



Oakville Yacht Squadron

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2017

CLUB RACING SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. These races will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 2017-2021) including Sail Canada prescriptions and as modified by these sailing instructions.

2. NOTICES AND CHANGES

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official racing Notice Board in the main Oakville Yacht Squadron (OYS) clubhouse.
- 2.2. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted no later than 1700 on the day it will take effect. Skippers are advised to check the Notice Board prior to leaving the dock.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1. General: The OYS weeknight Wednesday and Thursday race series are open to all members in good standing of OYS and the Oakville Club (OC), or members of Sail Canada who have obtained a valid Performance Handicap Racing Fleet-Lake Ontario (PHRF-LO) measurement certificate, have completed the race registration process including payment of all fees, and who fulfill the requirements of the OYS Race Committee system.
- 3.2. All boats shall be sailed with a minimum of one crewmember in addition to the skipper.
- 3.3. On the Race Course: All boats must pass to the stern or starboard of the committee boat to announce their sail number and intention to race to the race committee before the first warning signal.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the OYS flagpole.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore "1 minute" is replaced by "not less than 30 minutes" in the race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1. Race Program:

SERIES	A			B		
Wednesday	17 May	-	6 Sept	24 May	-	13 Sept
Thursday	18 May	-	7 Sept	25 May	-	14 Sept

A and B series are on alternating weeks.

SERIES	
Spring Series	21, 28 May; 4 June
Fall Series	10, 17, 24 September; 1 October
Jeff Robins Pursuit Race	26 August
Turkey Race	30 Sept
Bluenose Race	7 October

5.2. The scheduled time of the warning signal for each weeknight race is:

17 May – 10 August: 18:50

16 August – 14 September: 18:20

5.3. Abandoned races will not be re-sailed.

6. CLASSES & FLEETS

6.1. Fleets and classes will be posted on the Notice Board with their corresponding starts and courses to be sailed.

7. THE COURSES

- 7.1. The Start Line will be located approximately 1.0 mile from the Oakville Harbour Lighthouse on a heading of 130°.
- 7.2. Course diagrams are shown in Attachment 2.
- 7.3. Course marks will be triangle buoys where possible. Round buoys may be substituted for course marks.
- 7.4. Courses may be shortened after the completion of at least one leg at a rounding mark or at the designated finishing mark that will become a mark of the course. This changes rule 32.2.

8. The Start

- 8.1. Races will be started by using Rule 26 with the warning signal for the first start made 5 minutes before the starting signal with the Fleet flag and one sound signal. The preparatory signal will be the P, I, Z, U, Z with I or black flag with one sound signal 4 minutes before the starting signal. The Preparatory flag will be removed one minute before the starting signal. The fleet flag will be removed and the next sequence will begin at 0 minutes.
- 8.2. The starting line will be between the center flagstaff (orange flag) on the Race Committee Boat and the orange triangle Starting Mark.
- 8.3. Boats shall start in accordance with Fleet flags.
- 8.4. If reasonably possible, a boat not racing shall not interfere with a boat that is racing

- 8.5. A single fleet start for all boats will be signalled by the Committee Boat flying flag "F" (Foxtrot) with a one long sound signal at least 5 minutes before the Warning Signal.
- 8.6. A boat failing to start within 10 minutes of her starting signal may be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This changes rule A4.

9. RECALLS

- 9.1.1. In the event of an individual recall the Race Committee will endeavor to notify the Boat(s) by hail or by VHF Channel 72. Failure of the Race Committee to notify a Boat shall not be grounds for redress.
- 9.1.2. When a General Recall has been signaled the recalled class(es) shall restart after the final scheduled start in the original start sequence. This changes rule 29.2.
- 9.1.3. If flag U has been displayed as the preparatory signal, no part of a boat's hull, crew, or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing but not if the race is restarted or resailed or postponed or abandoned before the start signal. This changes rule 26.

