



2026 Governor Hicks Cup Log Canoe Races

87th Anniversary, August 15-16, 2026

Organizing Authority: Cambridge Yacht Club

NOTICE OF RACE (NoR)

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1 RULES

1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), except as any of these are altered by the Chesapeake Bay Log Canoe Association, modified by the Sailing Instructions, this document, the acting Race Committee or the Principal Race Officer. Changes made by the Race Committee Pro will be announced at skipper's meeting and/or will be posted in writing immediately following the meeting on the official noticeboard.

1.2. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct.

1.3. The Sailing Instructions will be available by 2000 hours on August 12th, 2026.

2 COMMUNICATIONS

2.1. The online official notice board is online using this link: [NOTICE BOARD](#)

[Cambridgeyachtclub.com](#) > [Racing & Regattas](#) > [Log Canoes](#) > [Notice Board](#)

2.2. [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on all channels.

2.3. On the water, the Race Committee will attempt to make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.

2.4. [DP] Except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1. Only Chesapeake Bay Sailing Log Canoes may compete.

3.2. Online registration is available at using this link. [REGISTRATION](#)

[Cambridgeyachtclub.com](#) > [Racing & Regattas](#) > [Log Canoes](#) > [Registration](#)

3.3. All competitors must comply with their Class Association requirements.



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3.4 Eligible boats may register by visiting www.cambridgeyachtclub.com, and must register no later than 2100 on Friday August 14, 2026.

3.5. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

4 FEES

4.1. The racing fee is \$50.

4.2. The club extends the courtesy of its bar and galley to race participants. There shall be no CYC docking fees to race participants or their support boats. Contact the Race Chair or CYC manager to make arrangements in advance.

4.3 Lunch will be available by request and paid for during the registration or available to purchase at the gazebo..

5 EVENT FORMAT

5.1. No less than two (2) races are scheduled on Saturday, August 15th, 2026.

5.2. One race is scheduled on Sunday, August 16th, 2026.

5.3. The schedule of race events:

Race/Date	Warning	Start Signal
#1 Sat, Aug 15	0950	1000
#2 Sat, Aug 15	1350	1400
#3 Sun, Aug 16	0950	1000

6. START

6.1. Signals shall be made in five-minute intervals (Ten-minute starting sequence). Times shall be taken from the visual signals. The failure of a sound signal shall be disregarded. This changes RRS 26.

WARNING	10 minutes	Yellow Flag	sound
PREP	5 minutes	Blue Flag	sound
START	0 minutes	Red Flag	sound

6.2. There will be a mandatory check-in requirement for all competitors prior to the warning signal.

6.3. The starting line will be between the orange flag on the Committee boat and either a government mark or a round buoy (*yellow, red or orange*). There may be a barging buoy set aft of the Committee Boat. Do not enter this area.

6.4. No race will be started in less than 3 knots of wind.

7 VENUE

7.1. The racing area will generally be channelward of the Cambridge Yacht Club shown in NOR Attachment 1 (below)



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8 COURSES

8.1. The courses will be drop mark W/L courses or random circular courses further described in the SI's. The race committee may elect to use a predefined CYC Course.

9 PENALTY SYSTEM

9.1. RRS US Sailing Prescription Appendix V, Alternative Penalties, will apply.

9.2. Hearings conducted in accordance with the rules of RRS Part 5, [Hearings & Decisions] will be virtual hearings and parties, parties' representatives and witnesses to such hearings shall have access to a device that has internet accessibility with audio and video capability; parties and witnesses must use audio and video to appear before a hearing panel unless advised otherwise by the hearing panel.

9.3. SCORING

9.4. Scoring will be in accordance with the Chesapeake Bay Log Canoe Association ratings.

9.5. RRS 90.3 (e) will apply with the time limit changed to 7 days. This changes RRS 90.3(e).

10 RISK / SAFETY STATEMENT

10.1. Boat and crew participate in Regatta entirely at their own risk; see RRS 3, Decision to Race. By participating in this Regatta, skippers and crew recognize that the OA will accept no liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.

10.2. All canoes shall have a chase boat/tender with life jackets for each crew member. All canoes must have a life ring or throwable cushion with a rope attached. Any crew member who cannot swim must wear a life jacket. It is the sole responsibility of the owner and/or skipper that these requirements are met. Should a canoe capsize, the chase boat/tender crew must respond to the canoe, ascertain the condition of all crew members and immediately relay the same to the Committee Boat.

11 PRIZES

11.1. Overall prizes will be presented at an awards ceremony at Cambridge Yacht Club following the conclusion of racing.

12. SOCIAL

12.1 All participants are invited to the race party on Saturday night at Cambridge Yacht Club. The party will begin at 4:00 pm and feature a live band, oyster bar, beer wagon, and a la carte food. Special Governor Hick Log Canoe Races Menu.

Please purchase tickets to get tickets for Food and Beverage

Please check <https://cambridgeyachtclub.com/log-canoes> for additional information.

13 FURTHER INFORMATION

13.1. For further information please contact sailing@cambridgeyachtclub.com, or visit <https://cambridgeyachtclub.com/log-canoes>



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14 CONTACTS

Race Chair– Tracie Van Dorpe (202) 309-8573, tvandorpe@outlook.com

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NOR Attachment 1

