



**2021 Midlands Regatta
November 6, 7
COLUMBIA SAILING CLUB**

**Junior Course Sailing Instructions (SI)
O'pen Skiff, Opti, and Opti Green Fleet**

- 1) **Organizing Authority** - This regatta is organized by the Columbia Sailing Club (CSC).
- 2) **Rules** - The regatta will be governed by the “rules” as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (RRS), Notice of Race (NOR) and these SI's.] Rule 40.1 applies at all times while afloat, this means a PFD must be worn at all times on the water.
- 3) **Entries** - Eligible boats may enter by registering with the CSC as stipulated in the NOR.
- 4) **Notice to Competitors** - Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) located on the west end of the porch of the CSC Clubhouse.
- 5) **Changes in SI**
 - a) Any change will be posted either within 20 minutes after the Competitor's Meeting or before 1900 on the day before it will take effect.
 - b) Oral changes to the SI may be given on the water in accordance with RRS 90.2 (c). When the “L” flag is raised with one sound on the Race Committee (RC) signal vessel, all competitors must come by the Race Committee (RC) signal vessel stern on starboard and acknowledge the change.
- 6) **Signals made ashore**
 - a) Signals made ashore will be displayed on the yardarm in front of the CSC Clubhouse.
 - b) Flag AP means “The race is postponed”. The warning signal will not be made less than 30 minutes after AP is lowered. This changes RRS “Race Signals.”
- 7) **Schedule**

Saturday, November 6, 2021

1100 Competitors' Meeting on CSC front porch.

1230 Warning signal for the first race; other races to follow.

Sunday November 7 2021

1000 Warning signal, racing continues.

1300 No starting sequence will begin after this time.
Awards Ceremony following Protest Hearings.

8) Class Flag

Opti: Opti class flag
Opti Green: Opti Green Flag
Open Skiff: Open Skiff Class Flag

9) Racing area – In front of Columbia Sailing Club on Lake Murray.

10) Courses – As described in Attachment A

11) Marks

- a) All marks will be small yellow, or small green inflatable tetrahedron marks; orange cylinder marks; or blue ball marks. The Bridge of Doom is considered a mark of the course for the O'pen Skiff Class.
- b) The finish marks will be a RC vessel displaying an blue flag on a staff and a red fender ball.

12) The Start

- a) On Division 4, races will be started using a 3-minute whistle (or horn) start. This changes RRS 26.
 - 3 minutes before the start 3 long whistle blasts
 - 2 minutes before the start 2 long whistle blasts
 - 1 minute before the start 1 long whistle blast
 - 30 seconds before the start 3 short whistle blasts
 - 20 seconds before the start 2 short whistle blasts
 - 10 seconds before the start 1 short whistle blast
 - Followed by a countdown at 5, 4, 3, 2, and 1 second before the start
 - The start will be signaled by 1 long whistle blast
- b) The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal vessel at the starboard end of the line and a yellow tetrahedron at the port end.
- c) Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- d) A boat that has not met the definition of start by 3 minutes after the starting signal will be scored "Did Not Start".

13) The Finish

- a) The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an blue flag on a the signal vessel and a staff displaying a blue flad on a second race committee vesel.
- b) Flag A displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing means 'No more racing today.'

