

# NOTICE OF RACE

**2024 Oakville Yacht Squadron/Oakville Club**

**Jeff Robins Pursuit Race**

**August 24, 2024**

**(Was originally scheduled for July 20, 2024)**



*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. ELIGIBILITY**

- 1.1 The race is open to all yachts at OYS and OC that have signed an OYS liability waiver.
- 1.2 There is no entry fee.

## **2. REGISTRATION**

- 2.1 Yachts can register on the OYS website under Racing. There is no need to re-register if you are currently registered for the original July 20<sup>th</sup> date.
- 2.2 A yacht may register either as a spinnaker/flying sail (FS) or white sail/non-flying sail (NFS).
- 2.3 No changes in fleet are allowed after registration.
- 2.4 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.
- 2.5 Registration closes at 21:00 on August 21, 2024. No late registrations will be accepted.
- 2.6 If you are new to racing you may be eligible for a time advantage at the discretion of the Handicapper.

## **3. RULES**

- 3.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing, including the Sail Canada Prescriptions, instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and this sailing instructions supplement.
- 3.2 Appendix T, Arbitration, of the RRS will be in effect.

## **4. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 4.1 The sailing instructions will be posted approximately 1 week before the event's

scheduled date on the Official Notice Board and OYS website

- 4.2 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.

## **5 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS**

- 5.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice boards located on the east wall of the OYS clubhouse and the OYS website.
- 5.2 If changes are posted, the "L" flag shall be flown from the OYS flagpole before the first start to alert competitors to check for a posted change to the SI's.
- 5.3 The race office is located at 97 Forsythe St. Oakville, email [racingdirector@oysqn.com](mailto:racingdirector@oysqn.com) .

## **6 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 6.1 The Jeff Robins Pursuit Race will be held August 24, 2024.
- 6.2 Starting times for each registered boat will be posted by 20:00 hrs on August 23<sup>rd</sup>..

## **7 COURSE**

- 7.1 The start/finish line will be between the OYS Yellow Cylinder near Oakville Harbour and east inlet buoy.
- 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 THE START**

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

## **9 TIME LIMITS**

- 9.1 The race time limit is 17:00.

## **10 THE FINISH**

- 10.1 The finish line shall be crossed in an easterly direction
- 10.2 There will be no race committee boat at the start/finish line.
- 10.3 A yacht must record their finishing time and email it to the OYS Racing Director at [racingdirector@oysqn.com](mailto:racingdirector@oysqn.com)

## **11 SCORING**

- 11.1 Boats will be scored by their registered fleet (FS or NFS).

## **12 PRIZES**

- 12.1 Prizes will be given in each fleet for each event for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> places.
- 12.2 The Jeff Robins Isotope Trophy will be awarded to the winners in each fleet.

## **13 RISK STATEMENT**

- 13.1 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.**

## **14 INSURANCE**

- 14.1 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.

