

1 Rules

LYRA 2020-Lower Niagara River will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing. US Sailing prescriptions to the RRS will apply. A copy is available at the event docs section of yacht scoring **The Great Lakes Multihull Racing Association (GLMRA) rules will apply to the multihull classes.**

All competitors are reminded to follow state and local regulations and best practices with respect to COVID-19 protocols, and all competitors must adhere to the rules of the Youngstown Yacht Club concerning COVID-19 precautions while on Youngstown Yacht Club premises .

2 Equipment

All boats shall comply with the equipment regulations of their home nation. Additionally, all yachts shall carry: A working VHF radio.

3 Notices to Competitors

The official notice board will be at
https://yachtscoring.com/notice_board.cfm?eid=13027

The Race Committee may announce changes to the sailing instructions over VHF Channel 69

4 Postponement

Onshore postponement

“AP” will be flown from the YYC flagpole

The RC will make an announcement over VHF 69 and send e-mail to the address provided on the entry form. No warning signal will be made before 1 hour from the drop of AP

The drop of AP will be signaled on VHF 69, via email and by sound signal

5 Official Time

LYRA 2020-Lower Niagara River will use the GPS time as read from the race committee’s GPS.

6 Marks

YYC “5” mark, located approximately 43.16.561 N 79.03.042 W

Niagara Bar Lighted Buoy 2, 'R2', aprox 43.19.040N 079.4.235W

Buoy off Olcott - **OYC Race Mark 3 aprox 43.21.17 N 78.44.28 W see A3**

Buoy off Wilson - **Wilson Race Mark P approx 43.19.24 N 78.50.00 W see A1**

6.1 Locations and descriptions of Olcott and Wilson Bouys will be published in an amendment and broadcast over VHF 69 prior to any warning signal

7 Starting Line

The Start line will be between the staff of the orange Flag on the RC Boat andYYC Mark 5

8 Starting Times

Long Course

Warning Signal	1000		Numeral pennant 1	One sound signal
Preparatory Signal	1001	Flag P		One Sound signal
One Minute	1004	Flag P down		One sound signal
Start	1005	# 1 down		One sound signal

After the long course Start, the RC will reposition for the short course start.

Short Course

Class2 NFS

Warning Signal	1020	Numeral pennant 2	One sound signal
Preparatory Signal	1021	Flag P	One Sound signal
One Minute	1924	Flag P down	One sound signal
Start	1025	# 2 down	One sound signal

Class3 -Spinnaker

Warning Signal	1025	Numeral pennant 3	One sound signal
Preparatory Signal	1026	Flag P	One Sound signal
One Minute	1929	Flag P down	One sound signal
Start	1030	# 3 down	One sound signal

9 Finish Line

The Finish will be betweenYYC Mark 5 and the Staff of the orange flag on the RC boat.

If the RC boat is not on station, yachts shall sail within 100 feet North of **YYC 5**, and take their own time when **YYC 5** bears 180 degrees. E-mail your finish time and the boat immediately ahead and behind (if known) to will@willsail.com within 1 hour of finishing

Please note- Boats on the long course and boats on the short course will cross the line in opposite directions

10 Courses

Long Course

Start
R2 to STARBOARD
Olcott Buoy to PORT
R2 to PORT
FINISH

Short Course

Start
Wilson Buoy to PORT
Finish

11 Time Limit

The time limit will be 1800

If the first boat does not finish before the time limit, the race will be abandoned

The RC will signal such abandonment with 3 sound signals and by VHF on Channel 69

The RC boat will leave station at the time limit. Subsequent finishers shall record their own time as described in **SI 9**

12 Penalties

The Two Turns Penalty will be in effect.

13 Protests

Boats intending to protest shall inform the Race Committee on VHF 69 immediately after finishing.

Protest forms will be available at https://yachtscoring.com/pdf/2013-2016_protest_form.pdf.

Protests must be delivered **via email to will@willsail.com** within 2 Hours of the boat's finish.

Times and places of protest hearings are to be determined.

Protest hearings may be conducted by video conference.

14 Radio

The Race committee channel is 69

Boats shall monitor Channel 16 all times from 15 minutes after their start.

The Race Committee may make courtesy announcements over VHF 69

Doing so, or not doing so is not grounds for redress

Race Committee courtesy announcements are not 'Outside Assistance'

15 Scoring

The races will be scored using PHRF Time on time

16 Manual Power

RRS 52 is modified to allow the use of powered winches. For boats sailing singlehanded or double-handed, the use of auto-pilots is allowed.

17 Prizes

Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers in each race and overall

Additional prizes may be given for sub groups – NFS/main and Jib, Cruising, Shorthanded etc.

18 Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority and the Youngstown Yacht Club shall have no liability for material damage or personal injury or death, or illness including COVID-19, sustained or contracted in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

All competitors shall complete and submit the crew waiver available at yachtscoring.com. Skippers are reminded to fill out their crew lists.

Competitors are advised that races as described herein are held in waters near the international border between the United States and Canada. The organizing authority, the Race Committee and Youngstown Yacht Club shall in no way be responsible for marking or otherwise announcing, identifying or delineating the location of the international boundary. Each competitor agrees to be and remain solely responsible for his or her own compliance with all applicable laws and regulations of the United States and Canada.