



**South Carolina Yacht Club Optimist and O'pen Bic Regatta
June 10-11, 2017—Hilton Head Island, South Carolina**

South Carolina Yacht Club is the Organizing Authority

Sailing Instructions

1. Rules

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*. Optimist and O'pen Bic class rules are changed so that membership in a class organization is not required for participation in this regatta.

2. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the SCYC pool area near the SCYC Pro Shop.

3. Changes to the Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 8:00 AM on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 8:00 PM on the day before it will take effect.

4. Signals Made Ashore

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located near the lock at the entrance to Windmill Harbour or at the SCYC pool area. If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 45 minutes after flag AP is lowered.

5. Schedule

Saturday, June 10

8:30-10:00 AM—All competitors must check in at the check-in table near the SCYC pool and Pro Shop and shall have paid the entry fee and presented a signed Release and Waiver of Claims by this time. A signed Medical Consent form shall be presented if the competitor's parent or legal guardian may be unavailable during the regatta. All coaches and support boats must register at the check-in table at this time.

10:00 AM—Competitors' meeting near the SCYC pool and Pro Shop. Attendance is required for all competitors.

12:00 Noon—This is the scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race. Additional races will follow.

Sunday, June 11

10:00 AM—This is the scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race of the day. Additional races will follow. No warning signal will be made after 3:00 PM on Sunday.

6. Class Flags

Optimist Red, Blue and White Fleets—Optimist Class insignia on a white background

Optimist Green Fleet—Green rectangular flag

O'pen Bic Fleet—Numeral Pennant 1 (white with a red circle)

7. Racing Area

The racing area will be in Calibogue Sound near Windmill Harbour or the May River.

8. Courses

The courses to be sailed will be Windward/Leeward (letter **W**) or Triangle followed by Windward/Leeward (letter **T**). The race committee will designate the course by displaying on a white board on the signal boat a letter followed by a number indicating the number of laps to be sailed.

9. Marks

Marks will be inflatable orange buoys or round red or orange buoys.

10. The Start

Races will be started using the Audible Signal Racing System in Appendix U of *The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2017-2020* (three-minute sound signal starting system).

11. Starting and Finishing Lines

The starting and finishing lines will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of a round orange buoy.

12. Change of the Next Leg of a Course

To change the next leg of a course, the race committee will move the original mark or the finishing line to a new position.

13. Time Limits

For each fleet, the time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is 40 minutes. A boat failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in its fleet sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

14. Protests and Requests for Redress

Protest forms will be available at the check-in table near the SCYC pool and Pro Shop.

Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within 60 minutes after the race committee signal boat docks. Notice of the time limit and a list of

protests received informing competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses will be posted on the official notice board. Hearings will be held in a room on the second floor of the SCYC Clubhouse.

15. Scoring

Twelve races are scheduled. One race must be completed to constitute a series. When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When six or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

16. Prizes

Prizes will be presented on Sunday afternoon approximately one hour after the last race or when protest or redress hearings are completed.

17. Safety Regulations

Competitors shall wear a US Coast-Guard-approved personal floatation device while on the water other than for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. A thin shirt may be worn over the PFD to prevent snagging, but the PFD shall be worn outside all other clothing. A whistle shall be attached to the PFD.

Prior to the first warning signal each day, each boat shall check in by sailing past the stern of the race committee signal boat and hailing its sail number. The race committee will acknowledge the hail.

A boat that retires from a race or leaves the racing area shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

All coach and support boats must have a working VHF radio and monitor race committee communications on channel 72.

18. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. As a condition of their participation in this regatta, competitors and their parents or legal guardians release all claims they may have against South Carolina Yacht Club and its officers, directors, members, committees and employees for damage to property, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

Further Information

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