

2026 BLUFFERS OPEN REGATTA

Notice of Race & Sailing Instructions

THE REGATTA IS ORGANIZED BY 2026 BLUFFERS BASIN RACE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (ORGANIZING AUTHORITY) hosted by the Scarborough Bluffs Sailing Club,

BLUFFERS PARK YACHT CLUB - BPYC
Club House Telephone (416) 261-6993

CATHEDRAL BLUFFS YACHT CLUB - CBYC
Club House Telephone (416) 261-7627

HIGHLAND YACHT CLUB - HYC
Club House Telephone (416) 267-0224

SCARBOROUGH BLUFFS SAILING CLUB - SBSC
Club House Telephone (416) 264-2692

1 Entry, Registration and Awards

- 1.1 The owner(s) of a boat intending to participate must complete a registration form and submit payment of the registration fee(s) with a signed liability waiver, before the boat is allowed to race and/or be scored.
 - The entry fees: \$25
 - Fees are payable by e-transfer as instructed on the race registration form:

<https://form.jotform.com/261918382493063>
 - Non-payment will result in the entry being null and void.
- 1.2 The Registration Deadline is 21:00, July 23rd, 2026. No grace period will be granted.
- 1.3 The Race Management Committee reserves the right to refuse and/or rescind entry of any boat found to be operating in an unsafe or in a manner contrary to RRS 69.
- 1.4 Awards are presented per division, to the (# of participants -1) up to a maximum of 3 awards. For example, if a division has only 3 boats, awards are provided for first place and second place.
- 1.5 Awards will be awarded on a date and manner to be determined by the Organizing Authority.

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2 Classes and Eligibility

- 2.1 A minimum of three (3) fleets will be hosted in the regatta:
 - FS** - Flying Sails (Spinnakers)
 - NFS** - Non-Flying Sails (Jib or Genoa and Main only)
 - FUN** - Fun Race Fleet – Non-Flying Sails only
- 2.2 Fleets may be further subdivided by the Organizing Authority if participant numbers warrant, this subdivision will be based on PHRF-LO or assigned ratings.
 - 2.2.1 The minimum fleet size for a division is 2 boats.
- 2.3 Each participating keelboat in Flying Sails and Non-Flying Sails fleets must have a valid PHRF-LO certificate.
- 2.4 For the FS and NFS fleets the PHRF-LO Point to Point Time Correction Factor will be used for scoring.
- 2.5 In the event of extremely light air, the course posted by the BBRMC within the regular BBRMC race mark set will be used, and the normal PHRF-LO TOD to TOT correction factor:
$$[A = 566.431 / B + (PHRF + 401.431)]$$
will be used to score a Windward Leeward Course.
- 2.6 For the competitors in Fun Race, a handicap will be assigned based on either a valid PHRF-LO certificate or a rating as assigned by the Race Management Committee.
- 2.7 The Fun Race Fleet will use the PHRF-LO TOT Factor or the assigned rating converted to a time correction factor of $A = 650, B = 550 + \text{Rating}$.
- 2.8 The division splits will be presented at the Skipper's Meeting announced via either verbal or electronic means and this communication will be at the sole discretion of the Organizing Authority.
- 2.9 Eligibility in the Fun Race will be subject to review by the Race Management Committee based on the following the below:
 - 2.9.1 Helmspersons and/or keelboats which do not normally race in weekly Basin events or other competitive events will be eligible for the Fun Race.
 - 2.9.2 In situations where a Fun Race registrant has known and/or extensive racing experience the Race Management Committee may use the vessel's handicap as a tool to adjust for this experience.
 - 2.9.3 Registrants with racing experience per 2.8.1 will be allowed to substitute or designate a lesser experienced helmsperson.

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2.9.4 These determinations will be made by the Race Management Committee at their sole discretion and not subject to protest.

3 Inspection and Measurement

3.1 Each participating boat is subject verification of compliance to all applicable rules and if found in non-compliance may be disqualified from the race at the sole discretion of the Organizing Authority.

4 Waiver and Insurance

4.1 All Skippers must sign the Insurance Certification and acknowledge they and their crew have reviewed the appropriate Rowan's Law - Concussion Awareness Resources. All Skippers or their representatives must sign the Waiver, Release of Liability, and Indemnification Agreement on behalf of their Crew.

