



PENTICTON 2026 RACING SEASON

PENTICTON YACHT CLUB (PYC)

June 3 to September 6, 2026

293 Marina Way. Penticton, B.C., Canada

Event Rules (ER)

Current May 22, 2026

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

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028*.
- 1.2 The Event Rules (ER) which integrate the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions into a single document are compliant with RRS 89.2(a) and RRS 90.2(a).
- 1.3 The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, the changes as noted herein and Supplemental Event Instructions (SEI) that will be posted on the official notice board located at <https://pycmarina.com>. This changes RRS Appendix S
- 1.4 PHRF BC, available at <https://bcsailing.bc.ca/about-phrf-bc/> applies.
- 1.5 The Class Rules of any fleet defined as a Class at registration, as available at the appropriate Class website, apply. The Class website to be provided with the Registration form.
- 1.6 RRS 60.4 (a)(2) is changed as follows: 'if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or RRS 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or'

2 CHANGES TO EVENT RULES

- 2.1 Changes to the Event Rules for a Series will be available at <https://pycmarina.com>.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at <https://pycmarina.com>.
- 3.2 The race office is located at 293 Marina Way, Penticton, BC, V2A 1H5, telephone 250-770-2000, email pentictonyachtclub@outlook.com.
- 3.3 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on 72.
- 3.4 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio 72.

3.5 [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.

4 **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

4.1 The event is open to all keel boats with a valid PHRF BC, or equivalent based on owner’s residency, certificate with a handicap rating between 45 and 275.

4.2 The PHRF BC handicap system applies to boats racing under the PHRF Class. ONE DESIGN Class(es) shall apply to those Classes and their Divisions racing as a named Design Class, for which there shall be no handicap.

4.3 Classes are defined as follows:

CLASS	DIVISION	HANDICAP RATING
PHRF BC	PHRF BC Divisions or as determined by the Race Committee	handicap range of 45 to 275 as per PHRF BC
One Design	Class Division(s)	0

4.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and submitting it, together with the required fee, to Penticton Yacht Club, 293 Marina Way, Penticton, B.C., Canada V2A 1H5 by close of the applicable Series registration.

4.5 Boats may enter the event by registering online at <https://pycmarina.com>.

4.6 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

4.7 Late entries will be accepted under the following conditions:

- (a) Spring-Summer and Late Summer Series must register prior to commencing the participant’s first race in each Series.
- (b) Grass Roots Series shall be accepted on or before 0900 June 27, 2026.
- (c) Grand Prix Series shall be accepted on or before 0900 September 5, 2026.

4.8 The following restrictions on the number of boats apply: A One-Design Class requires a minimum of 5 registrants to constitute a Class. One-Design registrants may choose to race within the PHRF BC Class utilizing their appropriate PHRF BC rating.

5 FEES

5.1 Entry fees for racing are as follows:

Series	Early Entry Fee until	Standard Fee
Spring-Summer	Prior to participation	\$0
Grass Roots	June 24, 2026	To be determined
Late Summer	Prior to participation	\$0
Grand Prix	September 2	To be determined

5.2 Other fees:

Optional fees, if any, shall be advised as they are determined.

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

6.1 The following crew limitations apply: - applicable Class Rules

7 ADVERTISING

7.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

8 DATA PROTECTION

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

9 EVENT SCHEDULE

9.1 Registration:

Series	From	To
Spring-Summer	Upon posting of Events Rules	Prior to Commencement of 1st Participation
Grass Roots	Posting of Series Fee	June 24, 2026
Late Summer	Upon posting of Events Rules	Prior to Commencement of 1st Participation
Grand Prix	Posting of Series Fee	September 2, 2026

9.2 Equipment inspection and event measurement: During Event, as and when requested.

9.3 Dates of racing:

Series	Dates	Days
Spring-Summer	June 3 to July 15	Wednesdays
Grass Roots	June 27 – 28	Saturday & Sunday
Late Summer	July 22 to September 2	Wednesdays
Grand Prix	September 5 - 6	Saturday & Sunday

10 **SUPPORT TEAMS**

10.1 [DP] Support spectators and teams, including all support persons and support person vessels, shall comply with the support team regulations

11 **BERTHING**

11.1 [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the harbour.