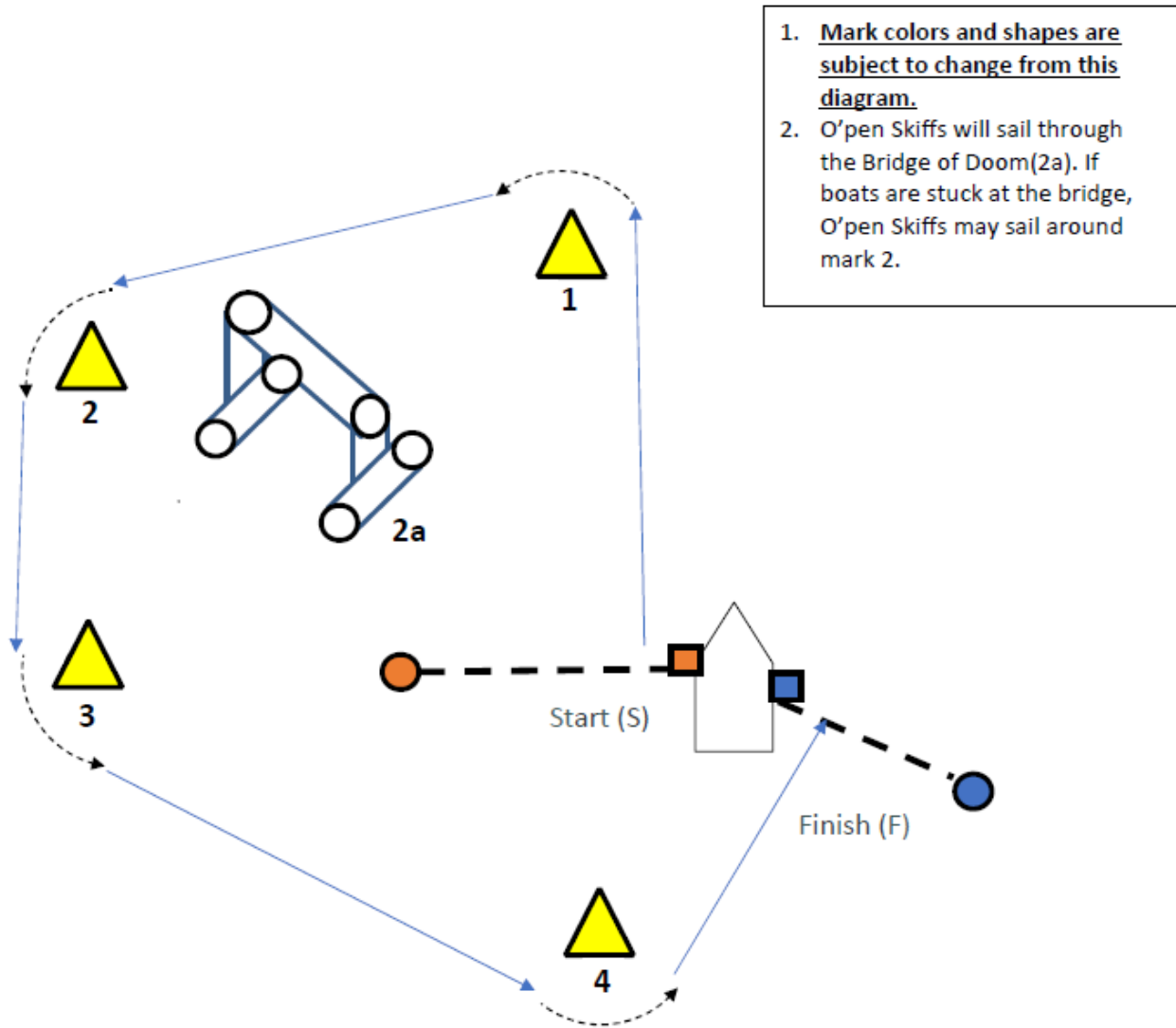
14) Penalty System – The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one of more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while *racing*. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the *zone* around a *mark* other than a starting *mark*, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.'

- 15) Time Limits** - Boats that have not retired and are still racing but fail to finish within 15 minutes of the first place boat in their class flag start (all boats that started under their class flag) shall be scored Did not Finish, DNF. This changes RRS 35, A4.2.
- 16) Retirement** - A boat which retires from the race shall notify the RC before leaving the race area, or notify the RC personnel on shore.
- 17) Protests**
- a) Protest forms and Post-Race Penalty forms are available in the main club house. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
 - b) The protesting boat shall deliver a written protest to the protest committee within the 30 minute protest time limit. It begins when the signal vessel docks with one sound. The docking time will be posted on the ONB.
 - c) Protest notices will be posted within 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors when and where there is a hearing that they are a party to or witness.
 - d) RRS 66 is changed by adding this sentence: "On the last day of racing a *party* to a hearing may ask for a reopening no later than 30 minutes after being informed of the decision.
- 18) Scoring** - A minimum of one (1) race must be completed to constitute this regatta. After five (5) races are completed each boat's score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score that is not non-excludable (RRS 90.3b). This modifies RRS A2.
- 19) Prizes** - Awards will be awarded to the top 3 finishers in each class.
- 20) Safety**
- a) A PFD shall be worn by all sailors.
 - b) The safety of a boat is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the skipper who must decide whether or not to start or continue racing.
- 21) 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.
- 22) Radio Communication** - The Junior Course Committee will use VHF channel 74 unless otherwise directed by the Principal Race Officer.
- 23) 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 any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.
- 24) No Discharging Trash** - Any competitor observed discharging trash into the waters at any location will, after a hearing be scored **DSQ** for all races that day. All RC and safety vessels will gladly receive your trash.

ATTACHMENT A

Small Junior Dinghy Course

Opti, Opti Green, O'pen Skiff



Opti	
COURSE NO.	T (Trapezoid)
T1	S-1-2-3-4-F
T2	S-1-2-3-4-1-2-3-4-F

O'pen Skiff	
COURSE NO.	T (Windward-Leeward)
T1	S-1-2a-3-4-F
T2	S-1-2a-3-4-2a-3-4-F