



Proposal to Host 2027 Canadian Optimist Dinghy Championship

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ABOUT PCYC

Port Credit Yacht Club (PCYC) is located at 115 Lakefront Promenade on the northwestern shore of Lake Ontario in Mississauga, between Hamilton and Toronto. Founded 90 years ago with facilities that have been substantially modernized and professionally maintained, PCYC is a full-service club with 400+ members and over 50 full- and part-time staff, including harbour and boatyard staff available year-round.

The grounds are set in a park-like waterfront setting, fully fenced and monitored by CCTV, with a large protected, weed-free harbour holding 395+ slips at a minimum depth of 8 feet. On-site amenities include a large outdoor pool and sun deck, a children's play area, three covered BBQ areas, multiple washroom and shower facilities, and a laundromat. The clubhouse houses three licensed restaurants – upstairs dining, casual downstairs dining, and an outdoor patio/BBQ area – together seating several hundred guests, all served by a dedicated kitchen team under a full-time General Manager.

PROPOSED TIMELINE

- August 9: Arrival
- August 10: Measurement day 1
- August 11: Opening Ceremony/Measurement day 2
- August 12: Qualifying day 1
- August 13: Qualifying day 2
- August 14: Team Racing
- August 15: Finals day 1
- August 16: Finals day 2, Closing Ceremony / Departure (last day)

NOTES ON TIMELINE

We are hoping to work with CORK to shift Opti Cork from August 5-8 to August 4-7. Should CORK agree to this proposal we would shift our proposed regatta dates to August 8-15. This would allow sailors to participate in both Opti Cork and the Canadian Optimist Dinghy Championship while giving one extra day for those participating in the European Championship (August 21-28) to travel and train. **PCYC will work with CODA to determine the final dates.**

RACING FOCUSED

RACING AREA

Races are held approximately 1–3 nautical miles off Port Credit's breakwater, on the northwestern shore of Lake Ontario. The shoreline here is flat with no hills or land masses nearby, so there is minimal mechanical wind turbulence or local-knowledge advantage. The harbour is fully protected, yet gives immediate access to open water – teams can be racing within about 15 minutes of leaving the dock.

Mid-summer conditions bring prevailing winds from the WSW to NNW at roughly 10–18 knots, with a daily average temperature around 20–21°C (highs of 25–26°C, lows around 16°C) and generally light rainfall. There is no regular current, though a surge of 1–2 knots can occur after storms or periods of strong wind. The racing area is clear of shoals, shipping lanes, and significant boat traffic.

For team racing, PCYC Organizing Committee is considering two locations, Lakefront Promenade Park or Marie Curtis Park. Both venues allow the sailing to be visible from land and would allow for spectators to cheer on sailors.

PRINCIPAL RACE OFFICER

A Principal Race Officer (PRO) has not yet been formally confirmed for 2027. PCYC is considering PROs with extensive experience that are not affiliated with our club. The potential roster includes multiple Senior Canadian Race Officers with extensive dinghy and one-design experience, including officers who have run CORK Olympic-class regattas, national and North American championships across multiple classes, and previous Canadian Optimist Dinghy Championships. The club will confirm a PRO, drawing on this roster or with the class's assistance, well in advance of the championship.

HEAD JUDGE

Katherine Nicoll has agreed to serve as, or assist PCYC in arranging, the Chief Judge. Katherine is a National-level Judge with extensive experience teaching, umpiring, and judging at national and international events. She has also developed a video guide focused on Rule 42, which could be used to help sailors understand how the rule is judged before racing begins. The final Chief Judge appointment will be confirmed with CODA and the appropriate championship requirements.

AWARDS, SOCIAL EVENTS AND THE OPTI FLEET

AWARDS

- 1st to 5th top overall
- 1st to 5th top female
- 1st to 3rd awards for each fleet (Red, Blue, White)
- 1st to 3rd top team racing
- Awards for all Green Fleet Sailors

SOCIAL

- Opening ceremonies with dinner
- Daily après-race gathering by the BBQ pagoda area with refreshments and lawn games
- A mid-week theme, trivia, or movie night
- A closing banquet

OPTI FLEET

PCYC has a very active Opti fleet. PCYC Opti Team has approximately 15 Opti sailors on a race team and an active learn-to-race program of Green Fleet sailors feeding into it. Each year our learning regatta (Steerers) brings in approximately 40 to 50 championship fleet Opti sailors and 50–60 Green Fleet sailors from around the lake. We anticipate that, should we host the Canadian Championship, we could bring in many championship and Green Fleet sailors who might not otherwise travel to compete — an excellent opportunity for a group of young sailors to gain exposure to a national event.



