

Canada Sail Grand Prix / SailGP 2026 – Halifax Harbour

Frequently Asked Questions *

Race Info

Q. What are the main dates and race times?

- Saturday, June 20 and Sunday, June 21 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- Please check for updates: <https://sailgp.com/races/2026/canada-sail-grand-prix-halifax/overview/>

Q. Could the race times change?

- Yes. All times are approximate and may change due to weather or race conditions.
- Please follow SailGP accounts for the most up-to-date information on schedules and race times. <https://sailgp.com/races/2026/canada-sail-grand-prix-halifax/overview/>

Q. Is SailGP a rain or shine event?

- Yes. SailGP is a rain or shine event. Racing may be delayed if conditions are unsafe.
- Follow <https://sailgp.com/races/2026/canada-sail-grand-prix-halifax/overview/>

Q. Can I watch the official races online?

- Yes. Live coverage of the SailGP races is available on various platforms including SailGP's YouTube channel. Learn more here: <https://sailgp.com/general/how-to-watch/>

Q. What about practice races?

- Yes, you will be able to see SailGP practices in Halifax Harbour. Practice days can offer more flexibility to move around the waterfronts and get photos of the boats.
- Follow SailGP accounts for more details.

Q. Is the 2026 ticketed portion of the event larger than 2024?

- SailGP's return to Halifax is bigger, including an expanded Race Stadium, temporary grandstands next to Bishops Landing, and Georges Island as a ticketed venue.

Q. Is Build Nova Scotia /Government of Nova Scotia aa sponsor of the SailGP event in Halifax?

- Yes. Build Nova Scotia is supporting this internationally recognized event as an Event Partner. This includes in-kind support leading up to, during, and post event.
- The Government of Nova Scotia is a Host Venue Partner.

Q. Is SailGP returning in 2027?

- Yes, SailGP returns to Halifax on May 15 and 16, 2027.

Tickets and Public Viewing Areas

Q. What about tickets to watch the event?

- Please visit <https://tickets.sailgp.com/halifax/#experience-halifax> for ticket information.

Q. Where can I access ticket holder tips?

- We encourage you to visit the Sail GP site at <https://sailgp.com/races/2026/canada-sail-grand-prix-halifax/overview/?tab=2HoJVC0JiCvqKRSUV7KzyK>
- This includes information on ticketing, accessibility, weather and what to bring, food and drink etc.

Q. Where does the race take place? Are there free, public viewing areas?

- The action takes place in the centre of Halifax Harbour, between Georges Island and Purdy's Wharf (exact course will be weather dependent). The SailGP tech site is located at King's Wharf in Dartmouth.
- Yes, you can grab a spot along the Halifax Waterfront that isn't behind a fenced off area for ticket holders. The Dartmouth Waterfront also offers some great vantage points. Please note that large crowds are expected.

- Free 'Harbour Watch Party' hosted by Downtown Dartmouth Business Commission June 20 and 21.
- Follow their social accounts for updates:
IG: <https://www.instagram.com/downtowndartmouth/>
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/DowntownDartmouthBusinessCommission>



Q. What about watching the races from a waterfront patio or venue?

- Please check with individual businesses to see on availability and hours etc.

Q. Can I take a chair?

- If you are ticket holder, please check information / guidelines provided by SailGP.
- If you are coming to either waterfront generally, yes, you can take your own chair. Please ensure you are not blocking entrances or pedestrian throughways, etc. Security may advise you to move locations.
- Chairs, picnic tables etc. will remain available for the public along the Halifax Waterfront.

Your Guide to Moving Around

Q. What's the best way to get around?

- Plan your visit! We would encourage you to walk, roll, bike or take public transit, where possible.
- It is anticipated that there may be heavier than usual traffic in downtown Halifax and Dartmouth.
- Here are some quick tips:
 - **Parking Maps:**
 - Halifax - [Parking | Downtown Halifax Business Commission](#) Please note Salter parking lot (1521 Lower Water St.) is temporarily unavailable until June 30, 2026 for SailGP.
 - Dartmouth – [Parking | Downtown Dartmouth](#)
 - **Taking Transit:**
 - Bus routes are anticipated to run on schedule. Ferry services will be suspended for the race periods from 2:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Friday, May 31, Saturday, June 1 and Sunday, June 2 for this event.
 - Halifax Transit will provide additional express shuttles for ferry riders during the race periods to ensure people make their connections at Alderney Landing and/or Woodside terminals.
 - Express shuttles will run in rotation with pick up points at the Water Street, Alderney Landing and Woodside terminals.
 - Any amendments or schedule revisions will be updated on the Halifax Transit platforms below as well as the Halifax Transit app for example:
Website: [Halifax Transit | Bus | Schedules | Routes | Ferries | Halifax](#)
Bluesky: <https://bsky.app/profile/hfxtransit.bsky.social>
 - **Bike Racks:**
 - Bike racks are available at various locations along the waterfronts and downtown.

