



2023 Tuscarora Pursuit Race

Whitby Yacht Club
Whitby, Ontario, Canada

COMBINED NOTICE OF RACE (NOR) and SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI)

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

Pursuit Format: In a pursuit race, boats receive staggered start times based on their PHRF ratings. The slower boats start first, followed by faster and faster boats, with the scratch boat starting last. Since the handicap is already built into the start times, the first boat to the finish wins.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in the [Racing Rules of Sailing](#).
- 1.2 [PHRF Lake Ontario \(PHRF-LO\)](#) handicapping rules applies. Start times are determined using NFS-ASP and Time on Distance handicapping.
- 1.3 Reasonable actions by club officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols, or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The event is open to all sailing boats for which a PHRF rating can be determined.
- 2.2 Owners and/or skippers of all boats must hold a membership of some category in the Whitby Yacht Club. Non-members may participate as crew but must be signed in as guests by their skipper.
- 2.3 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 The Official Notice Board is located at <https://www.wyc.ca/tuscarora-pursuit-race>.
- 3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channel(s) 16 and 72.
- 3.3 [DP] All boats shall carry a device capable of sending and receiving SMS text messages in Canada and the United States.

- 3.4 [DP] While racing, 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.
- 3.5 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 3.6 On the water, the Race Committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 72.
- 3.7 The following **courtesy** communications may be made by the Race Committee on VHF radio.
- Changes to sailing instructions,
 - displaying and removing visual signals, and
 - sail numbers or names of boats in the next start.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 The Ontario Sailing Association CODE OF CONDUCT, forming part of the Safe Sport Policy Package, available at <https://ontariosailing.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Ontario-Sailing-Safe-Sport-Policy-Package-Dec-2022.pdf>, will apply.

5 CREW LIMITATIONS

- 5.1 The following crew limitations apply to all classes: the minimum crew shall be two (2) persons.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 One medium distance, pursuit format race will be held on Saturday, July 22, 2023.
- 6.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first start is 0859h.

7 CLASS FLAGS AND ORDER OF START

- 7.1 The Class flag for all starts is as follows:

Class	Class Flag
NFS	Light Blue

- 7.2 The start times are calculated for each competitor and grouped into 5-minute intervals. The start time will be posted for each competitor on the Official Notice Board by 2200h the night before.

8 RACING AREA

- 8.1 The race area is from Whitby, Ontario on the north shore of Lake Ontario to Wilson, New York on the south shore of Lake Ontario. The start area is around WYC Mark #9, being approximately 1.4 nm SW of the Whitby Harbour East Pier Head light. The finish area is around a private buoy maintained by the Tuscarora

Yacht Club, being approximately 0.4 nm NE of the Wilson Harbor Pierhead Light 2.

9 COURSES

9.1 The race is from a start line at WYC Mark #9 to a finish line at the Tuscarora Yacht Club Mark, which is approximately 30.5 nm on a bearing of 182° magnetic.

10 MARKS

10.1 WYC Mark #9 is a yellow barrel approximately 4 feet in height with black "9" numbers on three sides.

10.2 The description and location of the finish mark is listed in the table below.

Description of Finish Mark	Latitude and Longitude	Distance from WYC #9 (nm)
Private racing buoy maintained by the Tuscarora Yacht Club	43° 19.54' N, 78° 50.00' W	30.5

11 THE START

11.1 [DP] Before starting its race, a registered boat intending to race shall check-in with the Race Committee by sailing past the stern of the race committee signal vessel with sail number visible and receive acknowledgement. The Race Committee will not accept reports of intent to start via VHF radio.

11.2 The standard 5-minute start sequence in RRS 26 will not be used. Instead, competitors will receive a one-minute warning signal before their published start time by displaying the Class flag with a sound. The start will be signalled one minute later by removing the Class flag with a sound.

11.3 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

11.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area **during the starting sequence for other races until the start signal for the previous group.** The starting area extends 200' ahead of and behind the starting line, and 200' beyond either end of the starting line.

11.5 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the Race Committee will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress for request. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

11.6 The warning signal for each succeeding start shall be one minute before the starting signal of the next published start time.

12 THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.
- 12.2 If the race committee vessel is absent when a boat finishes, she shall report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, by text to Stan Naylor, WYC Fleet Captain at (905) 718-0022 at the first reasonable opportunity.

13 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 13.1 The Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), is 1700h on Saturday, July 22, 2023. All boats not finished by the time limit should proceed directly to the Tuscarora Yacht Club and check-in with the Cruise Captain.

14 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 14.1 [DP] Once a boat has fulfilled her check-in requirements, if she no longer intends to participate in racing, she shall: a) keep clear of other competitors and b) notify the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 14.2 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity by radio or a text message to Stan Naylor, WYC Fleet Captain at (905) 718-0022 at the first reasonable opportunity.

15 RISK STATEMENT

- 15.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

16 INSURANCE

- 16.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$2,000,000 per incident.

17 PRIZES

- 17.1 Prizes will be given awarded at the dinner at the Tuscarora Yacht Club on Saturday night as follows:
- flags will be awarded to the three top finishers, and
 - keeper trophies will be awarded to the overall winner.

18 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 18.1 For further information please contact Stan Naylor, WYC Fleet Captain at fleet@wycfleet.com. The Whitby Yacht Club is located at 701 Gordon Street, Whitby, Ontario.