



## RIVER ROMP 2020

a US SAILING Junior Olympic Sailing Festival Regatta  
Where the Corinthian Spirit is Part of  
October 17 & 18, 2020

### ORGANIZING AUTHORITY (OA)

Edison Sailing Center  
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River Romp supports Clean Regatta practices  
Under Sailors for the Sea

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation “[DP]” in a rule in these Sailing Instructions means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than disqualification. The notation “[NP]” in a rule in these Sailing Instructions means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2. The US Sailing Redress Prescription stated in RRS 63.2 will not apply.
- 1.3. Under RRS 87, the one-design class rules for all boats shall apply except as follows
  - 1.3.1. [DP] The C420 Class has authorized that the C420 class rules 5 and 6, dealing with C420 sails need not apply. The use of “Non-Class Sails” (NCS) for the C420 class shall be allowed and the sail number and hull number need not match. Sail numbers shall be clearly visible, easy to read and non-overlapping. The numbers on the starboard side shall be higher. Numbers are not required on spinnakers.
  - 1.3.2. [DP] The International Laser Class Association (ILCA) has authorized that class rule 29(e) (sail number/hull number) need not apply: The sail number and hull number need not match. The use of a “Non-Class Sail” (NCS) for the Laser sails must meet ILCA measurements.
  - 1.3.3. Class membership shall not be required.
- 1.4. [DP] Participants shall abide by all local, state, and federal health and safety guidelines in effect during the days of the event.

2. **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS** All notices to the competitors will be posted on the official notice board located electronically on Regatta Network: [https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/21330#\\_home](https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/21330#_home)

#### 3. CHANGE IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. **Changes in the SIs** before 0900 on Saturday and before 0730 on Sunday will be posted on the official notice board except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before the schedule change will take effect.
- 3.2. Changes on-the-water will be made with the raising of code flag “L” with one sound. All competitors shall come within hail of the RC signal vessel to hear the changes to the SIs and shall confirm hearing the change by waving at the RC as confirmation.

4. **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE** If a postponement is signaled ashore (Code Flag AP and two sounds), the warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after Code Flag AP is lowered with one sound. This changes Race-Signals AP.

#### 5. RACING AREA and CLASSES (See Separately Posted Map)

- 5.1. All races will be on the Caloosahatchee River with the race area depicted for each fleet posted on the official notice board.
  - 5.1.1. Race Area A will be approximately one-half mile from the main venue. The RC signal vessel will display a flag with a green IODA insignia throughout the day. The IODA flag will not be used as a signal flag for the starting sequence.

5.1.2. Race Area B will be approximately one mile down river from Race Area A. The RC signal vessel will display a flag with the IODA insignia throughout the day. The IODA flag will not be used as a signal flag for the starting sequence.

5.1.3. Race Area C will be approximately two one-half (2 ½) miles downriver from Race Area A.

5.2. Race areas will include classes as follows;

5.2.1. Race Area A; Opti Green Fleet

5.2.2. Race Area B; Opti Red, White and Blue Fleets

5.2.3. Race Area C; C420, Laser Radial and Laser 4.7 Fleets

5.3. [DP] [NP] Colored class streamers, as provided by the OA, shall be displayed from the top of each boat's rig for only the following fleets:

5.3.1. Laser Radial-Blue

5.3.2. Laser 4.7-White

## 6. SCHEDULE

**FRIDAY, October 16, 2020:**

**1630 Friday On-Site Registration and Check-in opens**

**1700 Registration on-site and on-line closes for the event.**

**1830 Check-in closes for the day.**

**SATURDAY October 17, 2020:**

**0745 Check-in opens.**

**0900 Check-in closes for the event.**

**1030 Intended first warning signal** for Race Area B, (Opti Red-White-Blue) and Race Area C (C420, Laser Radial and Laser 4.7).

**1100 Intended first warning signal** for Race Area A for Opti Green Fleet.

**1700** No warning will be made after this time.

**SUNDAY October 18, 2020:**

**0900 Intended first warning signal** for all Race Areas.

**1300** No warning will be made after this time.

## 7. NUMBER OF RACES:

7.1. Contingent on weather conditions, it is the intention of the organizing authority and race committee to run as many races as possible.

