



Coconut Grove Sailing Club – Miami, Florida

HOWLER REGATTA, X

October 31 & November 1, 2020



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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Abbreviations:

OA - Organizing Authority | RC - Race Committee | RRS - Racing Rules of Sailing | NoR - Notice of Race | SIs - Sailing Instructions | ONB - Official Notice Board

All hours are expressed in Local Time. *Daylight Savings Time ends 2am on November 1, so October times are Eastern Daylight Savings Time (EDT) and November times are Eastern Standard Time (EST).*

PLEASE NOTE: This version of the SIs incorporates Sailing Instruction Amendments 1, 2, and 3

1. RULES

- a. The Regatta will be governed by the “The Rules” as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- b. Class rules regarding qualifying events and championships will not apply.

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Notice to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) at Regatta Network. A complimentary notice board may be maintained at CGSC, but should there be a conflict the Official Notice Board at Regatta Network shall control.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the SIs will be posted by 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect. All changes to the SIs shall have the approval of the Race Committee (RC) Chair or the Course Race Officer (CRO).

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- a. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the CGSC flag hoist, and posted to the ONB.
- b. When flag AP is signaled ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 60 minutes” in Race Signal AP. This Changes RRS Race Signals.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- a. A maximum of ten (10) races are scheduled for the Opti fleets, and seven (7) races for the Lasers.
- b. The scheduled time of the Harbor Starts and 1st Warning Signals shall be as follows:

Class:	Saturday, Oct. 31 Harbor Start / 1 st warning:	Sunday, Nov. 1 Harbor Start / 1st warning:
Opti Green fleet	1015 / 1100	0915 / 1000
Opti RWB fleet	1000 / 1100	0900 / 1000
Laser 4.7/Radial	0945 / 1045	0845 / 0945

- c. Boats should launch from their respective clubs in time to check-in before the 1st Warning Signal
- c. On the last day of the regatta, no warning signal will be made after 1400.

6. CLASS FLAGS and OPTI CLASS STREAMERS

a. Class flags will be as follows:

Opti Green fleet	Green flag with Optimist insignia
Opti RWB fleet	White flag with Optimist insignia
Laser 4.7	Red flag with Laser insignia
Laser Radial	White flag with Laser insignia

- b. Opti Green racers will receive 2 green streamers, provided by the Organizing Authority (OA) in each registration bag. Streamers shall be displayed at the top of the sprit and on the handle of each dolly.
- c. Opti RWB racers will receive 2 orange streamers, provided by the Organizing Authority (OA) in each registration bag. Streamers shall be displayed at the top of the sprit and on the handle of each dolly.

7. RACING AREA

Opti Green fleet	East of Ransom Everglades School
Opti RWB fleet	Southeast of Brennan Channel, Biscayne Bay
Laser 4.7 and Radial	Southeast of Brennan Channel, Biscayne Bay

8. COURSES

- a. SI Attachment (A) illustrates each class course, 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 and exact configuration will be based on conditions.
- b. – Deleted 10/30/20 per Amendment 3

9. MARKS

- a. The rounding marks for the Laser and Opti RWB courses will be orange tetrahedrons.
- b. The rounding marks for the Opti Green course will be red.
- c. Change marks used in RRS 32 or RRS 33 will be the original mark.

10. THE START

- a. At the discretion of the RC, the starts may be rolling starts.
- b. The starting line for all courses will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Boat on the starboard end and either a yellow mark or a staff displaying an orange flag on a RC boat at the port end.
- c. A series of short sounds signals may be made approximately 15 to 20 seconds before the starting sequence begins in order to attract attention.
- d. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.1, and A5.
- e. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- f. At the discretion of the RC, the Laser classes may be combined to start as one class.

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the RC will move the original mark (or finish line) to a new position.

12. THE FINISH

- a. The finish line for Opti Green Fleet class will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Boat at the starboard end and a yellow mark at the port end.
- b. The finish line for Opti RWB class will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Boat at the port end and an orange mark at the starboard end.
- c. The finish line for the Laser fleets will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Boat at the port end and either a yellow mark or a staff displaying an orange flag on a RC boat at the starboard end.
- d. Flag "A" displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing means "No more racing today".

- e. Upon finishing, a competitor shall immediately sail clear of the finishing area, stay clear of boats that have not finished and remain a minimum of 50 feet from the finishing line.

