

2026 Thursday Racing Series

Oakville Yacht Squadron

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Oakville Yacht Squadron (OYS), is the Organizing Authority (OA) for this event.

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 with the following exception.
- 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 All boats shall comply with the rules of the Lake Ontario Performance Handicap Racing Fleet and must hold a currently valid PHRF-LO certificate.
- 1.4 If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race (NOR) and the Sailing Instructions (SI’s), the SI’s will take precedence.
- 1.5 RRS 60.4 (a) (2) 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

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board at OYS on the east wall of the OYS club house

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

4 COMMUNICATION

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the OYS flag pole.
- 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 Signals made afloat will be made from the committee boat or a mark boat and will be made in accordance with the current Racing Rules of Sailing. Radio signals may be made on VHF channel 72.






5 SCHEDULE

Sunset times are:

Series A			Series B		
Thursday			Thursday		
Race	Date	Sunset Time	Race	Date	Sunset Time
A-1	14/May	20:35	B-1	21/May	20:42
A-2	28/May	20:49	B-2	4Jun	20:55
A-3	11/Jun	20:59	B-3	18/Jun	21:02
A-4	25/Jun	21:03	B-4	2/Jul	21:02
A-5	9/Jul	21:00	B-5	16/Jul	20:56
A-6	23/Jul	20:50	B-6	30/Jul	20:43
A-7	6/Aug	20:34	B-7	13/Aug	20:24
A-8	20/Aug	20:13	B-8	27/Aug	20:02
A-9	3/Sep	19:50	B-9	10/Sep	19:37

6 CLASS FLAGS, DIVISION AND FLEET

- 6.1 A Fleet is all boats participating in a Club 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.

Division	Class	PHRF Rating	Code Flag
1	NFS2	>160	
2	NFS1	<=160	
3	FS1	<=129	
	Etchells	N/A	
4	Cruising	All	

7 COURSES

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. Changed course marks will be green 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 Channel 72. **This is a courtesy which may or may not occur and is not cause for Redress if it does not occur.**
- 9.5 EXCEPTION TO RRS 29.2 GENERAL RECALL. In the event of a general recall, the recalled fleet shall return to the start area, around the end of the start line, and will start after division 3. The start for the next fleet will be in sequence. In the event of more than one general recall, all recalled classes will start in chronological order according to their division number after division 3 starts.
- 9.6 The warning signal will be 1845 hours from May 16 to Sept 1 and 1830 from Sept 2 to Sept 10.

10 CHANGE TO NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

11 THE FINISH

- 11.1 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.
- 11.2 The finish line for a shortened course shall be in accordance with RRS 32.2

12 TIME LIMIT

- 12.1 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.
- 12.2 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

13 PROTEST AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS

- 13.1 Protests shall be filed by completing a protest form available in the OYS race Office.
- 13.2 Written forms shall be left at the OYS race office and an email sent, within the protest time limit, to racingdirector@oysqn.com indicating you've filed a protest
- 13.3 The protest time limit is 12 hours after the Race Committee has returned to the OYS dock.
- 13.4 Notices will be posted no later than 24 hours after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties of or named as witnesses and where and when the hearings will be held. The protest committee shall extend the notice time limit if there is good reason to do so.

14 SCORING

- 14.1 Boats will be scored using the PHRF-LO Primary Time on Time Scoring formula.
- 14.2 Rule A5.3 will apply. This changes Rule A5.2.

15 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 15.1 A boat which retires from a race shall inform the Race Committee either directly or by radio (VHF 72) 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.**

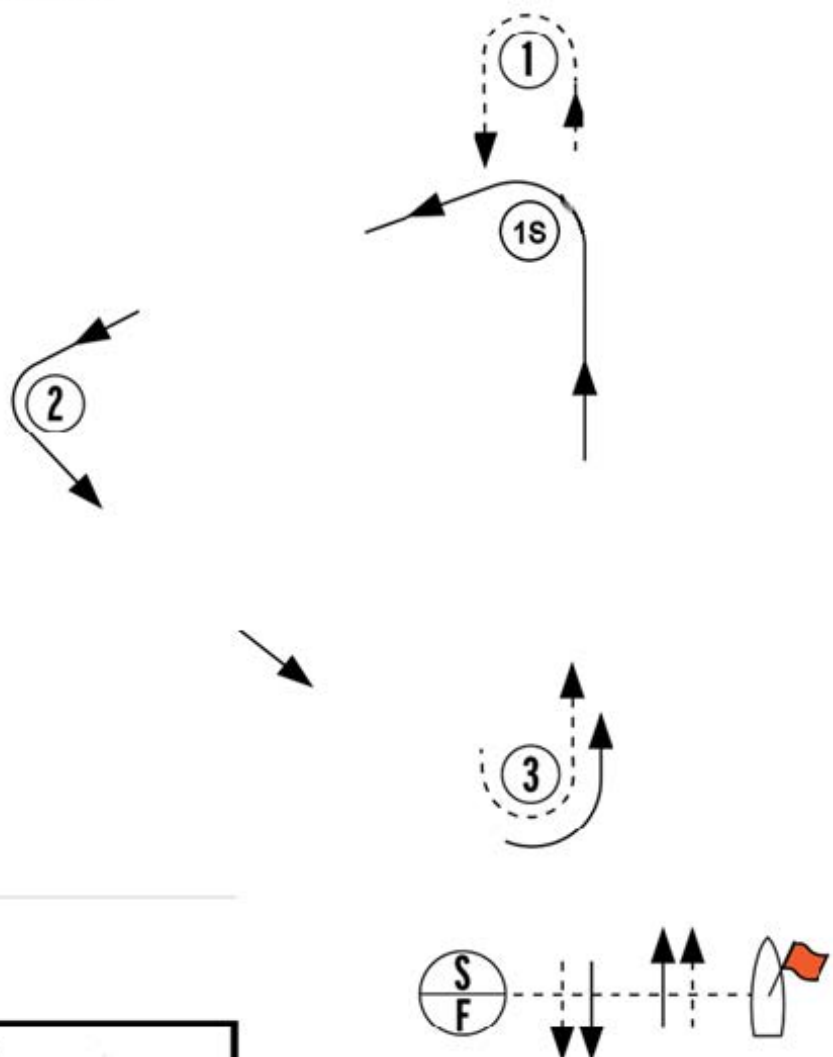
16 AUTHORITY, RESPONSIBILITY


- 16.1 All races held as part of the regular racing program are organized under the authority of the OYS Race Committee.
- 16.2 All OYS and OC boats registered to race are required to provide volunteer crew for a Race Committee Duty Session. The Race Committee Volunteer Duty Policy is specified in NOR Addendum A.


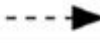
17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

It is the sole responsibility of each yacht to decide whether to start or continue in any race. Competitors participate in the race entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the race.

COURSE DIAGRAM MIDWEEK RACING



START ORDER & CLASS FLAGS	
	NFS2
	NFS1
	FS1, ETCHELLS
	CRUISING

THURSDAY	 NFS1, NFS2, CRUISING	
	 ETCHELLS, FS1	
THURSDAY	NFS1 & NFS2	START -1S- 2- 3-1S- 2- FINISH
	FS1	START -1- 3- 1- FINISH
	ETCHELLS	START -1- 3- 1- FINISH
	CRUISING	START -1S- 2- FINISH