

2025 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 will be entered by meeting the following requirements:

- A) OYC registration form, indicating fleet racing, on file prior to the first race
- B) Boat owner or skipper is a member of OYC or a reciprocal yacht club
- C) Valid insurance certificate is on file with the Fleet Captain
- D) 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.

Prior to the start of the season (Memorial Day) each boat shall submit an OYC registration form indicating RACING NFS or CRUISING NFS Division for which it will be competing under for the season. Boats are eligible to compete in one division per season.

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, 2024. 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 flag pole.

7.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES

7.1 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.

7.2 The championship season shall consist of 20 races total, raced on Wednesday evenings, Sunday mornings, Memorial Day and on Labor Day. There will be two (2) Sunday Series, two (2) Wednesday Series, and four (4) individual trophy races (White Trophy, Williams Trophy, Cook Trophy and Captain Yankee Trophy). The Women's championship season will consist of 9 races total, raced on Thursday evenings. There will be a Thursday Series and (4) individual trophy races (Shafer Distance, Shafer Course, White Trophy and Sacca Sail).

7.3 The White Trophy will be raced on the Memorial Day Monday. The Captain Yankee Trophy will be raced on Labor Day Monday. Both races are to Wilson and return.

7.4 The Cook Trophy and Williams Trophy will be raced on individual Sundays and will be to Keg Creek and return.

7.5 Each Sunday series will consist of three (3) races and each Wednesday Series will consist of five (5) races.

7.6 The Women's Thursday series will consist of five (5) races. All other races except Sacca Sail will be sailed on Thursdays. Sacca Sail will be on a Saturday in August.

8.0 CLASS DIVISIONS & FLAGS

There will be TWO (2) divisions: PHRF I – RACING NFS and PHRF II – CRUISING NFS. 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:

- PHRF 1: RACING NFS - YELLOW Flag
- PHRF 2: CRUISING NFS - WHITE 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 Fleet Captain/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 port side; a GREEN placard means that the marks of the course will be taken 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 RACING NFS – PHRF I. The bottom row will designate the course for CRUISING NFS - PHRF II. 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.

If the R/C is not aware of a missing mark before the start, and it becomes apparent during the race that a mark is missing, the race shall be abandoned.

** IF the Race Committee is unable to be on the water for the race, the course board will be displayed on the Club patio. The Race Committee will hail the OYC FLEET on VHF Channel 72, 5-minutes prior to the first horn to announce the course to be sailed.

10.0 MARKS

The permanent course marks of #'s 2, 3, 4 & 5 are constructed of PVC pipe and are painted. They rise approximately 6 feet above the water. The starting mark (#1) and any temporary marks may be white balls. Mark #1 for the purpose of finishing will be the northern most mark of the start/finish line.

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. There will be **ONE START** for both fleets. A WHITE Flag will be raised at the warning of the start and lowered at the start. Times shall be taken from the visual signal; the absence of sound signals shall be disregarded. There will be **"FOUR HORNS"** sounded at 1-minute prior to the Warning signal.

<u>Time</u>	<u>WHITE SAIL</u>	<u>WHITE Flag</u>	<u>GREEN Flag</u>	<u>Sound</u>
10:20/6:25	*Warning	Up		Horn
10:21/6:26	Preparatory	Up	Up	Horn
10:24/6:29	1-Minute	Up	Down	Long Horn
10:25/6:30	Start	Down		Horn

****Single Trophy Races – Wilson/Keg Creek & Return Only**

NOTE – There will be two starts. NFS (White Sail) will be the first start, with FS (Spinnaker) fleet starting 5 minutes after the first fleet.

11.1 When starting off the west pier, the starting line shall be between the RC flag on the platform and mark #1 (temporary anchored mark).

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

11.6 If the weather does not permit the Race Committee to start the race from an anchored vessel or pier, the start sequence will be sounded from a racing vessel. Each starting vessel must note the "START TIME" using cell phone and report it to the race committee following the race. Each skipper will take their own finish time using cell phone and report their time (HH:MM:SS) to the Race Committee within one (1) hour of the end of the race. Times not received will not be scored and will result in a DNR. Race Committee will monitor Channel 72.

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, whichever is earlier. The race committee may attempt to hail premature starters verbally or on **Channel 72**, 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 RC flag on the west pier platform. A boat finishes when any part of the boat in normal position, crosses the finish line in the direction of the course from the last mark. If finishing from mark #2 or #3, mark #1 will be left to PORT. If finishing from mark #4 or #5, mark #1 will be left to STARBOARD. Boats who have finished should keep clear of the finish area and other boats still competing.

14.2 If the race committee is not on station, a boat must take her own time using cell phone. Times must be reported to the Race Committee within one (1) hour of the end of the race and include boat name, skipper name, date, race name, and time finished (HH:MM:SS). Times not received will not be scored and will result in a DNR.

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 race time limit, whichever 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

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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 **Sailwave Score Software**.

17.2 All scoring will be done as prescribed in Appendix A except that A2 is altered so that no score will be excluded 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
DNC	# of boats entered +2 (RRS Appendix A9)

17.3 A boat which retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee 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, cannot be used as throw-outs for purposes of season championships.

17.4 There will be two (2) Sunday series each consisting of three (3) races.

17.5 There will be two (2) Wednesday series each consisting of five (5) races.

17.6 DNC's in a series will be scored points for the finishing place two more than the number of boats entered in the series. This changes RRS A9/OYC 17.2.

17.7 DIVISION OVERALL SEASON CHAMPIONSHIPS

Only races that start and end in Olcott shall count toward division overall championships. These races are listed under Schedule of Races 7.2. Sixteen (16) of the Twenty (20) races shall be scored allowing for four (4) throw outs. In the event of cancelled races the following list will determine throw out options: 15 of 19, 14 of 18, 13 of 17, 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.

17.8 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.