

2026 Club Racing Season

Oakville Yacht Squadron

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RIDE THE WIND ROCK THE SHORE



**Oakville Yacht Squadron 80th Anniversary
Annual Regatta August 8th 2026, Oakville, ON.
PHRF , One Design and Lighthouse Cruisers Challenge**

NOTICE OF RACE

The Oakville Yacht Squadron (OYS) is the Organizing Authority for this Regatta.

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 current Racing Rules of Sailing with Sail Canada Prescriptions.
- 1.2. The Official Notice Board is on the east wall of the OYS club house.
- 1.3. The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and supplementary sailing instructions that will be online and on the Official Notice Board.
- 1.4. Notices to Competitors may also be posted online on the [Racing Schedule and Results](#) page.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available no later than 7 days before the Regatta 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 all keelboats and one design classes, owned or chartered by members in good standing with Oakville Yacht Squadron or a member club of a recognized National Authority.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may register in Non-flying sails (NFS), Flying Sails (FS), One-design, Double-handed Coastal (NFS only) or the Lighthouse Challenge Trophy Cruising division.
- 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 A one-design fleet may be established if five (5) 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.

5 FEES

- 5.1 No registration fees for OYS members and OC members who have paid the current racing season fees to OYS.
- 5.2 The fee for other club members is \$50.00 + HST for entered events.

6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Registration in person will begin August 7th, 2026, from 17.30 - 20.00 .
- 6.2 Registration online will open July 13th, 2026, using the [online registration page](#).
- 6.3 The full Regatta Schedule of Events will be published on the OYS [Regatta website](#).
- 6.4 Dates of racing:

SERIES/ACTIVITY	DATES
Online Registration	Opens July 13, 2026
Lighthouse Cruisers Challenge Trophy Cruising Event	First warning 1030h, August 8 th 2026
Course Racing – All Classes	First warning 1000h, August 8 th 2026
Double-handed Coastal Races – PHRF	First warning 1015h, August 8 th 2026
Awards	Lighthouse Challenge Prizes Saturday August 8 th Fleet prizes after sailing Saturday August 8 th

7 VENUE

- 7.1 The Course Racing Area will be on Lake Ontario with the starting area approximately 1.5nm south of the Oakville Harbour Lighthouse.
- 7.2 The coastal distance races will start in the same area as Course Racing.

8 COURSES

- 8.1 Courses to be raced will be windward-leeward, or coastal (middle distance). These 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. Protest forms will be available on the regatta notice board.

10 SCORING

- 10.1 PHRF fleets will be scored using the PHRF-LO Alternate Time on Time Formula, corrected to the nearest second.
- 10.2 One race is required to constitute a series.
- 10.3 A boat's series score shall be calculated using the low point system
- 10.4 OYS members will receive points plus 50% towards the Season's Overall Score using the Percentage High Scoring system as defined in the mid-week Notices of Race.

11 RISK STATEMENT

- 11.1 RRS 3 states: *'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing 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 Prize info for all racing will be available in a future Addendum.

14 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 14.1 For further information contact karenwykes@oysqn.com or racingdirector@oysqn.com.