



Oakville Club Open Regatta Saturday August 19, 2017 Notice of Race

The Commodore 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. Oakville Club Open Regatta (OC 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 yachts in the Racing Division.
- 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.
 - Complies with the applicable equipment requirement of government agencies in her country of registration
 - While competing, 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 entry form.
- 2.4. Deadline for registration is 21:00hrs on Friday August 18, 2017.
- 2.5. Registration will be limited to 60 boats/skippers that have either pre-registered or submitted their completed registration forms to the club.
- 2.6. The acceptance of a registration application received after the specified deadlines 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. Class splits will be based on number of boats entered.

3.3. Class splits will be posted on the official notice board located on the west wall of the Riverside Restaurant prior to the start of the Skipper's Meeting.

4. FEES

4.1. We are happy to announce that there will be **NO FEE** for entering the 2017 Oakville Club Open Regatta. This is a true OPEN regatta for all boats wishing to register.

5. SCHEDULE

- 08:00-09:00hrs; Race kit pickup
- 09:05hrs; Skipper's meeting
- 10:25hrs; first warning signal
 - A maximum of three races, no warning signal being made after 1530hrs
 - A minimum of one race must be completed to constitute a regatta
- 18:00hrs; Poolside Party
- 19:00hrs; Awards

6. IDENTIFICATION

6.1. Division flags may be provided in the regatta packets.

6.2. 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.

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

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1. Regatta packets, including Sailing Instructions, will be available on the evening before the regatta at race check-in and will be posted on the Notice Board on the east wall of the Riverside restaurant. Additional changes will be announced at the Skipper's meeting and posted.

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.

Further details, specific to the race courses, will be outlined in the Sailing Instructions.

9. SCORING

- 9.1. The Racing Divisions shall be scored using the PHRF-LO handicapping system using the 'time on time' method of establishing corrected times
- 9.2. The Cruising Division will be scored on an assigned temporary PHRF-LO rating using the 'time on time' method of establishing corrected times
- 9.3. *Race ties will follow RRS rule A7. Series ties will follow RRS rule A8.*

10. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the boats placing first, second, and third in each class for the regatta. In addition to these keeper trophies, perpetual trophies may be awarded.

11. BERTHING

- 11.1. 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 Dockmaster, Larry Hardabura at 905.845.0231 extension 221.
- 11.2. Boats shall follow the directions of the Oakville Club Dock Master. Failure to comply with the directions of the Dock Master and/or crew or organizers shall be grounds for disciplinary action and possible expulsion from the regatta.

12. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

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

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid, third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$2 million CAD for Canadian boats and \$350,000 USD for US boats per incident or the equivalent.

15. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information can be obtained on the Organizing Authority Website: www.ocregatta.com or via email to the Oakville Yachting Committee's Race Director at racing@ocyachting.com.