



2025 Sailing Instructions

For the Port Weller Race

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1 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 1.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1700 on the Friday before it will take effect.
- 1.2 Changes to a sailing instruction may be made on the water by a verbal announcement on VHF radio channel 69.

2 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at <https://niagaraonthelakesailingclub.com/racing>.
- 2.2 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 69.

3 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 3.1 One race is scheduled to be held on Sunday, May 18.
- 3.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first class is 1015.
- 3.3 If fewer than 3 boats are in the starting area at the time of the warning signal the race will be abandoned.

4 CLASS AND IDENTIFICATION FLAGS

- 4.1 The Class flags are:

Class	Class Flag	Identification Flag
Not Flying Spinnaker (NFS)	Numeral pennant 2	Numeral pennant 2
Shark	Class flag showing a shark	None if sailing one-design
PHRF II	Numeral Pennant 3	Numeral Pennant 3
PHRF I	Numeral Pennant 4	Numeral Pennant 4

- 4.2 [DP] Identification flags shall be not less than 40 cm (16") long and shall be prominently displayed from the backstay.

5 RACING AREA

- 5.1 The start will be off the NOLSC waterfront.

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6 COURSES

6.1 The diagram in SI Addendum A shows the approximate mark locations.

6.2 The courses are:

Class	Course
Not Flying Spinnaker (NFS), Shark, PHRF II	Start – G3 – 2 – 3 – 2 – 4 – G3 – Finish (at 4)
PHRF I	Start – G3 – 2 – 3 – 2 – 4 – R2 – Finish (at 4)

6.3 Mark 2 shall be left to the south.

6.4 All other marks are to be left to the port side.

6.5 No later than the warning signal, the race committee will display the approximate distance from G3 to 3.

7 MARKS

7.1 G3 is the Niagara light and bell buoy at approximately N43°16'24.3", W079° 04'30.8".

7.2 Mark 2 is a green inflatable tetrahedron.

7.3 Mark 3 is an orange inflatable tetrahedron.

7.4 Mark 4 is a yellow inflatable tetrahedron.

7.5 R2 is the Niagara Bar light buoy at approximately N43°19'02.4", W079° 04'14.1".

8 THE START

8.1 The starting line will be a staff (NOLSC flagpole), located approximately at N43°15.339' W79°03.709', displaying an orange flag and the course side of the US Border Protection surveillance tower (ST) located approximately at N43°15.57' W79°03.45'.

8.2 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. At its sole discretion the race committee may extend this 4-minute period.

9 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

9.1 Legs of the course will not be changed. This changes RRS 33.

10 THE FINISH

10.1 The finishing line is a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.

10.2 If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she should report her finishing time and her position relative to nearby racing boats to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

11 TIME LIMIT

11.1 Boats failing to finish before 1500 on the day of the race will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

12 HEARING REQUESTS

12.1 The protest time limit is 1200 on the day following the race.

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- 12.2 Hearing request forms are available from the race office at
https://niagaraonthelakesailingclub.com/pdf/nolsc_yyc_hearing_request_form.docx
- 12.3 Protests shall be filed by email to Andrew Durward at: adurward@cogeco.ca
- 12.4 Notices will be posted no later than 72 hours after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. This changes RRS 61.3.

13 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 13.1 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

