



HALLOWEEN HOWLER REGATTA
Coconut Grove Sailing Club – Miami, Florida
Saturday, October 24 & Sunday, October 25, 2015

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by “the rules” as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2. The following prescriptions of the US SAILING national authority will apply: 34, 40, 60, 61.4, 63.4, 67, 76.1, 82, L and R.
- 1.3. In the event of conflict between the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.4. Competitors must wear while on the water, other than for brief periods while adding or removing clothing, a properly secured personal floatation device which conforms to US Sailing Prescription Rule 40.
- 1.5. Class rules regarding qualifying events and championships will not apply.
- 1.6. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located centrally by the Regatta Desk on the ground floor of the Coconut Grove Sailing Club (CGSC).

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 hours on the day before it will take effect. All changes to the Sailing Instructions shall have the approval of the Regatta Chair or the PRO.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the CGSC flag hoist.
- 4.2. When Flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 90 minutes” in race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. Ten (10) races are scheduled with a warning signal on Saturday for the first race at 1100 hours. The Optimist Green Fleet will have a warning signal for the first race on Saturday at 1115 hours. First warning signal on Sunday at 1000, Optimist Green Fleet, 1st warning will be at 1015 hours.
- 5.2. On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1400 hours.

6. CLASS FLAGS

The Class Flags will be the following:

Laser Radial	White flag with Laser Radial insignia
Laser 4.7	Red flag with Laser insignia
Optimist Red/White/Blue Fleet	White flag with Optimist insignia
Optimist Green Fleet	Green flag with Optimist insignia

7. RACING AREA

Racing area for the Optimist RWB and Laser Fleets will be South of Brennan Channel, Biscayne Bay.
Racing area for the Optimist Green Fleet will be East of Ransom Everglades School.

8. COURSES

- 8.1. The diagrams in Attachment "A" show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The course length will be based on conditions.
- 8.2. On the Optimist RBW and Laser courses, no later than the warning signal, the Race Committee signal boat will display the course to be sailed on a white board on the starboard side of the signal boat. Letters will be used to designate the course (Example: O for Olympic, T for Triangle, and W for Windward Leeward). Competitors should look for Code Flag L on the Signal Boat, indicating that the course information is on display.
- 8.3. Boats shall not cross the start/finish line unless they are starting or finishing.

9. MARKS

- 9.1. The rounding marks for the Optimist RBW and Laser courses will be orange tetrahedrons.
- 9.2. The rounding marks for the Optimist Green Fleet course will be orange tetrahedrons.
- 9.3. New marks, as provided in instruction 11.1, will be the original mark.
- 9.4. A Race Committee boat signaling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in 11.2.
- 9.5. For the Windward/Leeward course (course "W"), an orange ball may be set as an offset to Mark 1 and a leeward gate may replace Mark 3 (leeward).

10. THE START

- 10.1. At the discretion of the Race Committee the starts may be rolling starts.
- 10.2. The starting line for the Optimist RBW and Laser courses will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat at the starboard end and either a yellow mark or a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee boat at the port end.
- 10.3. The starting line for the Optimist Green course will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat at the starboard end and either a yellow mark or a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee boat at the port end.
- 10.4. For races following the first race of each day, a series of short sound signals may be made approximately 1 minute before the starting sequence begins in order to attract attention.
- 10.5. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored did not start without a hearing. This changes 63.1, A4.1 and A5.
- 10.6. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 10.7. At the discretion of the Race Committee the Laser classes may be combined to start as one class. A decision to combine the classes will be posted on the official notice board.

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1. To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.
- 11.2. Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the Race Committee boat signaling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the Race Committee boat to starboard. This changes RRS 28.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1. The finish line for the Optimist RBW and Laser courses will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat at the starboard end and either a yellow mark or a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee boat at the port end.
- 12.2. The finish line for the Optimist Green course will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat at the starboard end and either a yellow mark or a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee boat at the port end.
- 12.3. Code Flag "R" displayed by the Race Committee Finish boat indicates the RC intends to run an additional race. This Changes US Sailing Prescription to Appendix L 5.6.

13. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 13.1. The time limit for each race will be 60 minutes for the first boat to finish.
- 13.2. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

14. PROTEST AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS

- 14.1. Protest forms will be available at the Regatta Desk.
- 14.2. In addition to the requirements in RRS 61, boats intending to protest an incident occurring in the racing area shall, immediately after finishing, notify the Race Committee finish boat of her intention to protest, including the sail number of the boat(s) being protested. This changes rule 61.
- 14.3. Protests must be delivered in writing to the Regatta Desk within 60 minutes after the Race Committee finish boat docks. The protest time limit will be posted on the Official Notice Board. Hearings will be held as soon as possible after racing each day in the room designated on the Official Notice Board.
- 14.4. Requests for redress must be made within 60 minutes after the Race Committee finish boat docks, or within 60 minutes of the incident, whichever is later. This changes Rule 62.2.
- 14.5. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
 - (a) Within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - (b) No later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.This changes RRS 66.
- 14.6. Breaches of instruction 1.4, 10.6, 15.6, 16, and/or 18 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Violation of the aforementioned instructions may result in any penalty that the jury deems appropriate up to and including disqualification.

15. SCORING

- 15.1. One race constitutes a Regatta.
- 15.2. When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 15.3. When six (6) to nine (9) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 15.4. When ten (10) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst score.
- 15.5. A boat scored CNF in accordance with 16.3 shall receive a score equal to the score she would have received without the penalty increased by a whole number nearest 10% of the number of registered in her class (rounding 0.5 upward).). This changes RRS Appendix A5 and RRS Appendix A11.

16. SAFETY

- 16.1. Boats not competing in a day's racing shall inform the Regatta Desk no later than 1000 who will then notify the appropriate Principal Race Officer.
- 16.2. Each competitor shall check-out and check-in when leaving and returning to shore at the Regatta Desk. The time limit for check-in is 60 minutes after the RC finish boat docks. Competitors failing to check-in during the time period may be protested by the Race Committee, and may result in disqualification of a boat from the day's racing. The protest time limit will not apply for these protests. This changes rule 60.1(a) and 61.3.
- 16.3. Prior to the warning signal for her first race each day, each boat shall check-in by sailing on starboard tack past the stern of the Race Committee signal boat and hailing her sail number until acknowledged by the Race Committee. Any boat failing to check-in shall be scored CNF on her first race of the day the infraction occurs. This Changes RRS Appendix A5.
- 16.4. Each competitor shall have a whistle attached to their personal floatation device for emergency purposes only.
- 16.5. A boat that retires from a race must notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

17. SUPPORT BOATS

- 17.1. Support boats must complete registration at the Regatta Desk before 0900 on Saturday October 24, 2015, and deposit \$20⁰⁰ to receive a support boat flag. The deposit will be refunded upon returning of the flag at the Regatta Desk at the end of the event. The deposit will be forfeited in the event that the flag is not returned before closing of the Regatta Desk on the last day of the event.
- 17.2. Support boat flags are as follow:
 - Coach - Yellow displaying an assigned number
 - Safety - Red displaying an assigned number
 - Spectator - Blue displaying an assigned number
- 17.3. Support boats may observe, and not coach (see 17.4 for exceptions), staying 100 yards outside areas where boats are about to race or racing from the time of the warning signal until all boats have finished or retired or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. Should the protest committee receive a report of a violation of this instruction or any behavior deemed to be improper, it may call a hearing to investigate the incident. It may report the infraction to their club, authority, and expel them from the premises of Coconut Grove Sailing Club after a hearing by the jury.

17.4. At the discretion of the Race Committee, Green Fleet coach boats may be allowed to coach the bottom half of the Opti Green Fleet.

17.5. Coaches, other support personnel, and spectators shall monitor VHF radio channel 72 for the Optimist RBW and Laser courses and VHF radio channel 69 for the Optimist Green Fleet course. The Race Committee may make announcements for information and safety purposes at any time. The VHF radio channels may be changed at any time at the discretion of the Race Committee.

18. TRASH DISPOSAL Refuse may be given to any support or Race Committee boat between races.

19. PRIZES

19.1. Prizes will be awarded:

Top three places: Laser Radial & Laser 4.7

Top five places: Optimist RBW Fleet

Top ten places: Optimist Green Fleet

19.2. In the Laser classes, should fewer than three competitors enter in any class, that class may be combined with another Laser class, and the results scored based on the Portsmouth Yardstick Handicapping System.

19.3. A decision to combine divisions will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

19.4. Participation ribbons will be awarded to all Optimist Green Fleet competitors.

19.5. Additional awards may be provided at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta 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.

ATTACHMENT (A)

