

OPTI GREEN Sailing Instructions



BUCCANEER BLAST REGATTA 2022 February 5-6, 2022

Rowell's Waterfront Park, Key Largo, FL



ORGANIZING AUTHORITY (OA)
Mark Sorensen Youth Sailing Program
www.msyp.org

The notation "[DP]" in a rule in these Sailing Instructions means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than disqualification. 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 2021-2024* (RRS) and the prescriptions, except US Sailing Prescription to RRS 63.2 which is deleted, the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions (SIs).
- 1.2. **[DP]** Participants shall abide by all local, state, and federal health and safety guidelines in effect during the days of the event.
- 1.3. In case of a discrepancy between these Sailing Instructions and the NOR, these Sailing Instructions shall govern.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to the competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located electronically on Regatta Network: https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/23523#_newsroom
- 2.2. Notices of hearings will be posted to the hearing schedule section of the Official Notice Board in the same location.

3. CHANGE IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

Changes in the SIs will be posted on the Official Notice Board before 0900 on Saturday and before 0730 on Sunday except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before the schedule change will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Official Notice Board located electronically on Regatta Network: https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/23523#_newsroom
- 4.2. 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 RRS Signals.

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1. Saturday, February 5
 - 0800 – 0900: Onsite check-in available at the park
 - 0915: Coaches, Meeting, beach area facing basin
 - 0930: Competitors' Meeting, beach area facing basin
 - 1100: Scheduled Harbor Start. No boat shall leave the beach area prior to signal from Beach Master and without being cleared by safety personnel.
 - 1130: Scheduled warning signal for first race of the day
 - 1630: No first warning signal will be made after this time

5.2. Sunday, February 6

0900: Scheduled Harbor Start. No boat shall leave the beach area prior to signal from Beach Master and without being cleared by safety personnel.

0930: Intended warning signal for first race of the day.

1345: No first warning signal will be made after this time

Lunch on land following races

Award presentations shortly after the races following availability of scores.

6. RACING AREA

Race Area will be on the Blackwater Sound (see Addendum A – Intended Racing Area).

7. NUMBER OF RACES:

7.1. Contingent on conditions, it is the intention of the organizing authority and race committee to run as many races as possible but no more than ten.

7.2. Flag A displayed with no sound, while boats are finishing, means “No more racing today”.

7.3. One (1) scored race will constitute a series.

8. COURSES

Opti Green course will be as shown and described in Addendum B – Opti Green Course.

9. DESCRIPTIONS of MARKS, START LINE, FINISH LINE for Opti Green

Marks will be as follows;

9.1. Start/Finish: Orange Ball

9.2. Mark 1: Yellow Cylinder

9.3. Mark 2: Yellow Cylinder

9.4. Mark 3: Yellow Cylinder

10. THE START - FINNISH

10.1. Starts will be signaled in accordance with RRS 26.

10.2. The class flag will be a green Opti flag.

10.3. Multiple horns will be used to alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon.

10.4. The start/finish line will be between a staff flying an orange flag on the RC signal vessel at the starboard end and a buoy at the port end.

10.5. A boat starting more than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS (Did Not Start) without a hearing. This changes A4 and A5.

10.6. The race committee may broadcast starting penalties on the course VHF after all boats have started.

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

There will be no change of course made or signaled.

12. [DP]SAFETY

12.1 Prior to leaving shore, each competitor shall check out with safety personnel located at the launch ramps. It is the responsibility of the sailor to visibly confirm their sail number and name when checking out with the safety personnel.

12.2 Sailors must notify, or have a coach or support person notify, the race committee before leaving the course or, when that is impossible, notify shore side staff immediately after arrival ashore. Boats failing to do so may be protested by the race committee, which may result in disqualification of a boat from the day's racing.

12.3 Before leaving the shore to race, substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed without written approval of the race committee. Any equipment changes must be submitted in writing by completing the change form at:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSegT6twp5lK9lmzueVni4J8v_yk6bLlrs18-g_5i6U6ULqFOA/viewform

12.5 While on the water, racers, or their coach/support person, shall notify the RC Signal Vessel of changes of equipment and/or sail numbers and shall complete as soon as possible any sail number changes by completing the Change Form as noted in 12.3.

13. RACE TIME LIMITS

- 13.1. If no boat, which started correctly, passes Mark One within 15 minutes of starting, the race will be abandoned.
- 13.2. If no boat, which started correctly, sails the course and finishes within 60 minutes of the start, the race will be abandoned.
- 13.3. Boats still racing ten (10) minutes after the first boat finishes, and not thereafter retiring, being penalized or given redress, will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) by the race committee without a hearing and will be scored points equal to the number of boats that did finish within the race time limit and complied with RRS 28 plus two points, but will not be scored more than the score for DNF. This changes RRS 35, A4, A5 and A10.

