

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2026 Oakville Yacht Squadron

Jeff Robins Pursuit Race

97 Forsythe Street

Oakville, Ontario

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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 RULES

1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in current The Racing Rules of Sailing with Sail Canada Prescriptions, instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and this Sailing Instructions Supplement.

1.2 Appendix T, Arbitration of the RRS will be in effect.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

4.2 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 08:00 on the day of the race, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

3 COMMUNICATION

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice boards located on the east wall of the OYS clubhouse and the OYS website.

3.2 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.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5 SIGNAL MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole on the north end of the OYS lawn.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replace with 'not less than 30 minutes'.
This replaces Race Signals – Postponement Signals in RRS.
- 5.3 When flag L is displayed ashore, a change to the SI's has been posted for review.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 The Jeff Robins Pursuit Race will be held July 25, 2026.
- 6.2 Starting times for each registered boat will be posted by 20:00 July 24th.

7 COURSE

- 7.1 The start/finish line will be between the OYS Yellow Cylinder near Oakville Harbour and the 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 MARKS

Marks	Description	Approximate Location
Start/Finish Mark 1	OYS Yellow cylinder near Oakville Harbour and east inlet buoy	43° 25.842'N 79° 39.728'W
50 Mile Point	Yellow cylinder marked WY	43° 15.130'N 79° 36.137'W

Note the change of location of the WY 50 Mile Point mark from previous years.

9 THE START

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

10 TIME LIMITS

10.1 The race time limit is 17:00.

11 THE FINISH

11.1 The finish line shall be crossed in an easterly direction.

11.2 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

12 SCORING

12.1 Boats will be scored by their registered fleet (FS or NFS)

13 SAFETY REGULATIONS

13.1 A boat that retires from the race shall notify the Racing Director (racingdirector@oysqn.com) at the first reasonable opportunity.

14 PRIZES

14.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 boats in each fleet.

14.2 The Jeff Robins Isotope Trophy will be awarded to the winner in each fleet.

15 RISK STATEMENT

15.1 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.

16 INSURANCE

16.1 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.

