channel 68.

**3. CODE OF CONDUCT**

- 3.1. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 3.2. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall place advertising provided by the organizing authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

**4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the YYC flagpole located just North of the Main YYC clubhouse.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signals AP.
- 4.3. The OA will attempt to post new starting times on the official notice board. Failure to post will not be grounds for redress.

**5. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 5.1. Dates of racing are Saturday July 27 and Sunday July 28, 2024.
- 5.2. The scheduled time of the warning signal for racing each day is 1100 Hrs.
- 5.3. The first boat will start at 1105 Hrs.
- 5.4. There is one pursuit race each day

## 6. Racing Divisions and Prizes

- 6.1. The Fleet will be divided into three divisions. Awards will be given to the top three finishers in each class.
- 6.2. **CLASS** one is non-flying sails
- 6.3. **CLASS** two are boats rated above 100
- 6.4. **CLASS** three are boats rated below 100
- 6.5. A prize will be given to the first boat to finish regardless of division

## 7. RACING AREA

The waters of Lake Ontario East of the Niagara River within 5 miles of shore and no further east than Wilson harbor.

## 8. COURSE

- 8.1 The course to be sailed and order of marks will be posted on official notice board no later than 0930 the day of racing.
- 8.2 The OA will attempt to have paper copies of the course, order of marks and starting times to be distributed at the Youngstown Yacht Club no later than 0930 on the day of racing. Failure to provide paper copies is not grounds for redress.
- 8.3 The OA will attempt to broadcast the course to be sailed and order of marks at regular intervals throughout the starting time segment. Failure to broadcast the course is not grounds for redress.

## 9. MARKS

- 9.1. Mark #4 YYC Olympic racing circle (N43 16"63.6 W079 03"55.7)
- 9.2. Niagara River buoy R2 (N43 19'02.4 W079 04'30.8)
- 9.3. Anchored Mark boat, 21 foot green center consol with a green identification flag. Location of Mark boat will vary based on conditions and will be posted in accordance with 8.1

## 10. THE START

- 10.1. There will be a warning signal made 5 minutes before the first starting signal.
- 10.2. The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark (Mark # 4 YYC Olympic circle).
- 10.3. Boats who are not preparing for eminent start shall avoid the starting area.
- 10.4. If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting time and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure 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).

## 11. THE FINISH

- 11.1 Saturday, the finishing line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the finishing signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port end finishing mark # 4 of YYC Olympic racing circle.
- 11.2 Sunday, the finishing line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the finishing signal boat on the port end of the line and Niagara River buoy R2 on the starboard end of the line.

## 12. TIME LIMITS

- 12.1. Saturday July 27 2024 will have a time limit of 1530 Hrs
- 12.2. Sunday July 28, 2024 will have a time limit of 1430 HRS

## 13. HEARING REQUESTS

- 13.1. The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the race committee signal vessel has returned to her mooring. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 13.2. Hearing request forms are available from the race office or at: [USSailing Hearing Request](#). Hearing requests may be filed in person at the race office, on Yacht Scoring, or electronically by emailing a copy of the form to [yycprotest@gmail.com](mailto:yycprotest@gmail.com).
- 13.3. 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 protest room, located at the YYC Sailing Office beginning at the time posted.
- 13.4. Some hearings may take place over Zoom. A link will be provided on the official notice board. Competitors must leave video on and remain in view of the camera at all times except when dismissed by the protest committee.

## 14. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 14.1. [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 14.2. Boats shall monitor VHF channel 68 for the duration of the race.

## 15. RISK STATEMENT

- 15.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race.
- 15.2. 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. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**