



Sailing Instructions 52nd CHIMO RACE Windsor Yacht Club 2026

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Definitions:

- The Organizing Authority (OA) for this regatta 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 Scoring and 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 boats are invited to participate and receive prizes in class and Overall. *See Sailing Instructions & Scoring System/Prizes*
- NP Not Protest-able
- DP Discretionary Protest

1. RULES AND REGULATIONS The WYC Wednesday Night Race Series 2026 will be governed by:

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

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

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

1.4 [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.

1.5 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.

2 NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- The online official notice board is located at https://www.yachtscoring.com/notice_board/50524
- Courtesy broadcasts will be made by the RC on VHF radio channel 72.
- Changes to the race program will be communicated by the RC by 18:00hr on race day.
- [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.
- All boats are to designate a crew member to monitor VHF CH72 at all times during the race.
- [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.
- [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.I(b).
- [NP] An unofficial designated observer may report all visual signals (flags) 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 (flags), 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.
- **INTERFERENCE WITH COMMERCIAL SHIPPING** Boats must stay clear of all Commercial Shipping Traffic, including Tug/Barge Combinations, Lakers and Commercial Passenger Vessels. In addition, boats crossing the shipping channel are forbidden to interfere with major ships.

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3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- Any changes to the SI will be communicated by 17:00hr on the day before the race will take place.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACE

The Chimo Race held on September 30, 2026.

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

REGISTRATION & FEES

- See NOR section 4 Eligibility & Entry, NOR section 5 Fees, NOR section 22 Risk Statement, NOR 23 Insurance, NOR section 25.1 Registration Checklist

CLASSES AND RESTRICTIONS

- All boats racing with Jib and Main only are Class J and are not permitted to use spinnakers, drifters, reachers, etc.
- All other boats are designated as Performance Handicapped Race Fleet (PHRF) and shall race in classes as determined by the OA.
- One-design boats with 5 or more registered participants before the start of race 3 shall be considered for a separate class start.
- Splits for races 1 and 2 shall be posted on www.yachtscoring.com and at www.windsoryachtclub.com/racing
- Classes & flags for WYC Chimo Race are;

CLASS FLAGS

J/120  J/111  JAM  PHRF A  PHRF B  C&C 35  All Others 

THE COURSES:

- The Race Committee (RC) by 18:30hr shall display, a course board on the WYC Patio &/or Race Committee Boat indicating the Class Courses to be sailed for the race.

THE MARKS See Chart attached.

The WYC marks are set at:

"A"	N42°21.20'	W082°52.90'	(White Can, White Flashing Light)
"B"	N42°21.65'	W082°52.90'	(White Can, White Flashing Light)
"CC"	N42°21.40'	W082°53.87'	(White Can, White Flashing Light)
"D"	N42°21.40'	W082°51.90'	(White Can, White Flashing Light)
"E"	N42°20.95'	W082°53.87'	(White Can, White Flashing Light)

Marks "DP3", "DP5", and "DP7" are Canadian government marks east and south of Peche Island. R2 is a United States government marking the shipping channel.

THE START

- In the event of a river start (Course 1) – the start line will be between the mast displaying the RC flag on the Windsor Yacht Club patio and the green spar buoy DP3 opposite.
- In the event of a Lake start (Courses 2 - 5) – the start line will be between the Windsor Yacht Club "CC" buoy and the mast flying the RC flag on the nearby committee boat.
- The Race Committee will set one limit mark (orange buoy) near the Race Committee Boat.
- RRS 31 (touching a mark) treat both the limit mark and the R/C signal boat as a single starting mark applies.

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START TIMES

A Rolling start sequence shall begin as follows. Subsequent Classes start in 5-minute intervals.

For first start:

START TIMES

For course 1 (River start):

1844 Courtesy Sound signal no Start Marker displayed
1845 Warning – Start 1 Marker raised – sound signal
1846 Preparatory (Blue Shape) raised – sound signal
1849 Preparatory (Blue Shape) lowered – sound signal
1850 Start 1 – Start 1 Marker lowered – sound signal
Subsequent starts are at 5-minute intervals such that Start 2 starts at 1855 and Start 3 begins at 1900, etc.

