

**2023 Club Racing Season  
Oakville Yacht Squadron**

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Oakville, Ontario  
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**NOTICE OF RACE**

**The Oakville Yacht Squadron (OYS) is the Organizing Authority.**

*Given the fluidity of the situation around COVID 19 that may extend to cover this event, the organizing authority, Oakville Yacht Squadron (OYS), may need to adjust to protect the health and well-being of racers, volunteers, and others. This may include limits on the number of boats and/or crew numbers, whether by boat or in total.*

*These will be done as amendments to the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions and posted on the Official Notice Board.*

*The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the Notice of Race (NOR), Sailing Instructions (SIs) or other additional document that is a rule means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.*

*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 Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing with Sail Canada Prescriptions.
- 1.2 The Racing rules will be changed as outlined below. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.3 RRS 44.1 Taking a Penalty: The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.'
- 1.4 The Official Notice Board is on the east wall of the OYS club house.
- 1.5 The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and supplementary sailing instructions that will be on the Official Notice Board.
- 1.6 Notices to Competitors may also be posted online on the [Racing Schedule and Results](#) page.

## **2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions for a Series will be available no later than 7 days before the Series begins.

## **3 COMMUNICATION**

- 3.1 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channel 72.
- 3.2 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio.

## **4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 4.1 Registration is open to any member in good standing of Oakville Yacht Squadron (OYS), the Oakville Club (OC). Members of other Ontario Sailing member clubs may be accepted at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may register in non-flying sails, flying sails, one-design or cruising Classes.
- 4.3 Boats intending to race in a PHRF fleet must have a valid Performance Handicap Racing Fleet-Lake Ontario (PHRF-LO) certificate.
- 4.4 PHRF boats are permitted to register in different classes for different Series. See 15.5 for Scoring Rules that apply.
- 4.5 A One-Design fleet may be established if four (4) or more boats of the same class are registered to race. All boats registering for a one-design fleet must comply with their class rules.
- 4.6 A boat shall register at least 48 hours prior to her first Series race.
- 4.7 Registration may be limited dependent upon the COVID restrictions and practices at the time of the event.

## 5 FEES

- 5.1 OC members shall pay \$250.00+HST to register for scheduled racing, exclusive of any applicable PHRF fees levied by OC.
- 5.2 OYS members competing in a PHRF or cruising fleet shall pay \$50.00 inclusive of HST to obtain their PHRF-LO certificate.

## 9 SCHEDULE

- 9.1 Registration in person will be May 4, 2023.
- 9.2 Registration online will open May 4, 2023, using the [2023 Online Racing Registration Page](#).
- 9.3 Dates of racing:

SERIES	DATES	
<b>Spring Sunday Series</b>	May 28, June 4, 11, 18	
<b>Summer Sunday Series A</b>	June 25, July 2, 9, 16	
<b>Summer Sunday Series B</b>	July 30, August 6, 20, 27	
	<b>Series A</b>	<b>Series B</b>
<b>Tuesday Evening Series</b>	May 16, 30 June 13, 27 July 11, 25 August 8, 22 September 5	May 23 June 06, 20 July 4, 18 August 1, 15, 29 September 12
<b>Thursday Evening Series</b>	May 18 June 1, 15, 29 July 13, 27 August 10, 24 September 07	May 25 June 8, 22 July 6, 20 August 3, 17, 31 September , 14
<b>Jeff Robins Memorial Pursuit</b>	July 22	
<b>Fall Sunday Series</b>	September 10, 17, 24, October 8	
<b>Turkey Race</b>	October 1	
<b>Bluenose Race</b>	October 15	

## 12 VENUE

- 12.1 The Racing Area will be on Lake Ontario with the Tuesday starting area approximately 2nm southwest of the Oakville Harbour Lighthouse.
- 12.2 Thursday the start area will be approximately 1nm south of the Oakville Harbour Lighthouse.
- 12.3 All other series races will start approximately one half mile off the Oakville Harbour Lighthouse

## 13 COURSES

- 13.1 Courses to be raced will be outlined in the sailing instruction supplements.

## 14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 For all classes RRS 44.1 is changed as per 1.3.
- 14.2 The Scoring penalty, RRS 44.3, applies.
- 14.3 Protest forms shall be submitted online at:

[OYS Protest Console](#)

## 15 SCORING

- 15.1 PHRF Classes will be scored using the PHRF-LO Primary Time on Time Formula, corrected to the nearest second.
- 15.2 RRS Appendix A5.3 shall apply.
- 15.3 One race is required to constitute a series.
- 15.4 A boat's Series score shall be the total of her 6 best scores. If fewer than 6 races are completed in a Series her score will be the total of her scores.
- 15.5 A boat's A and B Combined (Tuesday or Thursday) score will be the total of her 12 best scores.
- 15.6 If a boat registers in a different class for Series A and Series B, she will not be eligible to be scored in the A and B Combined, but she will be eligible for Season Overall awards.
- 15.7 A boat's Season Overall score will be calculated using the Cox-Sprague High Point System.

## 22 RISK STATEMENT

- 22.1 RRS 3 states: *'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.'* By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

## **23 INSURANCE**

23.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$2,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

## **24 RACE COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERING**

24.1 All OYS, BHYC and OC boats registered to race are required to provide volunteer crew for race committee duty sessions. The Race Committee Volunteer Duty Policies are specified in Addendum A.

## **25 PRIZES**

25.1 Prize info for all series may be available in a future Appendix.

## **26 FURTHER INFORMATION**

26.1 For further information contact [racingdirector@oysqn.com](mailto:racingdirector@oysqn.com).

## **Addendum A – RACE COMMITTEE DUTY POLICIES - 2023**

The Organizing Authority recognizes that boats have a limited sailing season and want to make the most out of every day on the water. To ensure our Club Racing program has an ample supply of volunteer Race Committee staff the following policies are mandated:

- OYS and OC racers shall sign up for Duty Sessions for races Organized by OYS.
- A registered boat is responsible to provide 2 Race Committee Duty Sessions.
- A Race Committee Duty Session consists of providing 2 able bodies to Race Committee for a race.
- There will be two Duty Sessions available per weeknight (Tuesday and Thursday) race. A boat is scored RCD during a Race Committee Duty Session. RCD shall be the average of a boats non-excluded scores for a series. A boat providing Race Committee Duty for a race is responsible for notifying the Scorer by [email](#) of their RCD.
- A web-based calendar will be provided on the OYS website showing available Race Committee Duty Sessions. Boats shall choose their preferred Duty Session dates from the the calendar. Boats that have not signed up for their 2 Duty Sessions by May 8, 2023 may be assigned slots by the Race Committee.
- A boat that misses their scheduled Race Committee Duty Session shall be scored as DNE in the median race of the Series in which they complete the most races.
- Race Committee Duty Sessions performed by OYS members qualify as required volunteer hours only for that member.