4.2 Each participating keelboat shall be insured with valid liability insurance of at least \$2,000,000 (Canadian).

4.3 Proof of Insurance may be requested at check-in time and at any other time.

5 Check-in and Mooring

5.1 Check-in will be at the SBSC Club House on the top floor on July 25th from approximately 09:00.

5.2 Participants are encouraged to arrive on the evening of July 24th.

5.3 Please see the basin map at the end of this document for locations of clubs. Note the basin entry buoys are subject to shifting.

6 Sailing Instruction Information

6.1 These Sailing Instructions will be available for electronic distribution from the Race Management Committee upon registration. A printed copy will be available for viewing during Onsite Check-in.

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7 Competitor's Briefing (Skippers' Meeting)

- 7.1 A mandatory Skippers' Meeting will be on July 25th at 10:00 at SBSC, all Skippers or their designate should attend.

8 Schedule of Race

- 8.1 The race will take place on July 25th, 2026, with a first Warning Signal at 11:00.

9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

9.1 Rules and Regulations

- 9.1.1 All races shall be governed by the current version of the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) as published by World Sailing and amendments as modified by the prescription of Sail Canada and these sailing instructions.
- 9.1.2 Boats must comply with the applicable sections of the Canada Shipping Act, 2001 to be eligible to compete to this race. Non-compliance will result in automatic disqualification from the race without appeal or recourse to the organizing authority.
- 9.1.3 The sailing instructions contained in the Bluffers Basin Challenge Series Racing Handbook and Sailing Instructions (Basin Handbook) will apply to this regatta.

https://www.bpyc.on.ca/documents/2026/2026_Basin_Race_Handbook.pdf

9.2 Amendments to RRS and Basin Handbook

9.2.1 Changes in Sailing Instructions

Additions, changes, and exceptions to these Sailing Instructions may be made in writing (i.e. as a *Notice to Racers*) at any time and may be posted on the Racing Notice Boards in Bluffers Park Yacht Club, Cathedral Bluffs Yacht Club, Highland Yacht Club and Scarborough Bluffs Sailing Club a minimum of 24 hours before they take effect or transmitted electronically to other clubs or competitors as the Organizing Authority deems fit. ***Failure to notify individual entrants shall not be grounds for redress.***

- 9.2.1.1 All boats shall comply with the applicable safety equipment regulations of the **Canada Shipping Act, 2001** (or those standards as required by the country of registration of the vessel) to be eligible to compete to this race. Non-compliance will result in automatic disqualification from the race without appeal or recourse to the organizing authority, and any observed violations of laws may be reported to the appropriate authorities.

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9.2.1.2 **OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY:** The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole responsibility of the owner(s) and/or skipper who must ensure that the boat is sound, fully seaworthy, manned by experienced crew and adequately insured. They must be satisfied as to the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging, sails, and gear. He/she must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained and stowed and that the crew is familiar with its location and trained in the use of such equipment.

9.2.1.3 It is the sole responsibility of the skipper and crew of each boat to decide whether or not to start, continue in, or retire from a race, as per RSS 4. By starting any particular race, the skipper accepts to abide by the sailing instructions.

9.2.1.4 All keelboats must have an operational VHF radio on board during the race. A watch on VHF Channel 16 must be maintained.

9.2.2 Retiring Boats

Retiring boats are required to inform the Race Management Committee before leaving the course or as soon as possible thereafter, that they have retired from the race.

9.2.3 Radio Communications

9.2.3.1 The Race Management Committee will monitor, make any announcements, and communicate with boat(s) in the race over VHF Channel 71.

9.2.3.2 Failure of the Race Management Committee to make a broadcast or the failure of a boat to hear a broadcast shall not be grounds for redress.

9.2.4 Motor Use

Rule 42.1 is modified to permit the use of an engine for generating electrical power, provided that such use does not advance the sailboat's position and the use of an engine is logged.

