



**26th St Croix Yacht Club International Regatta
Optimist Circles
St Croix Yacht Club
Teague Bay, St Croix USVI
March 9 - 10, 2019**



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

- 1.1 Personal Flotation Devices (PFD) shall be worn by all team members, including Safety Officers, at all times while on the water except for brief periods while adjusting personal gear.
- 1.2 Once the warning signal has sounded, Safety Officers and /or parents must clear the nearest boat by no less than 200' and may not coach, handle lines, drive, or call tactics.

2 ENTRIES

Competitors may enter by completing the entry form on line at Regatta Network, paying the entry fee, and presenting the signed waiver at the St Croix Yacht Club during registration no later than 0830 on Saturday 9 March 2019.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at west side of clubhouse, facing the tee dock.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole on the east lawn. If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after flag AP is lowered.

5 SCHEDULE and CLASS FLAG(S)

A competitors' meeting will be held at 0815 Saturday 9 March in the east room at the SCYC. The warning signal for the first race will be:

Saturday, 9 March: 1000

Sunday, 10 March: 0930

Subsequent races each day will be held as soon as possible after the end of the previous race.

The class flags are:

Optimist – Advanced (red, white & blue)

Optimist Class Flag - White

Optimist – Green

Green Optimist Class Flag

6 RACING AREA

The Optimist racing area will be Teague Bay.

7 COURSE[S] and MARKS

7.1 All marks will be orange or yellow, buoys and tetrahedrons.

7.2 Attachment A shows the Optimist courses, course designations, and the marks in order of rounding. Unless otherwise stated, all marks shall be rounded to port.

7.3 No later than the preparatory signal (this changes rule 27.1), the Race Committee signal boat will display the course to be sailed on a white course board.

8 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

The Start / Finish line shall be an obstructions except for boats starting and finishing

9 STARTING AND FINISHING LINES; STARTING SYSTEM

9.1 The starting line will be between an orange flag on the RC signal boat and a nearby mark.

9.2 The finish line will be between a blue flag on the RC signal boat and a nearby mark.

9.3 The starting sequence will be

Green Optimists – 3 minute sound system; Appendix U

Advanced Optimist - Rule 26 with the warning at 5 minutes.

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

For green fleet Optimist sailors ONLY, rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty

11 TIME LIMIT

11.1 A boat starting more than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes rule A4.

11.2 A race may be abandoned by the race committee if the leading boat has not rounded the first mark within 15 minutes of starting. This modifies rule 32.

11.3 The time limit for each race will be 40 minutes for the first boat to finish

11.4 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat in their fleet finishes will be scored one (1) point more than the number of finishing boats and will be scored TLE. This changes rules 35, A4.1, A4.2, A5, and A1.

12 PROTESTS and REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

12.1 A boat intending to protest shall inform the signal boat, as soon as they finish.

12.2 Protests shall be delivered to the Protest Secretary at the clubhouse within the time limit. The time limit is 60 minutes after the signal boat has docked.

12.3 Protests will be heard in the approximate order received. All protests will be heard openly.

13 SCORING

13.1 If at least 5 races are completed, each boat's worst score will be excluded from her series score. There will be one throw out for every five races completed.

13.2 One race constitutes a series.

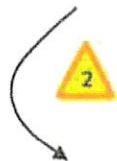
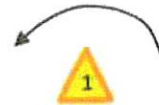
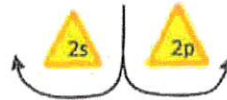
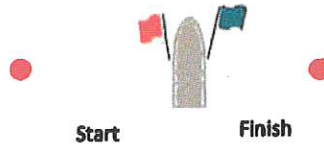
14 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

ATTACHMENT A - Course Diagrams



Opti Advanced
Course 1: start, 1, 2s/2p, finish
Course 2: start, 1, 2s/2p, 1, 2s/2p, finish



Opti Green
Start, 1, 2, 3, Finish

