



# RIVER ROMP 2021

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

October 16 & 17, 2021

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY (OA)

**Edison Sailing Center**



**River Romp supports Clean Regatta practices under Sailors for the Sea**

*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. Participants shall abide by all local, state, and federal health and safety guidelines in effect during the days of the event.

### 2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Changes to Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board before 0900 on Saturday for Saturday races and before 0730 on Sunday for Sunday races 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. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. All notices to the competitors will be posted on the official notice board. The official notice board can be found at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/23192>
- 3.2. No competitors shall carry onboard any communication devices including, but not limited to, VHF radios and cell phones.
- 3.3. Coach and support boats shall carry functional VHF radios and cell phones for communications with the RC and OA. See especially RRS 37.
- 3.4. Radio channels for race areas are as follows: Area A: VHF 69; Area B: VHF 70; Area C: VHF 72.

### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

will be displayed from the flagpole located near the shelter area. 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. SCHEDULE

#### FRIDAY, October 15, 2021:

- 1630 On-Site Registration and Check-in opens
- 1700 Registration on-site and on-line closes for the event. **Filing requests to change sail numbers-for the event ends.**
- 1830 Check-in closes for the day.

#### SATURDAY October 16, 2021:

- 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 (Opti Green Fleet).
- 1700 No warning will be made after this time.

#### SUNDAY October 17, 2021:

- 0900 Intended first warning signal for all Race Areas.
- 1300 No warning will be made after this time.

### 6. NUMBER OF RACES

- 6.1. It is the intention of the organizing authority and race committee to run as many races as possible.
- 6.2. One scored race will constitute a series.
- 6.3. Code Flag A displayed with no sound, while boats are finishing, means "No more racing today" for that class.

### 7. RACING AREA and CLASSES

- 7.1. The races will be held on the Caloosahatchee River as shown on the Race Area Chart posted on the official notice board.
- 7.2. The class(es) in each race area and the approximate distance from the north shore regatta site for each race area is as follows:
  - 7.2.1. Race Area A (Opti Green Fleet): One-half mile
  - 7.2.2. Race Area B (Opti Red-White-Blue): Approximately 1 ½ miles
  - 7.2.3. Race Area C (C420, ILCA 6 (Laser Radial) and (ILCA (4.7)): Approximately 2+ miles.