For courses 2 – 5 (Lake start):

1859 Courtesy Sound signal no Start Marker displayed
1900 Warning – Start 1 Marker raised – sound signal
1901 Preparatory (Blue Shape) raised – sound signal
1904 Preparatory (Blue Shape) lowered – sound signal
1905 Start 1 – Start 1 Marker lowered – sound signal

Subsequent starts are at 5-minute intervals.

If the start sequence is halted, the warning signal for the new sequence will be preceded by a sound signal with no marker displayed one minute before the warning.

Class Start Sequence & Splits shall be:

Start Class	Class	Flag	Rating
1	J120 J111	#8 #4	
2	PHRFA C&C35	#1 #0	81 & Below
3	PHRF B JAM	#2 J	84 & Above
4	Other	#3	

J/120  J/111  JAM  PHRF A  PHRF B  C&C 35  All Other (#3) 

FINISH LINE

- The finish line for all classes is between the mast displaying the RC flag on the WYC patio and spar buoy DP3.
- All boats finishing in darkness are required to light their sail numbers on approach to the finish line and/or display their illuminated Mackinac sail number.

TIME LIMIT

- The race time limit is from 19:00-22:30 hr.
- A race shall be abandoned for all boats if no boat properly finishes by 22:00 hr.
- Boats finishing after 22:30hr shall be recorded as DNF

RECALLS

- In the event of a general recall, the class “recalled” will move to the end of the sequence. This changes Rule 29.2 (general recall).

RETIREMENT OF RACE

A boat shall communicate to the Race Chair her intention to retire from a race by either;

- VHF Channel 72 or Phone (519) 818-6379.

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PROTESTS AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS

- Protest forms can be downloaded at www.windsoryachtclub.com/racing
- RRS 62.1 "Redress" Hearing Requests (aka "Protests") shall be submitted to and will be adjudicated by the Detroit River Yachting Association (DRYA) ProtestsDRYA@gmail.com.
- A copy of the protest form should also be submitted to RC race@windsoryachtclub.com
- Time limit to submit a Protest is no later than 23:59hrs on the date of the race.

SCORING SYSTEM

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

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

15.7 Series Ties. RRS A8 shall apply for the Spring and/or Fall Series, and WYC Overall Series 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.

RESULTS

The Race Committee will publish and post results on race nights on the WYC racing website www.windsoryachtclub.com and on Yacht Scoring as quickly as possible.

PRIZES

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

Awards will be presented at the WYC Awards Banquet on October 12, 2025. Event details will be available online at www.windsoryachtclub.com by September 1, 2025.

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, State of Michigan, United States of America shall prevail.

22.3 To become an eligible participant in the Windsor Yacht Club Chimo Race 2025 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.

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COURSES

COURSE 1 (River start) – 7.2 nautical miles

Start to DP5, leaving it to port
-then to E leaving it to starboard (074°M)
-then to D leaving it to port (080°M)
-then to R2, leaving it to port (296°M)
-then to DP7, leaving it to starboard (222°M)
-then to DP5, leaving it to starboard (250°M)
-then to the finish line.

COURSE 2 (Lake start) – 5.9 nautical miles

Start to E leaving it to port (187°M)
-then to D leaving it to port (080°M)
-then to R2, leaving it to port (296°M)
-then to DP7, leaving it to starboard (222°M)
-then to DP5, leaving it to starboard (250°M)
-then to the finish line.

COURSE 3 (Lake start) – 4.4 nautical miles

Start to A, leaving it to port (113°M)
-then to B, leaving it to port (007°M)
-then to R2, leaving it to port (296°M)
-then to DP7, leaving it to starboard (250°M)
-then to DP5, leaving it to starboard (286°M)
-then to the finish line.

COURSE 4 (Lake Start) – 3.4 nautical miles

Start to B, leaving it to starboard (078°M)
- then to DP7, leaving it to starboard (241°M)]
- then to DP5, leaving it to starboard (286°M)
- then to the finish line.

COURSE 5 (Lake Start) – 2.3 nautical miles

Start to E leaving it to starboard (187°) [Star]
then to DP7, leaving it to starboard (241°M)]
- then to DP5, leaving it to starboard (286°M)- then to the finish line.

