

MAINE STATE OPTIMIST CHAMPIONSHIP

August 11th and 12th, 2014

BOOTHBAY HARBOR YACHT CLUB

BOOTHBAY HARBOR, ME

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2013-2016 *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, US Sailing Prescriptions, and the United States Optimist Dinghy Association (USODA), except as altered by the Sailing Instructions.

2. ENTRIES

Boats that have completed registration are eligible to race.

3. SAFETY

- 3.1 A Coast Guard-approved PFD (or foreign government approved PDF) must be worn and fully secured at all times while afloat, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. Whistles permanently attached to the PFDs are recommended. This changes rule 40.
- 3.2 A boat retiring from a race shall notify a race committee boat before leaving the course, or, when that is impossible, the Regatta Personnel immediately after arrival ashore.

4. CHECK-IN

Optimist Green Fleet shall sail in the inner harbor, and shall proceed directly from the BHYC Floats to the starting area. Optimist Championship Fleet shall sail in the general proximity between Tumblers Island and Spruce Point. Optimist Championship Fleet shall sail by the Bell Buoy at Tumblers Island as they head to the racing area. **Competitors on all lines shall check in with the Race Committee Signal Boat before the initial warning signal of the first race each day.**

5. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board(s) located at the main entry to the BHYC Club House.

6. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the SIs will be posted before **9:00AM** on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by **5:00 PM** on the day before it will take effect.

7. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 7.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at head of the BHYC main float gangway.
- 7.2 Flag AP with two horn signals (one horn signal when lowered) means, "The race or Harbor Start is postponed. The initial Warning Signal will be made not less than ten (10) minutes after AP is lowered." This changes Race Signal AP.

8 SPECIAL SIGNALS

Code Flag A (White and Blue vertical stripes) displayed with no sound while boats are finishing means "no more racing today."

9 SCHEDULE OF RACES AND OTHER EVENTS

Sunday, August 10th

4:30 – 6:30 PM Check-in and Safety Check

Monday, August 11th

8:00 – 10:00 AM Check-in and Safety Check

10:30 AM Skippers' meeting followed by Harbor Start**

12:00 PM First warning of the day

Lunch on the water*

Racing to follow

4:30 PM No warning signal after this time

Coming Ashore Sailor's Cookout at Boothbay Harbor Yacht Club

Tuesday, August 12th

9:30 AM Skippers' meeting followed by Harbor Start**

10:30 AM First warning of the day

Racing to follow

Lunch on the water*

2:30 PM No warning signal after this time

After racing Awards Ceremony ASAP

*or on shore at the Race Committee's discretion

** Harbor Start shall mean leaving the vicinity of the BHYC Floats

9.1 The distance from the launch site to the Championship Line racing area is approximately 1.5 nm.

9.2 Should conditions make it impossible to complete the scheduled number of races, the regatta shall be terminated and the results based on the races completed and scored.

10 CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be:

Class Optimist Championship Flag Flag with Class Insignia

11 RACING AREA

The racing area will be as shown in Illustration A, attached.

12 THE COURSE

12.1 The diagram(s), the order of rounding, and the side on which each mark is to be rounded or passed will be provided at the Skippers' Meeting.

12.2 The identifying letter of the course will be displayed from the Race Committee Signal Boat.

13 MARKS

Marks of the course will be colored inflatable marks. New marks will be colored inflatable marks. The starting and finishing marks will be colored inflatable marks except that the port end of the starting mark may be an anchored boat with an orange flag displayed.

14 THE START

14.1 Races will be started in accordance with rule 26 in Optimist Championship Class. At the discretion of the Race Committee, the Race Committee may give verbal time sequencing in addition to the rule 26 signal sounds, but shall not be required to. The Optimist Green Fleet will utilize a dinghy starting sequence.

