2021 NS Provincial Optimist Championship August 30-31, 2021



1. RULES

- **1.1.** The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 24.
- **1.2.** The prescriptions of Sail Canada shall apply.
- **1.3.** The Optimist class prescriptions shall apply.
- **1.4.** Should there be a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official notice board located at the Hubbards Sailing Club.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions shall be posted before 10:00 a.m. on the day it will take effect. Any

changes to the schedule of races shall be posted by 6:00pm (1800) prior to the day they will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 1. Signals made ashore shall be displayed at the HSC flagpole.
- 2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP. When the AP flag is flown ashore, competitors shall not launch their boats.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1. Dates of racing: Monday August . 30th and Tuesday August. 31st, 2021.

Registration Monday, Aug 30th 0830 hrs to 0930 hrs

Snack pick-up Monday, Aug 30th 0900 hrs to 0930 hrs

Skippers Meeting Monday, Aug 30th 0930 hrs

First Warning Signal Monday, Aug 30th 1100 hrs

Snack pick-up Monday, Aug 31st 0900 hrs to 0930 hrs

First Warning Signal Tuesday, Aug 31th 1100 hrs

Last Warning Signal Tuesday, Aug 31th 1500 hrs

Awards Tuesday, Aug 31th 1630 hrs

2. Up to 5 races per day will be sailed with no more than 10 races in total for the series. The Race Committee may run one extra race on a day provided that they do not get more then one race ahead of schedule and do not exceed the number of total races scheduled for the event.

3. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the race committee will make a VHF broadcast to the coaches.

4. On the last day of the regatta no race shall be started after 1500 hrs.

6. THE COURSES - Racing shall take place on St. Margaret's Bay

- **6.1.** The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses and the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The Race Committee shall display which course is to be sailed by using a course board displayed from the upper railing of the signal vessel no later than the warning signal for each class.
- **6.2.** The course board shall display, from left to right, the course number.

6.3. Additional identifiers, if required, shall be announced at the competitor's meeting (SI 5.1).

7. MARKS

7.1. Mark 1 of the Championship Fleet, will be a yellow tetrahedron and mark 2 will be a yellow tetrahedron .

7.2. Mark 1 of the Green Fleet course will be a yellow inflatable tetrahedrons and Mark 2 will be a mooring ball.

7.3. The port end of the Start line for both Championship Fleet and Green Fleet shall be an inflatable cylinder or a pin.

7.4. New marks, as provided in instruction 1.1, shall be inflatable marks

8. THE START

- **8.1.** Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- **8.2.** The starting line will be between a staff displaying the race officer on the signal boat and the cylinder start mark or a staff displaying an orange flag on a pin boat.

9. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

A change of the next leg of the course shall be signalled according to RRS 33. The change mark will be an inflatable orange tetrahedron

10.THE FINISH

The finishing line shall be between the race officer on the signal boat and the finishing mark as described in Attachment A.

11. TIME LIMIT

- 11.1. If no boat has passed mark 1 within 30 minutes of the start, the race shall be abandoned.
- 11.2. If no boat has finished within 1.5 hours of the start, the race shall be abandoned.
- 11.3. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes shall be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rules 35 and A4.

12.PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- **12.1.** Protest forms are available from the Race Director. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- **12.2.** For each class, the protest time limit shall be 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- **12.3.** Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses, the location and timing of the hearings.
- **12.4.** Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- **12.5.** On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered: (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;(b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.

13.SCORING

- **13.1.** Two (2) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- **13.2.** When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
- **13.3.** When from 5 to 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- **13.4.** When from 10 to 14 races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her 2 worst scores.

14.GREEN FLEETS

For the Opti green fleet, on-course coaching is allowed for the back 75% of the fleet but not for the top 25%.

15.CHECK-IN AND SAFETY REGULATIONS

- **15.1.** All competitors shall check-in each morning by sailing on starboard tack past the transom of the committee vessel while hailing their sail number until acknowledged by a race committee representative.
- **15.2.** A boat that retires from a race or leaves the racing area shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

16. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio transmissions not available to all boats. Mobile telephones shall not be used to obtain information relevant to the race that is not available to all boats.

17. PRIZES

Prizes shall be awarded to sailors finishing 1st through 3rd overall, as well as 1st in White, Blue and Red fleets. Sportsmanship awards shall be awarded at the discretion of the race committee in consultation with the coaches. Junior Woman on the Water (Jr. WOW) and the Sportsmanship award will be given at the discretion of the Race Committee in consultation with the coaches. Participation medals shall be awarded to all green fleet sailors.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

By participating in this event and any related activity sponsored or undertaken by the Hubbards Sailing Club the owner, person in charge and each crew member agree: that they understand that sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of serious bodily injury (including permanent disability, paralysis and death by drowning or otherwise), property damage and other economic loss; that the safety of the boat and her crew and the decision whether or not to start or continue to race is solely their responsibility and at their own risk, see RRS 4 "Decision to Race"; that the Hubbards Sailing Club and its officers, trustees, members, committees, employees, sponsors, or agents will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property, or to any participant, including injury or death; and that each of them releases and waives all claims which he or she, or any heir, representative, successor or assignee, may have against the Hubbards Sailing Club and its officers, trustees, members, committees, employees, sponsors or agents, arising out of or in any way connected with participation in such race or activity. Assistance, if any, from the race committee or other Hubbards Sailing Club vessels, or from any personnel manning them, is at the risk of the participant.

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact on sarah.e.doane@gmail.com

Championship Course

Course: 1 – 2 – 1 – S – Finish

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