

2026 EAST COAST ALBACORE CHAMPIONSHIP

August 21-23, 2026



Official Website: www.shyc.ca

The Shelburne Harbour Yacht Club is inviting Albacore sailors to the 2026 East Coast Albacore Championship.

The Organizing Authority (OA): Shelburne Harbour Yacht Club.

Location: Shelburne Harbour Yacht Club, 107 Water Street, Shelburne NS B0T 1W0

NOTICE OF RACE

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NoR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.1.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025 – 2029 (RRS)*,
- 1.2 The 2015 International Albacore Association (IAA) Class Rules and any temporary rules or interpretations as published on <https://albacore.ca/certification-2/> shall apply. Boats may carry a cellular telephone aboard for recording race tracking for post-race viewing (eg: Race-Qs, Zonos or similar), but the device must not be accessible while racing. This changes Class Rules C.5.21 and G.2.1
- 1.3 The Equipment Rules of Sailing will apply.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available after 00:01 on Aug 11, 2026 at www.shyc.ca

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board is located at the lower deck near the main entrance of the Shelburne Harbour Yacht Club, 107 Water St. Shelburne NS B0T 1W0.
- 3.2 **[DP]** [While racing] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day], except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Albacore class that hold a current measurement certificate and meet with the obligations of the Albacore Class Rules (available at www.albacore.org/rules) and their National Authority.
- 4.2 The helmsperson of the boat shall be a member of their National Albacore Association.
- 4.3 Eligible boats may enter online at www.shyc.ca or by completing the Entry Form available on the same website and sending it, together with the required fee, to the Shelburne Harbour Yacht Club, received before 17th August 2026.
- 4.4 The boat number and crew names shall be declared at the time of registration. Any change or substitution of crew during the event must be approved by the OA.
- 4.5 A Parent/Guardian Consent and Supervision Form must be completed and signed by the Parent or Guardian of any competitor under the age of 18 up to and including the first day of the event, and emailed to Henry Pedro at can7700@gmail.com before 20th August 2024. This form will be found at <https://shyc.ca/2026-east-coast-albacore-championships/>
- 4.6 Late entries will be accepted on payment of the full registration fee as indicated in NOR 6.1.
- 4.7 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat's team shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.8 There are no restrictions on the number of boats that may enter.

5 SAIL NUMBERS

- 5.1 Appendix G3 of the RRS applies.
- 5.2.1 Competitors wishing to take advantage of this provision must make an application to the organizing committee in writing in accordance with the instructions set forth below. Applications shall be made by 20th August, 2024. Late applications may be accepted at the discretion of the organizing committee up to the close of registration for the event.

The application shall include:

- a) a clear statement of the reason(s) for requesting an exemption.
- b) a copy of the measurement certificate (for the boat to which the sails to be used are registered) showing that the sails to be used are measured and properly endorsed on this certificate.
- c) the hull number and name of the owner of the chartered or loaned hull which will be used with mismatched sails.

Application shall be made to the regatta PRO, Andy Blackmer, by e-mail at ablackmer@dillon.ca

- 5.2.2 Upon receipt of application, the designated review authority shall acknowledge such receipt and communicate to the applicant a date by which a decision will be rendered. The principle guiding each decision will be fair sailing in accordance with the spirit of the IAA Albacore 2015 Class Rules - Sail Endorsement Rule C.10.2. Under no circumstances will a boat be permitted to use the sail number of another boat that is racing.

Decisions on advance applications shall be communicated to the applicant prior to the event and all decisions shall be posted on the official event notice board prior to the competitors meeting.

Competitors who are found to be in violation of the rules regarding sail numbers and their endorsement and who have not applied for and received an exemption as stated in this interpretation may be subject to protest and disqualification.

6 FEES

- 6.1 The entry fee is \$185.00 per boat and is applicable to all entries. Entry fees are subject to the Nova Scotia Harmonized Sales Tax (14%).
- 6.2 The entry fee includes post-race burgers for helm and crew on Aug 21, two dinners on Saturday August 23.
- 6.3 Entry fees may be paid electronically on SHYC's "Square" account, by Interac E-transfer to treasurer.shyc.ns@gmail.com, in person at the address below by cash, debit or credit card.

Shelburne Harbour Yacht Club
PO Box 1437, 107 Water Street
Shelburne NS B0T 1W0

7 SCHEDULE

Thursday	August 20	Early arrivals & Registration	16:30 – 18:30
Friday	August 21	Registration	12:00 – 16:00
		Practice Race(s) warning signal	14:00
		1 st warning signal of the day	Follows
Saturday	August 22	Competitors' Meeting	09:00
		1 st warning signal of the day	11:30
		Other race(s) to follow	
		Regatta Supper	18:00
Sunday	August 23	1 st warning signal of the day	11:30
		Other race(s) to follow	
		Awards & Prize-giving	17:00

- 7.2 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15:30.
- 7.3 Up to twelve (12) races are scheduled for the East Coast Albacore Championship.
- 7.4 The Race Committee intends to, but shall not be required to, run three to four (3-4) races on each day of racing.

8 BUOYANCY ENDORSEMENT AND MEASUREMENT

- 8.1 All boats must be accompanied by a valid measurement certificate with a current buoyancy endorsement. No provision will be made for issuing new measurement certificates or endorsements at the regatta.

THERE WILL BE NO FACILITIES FOR INITIAL MEASUREMENT.

