

OPTI RWB, ILCA 6 and ILCA 4 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.
- 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
- 1015: Scheduled Harbor Start. No boat shall leave the beach area prior to a signal from Beach Master and without being cleared by safety personnel.
- 1100: Scheduled warning signal for first race of the day
- 1630: No first warning signal for a race will be made after this time.

5.2 Sunday, February 6

0830: Scheduled Harbor Start. No boat shall leave the beach area prior to a signal from Beach Master and without being cleared by safety personnel.

0855: Intended warning signal for first race of the day.

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

Lunch on land following races

Award presentations shortly after the races following availability of scores.

6. RACING AREA AND DIVISIONS

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

6.2. For Opti RWB only, the RC shall assign boats to divisions. A boat's assignment will for the duration of the regatta and cannot be grounds for redress. Division assignments shall be published on the Official Notice Board located electronically on Regatta Network:

https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/23523#_newsroom

6.3. [DP] [NP] For Opti RWB a single Colored Division Streamer, as provided by the OA, shall be displayed from the top of each boat's rig as follows:

6.3.1. DIVISION PURPLE

6.3.2. DIVISION PINK

6.3.3. DIVISION YELLOW

6.3.4. DIVISION LIME

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 nine (9)

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

7.3. Three (3) scored races will constitute a series.

8. COURSES

8.1. Courses will be as shown and described in Addendum B.

8.2. The course to be sailed will be displayed on a board mounted to starboard side of Signal Boat.

9. DESCRIPTIONS of MARKS, START LINE

9.1. Marks will be as follows;

9.1.1. Mark 1 Yellow Cylinder

9.1.2. Mark 2 Orange Ball

9.1.3. Mark 3S,3P, Yellow Cylinders

9.1.4. Mark 4, Yellow Cylinder

9.1.5. Finish Mark Orange Ball

9.2. The start line will be between a staff flying an orange flag on the RC signal vessel at the starboard end and a staff flying an orange flag on a pin-end boat at the port end.

10. THE START AND CLASS FLAGS

10.1. [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall remain a minimum of ten boat lengths from the starting line and its extensions during the starting sequence of other races.

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

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

10.4. 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.

10.5. The race committee will not hail the sail numbers of boats that are OCS or subject to starting penalties under RRS 30.

10.6. Class flags and intended order for first races of the day will be as follows;

10.6.1. ILCA 4 and ILCA 6 with ILCA Class Flag

10.6.2. RWB with staffs flying applicable division color streamers as class flags.

10.6.3. The first start of the day will be for the Lasers followed by RWB races according to Addendum C of the Sailing instructions.

10.6.4. The race committee intends to announce via VHF the starting class or divisions prior to each start. The lack of hail, the contents of this hail or the failure of a boat to hear this hail shall not be grounds for redress.

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

There will be no change of course made or signaled.

12. THE FINISH

The finish line will be between a staff flying a blue flag on the RC finish vessel at the starboard end and finish mark at the port end.

13. [DP]SAFETY

- 13.1. 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 confirm their name, sail number and streamer color are consistent with registration information and the safety equipment required by class rules are in order.
- 13.2. Sailors must notify, or have a coach or support person, notify the race committee before leaving the course prior to finishing or, when that is impossible, notify shore-side staff immediately upon 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.
- 13.3. 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/1FAIpQLSegT6twp5IK9ImzueVni4J8v_yk6bLlrsI8-g_5i6U6ULgF0A/viewform
- 13.4. 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 the Change Form as noted in 13.3 as soon as possible.

14. RACE TIME LIMITS.

- 14.1. If no boat, which started correctly, passes Mark One within 15 minutes of starting, the race will be abandoned.
- 14.2. If no boat, which started correctly, sails the course and finishes within 60 minutes of the start, the race will be abandoned.
- 14.3. Boats still racing ten (10) minutes after the first boat in her division 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.