13. **PENALTIES**

- a. A boat which fails to comply with SI 17.d (Check-in by Signal Vessel), shall be, without a hearing, disqualified for the first race completed the day of the infraction calculated as stated in RRR 44.3(c). This changes RRS Appendices A5 and A11. Penalty will appear as CNF (Check-in Failure).
- b. -- Deleted 10/30/20 per Amendment 2
- c. -- Deleted 10/30/20 per Amendment 2
- d. -- Deleted 10/30/20 per Amendment 2
- e. RRS/US Prescriptions Appendix V (Alternative Penalties) will apply. As described in Appendix V, boats may take penalty turns at the time of an incident when they have broken rules. For alternative penalties after the race, Appendix V.2 is amended as follows: (i) a boat takes the penalty by emailing richard.etkin@gmail.com and (ii) the penalty shall be a 25% Scoring Penalty.

14. **TIME LIMIT**

- a. The time limit for the first boat in a class to finish will be 60 minutes for each Opti race and 90 minutes for each Laser race.
- b. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat in a race sails the course and finishes, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5. The Opti Green CRO may, at his discretion, waive this rule for any individual Opti Green race.

15. **PROTEST AND REDRESS REQUESTS**

- a. In addition to the requirements in RRS 61, boats intending to protest an incident occurring on the race area shall, immediately after finishing, notify the RC Finish Boat of her intention to protest, including the sail number of the boat(s) being protested. This changes RRS 61.
- b. Protests must be submitted within the Protest Time Limit, which will be one hour after the RC Finish Boat for the fleet docks. The Protest Time Limit will be posted to the ONB on Regatta Network.
- c. (As amended 10/27/20 by Amendment 1) -- Protests and requests for redress not related to starting penalties shall be submitted electronically via email to richard.etkin@gmail.com. We will be flexible about requiring the actual protest form. At a minimum, please provide the name or sail numbers of the boat protesting and being protested, the incident, where and when the incident occurred, an email address, and a cell phone number suitable for texting.
- d. (As amended 10/27/20 by Amendment 1) -- Requests for scoring reviews for possible scoring errors and requests for redress relating to starting penalties shall be submitted by filling out the online form on **Regatta Network > Newsroom and Results > Scoring Inquiry**. The Link is <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/21294>. A cell phone number suitable for texting should be included in the description field on the form. Requests for scoring review and for starting penalty redress will initially be reviewed by the Race Committee. If resolved by the race committee, no hearing will be scheduled. If not resolved by the Race Committee, the competitor may request a hearing and the protest committee will proceed under RRS 63.1. See World Sailing Jury Policies 4.1 and 4.2 for guidance.
- e. If the race committee posts a list of boats scored OCS, UFD or BFD on the official notice board before the time limit in SI 15.2, then a request for redress based on such a posted score shall be made no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit. This change is added to RRS 62.2.
- f. (As amended 10/27/20 by Amendment 1) -- Notices will be posted on **Regatta Network > Newsroom and Results > Hearing Schedule** no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. The Link is <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/21294> Also, we will make a best effort to inform competitors by email or text that they are being protested and the time and place of the hearing. Hearings will be held in a virtual protest room, the location of which will be provided to parties and witnesses by the protest committee.

- g. Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted on the Official Notice Board to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b). Also, we will make a best effort to inform competitors by email or text.
- h. (As amended 10/27/20 by Amendment 1) -- Requests for redress relating to an OCS or other starting penalty shall state the procedural error the competitor believes the Race Committee may have made. Further, the competitor will be expected to establish that he or she started properly. This change is added to RRS 62.2. See World Sailing Case 136 for guidance.
- i. 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 62.2.
- j. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This change is added as the last sentence to RRS 62.2.
- k. Breaches of Instructions 17 and/or 18.e will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes Rule 60.1(a). If not specified in the SI's, violation of the aforementioned instructions may result in any penalty that the Jury deems appropriate up to and including DSQ.

16. SCORING

- a. One race constitutes a Regatta.
- b. Low Point Scoring System Appendix A will apply, except that RRS A.2.1 is changed as follows: When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series will be the total of her race scores. When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17. SAFETY AND REGULATIONS