10. CHANGE OF COURSE

- 10.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a green mark in a new position and remove the original mark. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

11. THE FINISH

- 11.1. The finish line will be between the center flagstaff of the Race Committee boat displaying an orange flag and the finish mark.
- 11.2. Curfew Time limits. Racing will cease at sunset. Sunset times will be posted on the Notice Board.
- 11.3. If the Race Committee shortens the course, the finishing line shall be at a rounding mark or the start/finish mark and the boat displaying flag S.
- 11.4. In the event of a shortened course the start/finish mark will become a mark of the course.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1. A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while racing. This changes rule 44.1

13. PROTESTS

- 13.1. Protest shall be written on forms available from the race office and will be accepted at the race office within 45 minutes of the Committee Boat docking in her slip.

- 13.2. The time and location of the Protest(s) will be displayed on the official notice board within 24 hours of the protest time limit.

14. ARBITRATIONS

- 14.1. For a protest between two boats alleging a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31, an arbitration hearing may be held prior to the protest hearing.
- 14.2. Notices will be posted no later than 24 hours after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, in the Club House, beginning at the time posted.
- 14.3. One representative from each boat will appear before an arbitrator.
- 14.4. After hearing testimony from each party, the arbitrator shall reach one of the following conclusions:
 - (a) There was no breach of a rule. If the protestor(s) agrees, the protest is withdrawn and cannot be reopened.
 - (b) There was a breach of a rule. If the offending boat(s) agree, a 40% penalty will be imposed and no further hearing will occur.
 - (c) The matter should go to protest committee for a full hearing. This changes Part 5, Section B of the RRS.

15. Scoring

- 15.1. Races will be scored using the PHRF LO handicapping system using the time on time method of establishing corrected times.
- 15.2. The Low Point System of Appendix A4.1 will be used
- 15.3.

Boat in the vicinity of the start but DID NOT START	DNS	No. of finishers in the fleet plus one
Boat started but DID NOT FINISH	DNF	No. of finishers in the fleet plus one
Boat On Course Side at the start	OCS	No. of finishers in the fleet plus one
Retired from race	RET	No. of finishers in the fleet plus one
Boat disqualified	DSQ	No. of Finishers in the fleet plus two
Boat did not come to starting area to race	DNC	No. of registrants in the fleet plus one

This changes Appendix A9.

- 15.4. A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score as specified in the table below.

No. of completed races	No. of permitted discarded worst scores
1 - 4	none

5 – 7	1 worst score
8 – 9	2 worst scores

- 15.5. A boat's season score will be the sum of her series scores in both A & B series.

16. SAFELY REGULATIONS

- 16.1. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the OYS Race Committee as soon as possible and sign the retirement form on the Notice Board.
- 16.2. The OYS Race Committee will monitor VHF Channel 72.
- 16.3. The wearing of life jackets or PFDs is recommended for all participants.




















17. FAIR SAILING

- 17.1. Abuse of any member of the Race Committee shall be subject to Rule 69 and will be protested by the Race Director.
- 17.2. As a courtesy to the Race Committee competitors are encouraged to acknowledge their finishing signal.
- 17.3. Sailors are requested to avoid sailing through the start/finish line unless they are either starting or finishing.




















18. ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

- 18.1. Participants are encouraged to minimize any adverse environmental impact of the sport of sailing.

ATTACHMENT 1

STARTING				
Displayed at or before the first warning signal	Flag B		Round Mark 1 (NO offset mark)	Flag D  Round Mark 1 and O (Offset Mark in use)
STARING ORDER	Start Order	FLAG	COURSE	
WEDNESDAY				
PHRF 1 and 2	1	NP 1		 Start - 1 - O - 2 - 1 - O - Finish  Start - 1 - 2 - 1 - 2- Finish
Blank	2	NP 2		
J27	3	J27 Class		 Start - 1 - O - 2 - 1 - O - 2- Finish  Start - 1 - 2 - 1 - 2- Finish
PHRF 3 and 4	4	NP 4		 Start - 1 - O - 2 - 1 - O - Finish  Start - 1 - 2 - 1 - 2- Finish
Spare	5	NP 5		 Start - 1 - O - 2 - 1 - O - Finish  Start - 1 - 2 - 1 - 2- Finish
THURSDAY				
PHRF 1 and 2	1	NP 1		Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 3 - Finish
PHRF 3 and 4	2	NP 2		Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 3 - Finish
Etchells	3	Etchells Class		Start - 1 - 3 - 1 - 3 - Finish
Spare	4	NP 4		Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 3 - Finish