15. RACE AREA RESTRICTED ZONE [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 and its extensions and any boat still racing.

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

- 16.1. Coaches and support persons 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.
- 16.2. Any boat not displaying an ID flag must remain at least 200 yards from the race course and any racing sailor.
- 16.3. No support persons are allowed at either end of the starting line during a sequence.
- 16.4. If at all possible, support persons and coaches must assist if requested by the Race Committee.
- 16.5. All coach and support boats shall be equipped with a functioning engine safety cut off switch which shall remain attached to the support person at the helm at all times while the engine is running.

17. [DP] RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 17.1. No competitors shall carry onboard any communication devices including, but not limited to, VHF radios and cell phones.
- 17.2. Coach and support boats shall carry and make use of functional VHF radios and cell phones for communications with the RC and OA.
- 17.3. VHF radio channel for Opti RWB/ILCA area is VHF CH 72.
- 17.4. VHF radio channel for emergencies is 23A.

18. REPORTS OF RACE COMMITTEE

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

19. SCORING INQUIRIES

- 19.1. 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.
- 19.2. 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
- 19.3. The RC will respond to Scoring Inquiries in a timely manner.

20. PROTESTS/REQUEST FOR REDRESS:

- 20.1. [DP] Immediately after finishing or retiring and before contacting any support persons, boats intending to protest an incident occurring in the racing area shall notify the race committee Finish vessel. This adds to RRS 61.
- 20.2. Protest / Redress (Request for Hearing) forms will be available at the Judges Tent and on the Regatta Network event site. Request for Hearing forms are also available in the US Sailing app.
- 20.3. Protests and Request for Redress shall be submitted in writing to Jury Secretary located at the Judges Tent or by email to ussailing.raceofficer@gmail.com prior to the Protest Time Limit.
- 20.4. Protest Time Limit is thirty (30) minutes from the dock time of the RC signal vessel as posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 20.5. 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).
- 20.6. As soon as practicable, the protest committee will post a notice of the schedule and location of hearings on the Official Notice Board.
- 20.7. Expedited Hearings will be held as soon as possible and may be held before the end of the protest time limit. Please see Notice of Race Exhibit One Expedited Hearing Process.

21. SCORING

- 21.1. The low point scoring system as described in RRS A4 will apply.
- 21.2. For RWB a round-robin consists of (3) races where each division has raced against each of the other divisions once. Any race from an incomplete round robin will be abandoned and those scores will not be included for calculating the final scores.
- 21.3. A 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 races have been completed. This changes RRS A2.1.

