

Fanshawe Yacht Club – PUMPKIN REGATTA – 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

DATES: **Saturday, October 3rd and Sunday, October 4th, 2026**

LOCATION: **Fanshawe Yacht Club - 1424 Clarke Rd., London, ON, N5V 5B9**

Located inside the Fanshawe Conservation Area (FCA). Follow the Conservation Area signs to the Yacht Club inside the Campgrounds. If you have not been to the Club in recent years, note that there is a new intersection with stoplights at the entrance to the FCA, which is now directly reachable from Veterans Memorial Parkway, extended north from Huron Street.

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GATE ACCESS: If you need access to the Club on Friday evening to park your boat and trailer, we will arrange to have someone meet you at the Club gate. Submit your name and mobile phone number to **Andrew Paul** via phone, Text, or email, by Thursday, September 26.

DINNER: A Turkey Dinner is available for purchase on Saturday evening at 17:00 in Doug Mackenzie Hall. Cost is **20\$ per person**. ALL Competitors please preregister for this to minimize food wastage online.
Online payment accepted via Checklick, or cash payments at the door at dinner time.

RULES: The Regatta will be governed by the ***Racing Rules of Sailing, 2025-2028***. The prescriptions of Sail Canada apply. Notices to Sailors will be posted on the board just inside the gate of FYC. Class rules do not apply in this regatta.

CLASSES: **Laser Full-Rig & Radial, Wayfarer, Y-Flyer, Open A (Dinghies), Open B (Keelboats)**
If less than three boats of any fleet are registered, they may be grouped into Open A or Open B instead. Any three boats of other one-designs registering for the regatta will make a fleet. The Open fleets will be scored by Portsmouth Number. Please know your D-PN. Boats of similar Portsmouth numbers will be grouped at the Race Committee (RC) discretion into starts of 10-12 or more boats, and every effort will be made to provide a dedicated start for one-design fleets with 10 or so boats.

ELIGIBILITY: The Regatta is open to all FYC member boats, and any boats from other clubs that can be dollied or trailered down the Club ramps to the lake; and whose skippers are members of Class Associations in Canada or the US, clubs in good standing with Sail Canada or other National Authority, or graduates of the Fanshawe Yacht Club Sailing School since January of 2025; and their crew.

Sailors under 18 will need a signature of a parent or guardian on a waiver (on the Registration Form).

Support vessels are not allowed; FYC will provide Safety Boat(s) on the courses.

REGISTRATION: In **advance preferred**: online at <https://fyc.on.ca/wp-v1/pumpkin-regatta-2/>

If possible, please respond **by Tuesday, September 29th**, but the form remains open until **5:00 PM Friday, October 2nd**. Payment can be made online by **Checklick** until **5:00 PM Friday, October 2nd** using the following link:

<https://fycregattasandspecialevents.checklick.com>

Payment can also be made day-of, cash only.

Day-of: **Starts Saturday, October 3rd at 08:30** and ends at the start of the Skippers Meeting; at the tent on the green opposite the Sailing School just inside the FYC grounds. Late entries will not be accepted. **Cash Only**.

REGISTRATION COSTS:

Adult (Single): \$35

Adult Crewed (Skipper plus one crew): \$60

Junior (< 16 years old) (Single): \$20

Junior Crewed (All < 16): \$30

Learn to Race (Have not sailed in a formal regatta before 2025): Free

Extra Crew, any boat, each: \$10

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: Provided at Skippers Meeting, and on-line at fyc.on.ca The Regatta will be water-based, run from the Race Barge or similar. The Race Committee will give strong preference to water-based starts from the Club Barge, with the course placed with starts to windward. The RC will attempt to set the longest feasible windward-leeward or triangle courses marked by inflated orange pumpkins and FYC Club permanent race marks to meet target race times. Lake maps are available at registration. Sailors are expected to be fully aware of, and comply with, the Concussion provisions of Rowan's Law in Ontario. Links to relevant documents will be provided with the Sailing Instructions.

AMENITIES: Lunch will be provided during a break after the first two or three dinghy races on Saturday. There will be no lunch break on Sunday. Leftovers from Saturday lunch and the Turkey Dinner will be available after racing while scoring is underway. Please bring your own water containers. A limited supply of water is available for emergency use from the Race Committee barge. Water on the grounds is tested by the Conservation Authority and is safe for consumption.

SKIPPERS MEETING: **10:00 on Saturday, October 3rd, at Registration area**

RACING: A series of five horn blasts may be sounded approximately ten minutes before the first warning and after any pause in racing of more than 30 minutes. The first race warning

signal is scheduled for **11:00** Saturday, **09:30** Sunday, no warning to be sounded after **15:00** Saturday or **13:30** Sunday. It may take up to twenty minutes to reach the racecourse area from the Club docks, so please take this into account when registering, rigging, etc.

The RC will attempt to adhere to a schedule of two races for dinghies and one race for keelboats before lunch on Saturday, two or more races for dinghies, one or more for keelboats, after lunch. There will be no lunch break on Sunday. The goal is four or more keelboat races and eight dinghy races on the weekend, weather permitting.

Fleets will be grouped into one or more starts at the Skippers Meeting. The warning for a second race may occur as little as two minutes after the finish of the final boat in a race. The RC reserves the right to finish slow boats on the course by assigning them a finish time calculated based on mark roundings, time on previous laps, etc.

COACHING: Coaches are welcomed to assist new racers. However, Coach and Support boats are not permitted on the racecourse while racing is underway (after any warning and before the finish of the last registered boat in any fleet.) The RC may consult with coaches for recommendations on course lengths, format, etc.

FORMAT: One completed race for a fleet constitutes a series. The RC is aiming for four dinghy races and two keelboat races each day.

RESTRICTIONS: Keelboats registered in the regatta shall not be hauled out except in an emergency, at which point they must retire from the regatta. Parking is provided above the lake high-water mark for empty trailers during racing, and for dinghies on trailers or dollies overnight Saturday.

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This applies to cellphones as well.

SCORING: One race result will be dropped after four races, with two drops after eight, **Low Point Scoring (RRS Appendix A).**

AWARDS: Prizes will be awarded, one per boat, based on the number of registrants in a Fleet, divided by two and rounded up, to a maximum of three prizes per Fleet.

We will attempt to announce results verbally at a gathering in Doug Mackenzie Hall on Sunday afternoon after results are calculated. If conditions do not permit, the results will be posted to the Club website as soon as possible after the regatta, and by e-mail to competitors of record. Prizes, if not awarded on Sunday, will be available at the Club Banquet in November. Good Luck, All!