

2.4mR North American Championships

September 25-29, 2024



Royal Hamilton Yacht Club
555 Bay Street North Road
Hamilton, Ontario
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

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1 RULES

1.1 These Sailing Instructions and rules are to be read in conjunction with the Notice of Race

1.2 The prescriptions of Sail Canada will apply and are available at https://www.sailing.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/sail_canada_prescriptions_2021_2024_14_03_2022.pdf

1.3 In the event of conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence. (This changes RSS 63.7.)

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS[DP]

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.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenue.cfm?eID=16825> . There will be an unofficial notice board located on the eastern patio of RHYC.

3.2 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 71.

3.3 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing 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[DP]

4.1 Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag pole located on the Front lawn of the club.

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

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 The schedule for boat delivery, competitor and coach check-in, racing and social events is as follows:

Date	Time	Event	Location
Tuesday, Sept 24 th	Starting at 1200	Boat Arrival to RHYC	Dry Sail
Wednesday Sept 25 th	1000-1200	Registration	Commodore's Room
Wednesday Sept 25 th	1400	Practice Race – warning signal	Racing Area
Thursday Sept 26 th	1000	Competitor's Meeting	Tent Area
Thursday Sept 26 th	1130	First Warning Signal	Racing Area
Thursday Sept 26 th	1800	Social & Refreshments	Tent Area
Friday, Sept 27 th	1130	First Warning Signal	Racing Area
Friday, Sept 27 th	1800	Social & Refreshments	Tent Area
Saturday, Sept 28 th	1030	First Warning Signal	Racing Area
Saturday, Sept 28 th	1800	Awards Dinner	RHYC Dining Room
Sunday Sept 29 th	0900	Pack Up	Dry Sail

6.2 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500hrs.

7 CLASS FLAGS

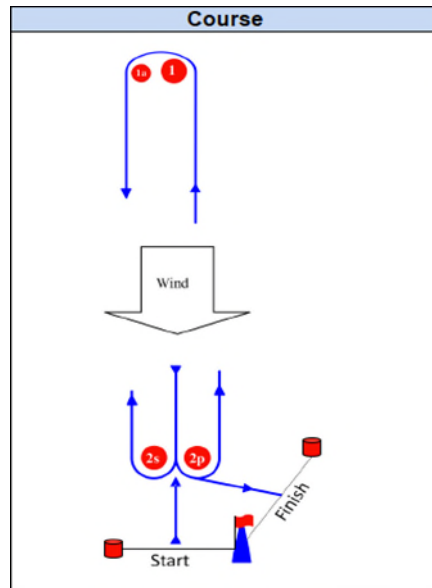
7.1 The class flag will be the class insignia on a white background or Numeral Pennant 1.

8 RACING AREA

8.1 Racing will take place on Hamilton Harbour.

9 COURSES

- 9.1 The diagram below shows the course to be sailed, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.



- 9.2 Rounding order: Start – 1 (port) – 1a (port) – 2s/2p (gate) – 1 (port) – 1a (port) – 2p (port) – Finish.
- 9.3 If mark 1a is not present it will be omitted from the rounding order.
- 9.4 Mark 1a will NOT be replaced if there is a change of course.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 Marks 1, 1a, 2s and 2p will be Orange Tetrahedrons.
- 10.2 The start/finish mark will be Orange flag on a pin.
- 10.3 New marks as provided in SI 13 will be Yellow Tetrahedrons.

11 OBSTRUCTIONS

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12 THE START

- 12.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 12.2 The starting line is between staffs displaying orange flags on the signal vessel and the starting pin.
- 12.3 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 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

13.2 The race committee may, without signal, move a mark to change the direction up to 10 degrees or the length up to 10% of the previous length.

14 THE FINISH

14.1 The finishing line will be between a blue flag on the race committee vessel and the finishing mark.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

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16 TIME LIMITS

16.1 The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), the Finishing Window and Target Time are shown in the table below.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window	Target Time
<i>20 minutes</i>	<i>75 minutes</i>	<i>20 minutes</i>	<i>50 minutes</i>

16.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.

16.3 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat 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. 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.

16.4 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

16.5 The race committee may finish boats on course, awarding points equivalent to a boat's current position in a race. The race committee determines the method and order. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

17 HEARING REQUESTS

17.1 The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the race committee vessel reaches the dock. The time will be posted on the official notice board.

17.2 Hearing request forms are available online at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=16825>

17.3 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 boardroom within Royal Hamilton Yacht Club.

18 SCORING

18.1 See Notice of Race (NoR) section 10.

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP]

19.1 Before the first warning signal each day boats shall sail past the stern of the signal vessel and hail their sail number until acknowledged by the race committee.

19.2 A boat that retires or leaves the race area prior to the last finish of the day must notify the race committee as soon as possible by hail or VHF.

20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

20.1 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the protest committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

21.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.

21.2 When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

22 SUPPLIED BOATS

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23 OFFICIAL VESSELS

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24 SUPPORT TEAMS[DP]

24.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support persons shall stay

outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

25 TRASH DISPOSAL

25.1 Trash may be placed aboard official vessels.

26 BERTHING

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27 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

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28 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

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29 PRIZES

29.1 The North American Championships is an Open Championship in which the winner can be from any country. Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers.

30 RISK STATEMENT

30.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

30.2 RRS 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

30.3 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that: a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event; b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore; c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission; d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit

to participate; e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizers does not relieve them of their own responsibilities; f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances

31 INSURANCE

31.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.