14.2 The starting line will be between: (1) the staff from which an orange flag is displayed on the Race Committee Signal Boat at the starboard end of the line (looking upwind) and the staff from which an orange flag is displayed on an anchored boat at the port-end; or, (2) the staff from which an orange flag is displayed on the Race Committee Signal Boat at the starboard end of the line (looking upwind) and the course side of the port-end starting mark. At the option of the Race Committee, a mid-line starting boat may be utilized on the Championship Fleet Line in which case the starting line will be between the staff from which an orange flag is displayed on the mid-line boat and: (1) the staff from which an orange flag is displayed on the Race Committee Signal Boat at the starboard end of the line (looking upwind); and (2) the port-end starting mark or port-end anchored boat, as applicable.

In the one minute before the start, the race committee may notify the competitors of their status regarding the line.

14.4 A boat shall not start later than five (5) minutes after her starting signal. A boat starting later than five (5) minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes rules 63.1, A4.1 and A5.

15 RECALLS

The Race Committee intends to attempt to hail OCS boats after the starting signal. The failure to make or receive such communication shall not be grounds for redress and no other notification to any boat shall be required. This changes rules 41 and 62.1 (a).

16 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag or shape on a Race Committee boat and the course side of a nearby finish mark which will be on the opposite side of the Race committee boat from the starting line.

17 TIME LIMIT

The time limit will be 90 minutes for all classes. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat finishes or within the time limit, whichever is later, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes rules 35, 63.1, A4.1, and A5.

18 PROTESTS

- 18.1 Protests shall be in writing on forms available at the Front Desk of the main Clubhouse and delivered to the Protest Committee within 30 minutes after the time of the docking of the race committee signal boat for that competitor's course. Completed protest forms shall be delivered to the Race Committee by filing them at the Front Desk of the main Clubhouse and shall be marked as to the time of submission upon filing.
- 18.2 Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as practicable.
- 18.3 Protest notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a hearing or named as witnesses. This posting shall constitute the notification required by RRS 63.2 and RRS 61.1(b). Unless otherwise noted, protests will be held in the "Hill House" (the white house above the Club House) in the main room inside the entry door.
- 18.4 The following sentence is added to rule 66. "On the last day of racing, a party to the hearing may ask for a reopening no later than one hour after being informed of the decision." This changes rule 66.
- 18.5 Infringements of SIs 3, 4, and 22 are not protestable by another boat. This changes rule 60.1(a).
- 18.6 The penalty, if any, for an infringement of a rule other than a rule of Part 2 will be at the discretion of the Protest Committee and may be less than disqualification. This changes rule 64.1(a).

19 PENALTIES TAKEN AFTER A RACE

- 19.1 After a race, a boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while *racing* may take a Post-Race Penalty for that incident. The penalty shall be a Scoring Penalty, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply. A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by informing the race committee in writing and identifying the race number and when and where the incident occurred.
- 19.2 The Post-Race Penalty shall be
- (a) 20%, if taken before the protest time limit, or
 - (b) 30%, if taken after the protest time limit but before the beginning of a hearing involving the incident.

20 PROTEST ARBITRATION

When S.I. 20 - PROTEST ARBITRATION applies, a boat may take the applicable Post-Race Penalty as in S.I. 19 – PENALTIES TAKEN AFTER A RACE without participating in an arbitration meeting.

- 20.1 An arbitration meeting will be held prior to a protest hearing for each incident resulting in a *protest* by a boat involving a rule of Part 2 or rule 31, but only if each *party* is represented by a person who was on board at the time of the incident. No witnesses will be permitted. However, if

- the arbitrator decides that rule 44.1(b) may apply or that arbitration is not appropriate, the meeting will not be held, and if a meeting is in progress, it will be closed.
- 20.2 Based on the evidence given by the representatives, the arbitrator will offer an opinion as to what the protest committee is likely to decide:
- (a) the *protest* is invalid,
 - (b) no boat will be penalized for breaking a rule, or
 - (c) one or more boats will be penalized for breaking a rule, identifying the boats and the penalties.
- 20.3 A boat that may have broken a rule may take a Post-Race Penalty as provided in S.I. 20 – PENALTIES TAKEN AFTER A RACE. However, the penalty in S.I. 19.2(a) is available only until the protest time limit or until the beginning of the arbitration meeting, whichever is earlier. During a meeting, a boat may take a penalty by acknowledging her acceptance of the penalty in writing.
- 20.4 If a boat asks to withdraw her *protest*, the arbitrator may act on behalf of the protest committee in accordance with rule 63.1 to accept the withdrawal.

