

2026 Bronte Oakville Challenge Regatta (BOC)

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Oakville Yacht Squadron (OYS), Bronte Harbour Yacht Club (BHYC) and the Oakville Club (OC) are the Organizing Authorities (OA's) for this Regatta.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The series will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing with Sail Canada Prescriptions.
- 1.2 RRS 44: PENALTY AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT – The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or Rule 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be Two-Turns Penalty.'
- 1.3 RRS 60.4(a) is changed to:
If it is from a boat that alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or Rule 31 if:
 - I) she was not involved in the incident and,
 - II) did not see the incident, or

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

There is an Official Notice Board on the east wall of the OYS club house and in the bottom level of the BHCY club house. Notice may also be posted on the BOC Whatsapp group.

3 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes in the sailing instruction will be posted on the Official Notice Boards before 1200 on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of race will be posted by 1200 two days before it is to take effect.

4 COMMUNICATION

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from each club's flagpole and communicated to each club via email, text, or phone call.
- 4.2 When signalled on shore, the code flag "AP", Answering Pennant, with two sound signals (one sound when lowered) means the race is postponed. The warning signal for the first start will not be made less than 30 minutes after "AP" is lowered. This changes RRS Race Signals.
- 4.3 Radio communications made afloat will be made from the committee boat or a mark boat in accordance with the current Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 4.4 Radio communications may be made on VHF channel 9. For Sept 8 OYS/OC Series race ONLY, VHF channel is 72.

5 SCHEDULE

Series A

Tuesday		
Race	Date	Sunset Time
A-1	12/May	20:33
A-2	26/May	20:47
A-3	9/Jun	20:58
A-4	23/Jun	21:03
A-5	7/Jul	21:01
A-6	21/Jul	20:52
A-7	4/Aug	20:37
A-8	18/Aug	20:17
A-9	1/Sep	19:53

Series B

Tuesday		
Race	Date	Sunset Time
B-1	19/May	20:40
B-2	2/Jun	20:53
B-3	16/Jun	21:01
B-4	30/Jun	21:03
B-5	14/Jul	20:57
B-6	28/Jul	20:45
B-7	11/Aug	20:27
B-8	25/Aug	20:05
*B-9	8/Sep	19:41

*Will count to OYS/OC Tuesday Series results only and are not counted as part of the BOC



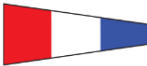

6 CLASS FLAGS, DIVISION AND FLEET

6.1 A Fleet is all boats participating in a Racing series.

6.2 A Division is a group of boats with a common start.

6.3 A Class is a group of boats that are scored together. A Class may have a separate start or may be grouped with one or more other classes within a division.

6.4 The Organizing Authorities may move a boat to a different class from her registered class to provide for better racing.

Division	Class	PHRF Rating	Code Flag
1	FS1	<125	
2	NFS2 FS3 Sharks	>=194 >=167	
3	FS2 NFS1	125 – 166 <194	
4	Sport Boats		

7 COURSES

The start line will be located at N 43°24.65 W 79°40.56. In the event of an offshore wind, it may be moved ~130° into deeper water. For Sept 8 OYS/OC series **ONLY**, the start line will be located approximately 1 NM South of the Oakville Harbour.

The diagram in Addendum A shows the course, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8 MARKS

8.1 The Start and Finish marks will be orange inflatable tetrahedrons. All other marks will be yellow tetrahedrons.

8.2 If a mark is missing or adrift, it may be replaced by a boat showing Code Flag 'M' accompanied by a repetitive sound signal.

9 THE START

- 9.1 Races will be starting in accordance with RRS26. A numeral pennant indicating the number of the next division to start will serve as the Warning Signal for that division.
- 9.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat and the course side of the Start Mark.
- 9.3 Boats whose Preparatory Signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting line and of all yachts whose Preparatory Signal has been made.
- 9.4 Recall will be signalled in accordance with RRS 29. Additionally, the race committee may broadcast a “boats over early” message on the designated VHF channel. **This is a courtesy which may or may not occur and is not cause for Redress if it does not occur.**
- 9.5 The warning signal will be 1845 hours from May 12 to September 1 (all BOC races), and 1830 for Sept 8 for the additional OYS race.

10 THE FINISH

- 10.1 The finish line for a full course will be between the mast bearing the orange flag on the committee boat and the course side of the Finish Mark. This changes RRS Race Signals – Other Signals.
- 10.2 The finish line for a shortened course shall be in accordance with RRS 32.2

11 TIME LIMIT

- 11.1 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course is sunset as shown in the schedule of races. If no boat has sailed the course prior to this race time limit, the race shall be abandoned.
- 11.2 The time limit for boats to finish after the first boat has sailed the course is the sunset time for that day as shown in the schedule of races plus 20 minutes. Boats failing to finish within the finishing window shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2

12 PROTEST AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS

Protests In the both A and B series shall be filed on-line by using

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfuRupOHjDCRHO6gcscNWg3UQjvw2UumKq8PZvGzArxfrG5sg/viewform>

The protest time limit is 10 pm on the day of the race. Written forms can be left at each club's respective location. An email indicating you've filed a protest shall be sent to protest@bhyc.on.ca or racingdirector@oysqn.com for A or B series respectively, within the time limit. Parties to the protest will be notified of the hearing details by the respective Protest Committee Chair.

