

HOBCAW YACHT CLUB
59th OPEN REGATTA
10 and 11 July 2021
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
7 July 2021

1 RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. Appendix V1 and V2 are in effect.
- 1.3 The USS Prescriptions to RRS 63.1 and 63.2 are deleted.
- 1.4. The 2021 NOR for the 2021 SAYRA Jr. Grand Prix Championship Series for youth classes. This is a 2021 Jr. Grand Prix Championship Series saltwater event.
- 1.5 The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the Hobcaw Yacht Club Regatta Network webpage <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/22704>
(Text and email will be sent to those registered).

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted within 30 minutes after the Skipper's meeting on 10 July 2021 or before 1100 on 11 July 2021. Any changes to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2 For oral changes to the sailing instructions on the water the following process will be used: The "L" flag with one sound before the warning signal will be used to signal a change to the sailing instructions. Boats will come to the RC boat and receive verbal instructions for the change. The "L" flag will stay up while the RC is communicating the change. After the change has been announced then the "L" flag will be dropped with one sound. The next signal will be made one minute later.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Boatyard Flagstaff.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 10 minutes' for race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Racing is scheduled as follows:

Saturday July 10	0900-1045	Registration Package Pick Up at HYC Clubhouse
	1100	Welcome and Skipper's Meeting outside in boatyard
	1230	First Warning, all courses Race(s) to follow immediately
Sunday, July 11	1200	First Warning, all courses Race(s) to follow immediately
		Awards Ceremony following Protest Hearings

5.2 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1600.

6 CLASS FLAGS

Circle 1 Youth

Club 420	420 White Class Flag (this class may be move to Circle 2)
Optimist	Optimist White Class Flag
Open BIC	Yellow Flag

Circle 2

Laser Full	Laser White ILCA Class Flag
Laser Radial	Laser Green ILCA Class Flag
Laser 4.7	Laser Yellow ILCA Class Flag
Sunfish	Sunfish Blue w/ White fish Class Flag

Circle 3

Lightning	Lightning White Class Flag
SIOD	SIOD Blue 50 th Pendant
VX One	White
Y-Flyer	Yellow

Additional classes registering will be announced at the skipper meeting

7 RACING AREAS

The racing areas will be from the mouth of the Wando River to the I-526 Bridge. Due to wind conditions some on-the-water change to circle locations may occur. Each Circle Signal Boat will have a white flag with circle number displayed.

8 THE COURSES

8.1 The courses are described on the course sheets (Attachment A is Circle 1 and Attachment B for Circles 2 and 3).

8.2 The Optimist Green Fleet will have their course right off the HYC Dock. This course may be moved to a sheltered location.

8.3 The course to be sailed will be communicated by a number flag or use of a white board.

9 MARKS

9.1 Circle 1 marks 1, 2 and 3 will be 2.5 foot yellow Tetrahedrons for the Optimists and Open BIC classes.

Club 420 class mark 1 will be an Orange 2.5 foot tetrahedron for the weather mark and marks 2 and 3 will be 2.5 foot yellow Tetrahedrons.

9.2 Circle 2 Marks 1 and 2 will be 5.5 foot Yellow tetrahedrons.

9.3 Circle 3 Marks 1 and 2 will be 5.5 foot Orange tetrahedrons.

9.4 The port end starting mark for Circle 1 will be a Pin boat with Orange flag or Orange ball.

9.5 The port end starting mark for Circles 2 and 3 will be a White ball.

9.6 The finishing mark for Circle 1 will be a White ball.

9.7 The finishing mark for Circles 2 and 3 will be a Lime 2.5 foot tetrahedron.

9.8 The change mark for Circles 2 and 3 will be indicated by the presence of a black band on the same color mark being used by that circle.

9.9 The Circle's Race Committee Signal boat is a mark at the start and at the finish line. The signal boat may have a stand off buoy attached and is part of the mark.

10 THE START

- 10.1 On Circles 2 and 3, races will be started by using rule 26.
- 10.2 Circle 1 will use Appendix U (3-minute sound-signal starts) as amended to allow use of RRS 30.3 and RRS30.4. The class flag shall be displayed at the 3 minute warning signal. The Preparatory Signal will be made at the 2 minutes mark with two long sounds. At the Preparatory Signal, if a Starting Penalty is to be used, it will be displayed. The Preparatory down at 1 minute with Long sound will start the penalty period if RRS 30.3/4 are being used. At the starting signal, class flag is removed.
- 10.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 10.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area. [DP]
- 10.4 “A boat that has not met the definition of start by 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start”. This is added as the last sentence to rule A5.1.

11 THE FINISH

- 11.1 The finishing line for all Circles is a staff displaying a Blue flag on the race committee boat and the course side of the Circle’s finishing mark.
- 11.2 Boats who are not finishing shall avoid the finishing area. Only the RC may protest a boat if this rule is broken. [DP]

12 PENALTIES

- 12.1 PENALTIES AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT (RRS V1) - The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a one turn penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark her penalty shall be a two-turns penalty.'
- 12.2 PENALTIES TAKEN AFTER A RACE (RRS V2) - After a race a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or RRS 31 in an incident while racing may take a Post-Race penalty at any time after the race until the beginning of a protest hearing involving the incident. A boat takes the penalty by delivering a written notice to the Race Office that identifies the race number and when and where the incident occurred. The penalty shall be a 30% Scoring Penalty, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rules 44.1(a) applies, and the penalty shall not be taken after a protest hearing involving the incident has started.

13 TIME LIMITS

- 13.1 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in the class sails the course as stated in RRS 28 and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired, TLE. TLE is added to rules A4.1 and A5.
- 13.2 If a boat(s) in last place in a race is delaying the start of another race, the race committee may score that boat(s) in the place she would have finished to help get the next race started.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1 Protest forms and Post-Race Penalty forms are available in the front room in the main club house. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit. You can choose to submit an electronic protest form then emailed to ashtonsh1@gmail.com, (see US Sailing RRS app for electronic form).
- 14.3 For each class, the protest time limit is 30 minutes after the Committee Boat for that class has docked for the day.
- 14.4 Notices of scheduled protest or requests for redress hearings will be posted at the end of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or may be parties affected by a request for redress. The hearing schedule will be posted on <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/22704>.
- 14.5 Hearings will be held in the Wando Room upstairs Pool house.
- 14.6 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted on the official notice board to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

15 SCORING

15.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.

15.2 An unlimited number of races are planned. When six races have been completed, each boat will exclude her worst score. When less than six races have been completed, each boat's series score will be the total of all races scored.

15.3 One race will constitute a regatta.

15.4 Optimist fleets will be scored as used by USODA.

15.5 All boats who are scored TLE will received the number of boats that have finished plus two but no more than DNF.

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP]

16.1 All boats shall check with the Race Committee signal boat prior to their first warning of the day.

16.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

16.3 Commercial Shipping traffic has right-of-way and is a privileged vessel.

16.4 Only the RC or PC may protest a boat under SI rule 16. This is an addition to rules 60.2(a) and 60.3(a1).

17 SUPPORT BOATS

Team leaders, coaches, parents and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the warning signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

18 PRIZES

1st – 3rd places of boats in each class. The Michele Poulnot Trophy will be awarded to the top female competitor in the regatta.

19 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority 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.