

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

The Waupoos Wabbit Wace 2026

Saturday August 8th 2026

Prince Edward Yacht Club

Prince Edward County, Picton, Ontario, Canada

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 09.00 am on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20.00 on the day before it will take effect.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at club entrance, registration is open, and **skippers meeting** will be held **at 9.00 am on August 8th** at the club house.
- 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 06**.

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.

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- 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

Date	Scheduled time of warning signal
August 8 th , Saturday	10.15 am

- 6.2 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 and PHRF-LO Flying sails

- 7.2 Display of class flags on the competitors’ boats is not required

8 RACING AREA

- 8.1 The racing area is Picton Bay, Adolphus Reach, and Prince Edward Bay

9 COURSE

- 9.1
- Start at Picton Bay
 - Rounding Indian Point
 - KP2 to starboard (red marker south east of Green Island)
 - Rounding south west corner of Waupoos Island to starboard
 - Finishing line between Waupoos Marina west break wall and a buoy

Distance is about 27nm.

- 9.2 The start location and additional marks if any will be announced at the skippers’ meeting

10 MARKS

- 10.1
- Rounding Indian Point
 - KP2 to starboard (red marker south east of Green Island)
 - Rounding south west corner of Waupoos Island to starboard

11 THE START

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- 11.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2 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.
- 11.3 In the event of a general recall the warning signal for the new start will be 1 minute after the First Substitute pennant is lowered with its accompanying single sound.
- 11.4 In the event that there is no signal vessel available, the start will proceed in the format of a “rabbit start” as per announcement at the skippers meeting.

12 SHORTENING THE COURSE

- 12.1 In the event that the lead boat did not pass the race marks within the given race time limits the course will be shortened at that mark.

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line is 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 The finishing line at Waupoos Marina is the line between Waupoos Marina west break wall and the ferry dock on Waupoos island.



- 13.3 In the event the course is shortened due to race time limits the lead boat will establish a finish line by anchoring near the race mark or shore point. Shortening of course will be announced by the lead boat on vhf channel 72. The lead boat will take the times of the finishing boats.
- 13.4 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 after arriving at the dock.

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14 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, applies.

15 TIME LIMITS

15.1 Race time limits:

- Indian Point: 1400hrs.
- KP2: 1630hrs.
- South west corner of Waupoos Island: 1800hrs.

15.2 Boats failing to finish within 2 hours after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored (DNF) Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

16 HEARING REQUESTS

16.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the RC boat returns to the PEYC dock, if the RC boat is not on station the time limit is 60 minutes after last competitor 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 PHRF-LO Non flying sails and PHRF-LO Flying sails will be scored as one class

17.2 The overall winner will be declared, however if a Non-Flying Sails boat is the overall winner, then the trophy for the first Non-Flying Sails boat will be awarded to the second Non-Flying Sails boat

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.

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.

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20 PRIZES

- 20.1 Prizes will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd by total points of the two races 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

- 22.1 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.