7.2. Flag A displayed with no sound, while boats are finishing, means "No more racing today" for that class.

7.3. One scored race will constitute a series.

8. **COURSES** The courses will be as shown and described in Addendum One.

## 9. DESCRIPTIONS of MARKS, START LINE, FINISH LINE

9.1. **Description of the Marks for Race Area B and C** will be posted on the official notice board prior to 0900 on Saturday and prior to 0800 on Sunday.

9.2. **Marks for Race Area A** will be green marks.

9.3. **Race Areas A:** The start/finish line will be between a green mark and a staff flying an orange flag on the RC signal vessel.

9.4. **Race Area B and C:** The starting line will be between a staff flying an orange flag on the RC signal vessel and a staff flying an orange flag on a pin-end boat or a mark as described on the official notice board. The finishing line will be between a yellow mark and a staff flying a blue flag on the RC signal vessel. If a Clearance Mark is set off an RC signal vessel, it shall be considered part of the RC signal vessel.

## 10. RESTRICTED AREAS

10.1. [DP] **On Race Area C**, once starting sequences have commenced, prior to a boat's warning signal, she shall remain a minimum of 10 boat lengths below and/or to the side of the starting line.

10.2. [DP] Upon finishing, boats 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.

10.3. [DP][NP] Except with expressed permission of or as instructed by the race committee, coach and spectator boats shall stay in the Spectators Area at all times when the orange flag is flying on the RC signal vessel. This restriction shall not apply to registered coaches assisting in the training of Opti Green Fleet competitors. Competitors associated with boats not in compliance with these restrictions may be subject to penalties.

## 11. CHECK-IN/RETIRE REQUIREMENTS [DP] [NP]

11.1. Prior to the first warning of each day, each boat shall check in by passing astern of the RC signal vessel on starboard tack and by hailing her sail number until acknowledged by the race committee.

11.2. [DP] A boat that retires from a race or from racing for the day shall, if possible, notify the race committee before leaving the race area. A boat retiring and returning to shore shall report to the boat's designated point person assigned to her club.

## 12. STARTING AND CLASS FLAGS

12.1. Starts will be signaled in accordance with Appendix U AUDIBLE-SIGNAL RACING SYSTEM.

- 12.2. Rule 30.1 (“I” Flag Rule) will apply for all starts on Race Areas B and C.
- 12.3. In place of the “I” flag rule, the RC may choose to raise a starting penalty flag (code flag “U” or “Z” or the black flag) with a sound. The raising and lowering of a starting penalty flag will not be used as part of any starting sequence and will apply to only those fleets that are in a starting sequence when the starting penalty flag is flying. If no starting penalty flag is flying, rule 30.1 will apply. This changes Appendix U.
- 12.4. **Race Area C:**
- 12.4.1. The intended start order for the first race of each day will be in the order indicated below. There will be no class flags flown for any starts.
- C420  
Laser Radial  
Laser 4.7
- 12.4.1. Subsequent start sequences will be announced by the Principal Race Officer before the commencement of a sequence of starts and may not be in the same starting order.
- 12.4.2. STARTS FOR RADIAL AND 4.7 MAY BE COMBINED AFTER THE FIRST RACE OF THE DAY.
- 12.5. A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS (Did Not Start) without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.
- 13. RECALLS**
- 13.1. Per RRS Appendix U, no visual individual recall signals (flags) will be displayed.
- 13.2. The RC shall hail individual boats that are OCS. The lack of hearing a hail, the contents of a hail or the timing of the hail shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 13.3. If the RC signals a general recall for a class, the next start is for that recalled class.
- 14. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**
- 14.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new rounding or finish mark and lift the original mark as soon as practical. Subsequent marks to be rounded after setting the new rounding mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration.
- 14.2. On Race Area B and C, a new mark for mark 1 may be without an associated mark 1A.
- 14.3. In the event of a subsequent change of the course and the new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by the original mark.
- 15. TIME LIMIT**
- 15.1. A race in which no boats sail the course and finish within 60 minutes of the start will be abandoned.
- 15.2. Boats still racing fifteen (15) minutes after the first boat in her class finishes, and not thereafter retiring, being penalized or given redress, will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) by the race committee without a hearing and will be scored points equal to the number of boats that complied with RRS 28 plus two more points, but will not be scored more than the score for DNF. This changes RRS 35, A4.1, A4.2, and A5.
- 15.3. **Race Area A:** At the race committee’s discretion, boats not able to finish within the time limit will be given a finish position by the race committee and shall return to starting area for the next starting sequence. The purpose of this rule is to enable the race committee to start another race in a timely manner.
- 16. RADIO COMMUNICATION [DP]**
- 16.1. No competitors shall carry onboard any communication devices including, but not limited to, VHF radios and cell phones.
- 16.2. Coach and support boats shall carry functional VHF radios and cell phones for communications with the RC and OA.
- 16.3. VHF radio channels for each race area are as follows. Area A: 71; Area B: 69; Area C: 72.
- 17. REPORTS OF THE JURY AND RACE COMMITTEE (RC)**
- 17.1. Reports of the RC and Jury regarding incidents on the water will be posted on the official notice board no later than 15 minutes after the RC signal vessel’s dock time.
- 17.2. The Protest Committee will post on the official notice board actions related to Appendix P as amended by these Sailing Instructions.
- 17.3. The RC will report their actions related to boats scored DNC, DNS, OCS, ZFP, BFD, DNF and TLE and will include a list of those boats that failed to check in before her first race of the day and those boats that failed to meet sail number requirements as stated in the Notice of Race.
- 18. SCORING INQUIRIES, PROTESTS/REQUEST FOR REDRESS:**
- 18.1. Score Inquiry forms and Protest/Redress forms will be available on the digital official notice board and from the boat’s designated point of contact person.
- 18.2. Competitors requesting clarification on their scores shall submit a Scoring Inquiry Form to the boat’s designated point of contact person and go through the scoring inquiry process prior to filing a request for redress.
- 18.3. Any competitor requesting clarification on the action of the on-the-water Judges or Race Committee shall submit a Scoring Inquiry Form prior to the protest time limit.
- 18.4. **Protest Time Limit** is thirty (30) minutes from the time the RC signal vessel for that fleet has docked. The time limit for each Race Area will be posted on the official notice board.

