

2026 Bluffers Basin - FALL SERIES

NOTICE TO RACERS #1 – September 18th, 2026

RULES AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

This notice and instructions supplement those in the current Basin Racing Handbook and Sailing Instructions located at:

https://www.bpyc.on.ca/documents/2026/2026_Basin_Race_Handbook.pdf

MODIFICATIONS TO HANDBOOK AND RULES

CALENDAR

Up to two races per day will be held Sunday, September 13, 20 & 27, 2026.

ELIGIBILITY

While racing, each boat shall carry a minimum of two (2) persons: the person in charge (minimum of 18 years of age) and a crew member 12 years of age or older.

RACE START TIME

The committee boat will leave the dock at approximately **10:15** hours each day. The “R” flag will be taken down at approximately **10:54** hours. The first start will be at approximately **11:00** hours.

TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
20 minutes	120 minutes	30 minutes

Mark 1 Time Limit – If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race **may** be abandoned.

Race Time Limit – Each Race shall not exceed a total time of 120 minutes (2 hours), this modifies the curfew on Page 15 of the Handbook.

Finishing Window – To ensure that two races can be run each race day, a Finishing Window is the time allowed for boats to finish after the first boat in each division sails the

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course and has finished. 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 one 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.

Target Time – Is the time the Race Committee is planning on a race lasting, which will vary based on wind conditions. Failure to meet the Target Times will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

COURSES

The Spinnaker & White Sails divisions will race the same four (4) legs course, with **no** (“S” or “W”) letter before the course. The Start may be moved to any of marks 0, 1, 2, 3, 7 or 8 as deemed fit by the Race Committee.

SCORING CLASSES AND DIVISIONAL STARTS

The fleet will be divided into three classes for the purpose of scoring and into two divisional starts as per the table below:

Start	Division	Description
1	1	Non-Flying Sails - PHRF ASP over 171
2	2	Non-Flying Sails - PHRF ASP 170 and under
3	3	Flying Sails - PHRF ASP 135 and over
4	4	Flying Sails - PHRF ASP 134 and under

The Race Committee may combine divisions for starting purposes based on the number of participants in each division. An announcement prior to all starts will be made in this case.

POINTS AND SCORING SYSTEM

Points will be awarded as per the current edition of “Bluffers Basin Challenge Series Racing Handbook and Sailing Instructions”. In series scoring the table on Page 15 will be modified to reflect a maximum of six (6) races, thus if 5 to 6 are raced, only 4 of the races will be counted.