

Notice Of Race

2026 Keelboat Sailing Season

Shelburne Harbour Yacht Club

1.0 Rules

- 1.1 The Shelburne Harbour Yacht Club Keelboat Racing Season will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) (2025 - 2028).
- 1.2 Pre-Season Measurement and Fees to be paid must be completed by June 4th, 2026.
- 1.3 All Skippers, Owners and Helmspeople must be members of the Shelburne Harbour Yacht Club. Everyone is welcome to the club and encouraged to join the membership. Crewmembers need to hold at least a crew membership if they wish to attend the Upper Deck before or after races. Any non-member can attend the Upper Deck a maximum of three times per calendar year and must be signed in by a full member.
- 1.4 All keelboats must have a current PHRF-NS certificate except for the "Open Race" for which keelboat and non-keelboat ratings will be assigned by the Race Committee.

2.0 Fees

- 2.1 \$50 per Keelboat - the Race Committee will collect the payment; cash is preferred. If you must pay with debit or credit, the Race Committee will need to confirm payment in order to ensure you are registered.
- 2.2 All keelboats that pay \$50 at start of sailing season are eligible to race in Spring Series, Summer Series, Fall Series, and Special Races with the exception of Founders' Cup Regatta and the Open Race.
- 2.3 All keelboats who wish to take part in Founders' Cup Regatta are to pay \$25 to be registered in the regatta. Those who wish to take part in the Open Race are to pay \$15 to be registered.
- 2.4 All other keelboats who wish to take part in Special Races such as Centennial Cup, Race to Lockeport, and McNutts Island Race will pay \$15 per race to be registered in the race.
- 2.5 The only race that is purely for fun and no prizes are awarded is the "All the Marbles Race" - no fee for keelboats to enter this race.
- 2.6 All keelboats need to be registered with the SHYC (see SHYC PHRF Registration Form - available from the Race Committee).

3.0 Schedule

- 3.1 The Race Schedule is a separate document
- 3.2 There are three (3) series:

- 3.2.1 Spring Series: Possibility of 8 Races.
 - 3.2.2 Summer Series: Possibility of 8 Races.
 - 3.2.3 Fall Series: Possibility of 8 Races.
- 3.3 There is a possibility of three (3) separate race courses and there could be three (3) separate race start times. This will be communicated by the Race Committee before each race. The Race Committee will announce the race courses as soon as they are determined.
- 4.0 Weather/ Race Cancellations
 - 4.1 The Race Committee will decide if a race is cancelled due to the weather as early as possible. Once a decision has been made to cancel a race, the Yacht Club manager will be made aware so that anyone that wishes to check the status of the race can do so via telephone and the appropriate pennants will be flown.
- 5.0 Handicaps
 - 5.1 All participating Shelburne Harbour Yacht Club Keelboats shall be registered with Sail Nova Scotia prior to Thursday, June 4, 2026. It is the responsibility of the keelboat owner to acquire both Sail Nova Scotia Registration and the PHRF-NS Certificate.
 - 5.2 The SHYC Race Committee will be using the assigned Sail Nova Scotia PHRF handicaps. If a PHRF-NS rating has not been assigned to a keelboat, the Race Committee may assign a temporary rating which would be valid for no more than three races.
 - 5.3 Sailing Inventory
 - 5.3.1 All "A" Class keelboats must declare a spinnaker
 - 5.3.2 All keelboats must declare sail inventory before the series begins
 - 5.3.3 Sail inventory for special (non-series) races, must be declared no later than 1 hour before the first horn of the race. This is to allow the club handicapper to set the handicap.
 - 5.4 Handicap cut-off per class
 - 5.4.1 A Class - PHRF 121 and under.
 - 5.4.2 B Class - PHRF 122 to 202.
 - 5.4.3 C Class - PHRF 203 and up.
- 6.0 Scoring
 - 6.1 There will be one (1) throw away race for each series
 - 6.2 One (1) race will constitute a series.
 - 6.3 DNS/DNF scoring shall be in compliance with A5.3 of the 2025-2028 Racing Rules of Sailing whereby keelboats that "came to the starting area but did not start, sail the course, did not finish, retired or were disqualified will be scored one more than the number of boats that came to the starting area (in their class)" while boats that "did not come to

the starting area shall be scored one more than the number of boats entered in the series (in their class)".

- 6.4 If a particular keelboat has not completed the entire series, her position in the absent races will be counted as the total number of keelboats in her class plus 1.

7.0 Protest Hearing/Procedure

- 7.1 Each Boat shall be equipped with a Red Flag. Thus, whenever a keelboat feels they have been fouled, the Red Flag must be flown and at the first reasonable opportunity, the protesting boat will notify the obstructing boat at the first opportunity.
- 7.2 Within 30 minutes after the protesting keelboat has finished her race she is to notify the Start Committee that they are protesting, at which point they will receive an official protest form from the Start Committee. The protest form is to be filled out within 30 minutes of receiving it and returned to the Start Committee. Do not plead your case to the Race Committee.
- 7.3 **The Race Committee** will then appoint a Protest Committee.
- 7.4 The Protest Committee will choose the location for the protest as soon as possible, notify all parties and proceed with the hearing. (the earlier the better, however it may not be possible to have the protest on the day of the incident).

8.0 Radio Communication

- 8.1 All keelboats are to be equipped with VHF and monitor Channel 72 for any information from the Start Committee and/or Race Committee.

9.0 Race Course Selection

- 9.1 **The Race Committee shall select a course(s) appropriate to weather conditions at least 30 minutes prior to First Sound Signal.**
 - 9.1.1 Courses shall be broadcast on VHF Channel 72 at least 5 minutes before First Signal.

10.0 Committees

- 10.1 Race Committee is responsible for the logistics of racing at the SHYC. The Race Committee is responsible for the start sequences, timing and finishing of races. The Race Committee is NOT responsible for protest hearings.
- 10.2 A Protest Committee is a sub-committee of the Race Committee and will be assigned by the Race Officer. The Protest Committee is responsible for the protest procedures and hearings.

11.0 Starting

11.1 Starting line - This is the imaginary line created by lining up the orange pole on the yacht club deck and the orange striped rock across the harbour. If you are on the south side of this line you are over the starting line (OCS).

11.2 The "Gate" - The 2 Orange Balls (S1 and S2) are the "Gate" required to pass through at the start and finish of each race.

11.3 Individual Recall - If a keelboat is over early (OCS):

11.3.1 One sound of the Starting Horn and "X Flag" Raised.

11.3.2 The keelboat(s) will be named by the Race Committee via the VHF and must return to the Pre-Start side of the line and re-start the race per RROS.

11.4 General Recall - If multiple (unidentified) keelboats are over early (OCS):

11.4.1 Two Sounds of the Starting Horn, "1st Substitution Flag" Raised

11.4.2 All keelboats must return to the Pre-Start side of the line for complete Start Sequence as per RROS.

12.0 Awards Night:

To be announced

13.0 Race Committee:

Andy Blackmer, Chair and Race Officer

Bradd Wilson, Measurer

Kirby Nickerson, Advisor

Starters:

Sherry Doane

Kate Turner

Andy Blackmer, Rear Commodore

14.0 Courses 1-15 - Available from the Race Committee

15.0 Race Schedule - Available from the Race Committee

16.0 SHYC PHRF Racing Registration - Available from the Race Committee