- 18.5. Protests and requests for redress regarding incidents on the race course shall be delivered to the boat's designated point of contact person within the protest period.
- 18.6. Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted on the official notice board to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b). This will include hearings regarding those boats not meeting registration requirements.
- 18.7. As soon as practicable after the protest time limit, the Protest Committee will post a notice for the competitors of the schedule and location of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 18.8. Expedited Hearings ("Three Minute Hearing") will be held as soon as possible and may be held before the end of the protest time limit. Please see separate "Expedited Hearings" on the official notice board for details on this hearing process.
- 18.9. To facilitate learning, judges are available to discuss incidents on the water which did not result in protests.

## **19. PENALTY SYSTEMS.**

- 19.1. RRS Appendix P, as revised below, shall apply on Race Areas B and C.
  - 19.1.1. P2.2, "Second Penalty" title is changed to: "Second and Subsequent Penalties."
  - 19.1.2. The first sentence of P2.2 is changed to; When a boat is penalized a second time and subsequent times, her penalty shall be a Two-Turn Penalty as described in rule 44.2, unless the penalty is signaled after the boat finishes, in which case the boat shall promptly notify the race committee that she is retiring.
  - 19.1.3. P2.3 is deleted.
- 19.2. RRS Appendix V1 shall apply.

## **20. SCORING**

- 20.1. In compliance with USODA, the Green Fleet scores will be recorded and posted in sail number order.
- 20.2. The low point scoring system as described in RRS A1 will apply.
- 20.3. Each boat's series score shall, subject to rule 90.3(b), be the total of her races. This changes RRS A2.1 and this regatta's NoR 11.3 and 11.4.

## **21. TRASH DISPOSAL: [DP]** In accordance with RRS 55, a competitor shall dispose of all refuse in appropriate containers ashore.

## **22. OUTSIDE HELP**

- 22.1. [DP] Except for those boats in the last half of the Opti Green Fleet, boats shall not receive advice, instruction or any type of outside assistance from the time of her warning signal until she has finished the race. It is the intent of this rule to prohibit contact between the boats and any person, who in the opinion of the Protest Committee, is a coach, instructor, advisor, parent or guardian.
- 22.2. Parents, guardians, instructors, advisors and coaches may offer individual on-the-water instruction and group commentary and advice between races and on land following each racing day.
- 22.3. Assistance and coaching should be given to all competitors on as equal a basis as possible.
- 22.4. [DP] No parent, guardian, coach or advisor is to provide assistance on the protest or redress process.

