2026 OYS Annual Regatta Vibes

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Sailing Instructions
PHRF Open Course Racing, Double Handed Coastal Race, One Design and the Lighthouse Challenge.
August 8th, 2026

1 Rules

1.1 The series will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing, except the following:

1.1.1. RRS 44: PENALTIES AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT - The first two sentences of rule 44.1 Taking a Penalty - 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 a Two-Turns Penalty'.

1.2 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

1.3 The prescriptions of Sail Canada apply for the Regatta.

1.4 Boats competing in handicapped Classes shall comply with the rules of the Lake Ontario Performance Handicap Racing Fleet and must hold a currently valid PHRF-LO rating certificate.

1.5 Boats competing in a One Design Class shall comply with their Class rules.

1.6 If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race (NoR) and the Sailing Instructions (SI's), the SI's will take precedence.

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2 Notices to Competitors

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted inside the Clubhouse on the Official Notice Board at OYS.

3 Changes to Sailing Instructions

3.1 Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board before 0900hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000hrs the day before it is to take effect.

4 Signals Made Ashore

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the OYS flagpole.

4.2 Code flag 'AP', Answering Pennant, with two sound signals means the race is postponed for no less than 30 minutes. The warning signal for the first start will not be made less than 30 minutes after 'AP' is lowered.

5 Schedule

Event	Time	Location
Competitors' Briefing Course Racing and Double Handed Coastal Race	9:00hrs, August 8, 2026	Patio Main Clubhouse
Briefing Lighthouse Challenge	10:00hrs, August 8, 2026	Patio Main Clubhouse
First Warning Course Racing	10:00hrs, August 8, 2026	
First Warning Double Handed Coastal Race	10:15hrs, August 8, 2026	
No race to start after	15:00hrs, August 8, 2026	
Awards Ceremony	ASAP following Racing, August 8, 2026	Patio Main Clubhouse

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6 Class, Division and Fleets

6.1 A Fleet is all boats participating in a Regatta 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 Divisions and Classes (Splits) will be posted on the Notice Board no later than 9:00hrs on the day of the race.

7 Courses

7.1 The Course Racing to be sailed will be windward-leeward Courses, Addendum A

7.2 Coastal Racing and the Lighthouse Challenge to be sailed will be around fixed marks, to be posted before the first Competitors Briefing.

7.3 The Lighthouse Challenge will be explained at the scheduled briefing.

8 Marks

8.1 The Start and Finish marks will be orange inflatable tetrahedrons. All other marks will be yellow tetrahedrons. Changed course mark will be a green tetrahedron.

8.2 A changed course weather mark may not have an offset mark.

8.3 If a Course Racing mark is missing or adrift, it may be replaced by a boat showing Code Flag “M” accompanied by a repetitive sound signal.

8.4 Coastal Race Marks will be fixed and/or GPS coordinates.

9 The Start

9.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26. A numeral pennant (1 through 4) or Class Flag (Etchells) indicating 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 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 A recall will be signaled 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 In the event of a General Recall, the recalled division will start after the last scheduled start. **This changes RRS 29.2.**

9.6 The Racing Fleets will start according to the table below:

Division	Class	PHRF Rating	Start Seq.	Code Flag
1	FS NFS1	ALL <=142	1	
2	NFS2	>142	2	
3	Etchells	N/A	3	
4	All Coastal Racers	ALL	4	

9.7 First Warning Signal for Racing on August 8 will be1000hrs. No warning signal will be made after 1500 hrs on August 8.

9.8 Warning for Lighthouse Challenge will be made on shore, directly following the briefing.

10 Change to the Next Leg of the Course

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

10.2 The race committee may, without signal, move a mark to change the direction up to 10 degrees or the length up to 10% of the previous length, provided that no boat is sailing to the mark.

11 The Finish

11.1 The finish line for a full course will be between the mast bearing the blue flag on the Signal Boat and the Finish Mark as indicated in Addendum A.

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

11.3 The finish for the Coastal Race will be between the OYS Mark 1 and the Eastern Yellow water intake mark. GPS times at finishing to be taken by Competitors.

11.4 Write on paper your finish time, sail number and boat name, take a photo and send to racingdirector@oysqn.com.

11.5 If the race committee determines that the finishing order in a race is unlikely to change, it may use reasonable discretion to score boats still racing, points equal to their position in the race. **This changes RRS A3, A4 and A5.2.**

12 Time Limits

12.1 The Mark 1 Time Limit for a Division is 30 minutes after their starting signal.

13 Protest and Requests for Redress

13.1 Protest forms will be available in the OYS Race Office..

13.2 For each Class the protest time limit is 30 minutes after the Race Committee has returned to the OYS dock or has signaled no more racing today, whichever is later.