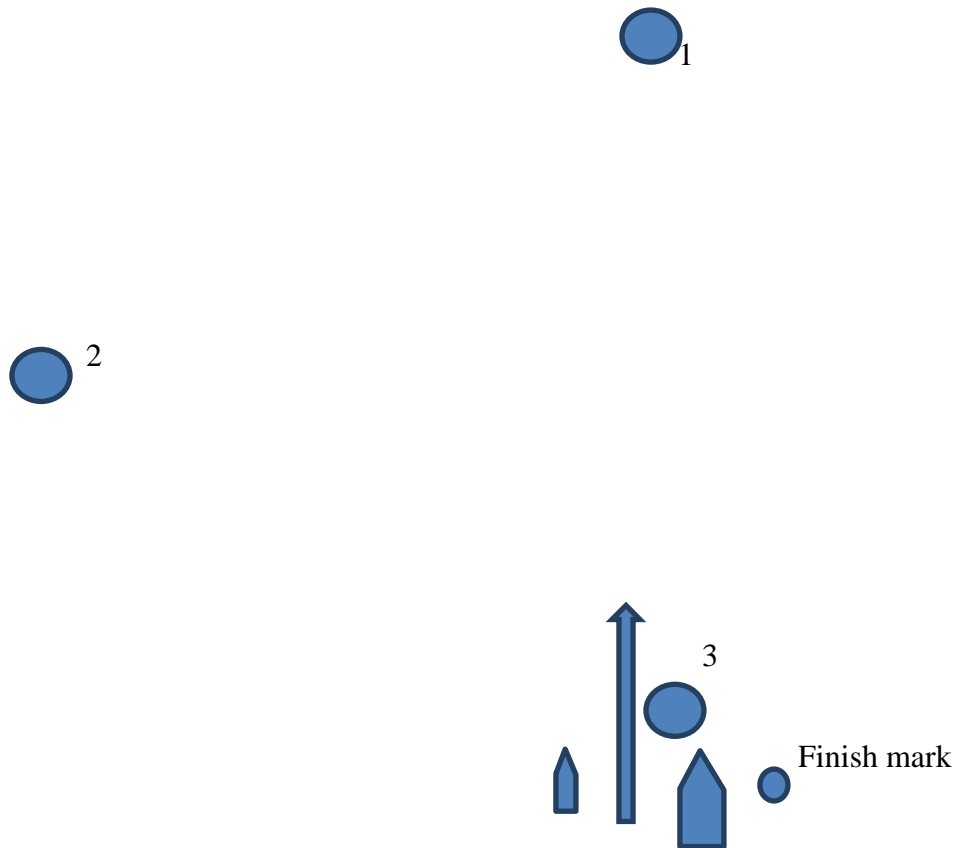
21 SCORING

The Low-Point Scoring System of Appendix A shall apply for all classes. A maximum of 10 races are scheduled, of which 1 race shall be completed to constitute a series. If 5 or more races are sailed, a boat's worst score shall be discarded. This changes rule A2.

22 SUPPORT BOATS

- 22.1 Except as noted in S.I. 22.2, team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall not be in the racing area from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement may result in disqualification or other alternative penalty at the discretion of the Race Committee all boats associated with the support personnel who do so.
- 22.2 Optimist Green Fleet: Coaching is encouraged during the starting sequence, around marks, and for staying generally "on course." Green Fleet support boats must identify themselves to the Race Committee and be careful not to interfere with any racing boats. Safety is paramount.
- 22.3 Coaches must wear fully secured PFDs while on the water. Other support people – Race Committee, mark and safety boat operators, parents, etc. – are strongly encouraged to wear fully secured PFDs while on the water.
- 22.4 All coach boats and other support boats/support personnel must agree to aid any competitor in distress or requesting assistance of any sort.