22. [DP]TRASH DISPOSAL

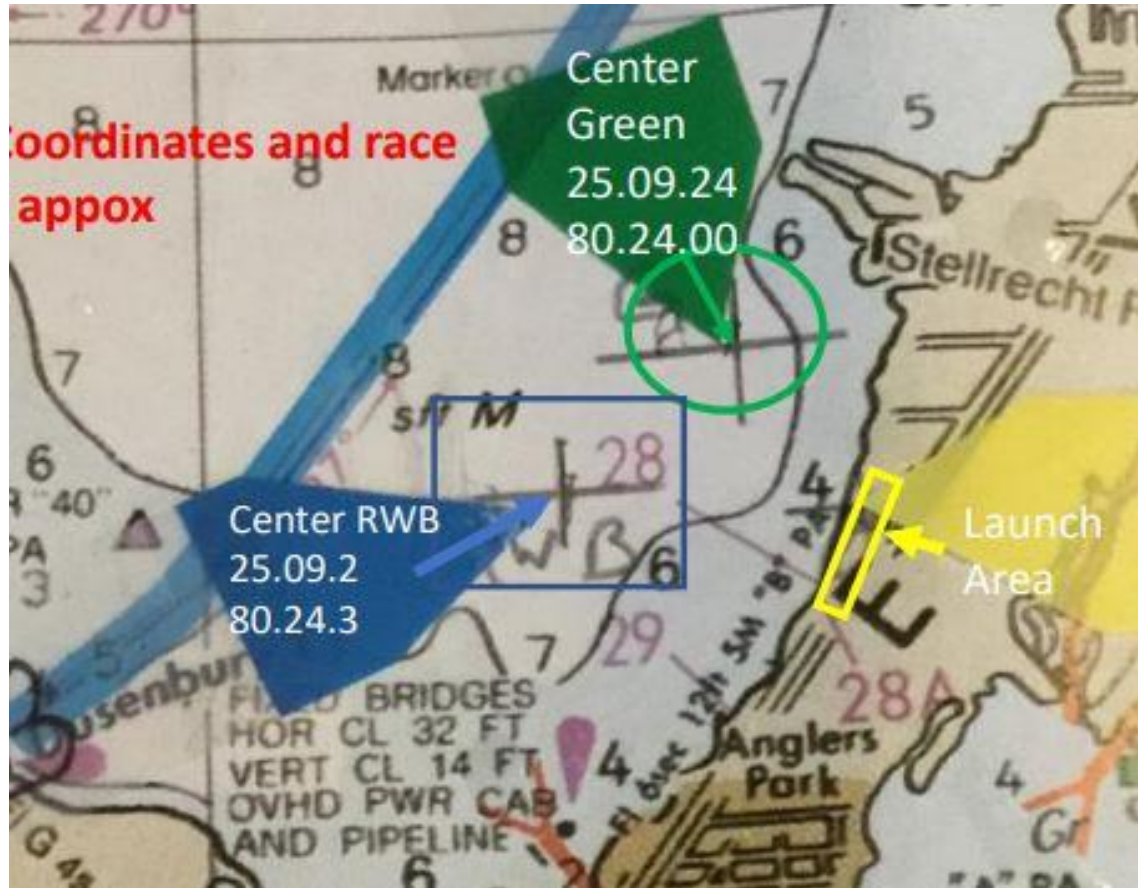
Competitors and support persons shall not intentionally put trash in the water and shall dispose of all refuse in appropriate containers ashore.

23. OUTSIDE HELP

- 23.1. Boats shall not receive advice, instruction or any type of outside assistance from the time of her warning signal until she has finished the race. It is the intent of this rule to prohibit contact between the boats and coaches and support persons while the boats are racing.
- 23.2. Support persons may offer individual on-the-water instruction and group commentary and advice between races and on land following each racing day.