Q. Am I allowed to ride my bike/ e-scooter along the Halifax Waterfront during the event?

- Yes, but with caution at a slow pace due to expected crowds.

Q. What about pedestrian access along the Halifax Waterfront?

- **Public Access and Redirection, Halifax Waterfront - North-South Pedestrian Flow**
- Pedestrians approaching from Bishop's Landing will:
 - Enter the designated protected pedestrian tunnel
 - Follow a routed path that generally aligns with the existing waterfront pedestrian desire line
 - Move through the Race Stadium structure via protected tunnel corridors
 - Exit at the north end of the grandstand; reconnect with the existing pathway into Salt Yard.
 - Security personnel, signage and lighting will be in place. The tunnels are accessible.
- The public will be able to move across the waterfront unobstructed *except* for the ticketed areas on Foundation Wharf, Salter Boardwalk, Cable Wharf, end of Sackville Wharf, Helipad and the back of house in a portion of Salter Lot.
- During the final pre-event and live event period, pedestrian movement will transition from the exterior boardwalk route to dedicated pedestrian tunnels incorporated into the Race Stadium structure.
- **Cable Wharf:**
June 20 – 21; 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Closed for pedestrian access.
- Only Georges Island ticket holders and Cable Wharf Restaurant ticket holders may enter the space. (Stanchions to be installed by SailGP past the entrance to Cows on the south side and at the gray ticket booth on the north side of the building.)

Harbour Exclusion Zone:

June 19 – 21; 2:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

- Ferry service is suspended during this time. Halifax Transit will issue a PSA/social media etc. week of June 15 to advise.
- Vessels will not be able to move through the harbour freely during that time without a designated pass.

Main Ticketed Event Entrance:

- The main entrance is the “Race Stadium” - from Lower Water Street entrance into Salter Parking Lot (1521 Lower Water Street).

Activation & Experiences

Q. What is the FOIL4ALL program taking place in Halifax from June 13 to June 19?

- FOIL4ALL is a community-driven, collaborative initiative of foiling and sailing, focused on youth, women, and underrepresented communities.
- Organized by weCANfoil and hosted by the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic Boat School, this free, family-friendly program in Halifax is built on meaningful collaboration with local organizations, sailing programs, and community groups across Nova Scotia.
- Interested? Check for free remaining tickets [here](#)

Q. Will Bluenose II and HMCS Oriole be in port during SailGP?

- Yes, both are expected in port at the Maritime Museum of Atlantic wharf and plan to offer free public deck tours.
- Bluenose II is in port from June 17- 21 and will also offer public harbour tours (paid, ticketed). More information: <https://bluenose.novascotia.ca/scheduleboth> vessels
- For HMCS Oriole information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/HMCS.NCSM.Oriole/>

Q. Where can I get branded SailGP apparel / learn more about Team North Star?

- Visit the on-site SailGP Fan Shop for official merchandise. Located in Sackville Landing.

- Visit the NorthStar Fan Shop to learn more about the team etc. Located in the Coastal Can, near Salt Yard across from Brawta Jamaican Jerk Hut. Hours of operation: June 10-17, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; June 18-21, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Q. Will pedestrian access be maintained during event set up and the actual event?

- Yes, pedestrian access will remain in place. Please follow the signage / instructions in place for any temporary rerouting.

Q. Will Salt Yard and marine based businesses as well as other waterfront businesses be open during SailGP?

- Yes. Please check with the business(es) you are interested in visiting regarding hours etc.

Q. Are the grandstands around Bishop's Landing temporary?

- Yes, they will be removed after the event as part of tear down activities.

Q. What about complimentary parking at Salter lot that's normally available for Halifax Brewery Market visitors on Saturdays?

- Please note this is not available in Salter Lot until July 11.
- Complimentary parking is available at the nearby Nova Scotia Power lot. Street parking is free on weekends.
- Paid parking remains available at waterfront and downtown locations. Please plan ahead and consider alternate forms of transportation. <https://downtownhalifax.ca/parking>

Q. Will busking be allowed during SailGP?

- Certain areas may be not available for busking because of set-up and temporary activation of sites for the event.
- At the discretion of Build Nova Scotia, you may be directed to another area.

Q. Are dogs allowed on the boardwalk during the event?

- Yes, generally. Please continue to follow on-leash and clean-up guidelines.
- If you are a ticket holder, please ensure you check specific event information provided by SailGP.

Q. What about the hammocks and sun chairs normally available around Salter boardwalk?

- These will be temporarily removed for SailGP activation but will go back in place after the event for visitors to enjoy once again.

