



Notice of Race

Annual Scotch Bonnet Race – Saturday, July 19, 2025

Organizing Authority – The Presqu'ile Yacht Club

1. **Rules:** This race shall be governed by **The Racing Rules of Sailing** and Sail Canada prescriptions except as may be changed by the Sailing Instructions.
2. **Sailing Instructions:** Sailing Instructions will be available at <https://presquileyc.com/scotch-bonnet-race-documentation/> no later than Monday, July 14, 2025.
3. **Communications:**
 - a. Communication/queries can be made through: scotchbonnetinfo@presquileyc.com before race day
 - b. All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating.
 - c. On the water the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts on the VHF radio. The channel for these communications will be stated in the Sailing Instructions.
 - d. From the first warning signal, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions, and shall not receive voice or data communications that are not available to all boats.
4. **Eligibility and Entry:**
 - a. This race is open to all sailing keelboats of a minimum 20 ft. LOA with or without a valid PHRF certificate as outlined in section 4b.
 - b. This race will have separate divisions for
 - i. **Class 1-Flying Sail (FS)** – Valid PHRF Certificate Required
 - ii. **Class 2-Non-flying Sail (NFS)**– Valid PHRF Certificate Required
 - iii. **Cruising Class (CC)**– No PHRF Certificate Required. These boats will sail white sail and be assigned a PHRF handicap based on the PHRF tables with no allowances for SP factors.
 - c. An entry document will be available at <https://presquileyc.com/scotch-bonnet-race-documentation/>.
 - d. **Entry will be closed as of 24:00 hrs, July 16, 2025.**
5. **Fees:**
 - a. There is no race entry fee.
 - b. Friday night barbequed hamburgers will be available for a modest fee. **Please indicate the number of attendees for this event when you register**
 - c. There will be a post-race Burn It BBQ. Bring your food to BBQ and a side dish to share with the gang.

6. **Schedule:**

- a. Friday, July 18: 1800hr BBQ hamburgers
 - b. Saturday, July 19:
 - i. 0930hr Skipper's Briefing
 - ii. 1100hr Warning Signal FS
 - iii. 1105hr Warning Signal WS and CC
 - iv. 1745hr Award presentation
 - v. 1800hr Burn It BBQ and potluck
7. **Course:** The course will be finalized at the Skippers briefing based on weather conditions. The tentative FS course is to round both Scotch Bonnet and Nicholson's Island. NFS and CC divisions to round Scotch Bonnet.
8. **Handicap System:** PHRF-Lo Point-to-Point Time Correction Factor (TCF) will be used to calculate corrected finish times.
9. **Prizes:** First, Second, and Third place flags will be awarded for each of the three divisions; Flying Sails, Non-Flying Sales, and Cruising Class.
10. **Berthing:** Please indicate on the registration form if you require berthing for Friday, July 18 and/or Saturday, July 19. PYC harbour is small so boats larger than 30 feet or draft more than 5 feet may have to take a mooring.
11. **Disclaimer of Liability:** Competitors participate in the PYC Scotch Bonnet Race at their own risk. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with, before, during, or after the race.
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. **Insurance:** Each participating boat must be insured with valid third-party liability insurance to the value of \$2 million as is required by all boats racing at PYC.
14. **Further information:** For further information please get in touch with the organizers at: scotchbonnetinfo@presquileyc.com.

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