

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

TEXAS SAILING ASSOCIATION YOUTH CIRCUIT REGATTA

THE KESSEL RUN REGATTA

Viridian Sailing Center, 1200 Viridian Park Lane Dock, Arlington, Texas 76005

October 23-24, 2021

1. RULES:

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 "The Texas Youth Racing Circuit Conditions" apply and are available on the web site at <http://www.tx sail.org/>. A copy will also be available at the regatta site.
- 1.3 Membership in a class organization is not required
- 1.4 Racing Rule 49.1 is changed to allow the use of hiking pants.
- 1.5 All boats shall have sail numbers which match the registration form. Sail numbers meeting class standards are required.
- 1.6 Appendix T, Arbitration, will be used.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the South end of the lockers next to the Viridian Sailing Center check-in desk.

3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

- 3.1 Any changes to these Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board located on the South end of the lockers next to the Viridian Sailing Center check-in desk no later than 15 minutes after the Skippers Meeting.
- 3.2 For the Green Fleet only, oral changes may be made by the Race Committee on the water prior to the time of the warning signal of any race upon the raising of signal flag "L" with one sound.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located on the Viridian Sailing Center dock.
- 4.2 Code Flag "AP" with two sound signals means the race is postponed. DO NOT leave the dock area. The warning signal will not be made sooner than 30 minutes from the lowering of "AP", accompanied by one signal. This modifies "Race Signals".

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES:

5.1 Subject to the decisions of the Race Committee, six or more races are scheduled.

5.2 Completion of one (1) race shall constitute a TSA Youth Circuit Regatta.

5.3 Schedule:

Saturday, October 23

08:00-09:30	Breakfast
08:00-09:15	Registration at the Viridian Sailing Center
09:30	Skipper's Meeting on the dock (Attendance Mandatory)
10:30	Warning Signal for the first race, additional races to follow
Between Races	Lunch will be served on the dock

Sunday, October 24


07:30-09:00	Breakfast
09:30	Preparatory Signal for the first race, additional races to follow
After Races	Lunch will be served on the dock

5.4 No warning signal will be given after 1:00 pm on Sunday.

6.0 CLASS FLAGS:

The following flags will be used as class flags during starting sequences:

Optimist Green Racing Area:

Class	Class Flag
Optimist Green	

Optimist RWB Racing Area:

Class	Class Flag
Optimist Red, Blue and White	

7.0 OPTIMIST GREEN FLEET IDENTIFICATION:

Optimist Green Fleet will display a green fleet streamer provided at registration while racing.

8.0 RACING AREAS:

Two (2) racing areas will be set, one each for use by Optimist GREEN fleet and the Optimist RWB fleet. The location of the racing areas will be announced at the Skipper's Meeting.

9.0 CHECK-IN ON THE WATER:

Prior to the first warning signal of the competitor's fleet of the day, each competitor shall sail past the stern of the Race Committee Boat on starboard tack, hail its sail number and be acknowledged by the Race Committee. Failure to do so will result in a 20% penalty for the first race of the day.

10.0 RACE COURSES:

10.1 There may be three types of race courses as follows: "W" (windward/leeward) – windward, leeward, windward to finish; "T" (triangle) – windward, reach, reach, windward to finish; "O" (Olympic) – windward, reach, reach, windward, leeward, windward to finish. Multiple times around the course will be designated by a number following the "T", "W" or "L"

10.2 For courses W, W2, W3, T, T2 and O, unless a race is shortened in accordance with the Rules, the start/finish line will be in the middle of the windward leg.

10.3 The following diagrams show the courses to be sailed and the order in which the marks are to be rounded.

	Course W – Windward/Leeward, Windward Finish	
	<i>Signal</i>	<i>Mark Rounding Order</i>
	W	Start – 1* – 2 – Finish
	W2	Start – 1* – 2 – 1* – 2 – Finish
	W3	Start – 1* – 2 – 1* – 2 – 1* – 2 – Finish
* - if an offset mark (1a) is present, sailors will leave the offset mark to port after rounding the windward mark (1)		

	Course T – Triangle, Windward Finish	
	<i>Signal</i>	<i>Mark Rounding Order</i>
	T	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – Finish
	T2	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – Finish
	T3	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – Finish

	Course O (Olympic) – Triangle, Windward/Leeward, Windward Finish	
	<i>Signal</i>	<i>Mark Rounding Order</i>
	O	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Finish

11.0 MARKS:

11.1 For the Opti Green course, marks will be yellow tomatoes.

11.2 For the Opti Red/White/Blue course, marks will be yellow teardrops.

11.3 The start/finish marks for both courses will be orange cylinders.

11.4 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

12.0 THE START:

12.1 Races will be started using RRS Rule 26 with an alert sound signal 1 minute prior to the warning signal.

12.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the starting mark (orange cylinder).

12.3 A boat may not start later than 5 minutes after the starting signal for its class. Boats attempting to start after this time will be scored a DNS. This changes Rule A 4.1.