Q. What about the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia Maud Lewis displays?

- These will be temporarily removed for SailGP activation but will go back in place after the event for visitors to enjoy once again.

Q. Are other events planned in downtown Halifax that weekend?

- Yes. While not related to SailGP, the Argyle Street Shore Party takes place June 19-21 plus there will be activation on Grafton St. as part of FIFA World Cup activities.

"Know Before You Go" - Planning to be downtown June 19–21? Here's what to know:

- Argyle St. (Prince - Carmichael) closes Friday at 1:00 p.m.
- Shore Party events are running separately from SailGP and are mostly free and all ages (Red Bull stage is 19+) all throughout Argyle St. except Duke - Carmichael.
- Live music and activations run all weekend between Prince - Sackville, with the live music stage set up between Moxies and Dirty Nelly's, facing North towards City Hall.
- The Red Bull Rocket Car is for all ages to enjoy with Argyle activation between Sackville - Blowers. Set up in front of The Pint with entertainment running 7:00– 10:00 p.m.
- **Canada Soccer House Halifax**
 - Operated by the Halifax Wanderers, Grafton St. Art Hub/parking lot hosts a 2026 FIFA World Cup fan hub outdoors with big-screen games, vendors, and programming from June 17- 29.
 - Located at 1580 Grafton St., event is all ages, free to attend, with general admission tables first come, first served. Private ticketed table or VIP experiences available.
 - Find other locations and restaurants/pubs hosting viewing parties here: [Downtown Halifax's World Cup Guide | Downtown Halifax Business Commission](#)
- Expect heavy foot traffic throughout the core.
- Visit <https://downtownhalifax.ca/june> for more details on these and other events.

Halifax Waterfront Marina + Halifax Harbour

Q. What about Halifax Waterfront Marina access? Can I still book a berth that weekend?

- Please contact the Halifax Waterfront Marina Office for information.
marina@buildns.ca or 902-229-2628.

Q. What about an Exclusion Zone in Halifax Harbour?

- Yes, an Exclusion Zone will be in place in Halifax Harbour from June 19 - 21 between 2:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.
- Note that Halifax Transit ferry service will be suspended during this time. Other vessels will not be able to move through the harbour freely during that time without a designated pass.
- The Halifax Port Authority, Canadian Coast Guard, and Halifax Regional Police will work together to monitor and manage commercial and recreational vessel traffic adjacent to the race area to ensure all established safety protocols and requirements are being followed, including Transport Canada, Collision Regulations and Port Regulations while on the water. All vessels must adhere to the exclusion zone requirements during specified race times.
- All spectator boaters are encouraged to review the [Marine Safety Handbook](#), the Port's guide for safe boating, and the Port Information Guide prior to racing on June 20 -21. Printed copies are available at the Port's administration office, 1215 Marginal Rd., 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

More Information?

Q. How can I get more information on what's happening?

- Here are a few ways to get more information and to help plan your visit:
- **Discover Halifax** has great information and tips available. "Everything You Need to Know": <https://discoverhalifaxns.com/events/everything-you-need-to-know-about-sailgp/>
- **SailGP** including their FAQ section
<https://sailgp.com/races/2026/canada-sail-grand-prix-halifax/overview/>
- **SailGP App** - Get the latest updates and watch the broadcast live from anywhere
<https://sailgp.com/races/2026/canada-sail-grand-prix-halifax/overview/>
<https://sailgp.com/about/sailgpapp/>

- **SailGP Canada – Ticket and Race Days Information**
<https://tickets.sailgp.com/halifax/>
- **Follow our Build Nova Scotia accounts for highlights and information**
IG: www.instagram.com/mywaterfront
Facebook: www.facebook.com/buildnovascotia/

On the Halifax Waterfront?

- If you're in a ticketed area, look for SailGP staff.
- If you're on the waterfront, check in with the Build Nova Scotia Waterfront Ambassadors Kiosk – located in Salt Yard. When available, they can help answer questions / redirect.

Q. What about first aid/lost children outside of ticketed areas?

- First aid queries and lost children can report to the Build Nova Scotia Waterfront Security hut behind the Wave in Sackville Landing.

Q. What about public transit and broader port of Halifax / Halifax Harbour updates?

- For information on Halifax Transit visit below or use the Halifax Transit app:
Website: [Halifax Transit | Bus | Schedules | Routes | Ferries | Halifax](#)
Bluesky: <https://bsky.app/profile/hfxtransit.bsky.social>
- Port of Halifax information:
Web Site: www.porthalifax.ca/media-centre/
Facebook: www.facebook.com/portofhalifax
IG: www.instagram.com/halifaxseaport/

***Note:** Information is intended as a general resource, based on information available at the time. Please check official SailGP accounts for race updates etc.