

2024 Oakville Yacht Squadron/Oakville Club

Jeff Robins Pursuit Race

August 24, 2024

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



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.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing, including the Sail Canada Prescriptions.
- 1.2 Appendix T, Arbitration, of the RRS will be in effect.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 08:00 on the day of the event, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the east wall of the OYS clubhouse.
- 3.2 The race office is located at 97 Forsythe St. Oakville, email racingdirector@oysqn.com.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole on the north end of the OYS lawn.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes'. This replaces Race Signals – Postponement Signals in RRS.
- 5.3 When flag L is displayed ashore, a change to the SI's has been posted for review.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 The Jeff Robins Pursuit Race will be held August 24th.
- 6.2 Starting times for each registered boat will be posted by 20:00 August 23rd.

7 COURSE

- 7.1 The start/finish line will be between two buoys moored off Oakville harbour described below.
- 7.2 Yachts start by crossing this line in a westerly direction, proceed to the outer range mark at 50 Mile Point, rounding this to port, then return to the finish line, crossing in an easterly direction. The race distance that will be used is 23.5 nautical miles.

8 MARKS

Marks	Description	Approximate Location
Start/Finish Mark 1	OYS Yellow Cylinder near Oakville Harbour and east inlet buoy	43° 25.842'N 79° 39.728'W
50 Mile Point		43°14.708'N, 79°36.210'W

9 THE START

- 9.1 Starting times for each yacht will be published on the OYS Race Notice Board.
- 9.2 Time will be taken from the NRC Canada official time (GPS/Cell phone time)
- 9.3 The first start for the slowest yacht (highest PHRF rating) will be at 10:00.
- 9.4 Other yachts will start at their prescribed time as determined by the Handicapper.
- 9.5 A yacht may cross the start line any time after their posted start time.

10 TIME LIMITS

- 10.1 The race time limit is 17:00.

11 THE FINISH

- 11.1 The finish line shall be crossed in an easterly direction
- 11.2 There will be no race committee boat at the start/finish line.
- 11.3 A yacht must record their finishing time and email it to the OYS Racing Director at racingdirector@oysqn.com.

12 SCORING

- 12.2 Boats will be scored by fleet.

13 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 13.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Racing Director (racingdirector@oysqn.com) at the first reasonable opportunity.

14 PRIZES

- 14.1 Prizes will be given in each fleet for each event for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places.
14.2 The Jeff Robins Isotope Trophy will be awarded to the winners in each fleet.

15 RISK STATEMENT

- 15.1 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.**

16 INSURANCE

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