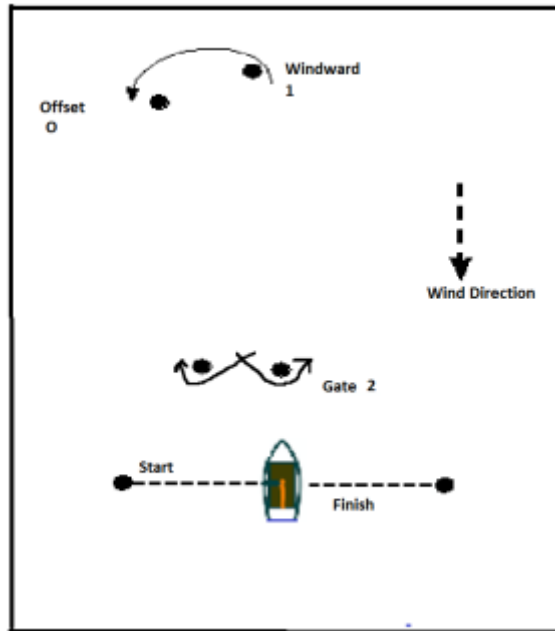
START and COURSE SUMMARY

Fleet	Flag		Wednesday Start	Course	Thursday Start	Course
J27		J27 Class	3		-	-
Etchells		Etchells Class	-	-	3	
PHRF 1		NP 1	1		1	
PHRF 2		NP 1	1		1	
PHRF 3		NP 4	4		2	
PHRF 4		NP 4	4		3	
Spare		NP 5	3		4	

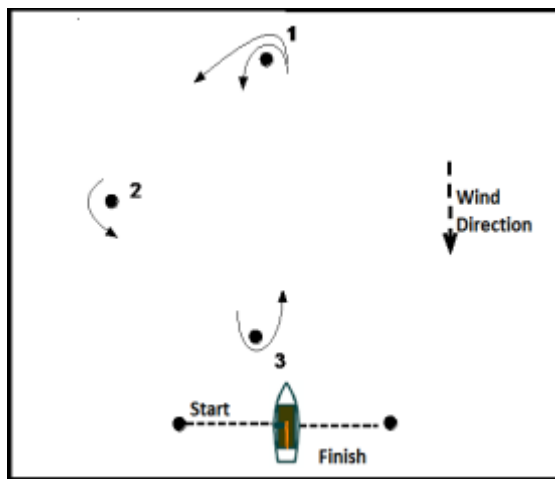
ATTACHMENT 2

COURSE DIAGRAMS

WEDNESDAY COURSE



THURSDAY COURSE



2017 Curfew Times for Races

Month	Date	Race series	Curfew Time	Month	Date	Race Series	Curfew Time
May	17	A	20:39	July	26	A	20:47
May	18	A	20:40	July	27	A	20:46
May	21	SPRING 1	17:00	Aug	2	B	20:39
May	24	B	20:41	Aug	3	B	20:38
May	25	B	20:46	Aug	9	A	20:30
May	28	SPRING 2	17:00	Aug	10	A	20:29
May	31	A	20:52	Aug	16	B	20:20
June	1	A	20:53	Aug	17	B	20:18
June	4	Spring 3	17:00	Aug	23	A	20:09
June	7	B	20:57	Aug	24	A	20:07
June	8	B	20:58	Aug	26	J.R. Pursuit	17:00
June	14	A	21:01	Aug	30	B	20:57
June	15	A	21:01	Aug	31	B	20:55
June	21	B	21:03	Sept	6	A	19:45
June	22	B	21:03	Sept	7	A	19:43
June	28	A	21:03	Sept	10	Fall 1	17:00
June	29	A	21:03	Sept	13	B	19:32
July	5	B	21:02	Sept	14	B	19:30
July	6	B	21:02	Sept	17	Fall 2	17:00
July	12	A	20:59	Sept	24	Fall 3	17:00
July	13	A	20:58	Sept	30	Turkey	16:00
July	19	B	20:54	Oct	1	Fall 4	17:00
July	20	B	20:53	Oct	7	Blue Nose	17:00