2024 Bronte Oakville Challenge Regatta (BOC)

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NOTICE OF RACE

The Oakville Yacht Squadron (OYS), Bronte Harbour Yacht Club (BHYC) and the Oakville Club (OC) are the Organizing Authorities (OA's) for this Regatta.

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the Notice of Race (NOR), Sailing Instructions (SIs) or other additional document 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 There will be an Official Notice Board at OYS on the east wall of the OYS club house and one in the bottom level of the BHYC 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 located on the east wall of the OYS Club House and on the bulletin board in the bottom level of the BHYC Club House.

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 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio channel 9.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Registration is open to any member in good standing of OYS, BHYC or OC.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may register in flying sails or non-flying sails divisions.
- 4.3 Boats intending to race in must have a valid Performance Handicap Racing Fleet-Lake Ontario (PHRF-LO) certificate.
- 4.4 Registration dates and details will be available on the Official Notice Boards, on the OYS Racing Schedule Page and on the BHYC Racing Schedule Page.
- 4.5 Eligible boats from OYS or OC shall use the OYS registration system.
- 4.6 Eligible boats from BHYC shall use the BHYC registration system.
- 4.7 A boat shall register at least 7 days prior to her first race.
- 4.8 Late registration may be permitted at the discretion of the Organizing Authorities.

5 FEES

5.1 Fees are at the discretion of the Race Directors of the OA's.

6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 The BOC will consist of the 16 races Tuesdays beginning May 14 and ending after Aug 27th.
- 6.2 A boat's score for the BOC Combined (all 16 scheduled BOC races) will be the total of her 12 best scores. If fewer than 12 races are completed in the BOC (all races in A & B series) her score will be the total of her scores.
- 6.3 OYS and OC will continue for two more races for their Tuesday club series. BHYC boats are invited to race in these last two races.
- 6.4 From May 14 August 6 inclusive, first warning signal will be 18:50.
- 6.5 From August 13 September 10 inclusive, first warning signal will be 18:30.

7 VENUE

7.1 The Racing Area will be on Lake Ontario with the starting area approximately 1nm offshore, approximately equidistant between Oakville Harbour and Bronte Harbour.

8 COURSES

- 8.1 Courses will be conventional windward-leeward courses.
- 8.2 Courses to be sailed will be outlined in the sailing instruction supplements.

9 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 9.1 For all classes RRS 44.1 is changed as per 1.3.
- 9.2 The Scoring penalty, RRS 44.3, applies.
- 9.3 Protest forms shall be submitted online using the BHYC protest console google form.

10 SCORING

- 10.1 One race is required to constitute a series.
- 10.2 A boat's score in either the A or B Series of 8 races will be the total of her 6 best scores in that series. If fewer than 6 races are completed in a series her score will be the total of her scores.
- 10.3 A boat's score for the BOC Combined (all 16 scheduled BOC races) will be the total of her 12 best scores. If fewer than 12 races are completed in the BOC (all races in A & B series) her score will be the total of her scores.
- 10.4 BOC Regatta Champion will be decided using the Cox-Sprague high point formula.
- 10.5 The OYS/OC series scoring in either A or B series of 9 races will be the total of her best 6 scores in that series. If fewer than 6 races are completed in a series, her score will be the total of her scores.
- 10.6 A boat's score for the OYS/OC Combined (all 18 scheduled races) will be the total of her 12 best scores. If fewer than 12 races are completed in the combined (all races in A & B series), her score will be the total of her scores.

11 RISK STATEMENT

11.1 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.

12 INSURANCE

12.1 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.

13 PRIZES

- 13.1 Prizes for the BOC Series will be awarded in each class for first, second and third place for Series A and Series B, and for first, second and third place in BOC Series A&B Combined.
- 13.2 BOC Regatta Champion will be awarded The Oakville Challenge Cup.
- 13.3 The OYS/OC Tuesday series will award prizes in each class for first, second and third place for Series A and Series B as well as the combined A & B Series.

14 RACE COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERING

- 14.1 The BOC Regatta Race Committee duties will be shared equally between crews from OYS/OC and BHYC alternating weeks with BHYC starting the series.
- 14.2 OYS & OC racers may sign up for Race Committee duty sessions for BOC Regatta races, subject to the OYS Race Committee Volunteer Policies.

15 FURTHER INFORMATION

15.1 For further information contact racingdirector@oysqn.com or rcsail@bhyc.on.ca.