GREEN FLEET ACTIVITIES

PCYC has hosted many events with trivia, sailing-themed games, treasure hunts, and lighter-wind sailing on the bay for Green Fleet sailors. PCYC can also use the protected harbour for Green Fleet sailing during heavier-wind conditions, helping maximize their time on the water.

COST

As a working estimate, PCYC plans to be in line with recent CODC events. PCYC anticipates an entry fee in the range of approximately \$350–\$500 CAD, inclusive of meals and the \$10 per sailor CODA fee.

FACILITIES

CAPACITY

PCYC would be expecting approximately 120–200 sailors, though PCYC would happily welcome many more. The club has hosted dinghy regattas with 600+ sailors, so is more than prepared to welcome the Canadian Opti fleet.



LAUNCH AND STORAGE

PCYC's Learn to Sail area and playground lawn can easily accommodate 200 Optimist boats. Should more Optimists need to be accommodated, PCYC can open a second storage area and launch ramp in our dry-sail area. PCYC is situated next to a public boat launch, which can be used to launch coach boats and/or private boats.

PARKING

PCYC has a large on-site parking area for both cars and trailers, all free of charge, plus adjacent free overflow parking. The grounds are secured by a perimeter fence with a full-height gated entrance. Access from the highway network is direct: the club is a few blocks from the Queen Elizabeth Way (QEW) via Cawthra Road and Lakeshore Road, both four-lane roads, without the traffic congestion of a larger city core.

VENDORS AND SPONSORS

VENDORS

PCYC has contacted Kaos Lifestyle, who have confirmed that they can provide charters for the event and can set up an on-site store for last-minute essentials. Furthermore, local marine suppliers including Fogh Marine and Mason's Chandlery are within easy reach of the club and have supported past PCYC championship events with on-site trailers of gear and supplies; nearby repair shops (e.g., Bristol Marine) offer fibreglass and rigging repair capability. Muv Wear will be on site and will provide custom sailing themed event clothing available for purchase.

SPONSORS

PCYC typically has several key sponsors who provide support at our events. DriveHG.ca has been a consistent PCYC Learn to Sail financial supporter, and Fogh Marine and Suzuki Marine provide swag and/or prizes for the sailors. PCYC also maintains a standing Marketing and Sponsorship Committee with connections to head offices of multi-national companies and media organizations in the Toronto/Mississauga area, which the club would draw on to support the Championship. PCYC does not anticipate these relationships conflicting with the class's national partners; however, we will remain in communication with CODA to ensure no conflicts exist.

COACH AND SPECTATOR BOATS

PCYC has an active Junior Sail program with a significant number of run-about boats, some of which can be made available for coach use during the event. Kaos Lifestyle has also agreed to help arrange coach boat charters. We have a very involved group of members who offer to take spectators out on their own boats for our events.



LOGISTICS AND ACCOMODATIONS

AIRPORTS

- Toronto Pearson International Airport (19 kms)
- Billy Bishop Toronto Airport (21 kms)
- John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport (67 kms)

Port Credit and the surrounding Mississauga/Oakville corridor offer a range of accommodation options within a short drive of the club, from walkable boutique lodging to budget-friendly chains. Approximate nightly rates below are current planning estimates (CAD, before taxes/fees) and will vary with season and booking date; PCYC can negotiate group rate blocks closer to the event.

HOTELS

- The Waterside Inn (boutique hotel - walking distance)
- Delta Hotels by Marriott
- Hyatt Place Toronto/Mississauga
- Residence Inn by Marriott Toronto
- Hampton Inn by Hilton Toronto
- Holiday Inn Express & Suites
- Quality Inn & Suits
- Admiral Inn Mississauga/Toronto
- Homewood Suites by Hilton Toronto
- Hilton Garden Inn Toronto
- Humber College Residences
- Port Credit-area Airbnb

RACE OFFICIALS ACCOMODATIONS

PCYC will hold a small negotiated room block — anticipated at The Waterside Inn and/or the Humber College Residence — reserved specifically for travelling officials.

