

2011 Olcott Yacht Club Racing Rules

1.0 RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), the prescriptions of the US Sailing Association (USSA), and the rules of the Performance Handicap Racing Fleet – Lake Ontario (PHRF-LO), except as altered by these Sailing Instructions.

2.0 ENTRIES

Eligible boats may be entered by completing the registration form and meeting the following requirements:

- A) Boat owner or skipper is a member of OYC or a reciprocal yacht club
- B) Valid insurance certificate is on file with the Fleet Captain
- C) Current PHRF-LO certificate is on file with the Fleet Captain

Boats will not be scored for racing unless the above requirements are met. Rule 75.2 shall not apply.

3.0 MEASUREMENT

Eligible boats with either new or previously unmeasured sails need to have them measured by the club handicapper or the handicapper's designee by July 1, 2011. Discrepancies between measurements and PHRF-LO certificates shall be brought to the Race Committee's attention immediately, which shall protest the boat.

4.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official club notice board located in the OYC clubhouse.

5.0 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 9:00 AM on the day it will take effect. It also may be given verbally by the Race Committee to all boats which intend to race.

6.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore shall be displayed at the North end of the west pier when the Race Committee is on station. If the race committee is not on station then signals made ashore will be at the OYC gin pole.

7.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES

A race schedule will be given to all skippers prior to the first race of the season. Schedules will also be posted on the club notice board and on the website. Any change to the original schedule or rescheduling of races shall be posted no less than six (6) days before it will take effect.

8.0 DIVISIONS FLAGS

There will be two (2) divisions: WHITE SAIL and SPINNAKER. A minimum of two (2) boats in a division shall constitute a race. Each boat is required to fly their division flag from the stern of the boat so it is visible to all competitors and the Race Committee. Division flags will be:

Division 1 – White Sail	White Flag
Division 2 - Spinnaker	Blue Flag

9.0 COURSE

For club buoy races, a diagram of the race area and courses will be posted when available on the official notice board in the hallway and on the website. For races to Wilson, Keg Creek, etc the race/course/and GPS coordinate information will be posted on the official notice board by 9:00 AM on the day of the race.

The Race Committee will designate the course to be sailed by displaying numbered/lettered and colored placards. A RED placard means that the marks of the course will be taken to a boat's

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port side; a GREEN placard means that the mark's of the course will be take to the boat's starboard side.

If different divisions sail different courses, then two rows of numbers will be displayed. The top row will designate the course for WHITE SAIL. The bottom row will designate the course for SPINNAKER. Numbered placards shall designate the order in which the marks are to be rounded. The last number in the row designates the finish as well as the start.

10.0 MARKS

The permanent course marks are constructed of PVC pipe and are painted orange for #'s 2, 6, & 5 and neon yellow for #'s 3 & 4. They rise approximately 6 feet above the water. Temporary marks are inflatable orange tetrahedrons. The starting mark (#1) is a orange tetrahedron.

11.0 THE START

Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26, with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the first starting signal. A Class Flag will be raised at the warning for each division and lowered at their start. Times shall be taken from the visual signal; the absence of sound signals shall be disregarded.

Time	White Sail	Spinnaker	Class Flag	Yellow Flag	Sound
10:19/6:49	(4) Short Blasts signaling 1 min. to first start sequence				
10:20/6:50	Warning	-----	Up		Horn
10:21/6:51	Preparatory	-----	Up	Up	Horn
10:24/6:54	1-Minute	-----	Up	Down	Horn
10:25/6:55	Start	-----	Down		Horn
10:25/6:55	-----	Warning	Up		Horn
10:26/6:56	-----	Preparatory	Up	Up	Horn
10:29/6:59	-----	1-Minute	Up	Down	Horn
10:30/7:00	-----	Start	Down		Horn

11.1 When starting off the pier, the starting line shall be between the harbor entrance light on the west pier and mark #1 (orange tetrahedron).

11.2 The "One Minute" rule (Rule 30.1) is not in effect.

11.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose warning signal has been made.

11.4 When the Answering Pennant, "AP" is displayed ashore with two (2) audible signals, this means the race is postponed. One (1) signal will be made when the "AP" is lowered and the warning signal will be made not less than five (5) minutes after the "AP" is lowered.