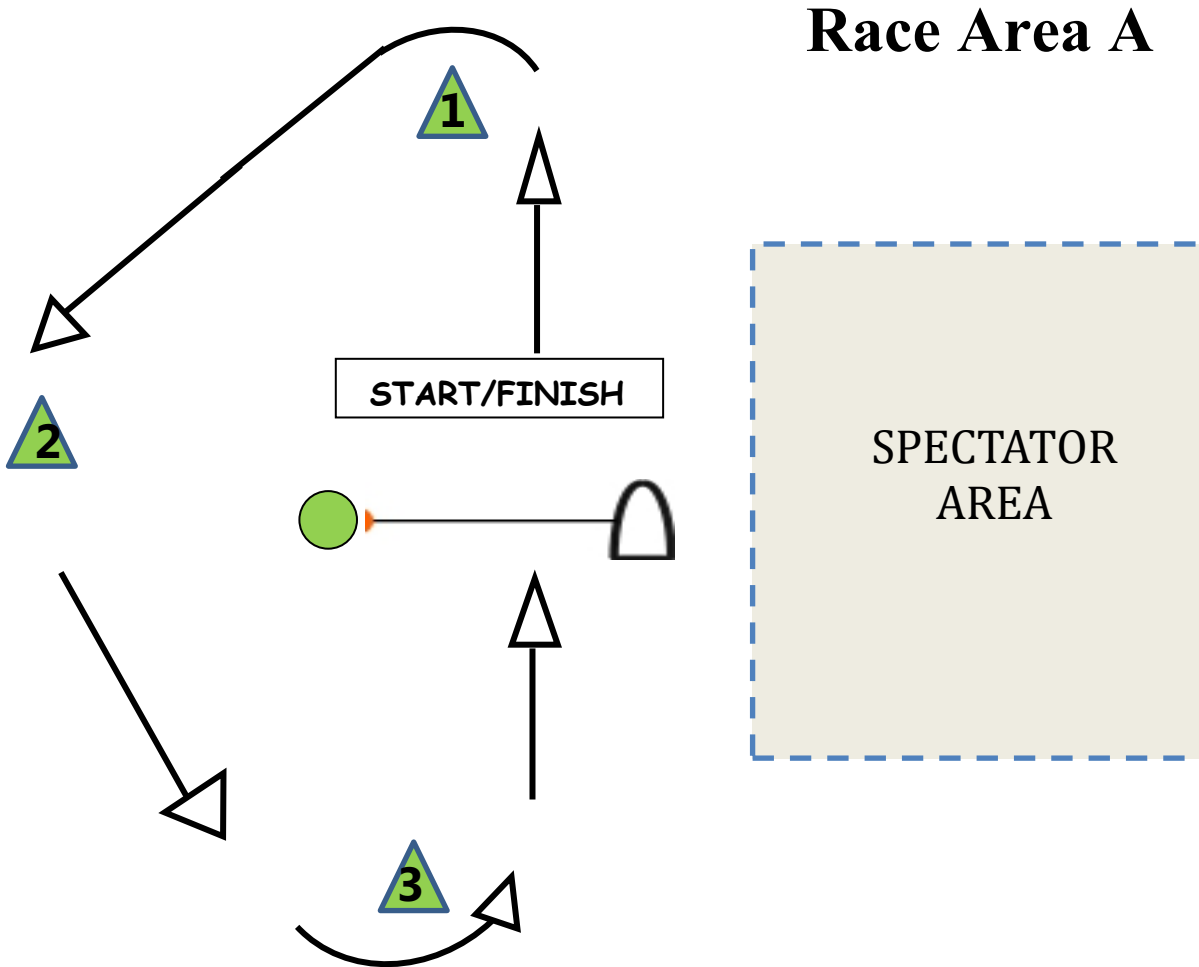
## **23. PRIZES**

- 23.1. Participation Certificates will be given to Opti Green Fleet competitors.
- 23.2. For all other fleets with at least six registered entrants, awards will be given commensurate with the number of entries.