12 **RISK STATEMENT**

12.1 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.**

13 **CODE OF CONDUCT**

13.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

14 **INSURANCE**

14.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$2 million CAD per incident or the equivalent.

15 **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

15.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole adjacent to the Penticton Yacht Club office building.

15.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than ‘60 minutes’ in Race Signals AP.

16 SCHEDULE OF RACES

16.1 Number of races:

Series	Number	Races per day Scheduled	Races per day Maximum
Spring-Summer	14	2	2
Grass Roots	9	5	6
Late Summer	14	2	2
Grand Prix	9	5	6

16.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is: -

Series	Day of Week	Time
Spring-Summer	Wednesdays	1800
Grass Roots	Saturday	1000
Grass Roots	Sunday	1000
Late Summer	Wednesdays	1800
Grand Prix	Saturday	1000
Grand Prix	Sunday	1000

16.3 For the last scheduled race for the day, no warning signal will be made after: -

Series	Day of Week	Time
Spring-Summer	Wednesdays	1900
Grass Roots	Saturday	1630
Grass Roots	Sunday	1400
Late Summer	Wednesdays	1900
Grand Prix	Saturday	1630
Grand Prix	Sunday	1400

17 CLASS FLAGS

17.1 The class flags are:

Class	Division	Rating	Pennant
PHRF BC	each	To be determined	Numerical Pennant
One-Design	each	0	Class Insignia Flag

18 EVENT VENUE AND RACING AREA

18.1 The Penticton Yacht Club & Marina shall be the base of the event venue.

18.2 The racing area is Okanagan Lake extending North of Penticton Marina to the mouth of Trout Creek.

19 COURSES

19.1 For the Spring-Summer and Late Summer Series, courses will not be shortened. This changes RRS 32.

19.2 For the Spring-Summer and Late Summer Series, legs of the course will not be changed after the preparatory signal. This changes RRS 33.

20 MARKS

20.1 Marks, as provided in RRS ER 21.1 & 23.1, will be identified in a Supplemental Event Instruction (SEI).

21 THE START

21.1 The starting line is between a staff displaying an RC flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark This changes RRS S9.2.

21.2 [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. The starting area is defined as that area within 50 meters in any direction of the starting line.

21.3 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.

21.4 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.

22 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

22.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee may move a mark or lay a new mark or move the finishing line and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark. This changes RRS S10.1

23 THE FINISH

23.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying an RC flag on the signal vessel or mark at the starboard end and the course side of the port end finishing mark. This changes RRS S11.1.

23.2 If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she shall report her finishing GPS time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity. The method of reporting to the race committee shall be provided in a Supplemental Event instruction (SEI).

24 TIME LIMIT(S) S]

24.1 The Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
60 minutes	The later of the Race Time Limit or 30 minutes after the first finishing boat

24.2 Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place two more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

PENALTY SYSTEM

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25.1 For the Cruiser Division, if any participating in any Series, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

26 HEARING REQUESTS

2612 Hearing request forms are available from the race office at <https://pycmarina.com>.

27 SCORING

27.1 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series

27.2 (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

27.3 Rule A5.3 applies.

28 SAFETY REGULATIONS

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

29 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

29.1 At registration, each boat shall produce or verify the existence of a valid measurement and/or rating certificate(s), as applicable.

29.2 [DP] Boats shall be available for equipment inspection from registration/reception, whichever the later, to end of the applicable Series.

- 29.3** A boat or its equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class or Event rules.
- 29.4** [DP] Boats shall also comply with RRS 78.1 when presented for inspection at the requested time.
- 29.5** [DP] When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

30 OFFICIAL VESSELS

- 30.1** Official vessels will be identified as follows: flying an 'RC' flag.

31 TRASH DISPOSAL

- 31.1** Trash may be placed aboard official vessels.

32 PRIZES

- 32.1** Prizes, for each Series, will be given as follows:
- (a) 2 prizes for any Division having 5 Registrants or less.
 - (b) 3 prizes for any Division of more than 5 Registrants.

33 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 33.1** For further information please contact: -

Website: - <https://pymarina.com>

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