Course Diagrams: See Attached

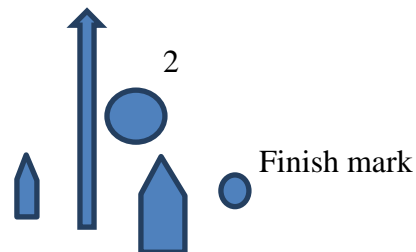


COURSE G:

G - Start, 1, 2, 3, 1, Finish

Finish shall be to the starboard side of the Signal Boat, opposite the starting side, assuming the Signal Boat is facing upwind

All Marks rounded to port/Finish Mark left to port



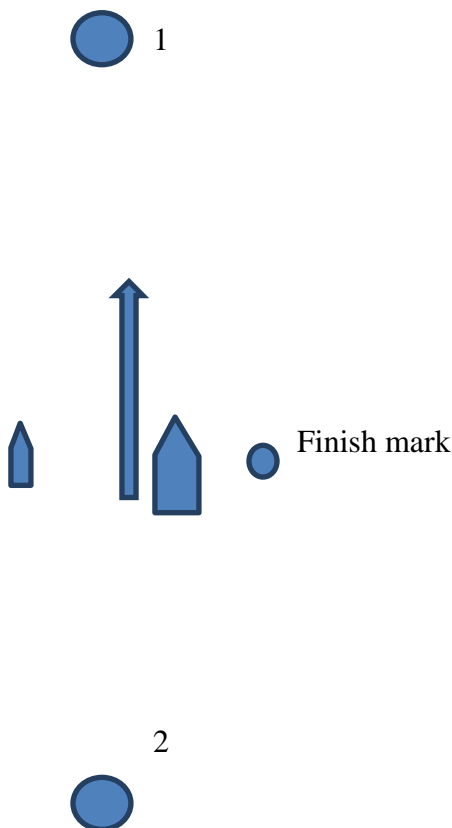
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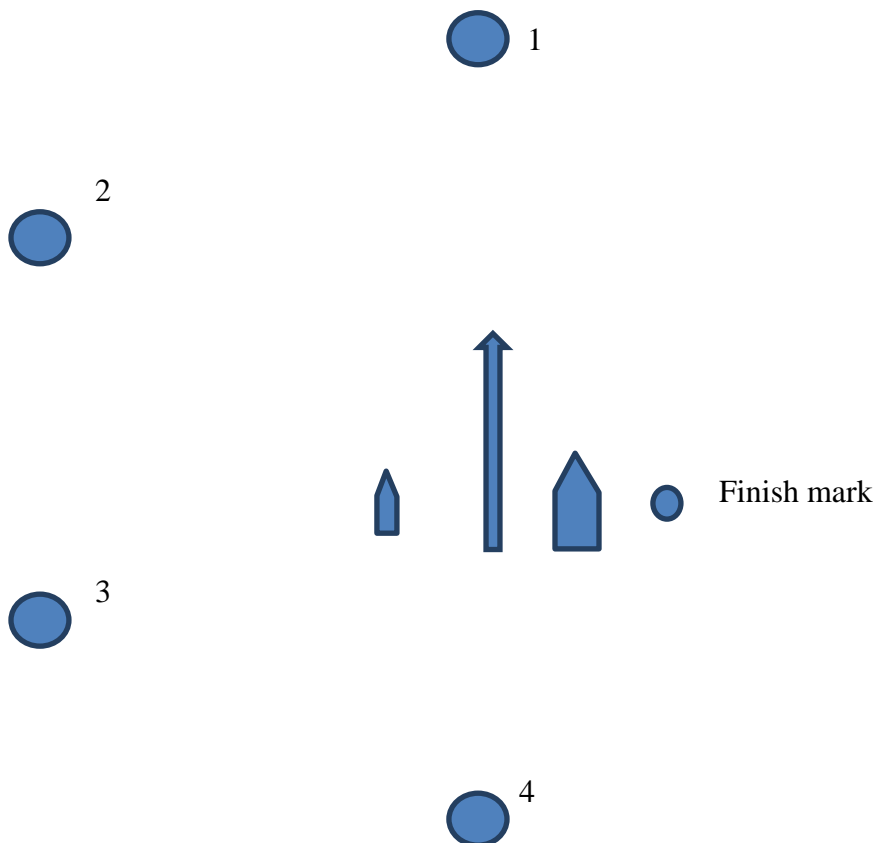
L - Twice Around (2X): Start, 1, 2, 1 Finish