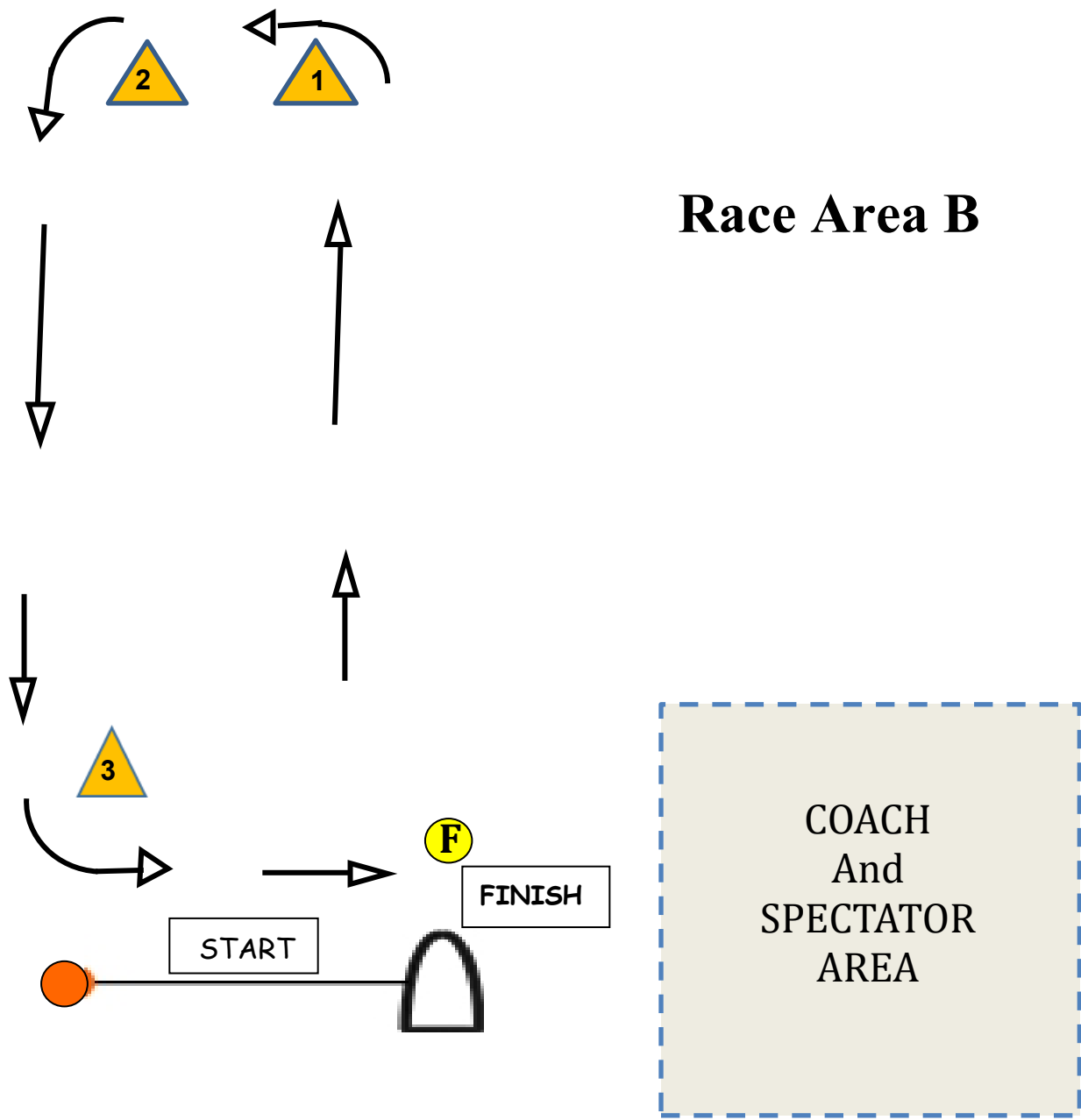
## **24. DISCLAIMER**

Competitors participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, illness or future illness or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta. An online waiver must be signed by all competitors and their parent/guardian.