- 7.3. [DP] [NP] Colored class streamers will be provided at check in to be flown by the following classes:
  - 7.3.1. ILCA 6 (Laser Radial): Blue
  - 7.3.2. ILCA 4 (Laser 4.7): White
8. **STARTING AND CLASS FLAGS**
  - 8.1. Starts will be signaled in accordance with RRS 26
  - 8.2. **Race Area A:** The Green Fleet class flag will be the IODA class flag.
  - 8.3. **Race Area B:** Opti Red-White-Blue class flag will be the IODA class flag.
  - 8.4. **Race Area C:** Class flags and intended start order for the first race of each day will be in the order indicated below. Subsequent start sequences will be based on the respective class flag flown at the warning signal. It is the intention of the RC to use rolling starts:
    - 8.4.1. C420: 420 Class Flag
    - 8.4.2. ILCA 6 (Laser Radial): Blue Streamers
    - 8.4.3. ILCA 4 (Laser 4.7): White Streamers
  - 8.5. A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS (Did Not Start) without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.1.
  - 8.6. As a courtesy, the race committee may make a series of short sound signals one minute prior to the first warning of a flight of races.
9. **COURSES** The courses will be as shown and described in Addendum One.
10. **DESCRIPTIONS of MARKS, START LINE, FINISH LINE**
  - 10.1. **Description of the Marks** will be posted on the official notice board prior to 0900 on Saturday.
  - 10.2. **Race Areas A:** The start/finish line will be between an orange mark and a staff flying an orange flag on the RC Signal Boat.
  - 10.3. **Race Area B and C:** The starting line will be between a staff flying an orange flag on the RC Signal Boat 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 Boat.
  - 10.4. If a Clearance Mark is set off an RC Signal Boat, it shall be considered part of the RC Signal Boat.
11. **RESTRICTED AREAS**
  - 11.1. [DP] Prior to a boat's warning signal, she shall remain below the starting line and a minimum of 10 boat lengths from the starting line.
  - 11.2. [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.
  - 11.3. [DP]{NP} Coaches and spectator boats shall stay in the Spectators Area at all times when the orange flag is flying on the RC Signal Boat and any of the classes are in their starting sequence. 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.
12. **CHECK-IN/RETIRE REQUIREMENTS [DP] [NP]**
  - 12.1. The check-in period will begin when Code Flag Lima (black/yellow) is raised at approximately 45 minutes before the first warning of the day and ends when lowered ten minutes prior to the first warning.
  - 12.2. Each boat shall check in prior to the first race of the day by passing astern of the RC Signal Boat on starboard tack and by hailing her sail number until acknowledged by the race committee. A boat failing to follow this rule will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS , A4 and A5.1.
  - 12.3. A boat that retires from a race or from racing for the day shall notify the race committee before leaving the race area. A boat retiring and returning to shore shall report to a race official designated for each launching area
13. **CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**
  - 13.1. 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. On Courses B and C, a new mark for mark 1 may be without an associated mark 1A.
  - 13.2. In the event of a subsequent change of the course and the new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by the original mark.
14. **RACE TIME LIMIT**
  - 14.1. A race in which no boats sail the course and finish within 60 minutes of the start will be abandoned.
  - 14.2. Boats still racing within fifteen minutes of the first boat in her class to finish, and not thereafter retiring, being penalized or given redress, will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) by the race committee. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.1.
15. **REPORTS OF THE JURY AND ACTIONS OF THE RACE COMMITTEE**
  - 15.1. No later than 15 minutes after the RC Signal Boat's dock time, the RC will posts 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 meet sail number requirements.
  - 15.2. The Jury will post actions related to Appendix P as amended by SI 16.1. no later than 15 minutes after the RC dock time.
16. **PENALTY SYSTEMS**
  - 16.1. RRS Appendix P, as revised below, shall apply.
    - 16.1.1. P2.2, "Second Penalty" title is changed to: "Second and Subsequent Penalties."

16.1.2. 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.

16.1.3. P2.3 and P2.4 are deleted.

16.2. Appendix V shall apply.

## 17. SCORING INQUIRIES, PROTESTS/REQUEST FOR REDRESS:

17.1. Score Inquiry Form, Hearing Request Form and Appendix V2 Form will be available on the official notice board:

<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/23192>

17.2. Competitors requesting clarification on their scores and on Actions of the Race Committee shall submit a Scoring Inquiry Form to their coach or designated support person and go through the scoring inquiry process prior to filing a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.2.

17.3. 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.

17.4. **Protest Time Limit** is thirty (30) minutes from the time the RC Signal Boat for that class has docked. The time limit for each Race Area will be posted on the official notice board.

17.5. Protests and requests for redress regarding incidents on the race course shall be delivered to the Protest Committee or an Organization Authority representative within the protest time limit. This changes RRS 61.3.

17.6. 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.

17.7. 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.

17.8. Expedited Hearings will be held as soon as possible and may be held before the end of the protest time limit. Please see "Expedited Hearings" on the official notice board for details on this hearing process.

17.9. To facilitate learning, judges are available to discuss incidents on the water which did not result in protests.

## 18. SCORING

18.1. The low point scoring system as described in RRS A1 will apply.

18.2. In compliance with USODA, the Green Fleet scores will be recorded and posted in sail number order.

18.3. Boats scored TLE will be scored two more points than the last boat in her class that did finish within the race time limit and complied with RRS 28. She will not be scored more than the score for DNF. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.1.

18.4. When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her races.

18.5. When six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

19. **TRASH DISPOSAL:** [DP] A competitor shall dispose of all refuse in appropriate containers ashore.

## 20. OUTSIDE HELP

20.1. [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 finished

## 21. PRIZES

Awards will be given to the following fleets that meet the minimum required fleet size of six boats.

