



**RYC El Toro/Opti Green & Opti Champ Fleet Midwinters  
2016/2017 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS  
El Toro/Opti Green Fleet and Opti Championship Fleet - December 3rd, January 7th,  
February 4th and March 4th**

**1.0 RACING RULES OF SAILING**

- 1.1 The series will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing for 2013-2016 (RRS).
- 1.2 Rule 40 is deleted and replaced with "Competitors are required to wear PFD's on the water. Wetsuits or Dry suits are required of sailors under 17 years of age."
- 1.3 Code Flag "Y" will not be displayed."

**2.0 ENTRIES:** Registration on-line at [www.richmondyc.org](http://www.richmondyc.org).

**3.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:** Notices to competitors will be posted on the RYC Regatta Bulletin Board located inside the Junior Room of Richmond Yacht Club.

**4.0 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** Any changes to the SI's will be posted and signaled before 0830 on the day it will take effect.

**5.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:**

5.1 All signals, postponements will be written and displayed on the bulletin board inside the RYC Junior Room.

**6.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES:**

Races scheduled as follows:

Skippers Sign in:

9am-10am

Skippers' Meeting:

Lower Deck of RYC

Race 1 First Warning:

11:00 am

Subsequent races shortly after completion of previous race

**7.0 RACING AREA:** The Racing area for Opti Champ fleet and Opit/El Toro Green fleet will be designated at the Skippers Meeting.

**8.0 COURSES & MARKS:**

Marks will be orange balls. Attachment A shows the race courses.

**9.0 STARTING:**

**9.1** Starting sequence for both fleets will be the 3 minutes sounds system as defined in Appendix X

**9.2** Boats shall not start more than 10 minutes after their class.

**9.3** The starting line will be between an orange flag on the committee boat and the starting mark will be a red can.

**9.4** For each fleet, the starting sequence for the next race will commence as soon as practical after the last boat of that fleet has finished.

**10.0 RESTRICTED AREAS:** The START and FINISH lines are restricted. A boat shall not cross the START line except when starting or the FINISH line except when finishing.

**11.0 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE:** To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the mark as soon as practicable.

**12.0: FINISHING:** The finishing line will be between an orange flag on the committee boat and the finishing mark will be a red can hop.

**13.0 SAFETY:**

**13.1** Competitors are reminded of Rule 1.2: It shall also be the sole responsibility of each boat to decide whether or not to start or to continue to race as noted in Rule 4.

**13.2** A boat which retires from a race is asked to notify the race committee either before leaving the course area, or if that is not possible, immediately after arriving ashore.

**13.3** All boats must carry an accessible 10 ft tow line attached to the bow of the boat at all times available for towing.

**13.4** Competitors are reminded that commercial vessels have the right of way at all times and violations are subject to protest by the race committee or organizing authority.

**13.5** The Race Committee reserves the right to ask some competitors or some fleets not to race due to weather conditions.

**14.0 SCORING:**

**14.1** The Low Point Scoring System, Rule A4 will apply. Series scores will be calculated using 1(one) throw out for every seven races. This changes Rule A2

**14.2** Monthly scores will be posted on line at [www.richmondyc.org](http://www.richmondyc.org) .

**15.0 SAIL NUMBERS**

**15.1** Competitor is responsible for verifying sail number at check in for each race day. Sail Numbers not in registration data base will not be scored.

**16.0 PROTEST AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS**

**16.1** Protest forms will be available on the RYC Regatta Bulletin Board at the RYC tent. Protest shall be delivered to the race committee representative within the protest time limit, which shall be 30 minutes after the race committee boat returns to the dock. The return time will be posted on the RYC Official Regatta Bulletin Board in the RYC tent.

**16.2** The schedule of protest hearings will be posted within 10 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearing in which they are parties.

**16.3** Protest Committee will hear protests in the approximate order of receipt.

**16.4** Sailors shall inform the Race Committee on the water of their intention to protest and whom they will protest.

**17.0 DOCK USAGE**

**17.1** All competitors are requested to respect others and follow directions by Club officials on use of docks in order to avoid inefficiencies on haul out or leaving the dock and hoist space. Unattended yachts taking needed dock space at the beginning of the day.

**18.0 AWARDS:** Awards will be presented on Saturday, March 4th, 2017 after racing has concluded for the day