14 [DP]RACE AREA RESTRICTED ZONE

Upon finishing, boats shall immediately sail clear of the finishing area, stay clear of boats that have not finished and stay clear of boats that have not finished and remain to the right of the race committee signal boat in the restricted area as shown in the Addendum B.

15. [DP]COACH, SUPPORT PERSONS and other BOATS

- 15.1. Coaches and Support Person must display their ID flag provided by the OA at all times while in the race area and once a warning flag has been displayed remain at least 50 yards from the race course and any racing sailor until after the start. After the start, coaching is permitted and encouraged for those sailors in the lower half of the fleet, changing rule 41.
- 15.2. Except for those boats in the top thirty of each race (30th place or better), all boats in the Opti Green fleet may be coached and receive advice, instructions and any other outside assistance throughout the racing day. This changes RRS 41
- 15.3. If possible, support persons and coaches must assist if requested by the Race Committee.
- 15.4. All coach and support boats shall be equipped with a functioning engine safety cut off switch which shall remain attached to the helmsman at all times while the engine is running.

16. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 16.1 No competitors shall carry onboard any communication devices including, but not limited to, VHF radios and cell phones.
- 16.2 Coach and support boats shall carry and make use of functional VHF radios and cell phones for communications with the RC and OA.
- 16.3 VHF radio channel for Opti Green area is VHF CH 73.
- 16.4 VHF radio channel for emergencies is 23A.

17. REPORTS OF RACE COMMITTEE

The RC will report their actions related to boats scored DNC, OCS, ZFP, UFD, BFD, DNE, DNF, and NSC. This report will be posted on Regatta Network Official Notice Board no later than 15 minutes after the RC signal vessel's dock time.

18. SCORING INQUIRIES

- 18.1. Competitors requesting clarification on "Actions of the Race Committee" shall submit a written Scoring Inquiry Form to the race committee representative at the Judges Tent prior to the Protest Time Limit and prior to filing a Request for Redress. This changes RRS 62.2. Scoring Inquiry forms will be available at the Judges Tent.
- 18.2. Competitors desiring clarification regarding scores other than those imposed by "Actions of the Race Committee" shall submit electronically a Scoring Inquiry Form as soon as practicable via the following link: https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/23523#_newsroom
- 18.3. The RC will respond to Scoring Inquiries in a timely manner.

19. REQUEST FOR REDRESS:

- 19.1. There will be no protests in Opti Green.
- 19.2. Request for Redress forms (Hearing Request Forms) will be available at the Judges Tent and on the Regatta Network event site at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/23523#-newsroom> Request for Hearing forms are also available in the US Sailing app.
- 19.3. Requests for redress regarding incidents on the race course shall be delivered to the Jury Secretary located at the Judges Tent or submitted via email to ussailing.raceofficer@gmail.com within 30 minutes of the RC signal vessel's posted dock time.
- 19.4. RRS 62 (b) is change to the following:

A request for redress or a protest committee's decision to consider redress shall be based on a claim or possibility that a boat's score or place in a race or series has been or may be, through no fault of her own, made significantly worse by (a)... (b) injury or physical damage because of the action of a boat that was breaking a rule of Part 2 or of a vessel not racing that was required to keep clear or is determined to be at fault under the IRPCAS or a government right-of-way rule

- 19.5. As soon as practicable, the protest committee will post a notice of the schedule and location of hearings on the Official Notice Board.
- 19.6. All hearings with respect to redress will be held according to the Expedited Hearing Process. See Notice of Race Exhibit One "Expedited Hearing Process".

20. SCORING

- 20.1. The low point scoring system as described in RRS A4 will apply.
- 20.2. Each boat's series score shall, subject to rule 90.3(b), be the total of her races scores excluding her worst discardable score when six (6) or more scored races have been completed. This changes RRS A2.1.
- 20.3. Race results will be posted by sail number in numerical order.