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9.3 LINES and MARKS of the COURSE

Name	Description	Location
Start / Finish	Bluffers Basin Mark 0 – Red Spar	43°41.377' N 079°12.870' W
	Bluffers Basin Mark 1 --Yellow Spar with Red Band	43°41.873' N 079°13.004' W
East Regular	Ajax ODAS #45159, Yellow and Black	43°46.000' N 078°59.060' W
East Short	Horgan Water Plant Mark Yellow Spar	43°43.880' N 079°09.370' W
West Regular	T2 Toronto Harbour Outer Approach - Red Lighted Spar	43°36.662' N 079°20.780' W
West Short	ABYC Mark 1 –Yellow Spar	43°39.630' N 079°16.272' W

- 9.3.1 In the event of extremely light air, the race committee may post marks within the regular BBRMC fixed marks set and indicate this course on a mark board.
- 9.3.2 Start: A line formed by Bluffers Basin Mark 0 and the yellow flag on the Race Committee boat.
- 9.3.3 Finish: A line formed by Bluffers Basin Mark 0 and the blue flag on the Race Committee boat. If the Race Committee boat is no longer on station, the Finish will be a line between Bluffers Basin Mark 0 and Mark 1 no further than 50 metres North of Mark 0. Competitors' finish times will be self-reported and communicated to the Race Committee.
- 9.3.4 All Rounding Marks of the Course to be kept to PORT.
- 9.3.5 The Rounding Marks of the course are not maintained by the BBRMC. If a mark is absent from the locations noted above, it shall not be grounds from redress, this modifies RRS 62.1.

9.4 COURSE TO BE SAILED

The Race Committee will designate the Course to be sailed using the East or West, Regular or Short Course Marks as described below.

9.4.1 FS and NFS Competitors

12.1.2 **East Course:** Start → East Regular or Short → Finish

12.1.3 **West Course:** Start → West Regular or Short → Finish

9.4.2 FUN RACES

12.2.1 **East Course:** Start → East Short → Finish

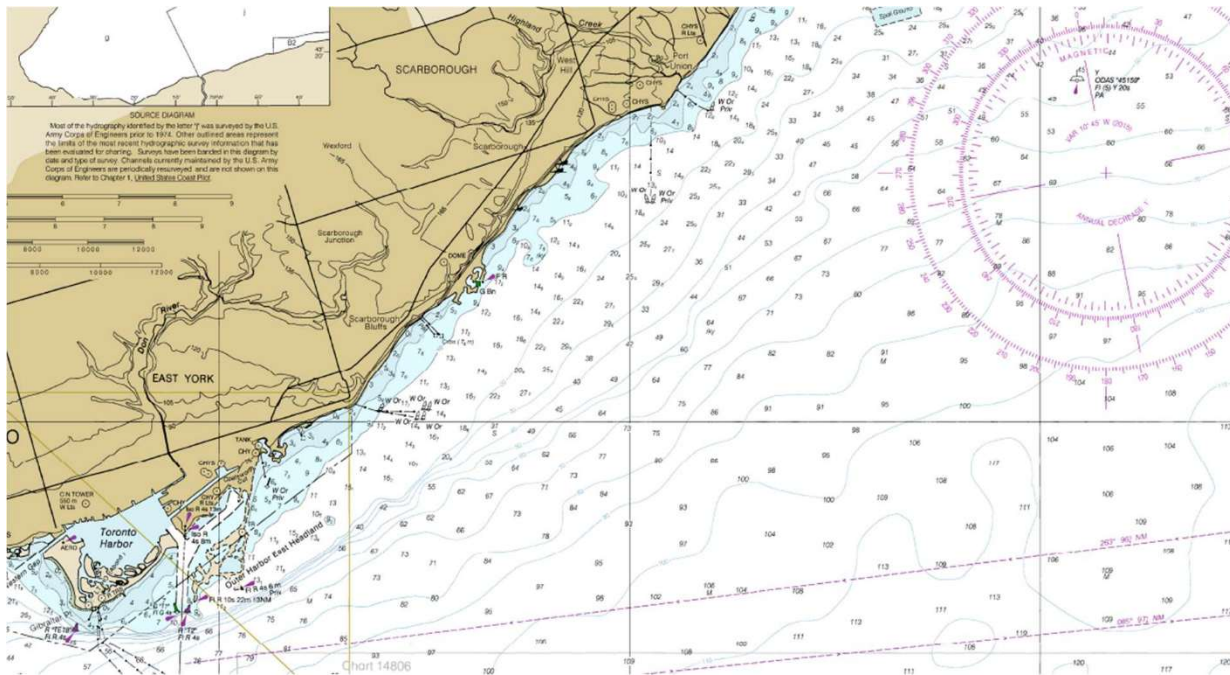
12.2.2 **West Course:** Start → West Short → Finish

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10 CHARTS

Canadian Hydrographic Services Chart 2077 – Lake Ontario – Western Portion and 2085 – Toronto Harbour.

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