13.3 Notices to be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses and where the hearings will be held.

14 Scoring

14.1 Races will be scored using RRS Appendix A.

14.2 PHRF Classes will be scored using the PHRF-LO Primary Time on Time Formula.

15 Safety Regulations

15.1 A boat which retires from a race shall inform the Race Committee either directly or by radio (VHF channel 72). Failure to do so may result in disqualification from the race.

16 Authority & Responsibility

16.1 All races held as part of the OYS Annual Regatta are organized under the authority of the OYS Race Committee.

17 Disclaimer of Liability

17.1 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

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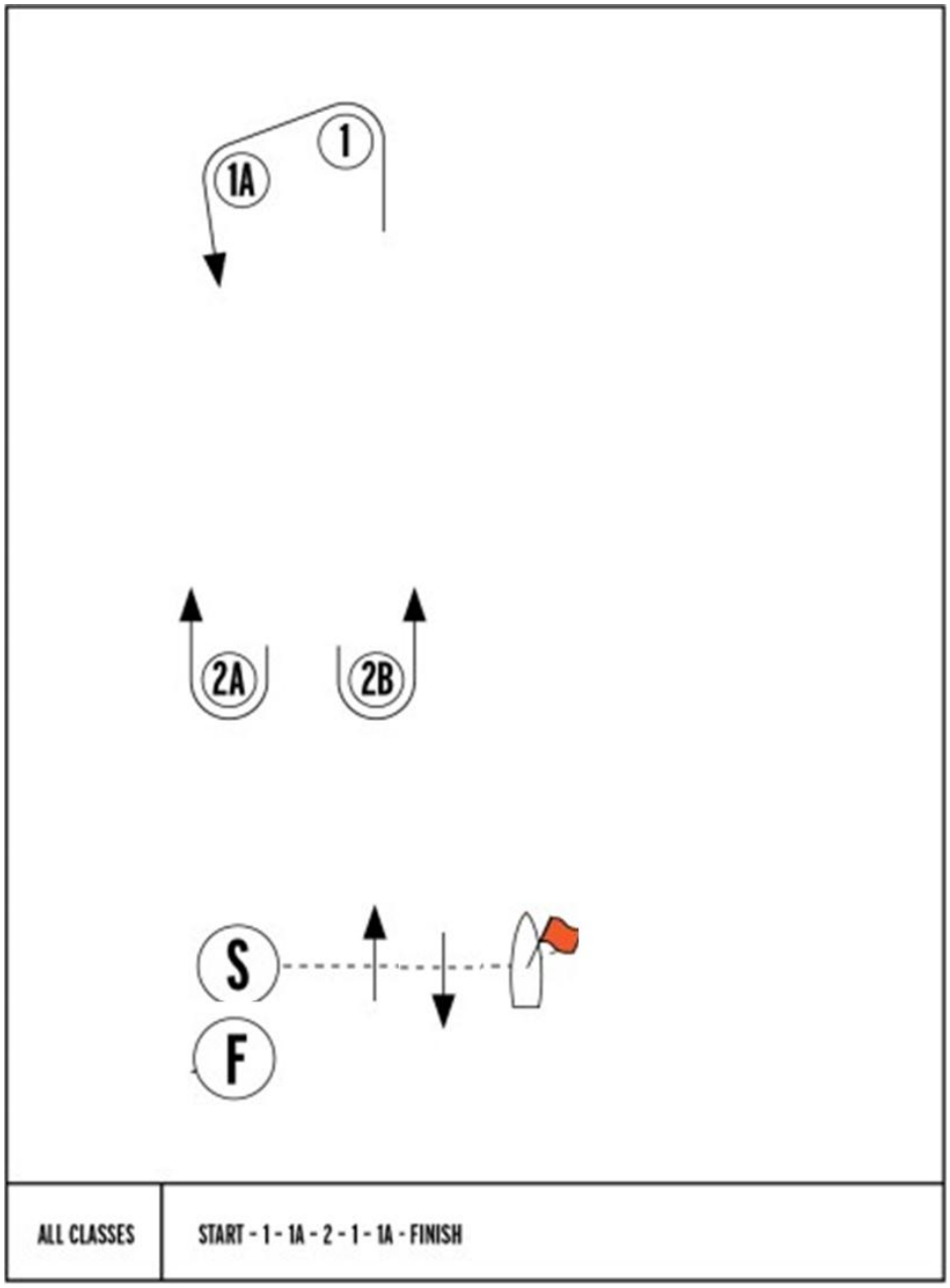
ADDENDUM A - ILLUSTRATING THE COURSE
Windward-Leeward Course

Mark 1A will be an offset mark set approximately 50 meters from Mark 1 at an angle of approximately 100 degrees (-) to the windward leg.

No boat may pass between Mark 1 and Mark 1A.

Gate Mark 2A – 2B is not part of the course on the last leg.