



2020 Jeff Robins Pursuit Race SAILING INSTRUCTIONS Saturday Sept. 12, 2020

A pursuit race is for all, both experienced racers and those new to racing. Yachts start individually at a time that is dependent on their theoretical speed. Slowest start first, fastest start last, the idea being - at least in theory - that all finish at the same time. There is no starting line anxiety for the less experienced sailors.

- **Eligibility**

The race is open to all yachts at OYS and OC that have signed an OYS liability waiver. There is no entry fee. Racing is under general OYS rules. All competitors must follow the OYS Club Racing COVID-19 Health and Safety Protocols in Attachment B. Failure to follow the protocols may be considered misconduct under RRS 69.

- **Registration**

Yachts can register on the OYS website under Racing. A yacht may register either as spinnaker/flying sail (FS) or white sail/non-flying sail (NFS). White sail registrants cannot upgrade to spinnaker and spinnaker cannot downgrade to white sail after registering.

If you do not have a PHRF certificate, a rating will be assigned to you based on existing ratings of similar boats by the Handicapper.

Registration closes at 21:00 on Sept. 9, 2020. No late registrations will be accepted.

- **Special Time Allowance**

If you are new to racing, or have special needs, you may be eligible for a time advantage at the discretion of the Handicapper.

The Course (see attached chart)

The start/finish line will be between two buoys that will be moored off Oakville harbour (The Sunday Series Start Line). Yachts start by crossing this line in a westerly direction, proceeding to the outer range mark at 50 Mile Point, (Lat 43° 14.708' N / Long 79° 36.210' W) rounding this to port, and then returning to the finish line crossing in an easterly direction. The race distance that will be used is 23.50 nautical miles.

- **The Start / Finish**

Starting times for each yacht will be published on the OYS Race Notice Board by 08:00 on the day of the race. Time will be taken from the NRC Canada official time (i.e. GPS/cell phone time). The first start for the slowest yacht (highest PHRF rating) will be at 09:00. Other yachts will start at their prescribed time as determined by the Handicapper. A yacht may cross the start line any time after their posted start time.

A yacht must record their finishing time and email it to the OYS Racing Director at racin@director@oyscna.com.

OYS Mark 1 (start/finish) GPS: N 43 25.842 W 79 39.728

There will no race committee boat at the start/finish line, *but the race committee may be observing from the pier*. The race time limit will be 17:00

- **Prizes**

Flags will be awarded to the first 3 yachts in each fleet (FS and NFS), and the Jeff Robins Isotope Trophy to the winners. The flags and trophy will be presented at the OYS Awards Night banquet.

Disclaimer of Liability

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage, injury or disease. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, technical committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

- **Attachment B - OYS Club Racing COVID Health and Safety Protocols**

On Shore

- Competitors must follow the guidelines appropriate to their mooring location while on shore (OYS, Oakville Club, Town of Oakville). These may include:
 - One-way traffic on floating docks
 - Limitations on "socializing" while on the dock
 - Not showing up at the harbour if you are symptomatic or have been potentially exposed to COVID
- All competitors are requested to wear masks while making their way to and from their boats while ashore

On Water

- All crew on a boat must follow the Government of Ontario's guidelines on social distancing and social bubbles
- Due to the limitation on crew numbers and the importance of maintaining distance, all boats are requested to leave additional space during boat on boat interactions. >10ft between boats is recommended when you are the "Keep Clear" boat. To help with maintaining larger distances between boats the race committee will do the following:
 - Set a long start line
 - Space out starts to keep fleets well separated across the race course
- All boats are required to carry extra masks for all crew members, in the event that you have to interact with other boats on the water (ex. assisting a boat with a failure, assisting a MOB) masks should be worn.

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