8.2 All boats may be checked for corrector weights to ensure that they are in compliance with those specified on the measurement certificate.

8.3 The Organizers may weigh, measure or inspect any boat and/or her equipment and sails before, during or after the races to ensure conformity with the Class Rules. Checks will be carried out and/or supervised by a Canadian Albacore Association class measurer or an Organizing Committee member.

9 SAFETY EQUIPMENT

Each boat must carry at minimum the following items:

One oar or paddle, one buoyant heaving line 10m in length suitable for towing, one manual bailing device and PFDs worn by both helm and crew.

10 VENUE

Attachment 'A' shows the approximate location of the race area.

11 THE COURSES

Courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1 The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3 applies.

13 SCORING

13.1 When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

13.2 When more than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

13.3 A minimum of one race will constitute the championship in this event.

14 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board on the lower deck of the Shelburne Harbour Yacht Club.

15 BERTHING, STORAGE AND LAUNCHING

Competitors will be assigned a boat storage area adjacent to one of two launching areas. Competitors shall use their assigned launch and retrieval areas. **[DP][NP]**

16 CREW CHANGES

No additions, deletions or substitutions shall be made during either event for any crewmember without prior approval, in writing, of the Organizing Authority. **[DP]**

17 REGISTRATION CHECK-IN

To complete registration check-in, each boat shall have met all eligibility and registration requirements, paid all entry fees, completed waivers, and passed the prescribed measurement check procedure for this regatta.

18 AWARDS

The highest placed Helm and crew will be awarded the Tall Ships Society perpetual trophy.

Prizes will be awarded for second and third placed helms and crews.
Other prizes as per Section 24 may be awarded at the Organizing Authority's discretion.

19 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS rule 4, 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. Youth sailors (18 years and younger) will require a guardian or parental signature on the waiver.

20 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

In participating in these events, a competitor automatically grants to the Organizing Authority and the sponsors of the event, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television, and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition in these events in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the events without compensation.

21 INSURANCE

Each boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$2,000,000 per incident or equivalent.

22 SUPPORT BOATS [DP][NP]

- 22.1 Support boats must be registered with the Organizing Authority and Shelburne Harbour Yacht Club grounds management. Designated parking and mooring spaces will be assigned if space permits at the Shelburne Yacht club.
- 22.2 Support boats will be required to display a designated flag when present in the race area.

23 Safety [NP][DP]

- 23.1 Participants are not allowed to come to the club if they are feeling unwell.
- 23.4 Competitors are reminded that they are responsible for their safety and the safety of those around them. Practice good hygiene and follow directives from the Government of Nova Scotia, Sail Nova Scotia and Sail Canada.
- 23.3 Except for brief periods for the purposes of clothing changes or adjustments, Canadian Coast Guard approved personal floatation devices or lifejackets must be worn at all times while afloat.

24 PRIZES

- 24.1 Prizes will be awarded as follows:
 - The winner of the event will be awarded the Tall Ships Trophy.
- 24.2 Keeper trophies will be awarded for the top three boats in the series.
- 24.3 The Organizing Authority may award other prizes at its discretion.

25 FURTHER INFORMATION AND KEY CONTACTS

Henry Pedro, Regatta Chairman: can7700@gmail.com

Andy Blackmer, Principal Race Officer: ablackmer@dillon.ca

Albacore Class Association: www.albacore.ca

Sail Nova Scotia: www.sailnovascotia.ca

Sail Canada: www.sailing.ca

Shelburne Harbour Yacht Club: www.shyc.ca

Racing Rules of Sailing: <https://www.sailing.org/racingrules/>

Attachment A: Designated Racing Areas

Label	Value	Part #	Unit Cost	Quantity	Mult Factor	T
R1A, R1B, R1C, R2A, R2B, R2C	33R metal film, 1/4W, 1%	P33.0CACT-ND	\$0.17	10	6	
R3,R5	240R metal film, 1/4W, 1%	P240CACT-ND	\$0.17	10	2	
R4,R6	1.1K metal film, 1/4W, 1%	P2.70KCACT-ND	\$0.17	10	2	
C1A, C1B, C2A, C2B	1000uF, 100V	565-1159-ND	\$0.88	10	4	
	<i>Nichicon 100V, 2200uF</i>	493-1154-ND	\$3.51	10	0	
C3,C6	.1uF polyester film, 250V, 5%	495-1196-ND	\$0.19	10	2	
C5,C8	10uF tant, 35V, 10%	399-3654-ND	\$1.28	10	2	
C4,C7	10uF tant, 35V, 10%	399-3654-ND	\$1.28	10	2	
C9	0.1uF metal polyester, 250V, 10%	P10967-ND	\$0.20	10	1	
F1,F2	125V, 1A	F868-ND	\$4.01	1	1	
U1	LM317, 1.5A adj pos reg	LM317TNS-ND	\$1.79	1	1	
Alt		497-1575-5-ND	\$0.61	10	0	
U2	LM337, 1.5A adj neg reg	LM337TNS-ND	\$2.06	1	1	
Alt		497-1585-5-ND	\$1.35	1	0	
D1,D2,D1',D2'	100V-1A	1N4002GDICT-ND	\$0.24	10	4	
	400V, 3A	1N5404GDICT-ND	\$0.41	10	0	
D3,D4,D5,D6	100V-1A	1N4002GDICT-ND	0.24	10	4	

Total

M=Mouser
N=Newark
D=Digikey

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