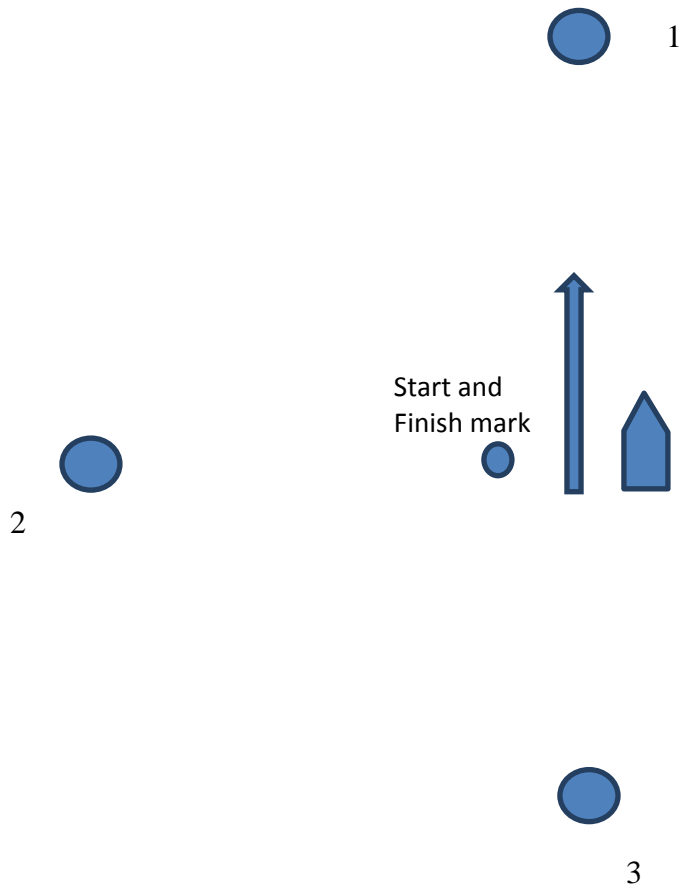
Finish shall be to the starboard side of the Signal Boat, opposite the starting side, assuming the Signal Boat is facing upwind

All Marks rounded to port/Finish Mark left to port

An Offset Mark may be set at the windward mark (Mark 1). If one is set, it shall be honored at each rounding.

**COURSE W:****W.1 Once Around (1X): Start, 1, 2 Finish, or****W.2 Twice Around (2X): Start, 1, 2, 1, 2 Finish****Starting Line and Finish Line are open on all courses****Finish shall be to the starboard of the Race Committee Signal Boat, opposite the starting side, assuming the Signal Boat is facing upwind****All Marks rounded to port/Finish Mark left to starboard****An Offset Mark may be set at the windward mark (Mark 1). If one is set, it shall be honored at each rounding.**

**COURSE A:****A.1 Once Around (1X): Start, 1, 2, 3, 4, Finish, or****A.2 Twice Around (2X): Start, 1, 2, 3, 4, 1, 2, 3, 4, Finish****Starting Line and Finish Line are open on all courses****Finish shall be to the starboard side of the Signal Boat, opposite the starting side, assuming the Signal Boat is facing upwind****All Marks rounded to port/Finish Mark left to starboard**



COURSE GF – This will be the course for all races in the Green Fleet and will not be posted – Course to be GF unless otherwise orally announced prior to the start:

GF - Start, 1, 2, 3 Finish

GF2 - Start, 1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3 Finish – Start and Finish Line Open

Finish shall be to the same side of the Signal Boat as the start

All Marks rounded to port