

2026 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 current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) with Sail Canada Prescriptions.
- 1.2 The sailing instructions will contain modifications to the RRS specific to this regatta.
- 1.3 The Official Notice Boards are on the east wall of the OYS club house and on the bottom level of the BHYC club house. Notices may also be posted on the BOC Whatsapp group.
- 1.4 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 boards of OYS and BHYC.

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 as defined in the SI's.

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 PHRF flying sails, PHRF non-flying sails or one-design Shark divisions.
- 4.3 Boats intending to race in PHRF divisions must have a valid Performance Handicap Racing Fleet-Lake Ontario (PHRF-LO) certificate.
- 4.4 Although a Shark class measurement certificate is not required, all boats in the one-design Shark division shall comply with the Shark Class Association Rules (with the exception that motors may be carried on the transom).
- 4.5 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](#).
- 4.6 Eligible boats from OYS or OC shall use the OYS registration system.
- 4.7 Eligible boats from BHYC shall use the BHYC registration system.
- 4.8 A boat shall register at least 7 days prior to her first race.
- 4.9 Late registration may be permitted at the discretion of the Organizing Authorities.
- 4.10 The Organizing Authorities may at their discretion alter the fleet that a boat is registered in.

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 17 races Tuesdays beginning May 12 and ending after September 1st.
- 6.2 OYS and OC will have one additional race for their Tuesday club series, Sept 8. BHYC boats are invited to race in this last race.
- 6.3 From May 12 – September 1 inclusive, first warning signal will be 18:45.
- 6.4 For OYS/OC series only on September 8, first warning signal will be 18:30.

7 VENUE

- 7.1 The Racing Area will be on Lake Ontario with the starting area approximately 0.5 nm offshore, and 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 The SI's will contain modifications to RRS 44.1.
- 9.2 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 9 A or 8 B Series of 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 17 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 High Point Percentage System as described in Appendix A.
- 10.5 OYS dry sailboats registered to race on May 12 and are unable to launch on that day due to a delay in access to the OYS yard will be given an average of their non-discarded scores of all remaining races in the series. Application for this relief to be made to racingdirector@oysqn.com for approval.
- 10.6 When calculating final series scores, any boat which has not had a finish scored, been at the start line ready to compete or been disqualified shall be removed from the results and the series will be rescored. This modifies Appendix A2 of the RRS.

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 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.

14 RACE COMMITTEE DUTY

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. BHYC racers may sign up for Race Committee duty sessions for BOC Regatta races, subject to the BHYC Race Committee Volunteer Policies.

15 FURTHER INFORMATION

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

APPENDIX A – THE HIGH POINT PERCENTAGE SYSTEM

For each race there are a maximum number of available low points. This is the number of boats competing plus 1 for DNC, DSQ, RET, OCS, DNF or DNS. To determine championship points a boat's finish position is divided by the maximum number of low points and subtracted from 1 to find the reciprocal percentage championship points.

EXAMPLE:

A race with 6 boats will have 7 maximum low points. The finishers will receive the following championship points:

Place	Calculation	Championship Points
1	$1-(1/7)$	0.85714
2	$1-(2/7)$	0.71429
3	$1-(3/7)$	0.57143
4	$1-(4/7)$	0.42857
5	$1-(5/7)$	0.28571
6	$1-(6/7)$	0.14286

A boat that has no competitors coming to the starting area, does not finish or was DSQ'd receives 0 championship points.