13 SCORING

- 13.1 Boats will be scored using the PHRF-LO Primary Time on Time Scoring formula.
- 13.2 Rule A5.3 will apply. This changes Rule A5.2.
- 13.3 Races in Series A will be scored by BHYC Race Committee.
- 13.4 Races in Series B will be scored by the OYS Race Committee.
- 13.5 Race results will be available for both series on the BHYC and OYS web sites.
- 13.6 Results from the scheduled race on Sept 8 will not count to BOC scores.

14 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 14.1 A boat which retires from a race shall inform the Race Committee either directly or by radio on the designated VHF channel or by relay through another vessel. **Failure to do so may result in disqualification from the race in which she had her best previous finish in the series.**

15 AUTHORITY, RESPONSIBILITY

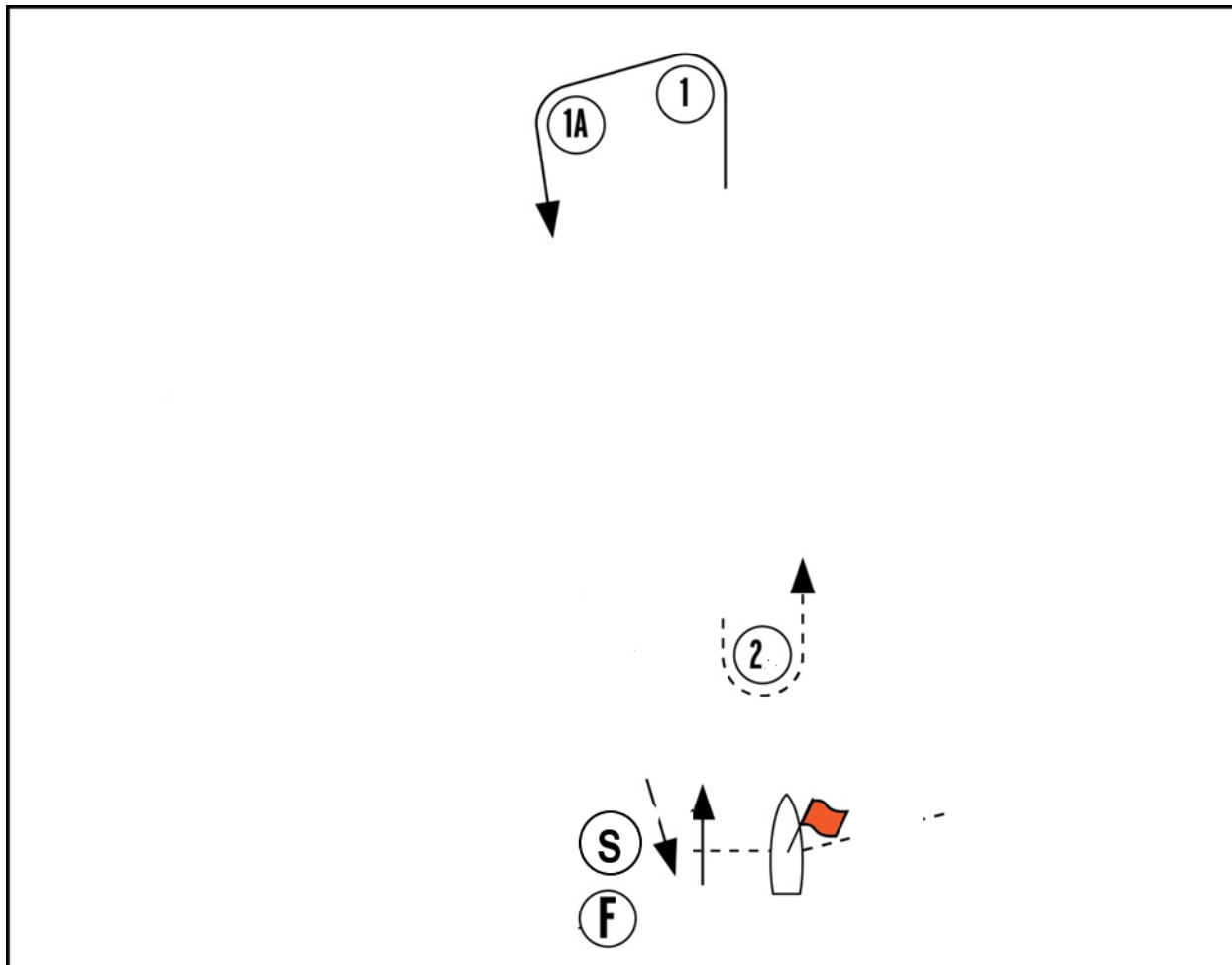
- 15.1 It is the sole responsibility of each yacht to decide whether to start or continue in any race.


16 PRIZES

- 16.1 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.
- 16.2 BOC Regatta Champion will be awarded The Oakville Challenge Cup.

ADDENDUM A - ILLUSTRATING THE COURSE
Windward-Leeward Course

The **Course** will consist of Windward-Leeward legs for all. No boat may pass between Mark 1 and Mark 1A. Mark #1A will be an offset mark set approximately 40 yards from Mark #1 at an angle of approximately 90 degrees to the windward leg. Mark #2 is not part of the course on the first or last legs.



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