

Presqu'ile Yacht Club

Notice of Race

Annual Scotch Bonnet Race – Saturday August 15, 2026

Organizing Authority – The Presqu'ile Yacht Club

1. **Rules:** This race shall be governed by **The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)** and Sail Canada prescriptions except as may be changed by the Sailing Instructions.
2. **Sailing Instructions:** Sailing instructions will be available at presquileyc.com no later than Monday August 10, 2026.
3. **Communications:**
 - a. Communication/queries can be made through scotchbonnetinfo@presquileyc.com prior to 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 until the end of the race, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice and data communications that are not available to all boats.
4. **Eligibility and Entry:**
 - a. The event is open to all sailing keel boats of a minimum 20 ft. LOA with or without a valid PHRF certificate, outlined as follows:
 - i. Class 1 - Flying Sail (FS) – with a valid PHRF certificate
 - ii. Class 2 - Non-flying Sail (NFS)– with a valid PHRF certificate
 - iii. Class 3 - Cruising Class (CC)– No valid PHRF certificate – these boats will sail white sail and be assigned a PHRF hadicap based on the PHRF tables with no allowances for SP factors.
 - b. An on-line entry document will be available to be completed at <https://presquileyc.com/scotch-bonnet-race-documentation/>
 - c. Eligible boats may also enter by completing the entry form and mailing it to
 - i. PYC Scotch Bonnet Race
 - ii. Presqu'ile Yacht Club
 - iii. 70 Price St. E.
 - iv. Brighton ON, K0K 1H0
 - d. Entry will be closed as of 24:00 hrs, August 12, 2026.
5. **Schedule:**
 - a. **Friday August 14.** 18:00 Arrival Hamburger BBQ – (please indicate on the pre-registrations form the number of individuals from your crew that we should anticipate).
 - b. **Saturday August 15**
 - i. 09:30 Skippers' Meeting, Weather and Course Briefing
 - ii. 11:00 Race Pre-Warning Signal
 - iii. 11:06 Race Start
 - iv. 18:00 BBQ (Bring your own protein for the BBQ and a side dish to share) and Awards
6. **Course:** The course will be finalized at the Skippers briefing based on weather conditions. Tentative FS course is to round both Scotch Bonnet and Nicholson's Island. NFS and CC divisions to round Scotch Bonnet.

7. **Handicap System:** PHRF-Lo Point-to-Point Time Correction Factor (TCF) will be used to calculate corrected finish times.
8. **Prizes:** First, Second and Third place flags will be awarded for each of the three classes; Flying Sails, Non-Flying Sales and Cruising Class.
9. **Berthing:** Please indicate on the registration form if you will require berthing for Friday August 14 and/or Saturday August 19.
10. **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 or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the race.
11. **RISK STATEMENT:** 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.**
12. **Insurance:** Each participating boat will be insured with valid third-party liability insurance to the value of **\$2 Million** as is required by all boats racing at PYC.
13. **Further information:** For further information please contact the organizers at scotchbonnetinfo@presquileyc.com