



Sailing Instructions / Notice of Race

58th Annual Katie Gray - September 5, 2026

58th Annual Binnacle Race - September 6, 2026

Presented by the Bay of Quinte Yacht club & The Prince Edward Yacht club

Please join The Bay of Quinte Yacht club and the Prince Edward Yacht club on Friday September 4, 2026, at the Bay of Quinte Yacht club to compete in the 58th Annual Katie Gray Race.

Registration will open on August 7, 2026, with an entry deadline of August 29, 2026, 2200hrs. Registration cost is \$50 per yacht including a light breakfast on Saturday and Sunday for all participants.

Any questions can be directed to Chris Danner at katiegray@bqyc.ca.

ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE

1. The 58th Katie Gray Race is open to all boats.
2. Boats require a current PHRF-LO rating and certificate to be eligible for a result in the Katie Gray or Binnacle race.
3. Boats that do not have a valid PHRF-LO Certificate should contact their club handicapper and request a valid certificate.
4. Boats that do not have a valid PHRF-LO certificate and do not wish to obtain one are welcome to sail along with the fleet, but are asked not to interfere with racing boats.

ENTRY

1. Competitors wishing to enter the races are encouraged to register online by visiting the racing section of bqyc.ca (Direct Link: <http://bqyc.ca/katie-gray-2026>).
2. After registration the club will send an invoice to the registrant. Payment details will be included.
3. It is preferred that all payments are completed prior to the event.
4. Payment must be completed no later than 1900h September 4, 2026.

NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

1. Notices to competitors for each race will be posted on the official notice board at the club where the respective race begins.
2. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900h on the day it will take effect at the starting club.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

3. The Registration Desk will be open at BQYC on Friday, September 4, 2026 from 1700h to 1900h for Skippers to obtain dinner tickets and Race information.
4. There will be a Welcoming Party at BQYC on Friday, September 4 at 1900h. Dinner will be available with pre-orders required. Dinner tickets will be available on the registration page with a deadline of August 29.
5. There will be a Skipper's meeting on Saturday, September 5, at 0900h on the BQYC front deck.
6. The scheduled time of the first warning signal for the Katie Gray Trophy race will be 1000h.
7. Awards for the Katie Gray Race, flying sail and white sail, will be presented in the PEYC dining hall on September 5 at 1930 hrs (Time may be adjusted based on fleet arrival)
8. The scheduled time of the first warning signal for the Binnacle Race will be 1100h on Sunday, September 1.

RULES

1. The regattas will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
2. The prescriptions of the Canadian Yachting Association (CYA) will apply.
3. Canada Shipping Act Small Vessel Regulation #16.03 required safety equipment will apply.

SCORING

1. The scoring system used for the Katie Gray and Binnacle races will be PHRF ToT

THE COURSES

1. The starting line for the Katie Gray will be between the committee boat (Wally) anchored west of Q54 (red spar buoy off Meyer's Pier) and Q54 mark positioned south of Meyer's Pier and will end in Picton Bay between the committee boat and the ORANGE mark.
2. All Racing boats must keep the following marks to Starboard.
 - a. Q17,
 - b. Q15,
 - c. Q13 Foresters Island)

Note: Mo(A) has been removed from the bay and is no longer a part of the course.

3. The Katie Gray race will be shortened if winds are light. If the race is shortened the new finish line will be between the committee boat and one of the following marks and according to the following approximate and nonbinding guidelines:

- a. GREEN Q17- by Foresters Island (if the leading yacht has not reached Q17 by 1330h)
 - b. RED Q10 - off Huff Wharf (if the leading yacht has not reached Q10 by 1430h)
 - c. RED Q8 - entrance to Hay Bay (if the leading yacht has not reached Q8 by 1530h) iv. Mo(A) - southwest of Thompson Point (if the leading yacht has not reached Mo(A) by 1630h)
- 4. The Binnacle race will begin between the race committee boat and an ORANGE mark in the Picton Bay. This race will finish between red buoy Q54 and the race committee boat. The Binnacle race may be shortened at the discretion of the Race Committee. If it is shortened, the new finish line will be between the Race Committee Boat and one of the following marks.
 - a. Q13 – Foresters Island
 - b. Q43 – Northport Shoal
 - c. Q52 – Minnie Blakely Shoal

RACING

1. The Race Committee will monitor VHF channel 71 during racing.
2. Before the warning signal for each race, each boat shall sail close aboard the RC boat, hail her sail number, and be acknowledged by the race committee boat. A boat failing to do so may be scored DNS (Did Not Start).
3. Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal 5 minutes before the starting signal.
4. All divisions will start together.
5. As there is no guarantee of an upwind start, spinnakers are not to be flown until the boat clears the start line.
6. An attention signal of 5 short blasts may be given about one minute before the initial warning signal for the race.
7. The starting line for the Katie Gray race will be between the race committee flag on the race committee boat and Q54 or an orange mark.
8. The start line for the Binnacle race will begin between the race committee flag on the race committee boat and the ORANGE mark. .
9. When a general recall is necessary the race committee will display the First Substitute with two sounds. The subsequent warning signal for a new start will be made one minute after the First Substitute is removed (one sound).
10. When an individual recall is required the race committee will promptly display flag 'X' with one sound. The race committee will attempt to notify any boat(s) over the line early by VHF radio channel 71 or by hailing verbally.
11. The 'I' Flag Rule RRS 30.1 will be in effect. Boats on the course side within one minute of the start line must round one end of the start line before re-starting.
12. For the safety of all boats a boat that retires from a race MUST notify the race committee as soon as possible. The race committee boat will monitor channel 71. If the race committee boat does not respond, please radio the club at which the race will end. If you do not have a radio, please notify the race committee in person or let some other competitors know.

13. There will not be a time limit for the Katie Gray. The race committee boat will stay on station until 1900 hrs, or all boats are accounted for. Any boat finishing after that time will take their own time while sailing within 2 boat lengths abeam of the orange mark. The mark will be kept to starboard.

PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

1. Protest forms are available at BQYC/PEYC Club Office. Protests shall be delivered within the protest time limit.
2. The protest time limit is one hour after the race committee boat has reached the BQYC/PEYC dock at the end of each day's racing.
3. Notices with respect to protests will be posted as soon as possible to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

PRIZES

1. The Katie Gray Trophy will be awarded to the winner on corrected time of the Spinnaker Division in the Katie Gray Race.
2. The Bill Burns Trophy will be awarded to the winner on corrected time of the White Sail Division in the Katie Gray Race.
3. The Ian Morch Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the club with the best four-boat team results from either Spinnaker or White Sail Divisions.
4. Katie Gray Race prizes will be awarded at the dinner at PEYC following the race. e. All the Binnacle Race prizes will be awarded at the BQYC annual Cups and Flags Dinner in November.

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Fundamental Rule 4, Decision to Race. 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 regatta.

INSURANCE

1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$2,000,000.00.