

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

PEYC Spring Series 2026 May 20th until June 17th, 2026 Prince Edward Yacht Club Prince Edward County, Picton, Ontario, Canada (V. May 15,2025)

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.

1 RULES

- 1.1** The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025 - 2028*.
- 1.2** The PHRF-LO Rule applies to boats racing under PHRF, using PHRF-LO Primary Time-on-Time calculation values.
- 1.3** The Canada Shipping Act, Small Vessels Regulations of Canada shall apply at all times

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1** Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 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.
- 2.2** Changes to a sailing instruction may be made by the Race Committee on the water by radio on Channel 68

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at club entrance
- 3.2** The race office is located at PEYC club house, telephone (613)476-5585, email: manager@peyc.ca
- 3.3** On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 68.
- 3.4** The following communications may be made by the race committee on VHF channel 68:
 - Shortening course
 - Postponement
 - Abandonment
 - Recalls

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- 3.5 [DP] From the first warning signal until end of the, 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 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at PEYC

- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 45 minutes’ in Race Signals AP.

- 5.3 [DP] Flag D with one sound means ‘Boats are requested not to leave the [harbour][shore] until this signal is made. The warning signal will not be made before the scheduled time or less than 45 minutes after flag D is displayed.’

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1

20 May, Wed	PEYC Spring Series 1
27 May, Wed	PEYC Spring Series 2
3 Jun, Wed	PEYC Spring Series 3
10 Jun, Wed	PEYC Spring Series 4
17 Jun, Wed	PEYC Spring Series 5

- 6.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first start in the race on each day is **05.55pm**.

- 6.3 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

7 CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 The class flags are:

Start	Class Flag	Class
1 st Start	Numeral pennant 1	PHRF-LO Non flying sails
2 nd Start	Numeral pennant 2	PHRF-LO Flying sails

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7.2 If more than 6 boats are registered in a class the class may be split in two groups based on PHRF-LO rating

8 RACING AREA

8.1 The racing area is Picton Bay

9 COURSES

9.1 **Course A:** Start – Mark #3 – Mark #1 – Finish

Course B: Start – Mark #1 – Mark #3 – Finish

Course C: Start – Mark #4 – Mark #2 – Finish

Course D: Start – Mark #2 – Mark #4 – Finish

Course E: Start – Mark #2 – Mo(A) – Finish

Course F: Start – Mo(A) – Mark #2 – Finish

Course G: Start – Mark #1 – Mo(A) – Finish

Course H: Start – Mo(A) – Mark #1 – Finish

Course J: Start – Windward Mark (orange inflatable mark) – Leeward Mark (orange inflatable mark) – Finish

9.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display on a board at the stern:

1. the selected course identified by capital letters, and
2. the number of laps to be sailed around the course marks between Start and Finish by a number.

9.3 During the race the race marks are rounded by leaving the mark to port.

9.4 Legs of the course will not be changed after the preparatory signal. This changes RRS 33.

10 MARKS

10.1 **Permanent Marks:** Mark 1, 2, 3, and 4 – yellow and white stick markers. Start/finish mark will be an orange or white ball. Mo(A) –red and white fairway pillar light buoy

Temporary Marks: Start/finish mark will be an orange or white ball, temporary windward / leeward marks will be orange inflatable marks.

11 THE START

11.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

11.2 The warning signal for each succeeding class will be the start signal of the preceding class.

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- 11.3** The starting line is between an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 11.4** Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 11.5** If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line during the two minutes before her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to broadcast her sail number on VHF channel 68. A boat may not request redress based on the race committee's failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately. This changes RRS 61.1(a).
- 11.6** 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. A boat may not request redress based on failure of the race committee to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed. This changes RRS 61.1(a).
- 11.7** In case of a General Recall the warning signal for the new start will be the start signal of the succeeding class, this changes RRS 29.2
- 11.8** A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.
- 12** **SHORTENING THE COURSE**
- 12.1** Following RRS 32.1 (b) the race committee may shorten the race course if insufficient wind is making it unlikely that boats will sail the course within the Race Time Limit. The finishing line will be at the location of the start line after completing the first loop of the race course.
- 13** **THE FINISH**
- 13.1** The finishing line is at the location of the start line, between a blue flag on the signal vessel (RC boat) at the starboard end and the course side of the port end finishing mark,
- 13.2** If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she shall report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 14** **PENALTY SYSTEM**
- 14.1** The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, applies.
- 15** **TIME LIMITS**
- 15.1** Race Time Limit for each class in each race is 8.00 pm. This changes RRS35

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- 15.2** Boats starting but failing to sail the course within the given Race Time Limit, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the finishing place of the last boat that sailed the course within the Race Time Limit and was not penalised under RRS 30.3 or 30.4. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10
- 16 HEARING REQUESTS**
- 16.1** The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the RC boat returns to the PEYC dock.
- 16.2** Hearing request forms are available from the race office
- 16.3** 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 PEYC chart room beginning at the time posted.
- 16.4** RRS 61.2(b)(2) and 63.7(b)(2) do not apply
- 17 SCORING**
- 17.1** The scoring system is as follows:
- 17.2** 1 race is required to be scored to constitute a series.
- 17.3** (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores.
(b) When 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
This changes *RRS A2.1*
- 17.4** RRS A5.3 applies
- 18 SAFETY REGULATIONS**
- 18.1** Prior to the first warning signal boats shall pass astern of the Committee Boat and identify themselves by calling out their sail number.
- 18.2** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity. Promptly after returning to shore, the boat shall complete a retirement declaration form, which is available at the PEYC race office
- 19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**
- 19.1** A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class and PHRF-LO rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.
- 20 PRIZES**

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20.1 Prizes will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd overall in the Spring Series for each class/group at the PEYC Cups and Trophies event in fall 2026

21 RISK STATEMENT

21.1 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. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.** .

22 INSURANCE

31.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of CAD 2,000,000.- per incident or the equivalent.