

# NOTICE OF RACE

2025 Oakville Yacht Squadron Club Racing Series  
97 Forsythe Street  
Oakville, Ontario  
L6K 0A3



**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.
- 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
<b>Spring Sunday Series</b>	4 Sundays (May 25, June 1, 8, 22)	13:00	3 hours
<b>Summer Sunday</b>	4 Sundays (July 20, 27, August 10, 17)	13:00	3 hours
<b>OYS Tuesday Series A &amp; BOC Series A</b>	May 13, May 27, June 10, June 24, July 8, July 22, August 5, and August 19  September 2 – not included in BOC scoring	18:45 up to Aug. 26 18:30 after Aug. 26	1 hour
<b>OYS Tuesday Series B &amp; BOC Series B</b>	May 20, June 3, June 17, July 1, July 15, July 29, August 12, and August 26  July 1, September 9 – not included in BOC scoring	18:45 up to Aug. 26 18:30 after Aug. 26	1 hour
<b>Thursday Series A</b>	May 15, May 29, June 12, June 26, July 10, July 24, August 7, August 21, and September 4	18:45 up to Aug. 26 18:30 after Aug. 26	1 hour
<b>Thursday Series B</b>	May 22, June 5, June 19, July 3, July 17, July 31, August 14, August 28, and September 11	18:45 up to Aug. 26 18:30 after Aug. 26	1 hour
<b>The Jeff Robins Pursuit Race</b>	July 19	10:00	6 hours (24nm)
<b>Fall Sunday Series</b>	4 Sundays (August 24, September 7, September 14, September 21)	13:00	3 hours
<b>The Turkey Race</b>	October 5	13:00	3 hours
<b>The Bluenose Race</b>	October 12	13:00	3 hours

## 7 VENUE

- 7.1 Tuesday racing will take place with the starting area approximately 2 nm south of the Oakville Harbour Lighthouse.
- 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 Cox-Sprague High Point System.

## **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](mailto:racingdirector@oysqn.com).

## Addendum A – RACE COMMITTEE DUTY POLICY 2025

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](mailto: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 7, 2024 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.