21.1. Red-White-Blue Opti Fleets: Top five in each fleet and first place overall.

21.2. C420: Top five.

21.3. ICLA 4 and ICLA 6: Top five in each class.

21.4. Green Fleet competitors will receive participation awards.

21.5. The Organizing Authority retains the right to make additional awards at its sole discretion.

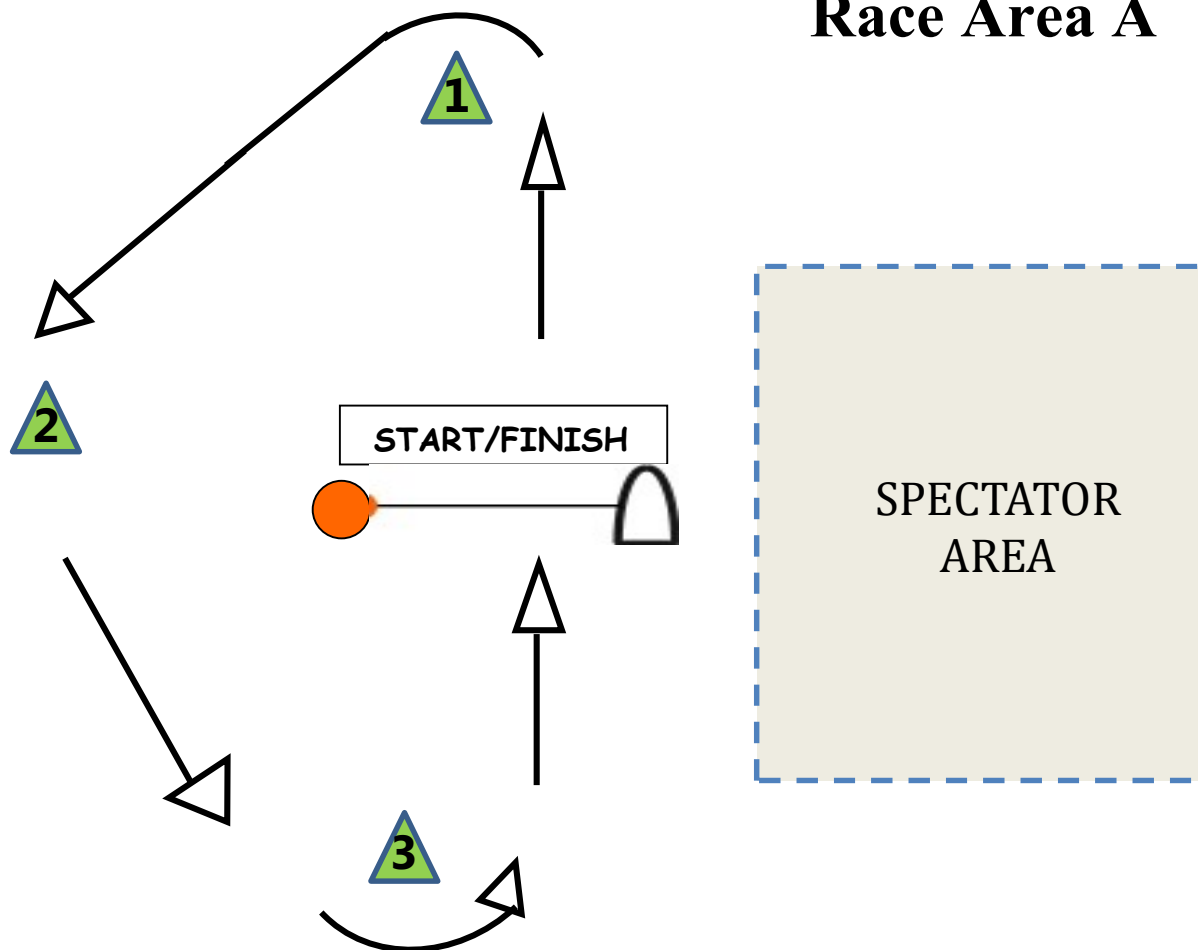
## 22. RISK STATEMENT and DISCLAIMER

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury.

**Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes. Competitors participate entirely at their own risk.** 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**

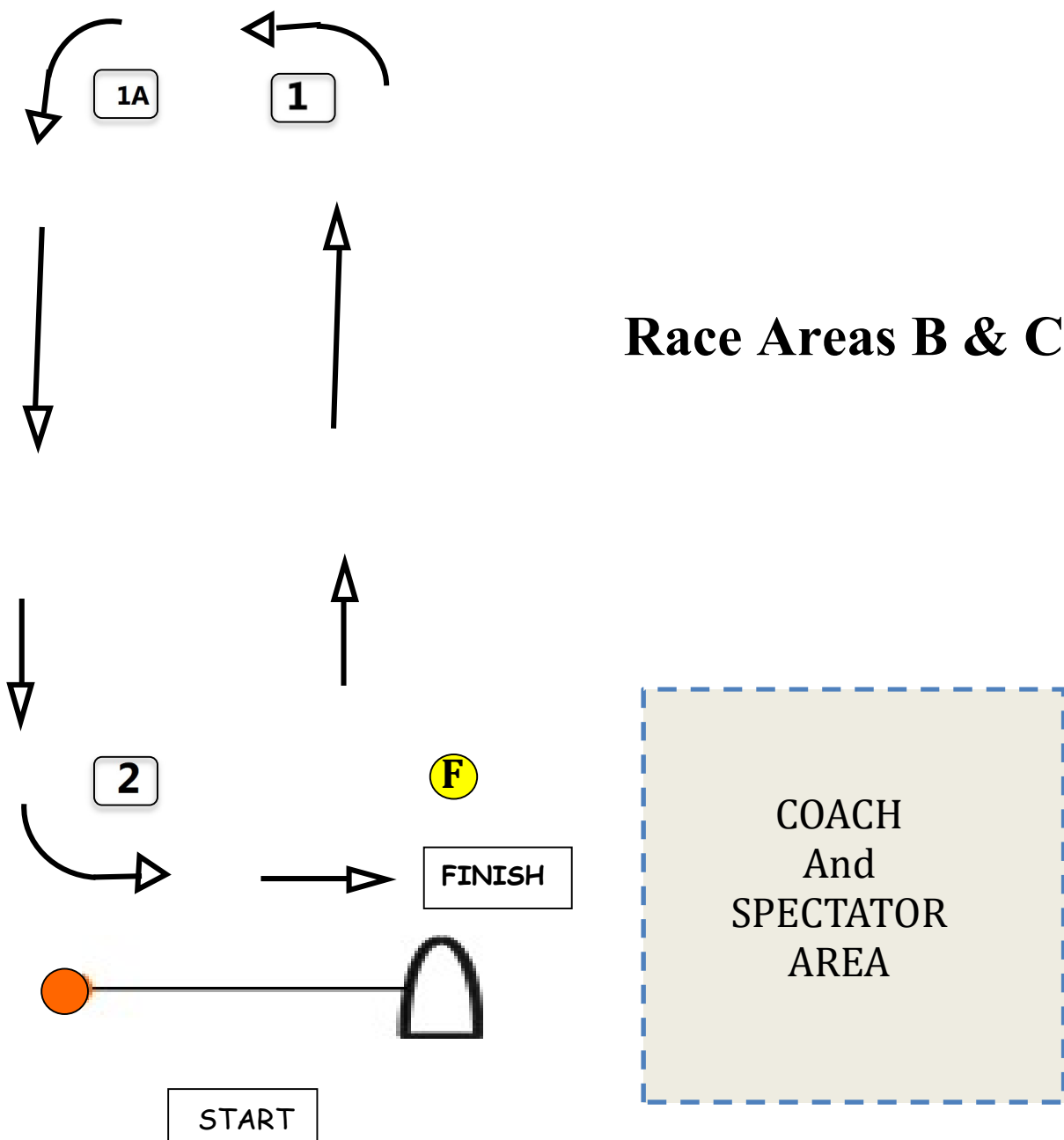


**RACE AREA A: OPTI GREEN FLEET**

**RADIO VHF 69**

**COURSE:** Start-1-2-3-Finish

**ICE CREAM COURSE:** Sail to ice cream flag on shore from wherever you are!  
Competitors do not need to cross the starting line.



**RACE AREA B: Opti Red-White-Blue**

**RADIO VHF 70**

**RACE AREA C: Laser/C420**

**RADIO VHF 72**

W/L 1: Start-1-1A-2-Finish in front of RC

W/L 2: Start-1-1A-2-1-1A-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 and after a course change.*