

Notice of Race

52nd CHIMO Race 2026 Windsor Yacht Club (OA) September 30, 2026
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Race Chair - Douglas Sanborn 519-818-6379 race@windsoryachtclub.com



DEFINITIONS

- The Organizing Authority (OA) for this race/series is the Windsor Yacht Club (WYC).
- Chimo Race September 30, 2026: The Chimo Race must be raced by participants of the Wednesday Night Race Overall Series to be eligible and or qualify for the WYC Overall Awards. *See Sailing Instructions Scoring System/Prizes.*
- A complete registration comprises; Online registration, payment, submission of a copy of MWPHRF Certificate, a copy of boat insurance, signing of the online waiver and Safe Sport Policy, all submitted by the proper deadline.
- Awards and Scoring. All eligible and invited boats are invited to participate and receive awards in class and overall. *See Sailing Instructions & Scoring/Prizes.*

1 RULES The WYC Chimo Race will be governed by:

1.1 The rules defined in the 2025-28 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

1.2 Sailing Instructions, Waiver, Safe Sport Policy available at www.windsoryachtclub.com and https://www.yachtscoring.com/event_documents/50524?showAll=true.

1.3 RRS 62.1 "Redress" Protest Forms can be downloaded at www.windsoryachtclub.com Hearing Requests (Protests) shall be submitted to and adjudicated by the Detroit River Yachting Association (DRYA) via ProtestsDRYA@gmail.com. A copy should also be submitted to WYC via race@windsoryachtclub.com as described in the Sailing Instructions. Time limit to submit a Protest is no later than 23:59hrs on the date of the race.

1.4 RRS A2 "Series Scores" are changed by the Sailing Instructions.

1.5 [NP][DP] The U.S. Sailing prescriptions to the RRS shall apply, including those crossing into Canadian waters. Boats crossing the Lake St. Clair shipping channel (see NOAA Chart #14850), are forbidden to interfere with major ships (US Federal law 89-764). Boats shall adhere to USCG Rule 18, which reads in part: "(b) A sailing vessel underway shall keep out of the way of: (ii) a vessel restricted in her ability to maneuver." A boat receiving five (5) horn blasts from a commercial vessel transiting the ship channel may be protested by the RC.

1.6 Sailors are advised that they must carry identification documents such as Nexus, Drivers Licenses or valid Passports when crossing the border either on land or water between the US and Canada.

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2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 The sailing instructions will be available after 09:00 hr on May 1 2026 at www.windsoryachtclub.com.

2.2 The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and supplementary sailing instructions that will be on the official notice board located at www.windsoryachtclub.com

3 COMMUNICATIONS

3.1 The online official notice board is located at https://www.yachtscoring.com/notice_board/50524

3.2 [NP] All boats shall carry a working VHF radio capable of communicating on Channel 72. Channel 16 is the safety or hailing channel as specified by Canadian Coast Guard Sarnia, and US Coast Guard Sector Detroit.

3.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel 72 will be stated in the SIs. All boats are urged to designate a crew member to monitor VHF CH72 at all times during the event.

3.4 [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.

3.5[NP] Errors or omissions in communications by the RC, or a competitor's failure to hear RC's communications, will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b).

3.6 [NP] An unofficial designated observer may report all visual signals displayed by the Race Committee over the VHF CH72. Information so noted is provided as a courtesy to competitors and does not alter the competitors' responsibility to observe the Race Committee's visual signals, which govern the conduct of the racing. The observer's errors or omissions or a competitor's failure to hear an observer's report will not be grounds for redress.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The above event is open to all WYC boats, and boats owned by clubs, or members of clubs, holding current memberships in the Detroit River Yachting Association (DRYA) and to others at the invitation of the WYC.

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4.2 The event is open to all Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF) boats with a valid 2026 Midwest Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (MWPHRF) certificate. MWPHRF certificates must be submitted to WYC Race Committee race@windsoryachtclub.com by the appropriate deadline. A 2026 Midwest Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (MWPHRF) certificate can be obtained at www.mwphrf.org Fees for obtaining a rating are to be paid directly to MWPHRF by the boat owner and are not included or deducted from the WYC race registration fee. Boats racing without an approved 2026 MWPHRF rating will not be scored.

4.3 One Design boats shall meet the One Design Class Rules.

4.4 A minimum of 5 registered boats shall establish a class. Classes include J120, J111, C&C 35, PHRF, JAM. Class Splits are defined in the Sailing Instructions.

4.6 Eligible boats may enter by registering online via Yacht Scoring or by clicking on the link https://www.yachtscoring.com/event_registration_email/50524

- Registration opens April 1 2026.
- Deadline for Overall registration (which included Chimo Race) closes on May 12, 2026 at 17:00hr.
- Deadline for Chimo race registration is 17:00hr 24-hours prior to the race date (See Fees).

4.7 An Entered boat will have a complete registration when all documents are submitted by the proper deadline. Boat will not be scored with an incomplete registration. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees including online registration, payment, submission of a copy of MWPHRF Certificate, submission of a copy of boat insurance, signing of the online waiver and the Safe Sport Policy.

(See Registration Checklist below)

5 FEES

5.1 All fees are due upon registration and payable in Canadian dollars. USA Dollars accepted as par. Fees are only accepted online via PayPal through www.windsoryachtclub.com Click on Racing, Click on Chimo Race, Click on Payment Link. Or at Yacht Scoring https://www.yachtscoring.com/event_registration_email/50524 You will register and pay for an Individual Race Night.

