

Notice of Race
Pentagram of Life

July 4, 2026

Organizing Authority: Toronto Hydroplane and Sailing Club

1 Rules

1.1 This event is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.

1.2 The rules of PHRF-LO will be used

1.3 The Sail Canada prescriptions shall apply.

1.4 The Racing Rules of Sailing are changed as follows:

1.4.1 RRS 52 Manual Power

The use of power auto steering devices is allowed for single or double handed crews. The rule stays in place for fully crewed vessels.

2 Sailing Instructions

2.1 The sailing instructions will be available no later than July 1, 2026 on the Race Notice Board at THSC (located in the breezeway in the THSC Clubhouse) and on the THSC web site at THSC.CA.

3 Communication

3.1 All boats entering THSC races must have VHF capable of receiving channels 16, 68 and 73.

3.2 On the water, the Race Committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF. The channel will be stated in the Sailing Instructions.

4 Eligibility

- 4.1** The event is open to all boats that are members of Sail Canada in compliance with the prescription to *rule 46*.
- 4.2** All boats intending to race must hold a valid PHRF certificate.
- 4.3** A boat which does not hold a valid PHRF certificate will be allowed to race and will be assigned a rating by the THSC club handicapper. This rating will be based upon PHRF-LO Standard Boat Data with an automatic 15 point rating penalty.
- 4.4** All boats must register with the race committee boat prior to race start.
- 4.5** Boats intending to race should fly their division pennant (see below) and no other flags, ABYC boats shall fly no flags.
- 4.6** All THSC boats entering must accept a liability waiver and proof of insurance statement (including club racing events) prior to racing. Please see the THSC Race Fleet Captain for a copy, or during registration.

5 Fees

There is no entry fee for this event

6 Equipment

- 6.1** Boats must have their anchors stowed so as not to be a safety hazard to other boats racing.
- 6.2** All boats must fully satisfy Transport Canada regulations for boats of their size, as published by the Canadian Coast Guard in the current Boating Safety Guide, and satisfy Provincial and City of Toronto regulations.

7 The Course

The event will consist of a single race, starting and ending in the waters south of Ashbridges Bay. Full details will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

8 Scoring

All divisions will be scored using the PHRF-LO Time on Time methodology.

9 Fleet Divisions

There will be two divisions of PHRF Jib and Main and a PHRF flying sails division.

Division and division flags are as follows:

Numeral pennant 1: PHRF Flying sails

Numeral pennant 2: PHRF Jib and Main

10 Schedule of Events

10.1 The Pentagram of Life will take place on July 4, 2026.

10.2 The skippers meeting will be at 11:00 am on the THSC patio on the day of the race to finalize registration and to go over any last minute changes.

10.3 The Warning signal for the first start in the race is scheduled for 12:00

11 Risk Statement

11.1 See *rule 3*: The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.'

11.2 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 Prizes

Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd for each division.

This race will count towards the year end trophies for THSC boats only.