**ADDENDUM ONE  
COURSE CONFIGURATIONS**

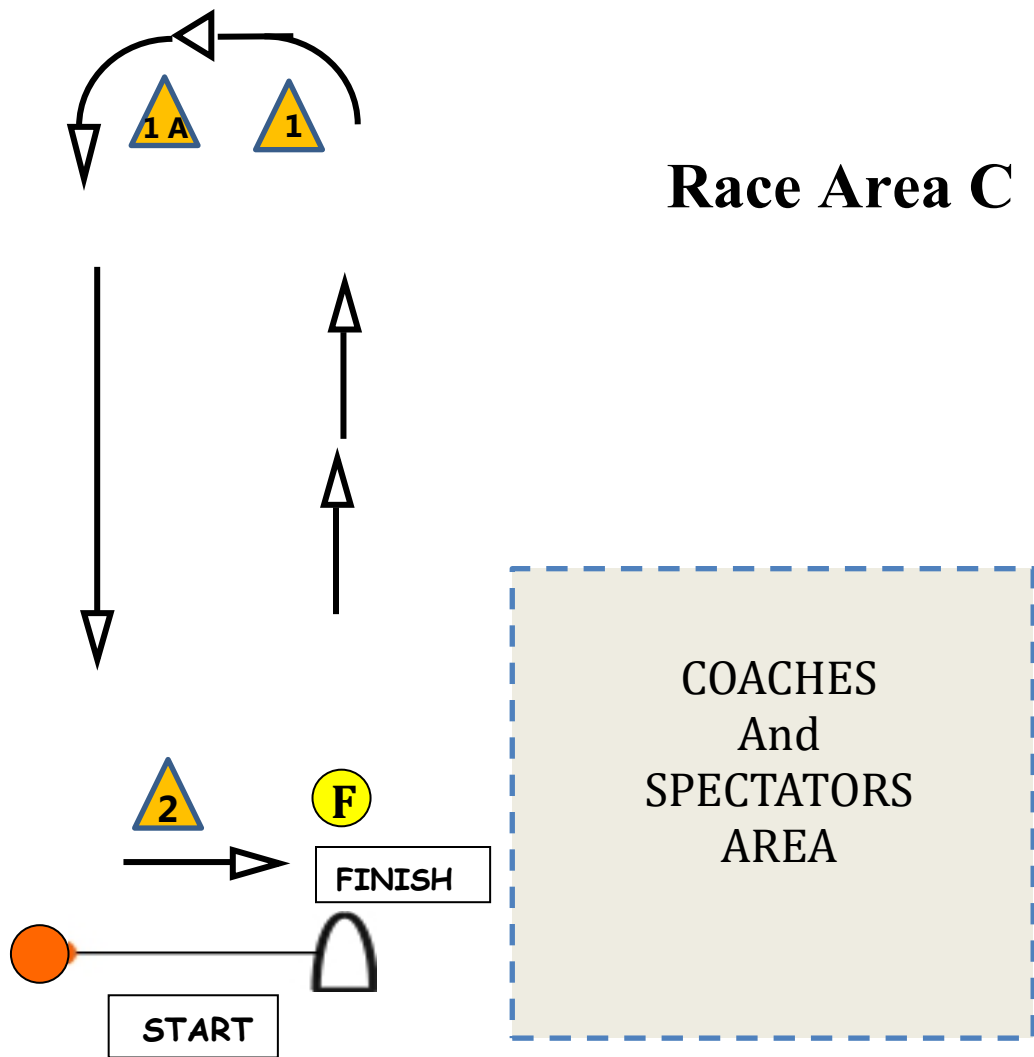


**RACE AREA A: OPTI GREEN FLEET**  
**COURSE:** Start-1-2-3-Finish



**RACE AREA B: Opti Red-White-Blue**  
 B1: Start-1-2-3-Finish in front of RC  
 B2: Start-1-2-3-1-2-3-Finish in front of RC

*Note: The Race Committee may choose to not have a mark 2 on this race course for all or some races after a course change.*



**RACE AREA C: 420s and Lasers**

**COURSE W1:** 1-1A (Offset Mark)-2-Finish in front of RC

**COURSE W2:** 1-Offset Mark-2-1-Offset Mark-2-Finish in front of RC

*Note: The Race Committee may choose to not have an offset (1A) mark on this race course for all or some races after a course change.*