



NOTICE OF RACE

Around the Islands Cup 2026

Organized by the Royal Newfoundland Yacht Club

Saturday, September 5, 2026

1. RULES

1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in **The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025–2028 (RRS)**.

1.2 In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will prevail.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

2.1 The race is open to all yachts with a valid PHRF rating of **300 or lower**.

2.2 All boats will race in a single division. Corrected times will be based on PHRF ratings with the following adjustments:

- +12 seconds for fractional rigs sailing white sail (no spinnaker)
- +18 seconds for masthead rigs sailing white sail (no spinnaker)

2.3 Eligible boats may enter by:

- Emailing **manager@rnycnf.ca** with their boat name, skipper, number of crew, and rating prior to September 6, OR
- Registering in person between **09:30 and 10:00 am** on Saturday, September 5, 2026, at the RNYC clubhouse.

2.4 The entry fee is **\$25 CAD per vessel**, payable upon registration at the Skippers' Meeting.

3. SCHEDULE

- **Date of Race:** Saturday, September 5, 2026
 - **Registration & Check-in:** 09:30 – 10:00 am at RNYC Clubhouse
 - **Skippers' Meeting:** 10:00 am at RNYC Clubhouse
 - **Warning Signal:** 10:55 am
 - **Start Time:** 11:00 am
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4. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1 The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available by **March 13, 2026** at the RNYC Office, or by request to **manager@rnycnf.ca** or **kfh570@mun.ca**.

4.2 Amendments to the SIs will be posted on the official notice board at RNYC no later than 09:30am on race day.

5. VENUE

5.1 The race will be sailed around the islands of **Little Bell Island, Kelly's Island, and Bell Island**, as well as the **Kellys West** and **Little Bell East** navigational marks.

5.2 The starting line will be located in front of the RNYC and will be defined in detail at the Skippers' Meeting & in the Sailing Instructions.

6. THE COURSE

6.1 The course will consist of a "round the islands" route including designated marks at Kellys West and Little Bell East, starting and finishing at the RNYC.

6.2 The exact course, including direction of rounding, will be determined at the Skippers' Meeting based on prevailing wind and sea conditions.

6.3 In the event of adverse conditions, an alternate shortened course may be announced at the Skippers' Meeting.

7. BERTHING

7.1 Visiting boats will be assigned slips by the RNYC Manager, subject to availability.

7.2 Complimentary berthing will be available for the **night of September 4 (Friday)** and the **night of September 5 (Saturday)** for registered competitors.

8. SCORING

8.1 Scoring will be based on the **Low Point System**, RRS Appendix A.

8.2 Corrected times will be calculated using PHRF time-on-time scoring.

9. PRIZES

9.1 Prizes will be awarded to the **top three finishers** overall.

9.2 Additional awards (e.g. First White Sail, First to Finish, Spirit of the Race) may be presented at the discretion of the organizing committee.

10. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

10.1 Competitors participate entirely at their own risk. (See RRS 3, *Decision to Race*.)

10.2 The organizing authority will not accept liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the race.

11. INSURANCE

11.1 Each participating boat shall carry valid **third-party liability insurance** with coverage of not less than **\$2,000,000 CAD per incident**, or the equivalent.

12. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact:

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