- a. Boats not competing in a day's racing shall inform the Designated Safety Coach at their home club no later than 1000 on Saturday, Oct. 31 and no later than 0900 on Sunday, Nov. 1.
- b. -- Deleted 10/30/20 per Amendment 2
- c. -- Deleted 10/30/20 per Amendment 2
- d. Prior to the first warning signal on each race day, each boat shall check-in with RC by sailing on the starboard tack past the stern of the RC Signal Boat and hailing her sail number until acknowledged by the RC. Any boat failing to check-in shall be scored CNF on her first race of the day the infraction occurs, per SI 13.a. This changes RRS Appendix A5.
- e. A competitor retiring from a race shall notify an RC boat before leaving the course or, if that is impossible, notify the Designated Safety Coach for their home club who shall notify the RC.
- f. In addition to the requirements of Rule 40 and its US Sailing Prescription, a condition of entry and participation in this regatta is the wearing of US Coast Guard approved lifejacket or, for international sailors only, a lifejacket approved by their country's corresponding authority, properly secured at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while removing or adding clothing. Failure to wear a proper lifejacket will result in a penalty up to and including disqualification at the discretion of the RC.
- g. Each competitor shall have a whistle attached to their lifejacket at all times on the water. Its use is reserved to emergency purposes only.
- h. Each boat shall have a secure loop in the end of its bow line.

18. COACH VESSEL & SUPPORT VESSEL (PARENT & SPECTATOR)

- a. All coach and support (parent & spectator) vessels must register at the Coach and support site at Regatta Network, <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/21296>
- b. Except as provided in 18.c and 18.d, coach and support vessels shall observe and not coach, 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 RC 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 offenders after a hearing by the Jury.

- c. Green fleet coach vessels will be allowed to coach the bottom half of the Opti Green fleet.
- d. Certain coach vessels may be designated as support vessels by the CRO and given permission to enter the racing area for the purposes of support operations only.
- e. There is no dockage available for non-CGSC coach and support vessels. Non-CGSC coach vessels shall not dock at any time, except they may touch and go on the north and south dock (if the coach remains with the boat). Other non-CGSC support vessels shall not dock at any time. If a non-CGSC coach or support vessel is left unattended on any dock, then this violation of the rules may result in penalties up to and including expulsion of the vessel from the regatta.

19. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- a. No competitor shall carry onboard any communication device such as VHF or cell phones.
- b. Coach and support vessels shall carry functional VHF radios or cell phones for communications with the RC and OA.
- c. Coaches and support vessels shall monitor the class designated VHF radio (Opti Green 71, Opti RWB 72, Laser 73). The RC 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 RC.

20. TRASH DISPOSAL

- a. Refuse may be given to any RC support vessel between races.
- b. All skippers and crews must properly dispose of trash while ashore at CGSC or afloat. Trash left on the ground will not be tolerated. Further, while ashore, all skippers and crews are to promptly comply with instructions from the CGSC Staff.

21. PRIZES

- a. Prizes will be awarded as follows:

Opti Green	Top 5
Opti RWB	Top 3 RWB • Top 3 Red • Top 3 Blue • Top 3 White
Laser Radial	Top 3
Laser 4.7	Top 3

- b. Additional awards may be provided at the discretion of the OA.

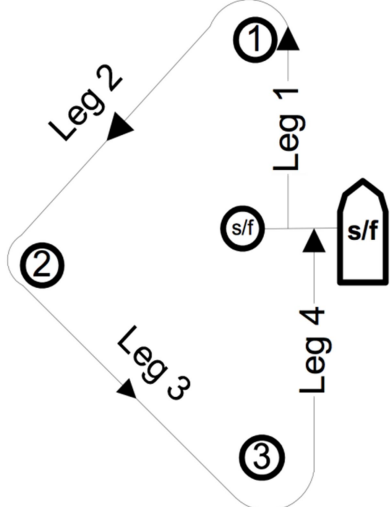
22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS rule 4, Decision to Race. The OA 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.

FURTHER INFORMATION

EVENT	Event Chair:	Elizabeth DEL RIO-HENRICH (Howler@CGSC.org)
	Registrar:	Steve HERMAN (sherman@dawton.com)
CGSC	General Manager:	Lauren SIMPSON (Manager@CGSC.org)
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RACE COMMITTEE	Chair:	Susan WALCUTT (racecommittee@CGSC.org)
	Chief Judge:	Richard ETKIN (richard.etkin@gmail.com)
OPTI GREEN	CRO:	Alberto OLIVO
	Scorer:	Elizabeth DEL RIO-HENRICH
OPTI RWB	CRO:	Russ SOBOTTA
	Scorer:	Mariagrazia BAZZONI
LASER 4.7/RADIAL	CRO:	James LIEBL
	Scorer:	Claudia DE OLIVEIRA

ATTACHMENT (A)

OPTI GREEN TRIANGLE	OPTI RWB MODIFIED TRAPEZOID
<p>Course: Start – 1 – 2 – 3 - Finish</p> 	<p>Course: Start – 1 – 2 - 3S/P – 2 - Finish</p> 