



The Oakville Club Open Regatta Saturday August 15, 2020

**The organizing authority is the
Oakville Club Regatta Committee**

Notice of Race
www.ocregatta.org

The Commodore, Yachting Committee, and members of The Oakville Club invite you to the annual Oakville Club Open Regatta (OC Regatta) hosted by The Oakville Club, on the north shore of Lake Ontario, 17 miles southwest of Toronto and 10 miles northeast of Hamilton.

By Land: 56 Water Street, Oakville, ON, L6J-2Y3 at the base of William Street.
By Water: 43°26.31'N; 79°39.92'W

1. RULES

- 1.1. The Oakville Club Open Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. The PHRF-LO class rules shall apply to all boats racing under PHRF.
- 1.3. In case of differences between this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence.

2. ELIGIBILITY and ENTRY

- 2.1. The Regatta is open to any boat that complies with the following:
 - Is a member in good standing of a Club affiliated with Sail Canada
 - Must have a current valid PHRF-LO certificate (racing divisions)
 - 19 years of age or older (other considerations may be given at the discretion of the Organizing Authority)
 - Have a skipper 19 years of age or older (other considerations may be given at the discretion of the Organizing Authority)
 - must have a minimum of two people on board during racing.
- 2.2. The OC Race Committee reserves the right to group similar boats together to form one or more classes.
- 2.3. Eligible boats must register by completing the online entry form in Yachtscoring.
- 2.4. It is up to the individual registrants to validate their entry has been received.
- 2.5. Deadline for registration is 21:00hrs on Friday August 7, 2020.

- 2.6. Registration WILL be limited to a maximum of 60 boats on a first come, first serve basis. The Organizing Authority has the right to reject any registrants
- 2.7. The acceptance of a registration received after the specified deadline is at the sole discretion of the Organizing Authority.

3. **Divisions and Class Splits**

- 3.1. Divisions for the regatta are as follows:

- Racing PHRF – Flying Sails
- Racing PHRF – White Sails
- Cruising – White Sail Only

- 3.2. If there are enough boats of the same class (> 4), a one-design, or level fleet may be established

- 3.3. Class splits will be based on number of boats entered.

- 3.4. Class splits will be available online and on the official notice board located on the east wall of the Riverside Restaurant no later than 19:00hrs on Friday August 14, 2020.

4. **FEES**

- 4.1. Once again, the Oakville Club Regatta Committee is proud to offer this regatta with no entry fee. A true OPEN regatta, free for all boats wishing to register.

5. **SCHEDULE**

18:00-20:00hrs Friday August 14; Race kit pickup

08:00-09:00hrs; Saturday August 15; Race kit pickup

Time of the first warning signal will be decided, distributed, and posted by 17:00hrs Friday August 14. The time will be determined by the expected wind conditions as forecast for western Lake Ontario

Skipper's Meeting will be 90 minutes before the first warning signal as posted by 17:00hrs Friday August 14

- A maximum of three races, no warning signal being made after 1530hrs
- A minimum of one race must be completed to constitute a regatta

17:30hrs; Poolside Party

19:00hrs; Awards

6. **IDENTIFICATION**

- 6.1. If required by the Sailing Instructions, division flags will be displayed on the backstay, or other conspicuous position on the stern of the boat, from the warning signal until the boat's finish has been acknowledged by the race committee.

- 6.2. Boats are encouraged to display the official Burgee while participating in a regatta.

7. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 7.1. Sailing Instructions, will be available online, on both our regatta website and YachtScoring, no later than Monday August 10, 2020. They will also be posted on the Notice Board on the east wall of the Riverside restaurant. Additional changes will be announced by email, posted online and on the Notice Board.

8. VENUE and THE COURSES

Races will take place on the open waters of western Lake Ontario in the vicinity of the Oakville Club and Sixteen Mile Creek.

Details, specific to the race courses, will be outlined in the Sailing Instructions. They will be further distributed to all registrants via email, post on our regatta website, and posted on the Notice Board.

9. SCORING

9.1. The Racing/Cruising divisions shall be scored using the PHRF-LO handicapping system using the 'time on time' method of establishing corrected times

9.2. *Race ties will follow RRS rule A7. Series ties will follow RRS rule A8.*

10. PRIZES

10.1. Prizes will be awarded to the boats placing first, second, and third in each class.

10.2. In addition to these keeper trophies, three perpetual trophies may be awarded:

10.2.1. Oldershaw Trophy – awarded to the top overall Oakville Club boat
(Lowest point score)

10.2.2. Mercedes Cup – awarded to the top overall boat (lowest point score)

10.2.3. Heineken Cup – awarded to the top cruiser (cruising division)

11. BERTHING

11.1. Priority will be given to boats visiting from clubs outside the Oakville area.

11.2. Berthing is available on a first come, first serve basis. To reserve a slip, you must enter the regatta first, then please contact The Oakville Club's Dock Manager, at 905-845-0231 extension 221.

11.3. Boats shall follow the directions of the Oakville Club Dock Manager. Failure to comply with the directions of the Dock Manager and/or crew or organizers may result in disciplinary action and possible expulsion from the regatta.

12. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Each yacht may communicate with any person, competitor, yacht, or outside source of information available using any means available throughout the race.

Alpha course RC – VHF channel 68

Bravo course RC – VHF channel 72

Cruising course – VHF channel 72

13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this Race Week are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS rule 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this Race. By participating in this Race, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this Race to the fullest extent permitted by law.

14. INSURANCE

All participating boats shall be insured with valid, third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$2 million CAD.

15. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information can be obtained on the Organizing Authority Website:

www.oregatta.org

or via email to the Oakville Yachting Committee's Race Director at rd@oregatta.org