WYC members

*Chimo Race \$45.00

*Overall Wednesday Night Race Series
(Spring and Fall) registrants fee is waived.

Invited Guests

*Chimo Race Fee \$45.00

*Overall Wednesday Night Race Series
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Deadline for Chimo Race Individual race registration is 17:00hr September 29, 2026.

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9 SCHEDULE

9.3 Dates of racing: The Chimo Race held on September 30, 2026. See NOR 13.

The scheduled time of the warning signal for the Chimo Race is 18:45 hr River Start. See NOR 13.3

The scheduled time of the warning signal for the Chimo Race is 19:00 hr Lake Start. See NOR 13.4

13 COURSES

13.1 The course(s) to be raced are point to point and vary in size and direction based on the race day weather conditions.

13.2 The Race Committee intends to start the race in front of the W.Y.C. if the wind permits. If wind does not permit, the start will take place in the Lake. At approximately 18:15hr on race night, the Race Committee shall broadcast on channel 72 the start location. These broadcasts will be repeated at approximately 5-minute intervals up until 18:40 hr. The course selected shall be posted on the seawall at Windsor Yacht Club for a river start or on the committee boat for a Lake start. See Sailing Instructions for further information.

13.3 River Start (Course 1) is between the mast displaying the RC flag on the Windsor Yacht Club patio and the green spar buoy DP3 opposite.

13.4 Lake start (Courses 2 - 5) is between the Windsor Yacht Club "CC" buoy and the mast flying the RC flag on the committee boat. The starting mark "CC" is located approximately 1 nautical mile 070°M from the Peche Island rear range light.

14 FINISH LINE

14.1 For all classes, the finish line is between the mast displaying the RC flag on the W.Y.C. patio and green spar buoy DP3 opposite.

14.2 All finishing boats must light their sail numbers for the final minute as they approach the finish line; or display their Mackinac number.



15 SCORING SYSTEM

15.1 Appendix A of the RRS The Low Point Scoring System will be used.

15.2 Boats in all classes will be scored according to their corrected times, calculated on a time-on-time basis.

15.3 Results will be posted on the WYC website www.windsoryachtclub.com

15.4 Awards will be presented at the WYC Awards Banquet on October 17, 2026. Event details will be made available online at www.windsoryachtclub.com by September 1, 2025.

15.6 Rule A5.3 will be modified to read, "A boat that did not start-did not come to the starting area (DNC) the race will not be scored and will not receive any points toward qualifying for Spring and/or Fall Series and/or Overall Awards."

15.8 The Chimo Race must be raced by participants of the Wednesday Night Race Overall Series to be eligible and or qualify for the WYC Overall Awards.

22 RISK STATEMENT

22.1 RRS 3 applies: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.'

22.2 The Laws of the Province of Ontario & Government of Canada, Government of the State of Michigan and Federal Government of the United States shall prevail.

22.3 To become an eligible participant in the Chimo Race 2026 you must agree to, sign off and follow the online waiver & Safe Sport Policy found at www.windsoryachtclub.com and on Yacht Scoring. https://www.yachtscoring.com/event_documents/50524?showAll=true
(See Race Document Waiver & Safe Sport Policy)

22.4 In cases of force majeure or on the grounds of administrative orders, border restrictions, or safety reasons, the OA is entitled to make changes in the event's realization or cancel the event. Participants may withdraw their registration without financial penalty should the regatta be significantly altered or cancelled due to these reasons.

23 INSURANCE

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23.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000.00 per incident or the equivalent.

23.1 Proof of Insurance must be submitted to the Race Committee before the registration deadline. See Registration Checklist.

24 PRIZES

24.1 Awards will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each class for Chimo Race and perpetual trophies will be awarded.

24.2 Awards will be presented at the WYC Awards Banquet on October 17, 2026. Event details will be available online at www.windsoryachtclub.com by September 1, 2026.

25 FURTHER INFORMATION

25.1 For further information please contact Race Chair Douglas Sanborn 519-818-6379
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REGISTRATION CHECKLIST: REFER TO NOR 4.7

- ☐ Online registration for invited guests filled out at https://www.yachtscoring.com/event_registration_email/50524
- ☐ Sign/Agree to online waiver & Safe Sport Policy found on Yacht Scoring.
https://www.yachtscoring.com/event_documents/50524?showAll=true
- ☐ Safe Sport Policy found on www.windsoryachtclub.com or on Yacht Scoring.
https://www.yachtscoring.com/event_documents/50524?showAll=true
for Overall Series competitors.
- ☐ Pay registration fee of \$45.00 via the payment link on www.windsoryachtclub.com
Click on Racing, then Click on Chimo Race, then Click on Payment Link. Or through Yacht Scoring https://www.yachtscoring.com/event_registration_email/50524
If you have difficulty paying, call 519-945-1863 and pay directly to the WYC office via credit card.
- ☐ Submit a photo or copy of 2026 MWPHRF Certificate to race@windsoryachtclub.com
- ☐ Submit a photo or copy of 2026 boat insurance showing effective and expiry dates to race@windsoryachtclub.com
- ☐ Submit all documents by the appropriate deadline.
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