12.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of both the start line and all boats whose warning signal has been made.

13.0 RECALLS:

13.1 Recalls will be signaled in accordance with Rule 29. The race committee intends to hail the sail numbers of OCS boats after the starting signal. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, an untimely hail of OCS boats, failure to hail any boats, and the order of the boats in the hail shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes rules 41 and 62.1

14.0 THE FINISH:

14.1 The finish line shall be between a staff displaying an blue flag on the Race Committee boat and the finish mark (orange cylinder).

15.0 TIME LIMIT:

- 15.1** The time limit for each race will be thirty (30) minutes for the first boat to finish.
- 15.2** Boats failing to finish within twenty (20) minutes after the first boat in their fleet will be scored TLE. TLE will be two (2) points more than the last boat to finish within the time limit, but no more than a score of DNF.
- 15.3** At its discretion, the Race Committee may finish any boat in place, and it will be scored based on its position on the race course. This modifies Rules 32 and 35.
- 15.4** A race may be abandoned by the Race Committee if the leading boat has not rounded the first mark within twenty (20) minutes of the start. This modifies Rule 32.

16.0 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS:

- 16.1** A boat intending to file a protest for an incident occurring in the racing area shall inform the Race Committee finish boat of its intent to protest immediately after finishing.
- 16.2** Protests shall be in writing. Forms will be made available at the clubhouse, and delivered to the Regatta Chair or their representative there within twenty (20) minutes after the Race Committee boat docks.
- 16.3** A list of protests will attempt to be posted on the official notice board within ten (10) minutes of – but no later than twenty (20) minutes after – the end of protest time. This posting constitutes the notification required in Rule 61.1(b) and 63.2.
- 16.4** A boat is not permitted to protest another boat for breaking sailing instructions 8, 10, 18, 19 and 20. This changes Rule 60.1(a). In addition, penalties for anything other than Rules Part 2 or 3 may be less than disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee.
- 16.5** Appendix T, Arbitration, will be used. This modifies Rules 63.1 and 63.2.
- 16.6** The person who served as mediator during Arbitration may not serve on the Protest Committee.

17.0 SCORING:

- 17.1** Rule A 2.1 will apply, modified so that each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with her worst score excluded if five (5) or more, but not ten (10), races are completed. If ten (10) races are completed, her two worst scores will be excluded.
- 17.2** For Optimist Red, White and Blue fleets, the event shall be scored as a whole with all boats receiving scores according to recorded finish position. "Overall Scoring" shall be used to determine Red, Blue, and White awards.

18.0 DISPOSAL OF TRASH:

Boats observed purposefully discharging trash into the water will either be disqualified from all races sailed on the day the infraction is observed or be subject to other suitable disciplinary action or both.

19.0 SAFETY:

- 19.1** A U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal buoyancy device will be worn by all competitors while on the water. Wet or Dry suits are not considered adequate buoyancy devices for this purpose. All buoyancy devices shall be worn on the outside of all clothing. Sailors may wear a sailing pinny over buoyancy devices.

19.2 A competitor who withdraws from a race or does not intend to start a race shall inform the Race Committee as soon as possible. This may also be accomplished by the competitor returning to the dock and notifying the Race Committee by radio from the dock.

20.0 SUPPORT BOAT RESTRICTIONS:

- 20.1** Team leaders, coaches, parents and other support personnel shall keep at least two hundred (200) feet away from all competitors and shall not communicate with any racing competitor from the time of the competitor's preparatory signal until after the competitor has finished, or the Race Committee signals a postponement or abandonment. The Race Committee, at its discretion, may deem a violation of this provision to be a violation of Rule 2 and may impose a penalty which will be a scoring penalty per Rule 44.3(c.) applied to the finishes in the next race sailed of all boats associated with the support personnel who have violated this provision.
- 20.2** Support boats shall neither create wakes nor otherwise interfere with competitors.
- 20.3** All support boats and coaches are reminded to wear a safety kill-switch lanyard in accordance with the September 2019 Texas state law, especially when in the proximity of and approaching sailors in and on the water.
- 20.4** Optimist Green Fleet: Notwithstanding 20.1, coaching of Green Fleet Optimist skippers while racing is permitted; however, coaching shall be limited to skippers in the bottom half of the fleet in any given race. Coaches shall provide fair and consistent support to all competitors, not just to their team or sailor.
- 20.5** VHF Channels for safety support:
 - 20.5.1** Optimist R/W/B – Channel 72
 - 20.5.2** Optimist Green – Channel 72

21.0 PRIZES:

- 21.1** Red Fleet: 1-3
- 21.2** White Fleet: 1-3
- 21.3** Blue Fleet: 1-3
- 21.4** Opti Overall: 1st Place
- 21.5** Green Fleet: 1st Overall
- 21.6** Green Fleet: Participation
- 21.7** Sportsmanship Award: PRO Choice

Above all, HAVE FUN!