



2020 Oakcliff Distance Race

Dates: July 13-14, 2020

NOTICE OF RACE

1. Organizing Authority

The Organizing Authority (OA) will be Oakcliff Sailing, Oyster Bay, NY.

2. Rules

- 2.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 2.2. Melges 24 class rules shall not apply.
- 2.3. Farr 40 class rules shall not apply.
- 2.4. The Oakcliff Shorthanded Sailing Safety Protocol shall apply to the Melges 24 fleet.
- 2.5. The US Sailing Safety Equipment Regulations (SER) Coastal shall apply to the Farr 40 and ORC fleets.
- 2.6. Changes to the RRS
 - 2.6.1. RRS 33 is changed to allow the RC to change the next leg of the course via VHF Radio and other electronic communications as described in the SIs.
 - 2.6.2. 60.1(a) is changed to not allow protests for any breaches of advertising rules
 - 2.6.3. Autopilots powered by an energy source other than manual force to steer to compass bearing may be used. This changes RRS 52.
 - 2.6.4. Competitors in the DH Melges 24 fleet observed by Race HQ, the RC or PC, including through live streaming media devices and recordings of on-board streams, not complying with Part 3: Safety Practices of the Oakcliff Shorthanded Safety Protocol may be disqualified from the Race without a hearing. Boats disqualified under this instruction shall immediately stop racing and return to Oakcliff Base. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
 - 2.6.5. The Sailing Instructions may change other rules and will make provisions for holding protest hearings via telephone on the water while racing changing RRS 63.
- 2.7. Cell Phones active on US networks must be provided by each competitor with their numbers registered with the RC. This changes RRS 41.
 - 2.7.1. They may be used for direct communications with the RC and PC for safety and protest matters.
 - 2.7.2. They may also be used for navigational and weather forecast purposes accessing information that is freely available to all competitors.

3. Advertising

- 3.1. For boats and equipment supplied by the OA, WS regulation 20.4 applies. Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.
- 3.2. Competitors may be permitted to display advertising ashore at the venue, but this is subject to individual negotiation with the OA.
- 3.3. The OA may allow competitors to display sponsor advertising on personal equipment.
- 3.4. Boats will not be permitted to right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising. This amends RRS 60.1(a).

4. Eligibility, Entry, and Crew:

4.1. For the Mixed Double Handed Melges 24 Fleet:

- 4.1.1. Up to six (6) teams will be invited.
- 4.1.2. Teams will be invited from 2020 Oakcliff Shorthanded Acorns, Saplings, and Staff. Interested sailors should apply for the Shorthanded Acorn program or contact Ethan Johnson, training@oakcliffsailing.org.
- 4.1.3. Entry fee is included in Oakcliff Tuition and includes Boats and Sails, provisions, training, coaching, and post-race de-brief.
- 4.1.4. The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be two comprised of one male and one female.
- 4.1.5. The total weight of the crew, including the skipper, dressed in at least shorts and shirts, shall be between 325 and 375 pounds.

4.2. For the Farr 40 Turbo Fleet:

- 4.2.1. Teams will consist of 2020 Oakcliff Offshore Acorns, saplings, and staff or teams invited by the OA.
- 4.2.2. Sailors interested in the Offshore Acorn training program should contact Ethan Johnson, training@oakcliffsailing.org.
- 4.2.3. Teams interested in requesting an invitation should contact Patrick Burks, regatta@oakcliffsailing.org.
- 4.2.4. Invited teams should register by following the instructions in their invitation.
- 4.2.5. The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be between eight (8) and (11).

4.3. For the Mixed Double Handed ORC Fleet:

- 4.3.1. This fleet is open to all boats with valid ORC certificates
- 4.3.2. The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be two comprised of one male and one female.
- 4.3.3. Register online on the regatta website: <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/wzUm2Dux8>
- 4.3.4. There must be 4 boats registered in this fleet by July 1, 2020 to maintain their own start sequence.
- 4.3.5. Boats of the same design with a minimum of 5 entries by July 1, 2020 may request their own start and to be scored as a 1 design class.

5. Fees

- 5.1. Shorthanded Acorn Tuition for participation in the Melges 24 Fleet is \$2,957 per person for the all-inclusive training program including the race and boat usage.
- 5.2. Offshore Acorn Tuition for participation in the Farr 40 Turbo Class is \$3,780 per person for the all-inclusive training program including the race and boat usage.
- 5.3. Mixed DH ORC entry fee is \$250 and includes 2 tickets to the awards BBQ.

6. Provisional Program

- 6.1. Oakcliff Offshore Acorn Training program July 7-19
- 6.2. Oakcliff Shorthanded Acorn Training program July 7-19
- 6.3. Safety at Sea July 7-8
- 6.4. Registration is July 12 from 0900 to 1700
- 6.5. Briefing for competitors: July 13 at 0900
- 6.6. First Signal is scheduled for July 13 at 1200, the RC and OA may adjust for forecasted weather
- 6.7. Target finish window July 14 between 1700 and 1900
- 6.8. Debrief and put away boats July 15 -16
- 6.9. Prize giving and BBQ July 16 at 1900

7. Venue

The venue will be the waters of Oyster Bay, New York, USA and Long Island Sound.

8. The Course

- 8.1. The Course will be comprised of government marks around Long Island Sound as distributed by the RC at the skippers meeting.
- 8.2. The RC may announce a course change via VHF radio, electronic messages, and phone calls before the first competitor starts the leg of the race to be changed. The RC will request confirmation from each boat racing. This changes RRS 33.
- 8.3. The Finish will be located in Cold Spring harbor or Oyster Bay Harbor.
- 8.4. Government marks are not marks of the course unless specifically designated by the RC
- 8.5. The Target race time will be 30-36 hours. The RC may modify the course during the race, at its discretion, to meet this target time. Failure to do so will not be grounds for redress.

9. Protests and Penalties

- 9.1. Decisions of an International Jury are final in accordance with RRS 70.5
- 9.2. The SIs will detail protest procedures that will include hearings by electronic means on the water changing RRS 63.

10. Prizes

Oakcliff prizes will be awarded to the top three (3) finishers of each fleet

11. Media, Images, and Sound

- 11.1. The OA shall have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge. This includes, but is not limited to, live internet broadcasting of video and sounds from on board devices, drones, and interviews.
- 11.2. Competitors shall not interfere with or disable any equipment placed on board by the OA.

12. Disclaimer

Competitors participate in the race entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. The failure of any of competitor to comply with any reasonable request of any Race Official or staff of the OA and its representatives may result in the disqualification of the boat, and its exclusion from the race.

OA Contact Information

For questions or more information regarding this event, please email: regatta@oakcliffsailing.org or go online to www.oakcliffsailing.org. For questions or more information on Oakcliff training programs contact training@oakcliffsailing.org or go online to oakcliffsailing.org.

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