11.5 An Abandonment shall be indicated by three (3) audible signals.

12.0 RECALLS

12.1 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1. The race committee shall promptly display flag "X" with one sound. The flag will be displayed until all such boats are on the pre-start side of the starting line, but no later than four (4) minutes after the starting signal or one (1) minute before any later starting signal, which ever is earlier. The race committee may attempt to hail premature starters verbally or on Channel 70, however failure to do so or timing or order of the hail shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1 (a)

12.2 General Recall, rule 29.2, is in effect. The starts for all succeeding divisions will follow the new start.

13.0 PENALTIES

The One-Turn and Two-Turn penalty, rule 44.2 is in effect. The Scoring penalty, rule 44.3 shall not apply.

14.0 THE FINISH

14.1 The finish line will be between mark #1 and the mast of the harbor entrance light. The finish mark does not have a required side to pass: a boat finishes when it crosses the finish line as directly as possible from the last mark of the course.

14.2 If the race committee is not on station, a boat must take her own time and submit a completed finish time report to include boat name, skipper name, date, race name, and time finished (HH:MM:SS).

15.0 TIME LIMITS

15.1 For course buoy races the time limit shall be three (3) hours for the entire course or one (1) hour to the first mark. For races to Wilson and return the entire course time limit is six (6) hours. For Keg Creek and return the entire course time limit is four (4) hours. For all other races the Fleet Captain shall set a time limit.

15.2 One boat making the time limit shall validate the race for their division only. If a division has no finishes within the time limit then the race for that division shall be deemed abandoned.

15.3 For course buoy races, a boat finishing more than one (1) hour after the first boat in her division or after the time limit, which ever comes first, shall be scored DNF (did not finish). For races to Wilson, Keg Creek and other for which the Fleet Captain sets a time limit, a boat finishing after the time limit will be scored DNF (did not finish).

16.0 PROTESTS

16.1 Protests shall be written on forms available at the club office and delivered within two (2) hours after the time of the last boat's finish in their division. If there is no Race Committee or Protest Committee member present, then the protest form may be validated for time of day it is received by any two members who are not interested parties to the protest.

16.2 RRS 61.1 is modified to read..."The protest flag shall be displayed until the boat finishes and until verbally acknowledged by the race committee."

16.3 Protest notices will be posted to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a hearing or named as witnesses.

17.0 SCORING

17.1 Finish places for each division shall be determined using PHRF-LO Time-on Time handicaps in conjunction with Quick Score Software.

17.2 Scoring will be done as prescribed in Appendix A except that A2 is altered to eliminate a throw out race for series and that A4.1 is altered that first place in a race shall be scored .75 points. The following low-point scoring system will be used to determine series and season champions:

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
1 st	0.75
2 nd	2
3 rd	3
4 th	4
Nth	N
DNF	# of starters +1
DNS	# of starters +1
OCS	# of starters +1
DSQ	# of starters +2
DNR	# of starters +2

17.3 A boat which retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee either before leaving the race area (via VHF 72 or by hail) or, if that is impossible, immediately upon arrival on shore. Failure to notify shall be scored DNR (Did not report). DSQ's and DNR's cannot be used as throw-outs for purposes of series or season championships.

17.4 DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIPS

Only races that start and end in Olcott shall count toward division championships. These races are noted on the Race Schedule. For purpose of overall championships, boats with DNS will be scored the total seasonal starting fleet +1, as noted above. Twelve (12) of the sixteen (16) races shall be scored allowing for four (4) throw outs. In the event of cancelled races the following list will determine throughout options: 12 of 16, 11 of 15, 10 of 14, 10 of 13, 9 of 12, 8 of 11, 7 of 10, 7 of 9, 6 of 8, 5 of 7, 5 of 6, 4 of 5, 3 of 4.

17.5 AWARDS

Only OYC boats are eligible to win trophies. The season and series divisional trophies shall be awarded to the boats with the lowest point totals for their divisions. Awards for each trophy shall be presented to the first three boats finishing in each division. If at the conclusion of a series, two or more boats are tied, the boat that has beaten the other boat(s) a greater number of times shall be deemed the winner. If a tie still exists, the boat with the greater number of first, then seconds, then thirds, etc. shall be deemed the winner. If a tie still exists it stands as a tie.