AREA ATTRACTIONS

- Port Credit Lighthouse
- Port Credit Memorial Park & JC Saddington Park
- The Waterfront Trail
- Port Credit Farmers' Market
- CNTower
- Rogers Centre (Blue Jays games)
- Toronto Islands
- The Distillery District
- Sherway Gardens & Square One Shopping Centres
- Bronte Village
- Riverwood Conservancy
- The Toronto Zoo

FOOD & BEVERAGE SERVICES

SAILORS MEALS

Food for sailors will be provided as part of the entry fee.

Dinners will be served to sailors on our patio every day after racing.



FOOD SERVICE

Food Service would be available for non-sailors. PCYC's pub-style restaurant, "The Chart Room," will remain open for the duration of the event for lunch and dinner, and will offer optional breakfast sandwiches available for pre-purchase for sailors and their families. The clubhouse's additional dining room and outdoor patio/BBQ areas, which regularly host 500+ person events, are also available to expand food service capacity for visiting families during the regatta.

AREA RESTAURANTS

Port Credit is a vibrant neighbourhood with countless restaurant & readily available food options in a close proximity to PCYC.

- Tim Hortons
- Starbucks
- Posta Restaurant
- Molkagtez Mexican Cuisine
- Kabbana Bar & Grill
- Marcatto Centrale
- Papa Guiseppe's
- Habitat Social Modern Kitchen
- The Crooked Cue
- More Thai
- Snug Harbour
- Lago Pizza & Pasta Bar
- and many more

OUR TEAM

PROSPECTIVE TEAM

The prospective regatta Chairperson is Maggie Mercer (416-414-7783, maggie.mercer416@gmail.com). Maggie would be supported by PCYC's Youth Regatta Team. Each year, our youth regattas attract approximately 60 volunteers, supported by a standing Youth Regatta Organization Committee of more than 20 volunteers who plan and manage racing and regatta planning throughout the season.

VOLUNTEERS

Each year PCYC hosts two youth regattas and draws approximately 60 volunteers who consistently donate their time. This youth-regatta volunteer base sits within PCYC's broader fleet committee, a standing organization of 30+ volunteers that plans and manages club regattas year-round, along with additional support and promotional sub-committees. PCYC's volunteer and staff teams have organized events ranging from 600-sailor dinghy regattas (Steerers and Four Sisters regattas, the 2026 C420 North American Championship) to the 198-boat Lake Ontario 300.



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TESTIMONIALS

FEEDBACK FROM OUR 2026 STEERERS AND FOUR SISTERS REGATTAS AND THE 2026 C420 NORTH AMERICANS:

"Avery Whidden, son of renowned sailor and North Technologies/North Sails chair Tom Whidden is parent of one of this year's winners. His son also won it a few years ago. He shared with me that he has been to many youth regattas across North America and felt that PCYC and this event ranked at the top of his list."

"You guys are the best at launch and haul out; and we go to a lot of these events."

"Maine is like this (karate chop at waist level); you guys are like THIS! (karate chop, arm high in the air, full extension)."

"You and the volunteers were amazing. My family and I were saying how well the regatta was run and managed. You thought of everything. Thank you very much for being gracious hosts and putting on a fantastic regatta. You can't control the weather, but you did control the experience. It was perfect. Thank you!"

TESTIMONIALS FROM OUR SAILING CLUB NEIGHBOURS WHEN WE THANKED THEM FOR LENT EQUIPMENT:

"It was our pleasure - happy to help. From what I've heard, it sounds like you had a great event despite some challenging conditions. Thanks for all the efforts you each put into making it a success for the athletes! As you said, we all have the opportunity to come together to support each other and grow sailing on Lake Ontario together. Looking forward to more opportunities to do so in the future."

*PCYC welcomes any questions and looks forward to the
opportunity to share our ideas, enthusiasm, and vision for
the 2027 Canadian Championships!*