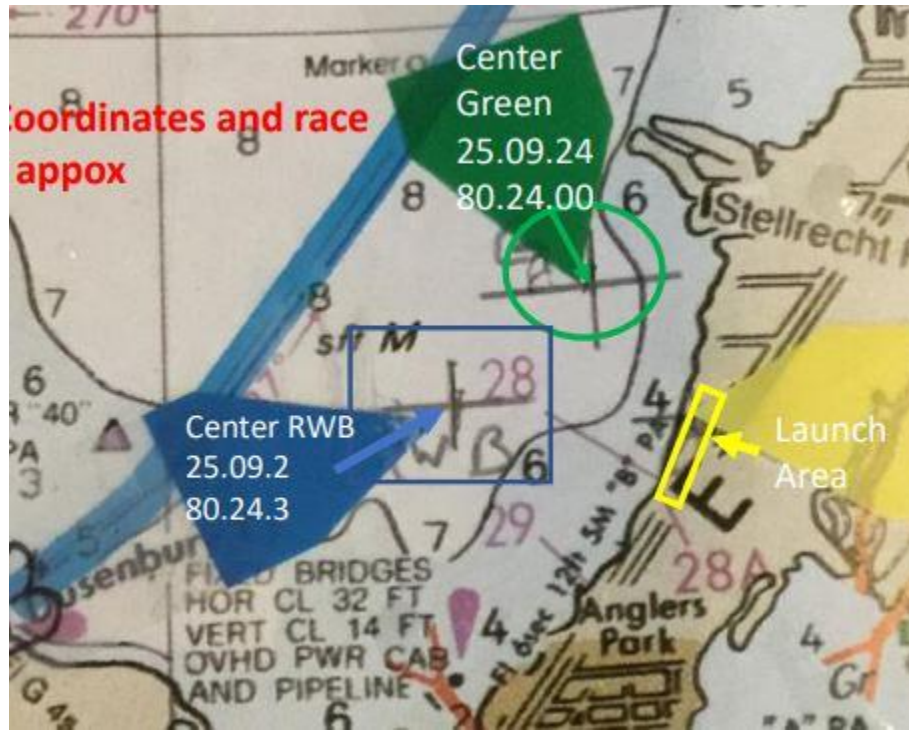
21. [DP]TRASH DISPOSAL

Competitors and support persons shall not intentionally put trash in the water and shall dispose of all refuse in appropriate containers ashore.

22. PRIZES

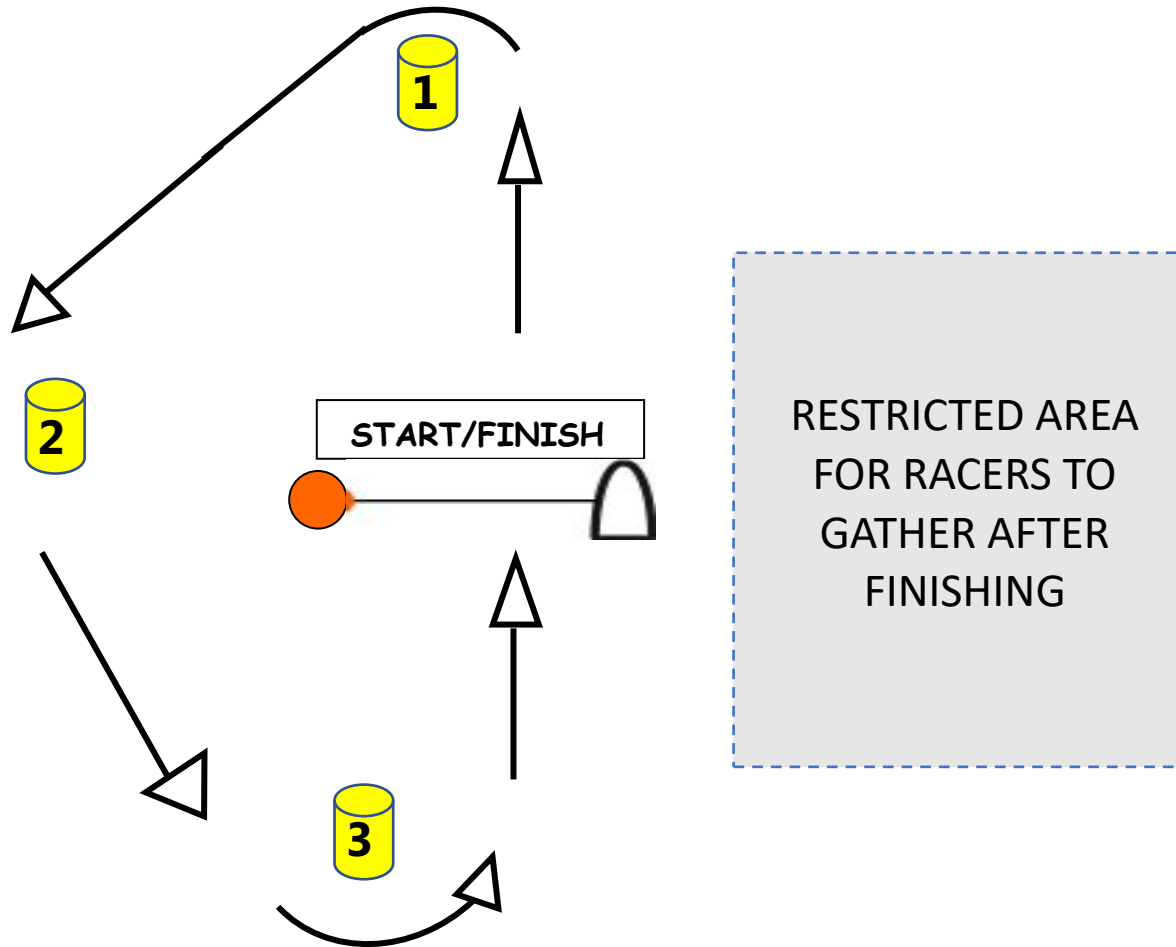
Awards will be presented to first through tenth place.

Addendum A Intended Racing Area



Addendum B

Opti Green Course



COURSE: Start-1-2-3-Finish