

NOTICE OF RACE

2026 Oakville Yacht Squadron Club Racing Series

97 Forsythe Street
Oakville, Ontario
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The Oakville Yacht Squadron (OYS) is the Organizing Authority for these series.

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 event is governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing with Sail Canada Prescriptions.
- 1.2 The sailing instructions will contain modifications to the RRS for regatta specific rules.
- 1.3 The Official Notice Board is on the east wall of the OYS club house.
- 1.4 The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Sailing Instructions, and supplementary sailing instructions that will be on the Official Notice Board.
- 1.5 Notices to Competitors may also be posted online on the Racing Schedule and Results page.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 There will be separate sailing instructions for each club racing event. The sailing instructions will be posted at least 1 week before the event's scheduled date on the Official Notice Board and OYS website.

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 any member in good standing of Oakville Yacht Squadron (OYS) or the Oakville Club (OC). Members of other clubs may be accepted at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may register in PHRF non-flying sails, PHRF flying sails, one-design, or 'Learn to Race' Classes.
- 4.3 Boats intending to race in a PHRF fleet must have a valid Performance Handicap Racing Fleet-Lake Ontario (PHRF-LO) certificate. PHRF handicapped fleets will be split between FS and NFS, and further splits may be made in the individual event SIs.
- 4.4 A one-design fleet may be established if four (4) 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.
- 4.5 A boat shall register at least 48 hours prior to her first Series race
- 4.6 Eligible boats may register by completing the [registration form](#) on the Oakville Yacht Squadron website. All entries are at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

5 FEES

- 5.1 Non-OYS members shall pay \$250.00+HST to register for all scheduled OYS club racing, exclusive of any applicable PHRF fees. Fee is due on registration.
- 5.2 OYS members requiring a PHRF-LO certificate shall pay \$50.00 inclusive of HST to obtain their PHRF-LO certificate.

6 SCHEDULE

6.1 The club racing series consists of the following events:

Event	Date(s)	First Warning Signal	Approximate Race Length
Spring Sunday Series	4 Sundays (May 24, May 31, June 7, 21)	13:00	3 hours
Summer Sunday	4 Sundays (July 19, 26, August 9, 16)	13:00	3 hours
OYS Tuesday Series A & BOC Series A	May 12, May 26, June 9, June 23, July 7, July 21 August 4, August 18 and September 1	18:45	1 hour
OYS Tuesday Series B & BOC Series B	May 19, June 2, June 16, June 30, July 14, July 28, August 11, and August 25 September 8 – not included in BOC scoring	18:45 up to and including Sept 1 18:30 after Sept 1	1 hour
Thursday Series A	May 14, May 28, June 11, June 25, July 9, July 23, August 6, August 20, and September 3	18:45 up to Sept 1 18:30 after Sept 1	1 hour
Thursday Series B	May 21, June 4, June 18, July 2, July 16, July 30, August 13, August 27, and September 10	18:45 up to Sept 1 18:30 after Sept 1	1 hour
The Jeff Robins Pursuit Race	July 25	10:00	6 hours (24nm)
Fall Sunday Series	4 Sundays (August 23, September 6, September 13, September 20)	13:00	3 hours
The Turkey Race	October 3	13:00	3 hours
The Bluenose Race	October 10	13:00	3 hours

7 VENUE

- 7.1 Tuesday racing will take place with the starting area approximately 1.75 nm at 195° from the Oakville Harbour Lighthouse. The start may move offshore at 130° for offshore winds.
- 7.2 Thursday racing will take place on Lake Ontario, with the starting area approximately 1nm south of the Oakville Harbour Lighthouse.
- 7.3 All other series races will start approximately one-half mile off the Oakville Harbour Lighthouse.

8 COURSES

- 8.1 Courses to be raced will be outlined in the sailing instructions supplements.

9 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 9.1 The Sailing Instructions will contain modifications to the RRS 44.1.
- 9.2 Protest forms will be available in the OYS Race Office.

10 SCORING

- 10.1 PHRF Classes will be scored using the PHRF-LO Primary Time on Time Formula, corrected to the nearest second.
- 10.2 RRS Appendix A5.3 shall apply.
- 10.3 One race is required to constitute a series.
- 10.4 A boat's midweek Series score shall be the total of her 6 best scores. If fewer than 6 races are completed in a Series, her score will be the total of her scores. A boat's Sunday series score shall be her best 3 scores.
- 10.5 A boat's A and B Combined (Tuesday or Thursday) score will be the total of her 12 best scores.
- 10.6 If a boat registers in a different class for Series A and Series B, she will not be eligible to be scored in the Combined A and B, but she will be eligible for Season Overall awards.
- 10.7 A boat's Season Overall score will be calculated using the percentage high scoring System as defined in ADDENDUM B.

11 PRIZES

- 11.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 boats in each fleet per event. Additional prizes will be handed out at the end of the season for overall winners.

12 RACE COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERING

- 12.1 All boats registered to race are required to provide volunteer crew for race committee duty sessions. The Race Committee Volunteer Duty Policy is specified in Addendum A.

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 an 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 per incident or the equivalent.

15 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 15.1 For further information, please contact racingdirector@oysqn.com.

Addendum A – RACE COMMITTEE DUTY POLICY 2026

The Organizing Authority recognizes that boats have a limited sailing season and want to maximize their time on the water. To ensure our Club Racing program has an ample supply of volunteer Race Committee staff, the following policy is mandated:

- A1. OYS and OC competitors in Mid-week (Tuesday or Thursday) series shall sign up for Duty Sessions for races Organized by OYS.
- A2. A registered boat is responsible for providing a Race Committee Duty Session.
- A3. A Race Committee Duty Session consists of providing two able bodies to the Race Committee for a race. This may be one person for two races or two people for one race.
- A4. There will be Duty Sessions every other Tuesday (BHYC provides opposite) and every Thursday race. A boat that is unable to compete because its crew is assigned to race committee duty is scored RCD during that Race Committee Duty Session. RCD shall be the average of a boat's non-excluded scores for the series in which she was unable to compete. A boat providing Race Committee Duty for a race is responsible for notifying the Racing Director (racingdirector@oysqn.com) by email of the RCD.
- A5. A web-based calendar will be provided on the OYS website showing available Race Committee Duty Sessions. Boats shall choose their preferred Duty Session dates from the calendar. Boats that have not signed up for the Duty Sessions by May 31, 2026 may be assigned slots by the Race Committee.
- A6. A boat that misses their scheduled Race Committee Duty Session or does not fulfill the complete requirements as stated in A4 shall be scored as DNE in the best race score of the Series in which they complete the most races.
- A7. Race Committee Duty Sessions performed by OYS members qualify as required volunteer hours only for that member.

ADDENDUM B – 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	Overall 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.