Addendum A

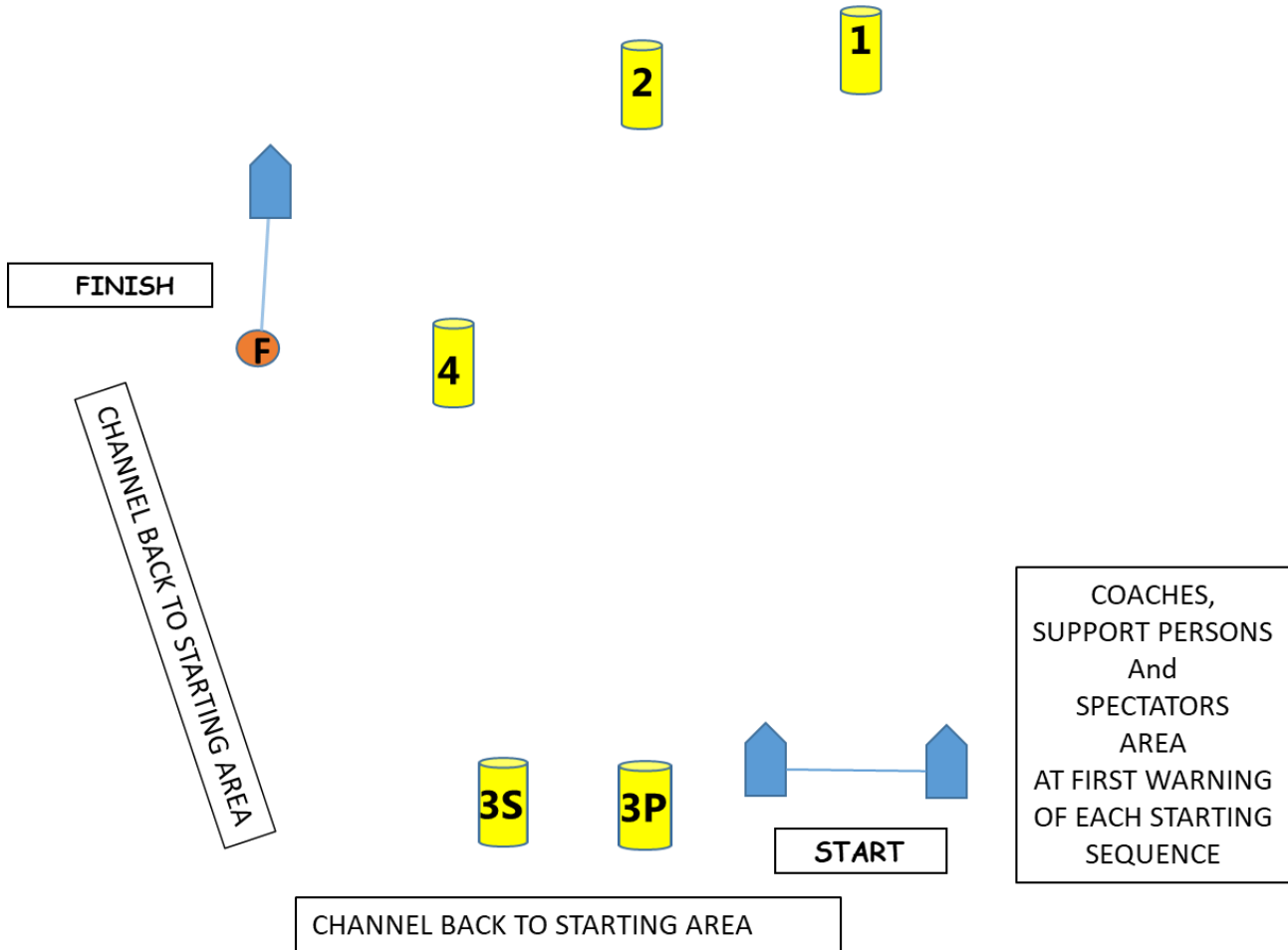
Intended Racing Area



Addendum B –

OPTI RWB AND ILCA COURSES

Course 1: Start-1-2-3P/3S-4-Finish
Course 2: Start-1-2-3P/3S-1-2-3P/3S-4-Finish
All marks, except 3S, shall be left to port



Addendum C

RWB RACE SCHEDULE

Race 1				
	Flight 1	Divisions:	PINK	PURPLE
	flight 2	Divisions:	LIME	YELLOW
Race 2				
	Flight 1	Divisions:	PINK	LIME
	Flight 2	Divisions:	PURPLE	YELLOW
Race 3				
	Flight 1	Divisions:	PINK	YELLOW
	flight 2	Divisions:	PURPLE	LIME
Race 4				
	Flight 1	Divisions:	LIME	YELLOW
	Flight 2	Divisions:	PINK	PURPLE
Race 5				
	Flight 1	Divisions:	PINK	LIME
	flight 2	Divisions:	PURPLE	YELLOW
Race 6				
	Flight 1	Divisions:	PURPLE	LIME
	Flight 2	Divisions:	PINK	YELLOW
Race 7				
	Flight 1	Divisions:	LIME	YELLOW
	flight 2	Divisions:	PINK	PURPLE
Race 8				
	Flight 1	Divisions:	PURPLE	YELLOW
	Flight 2	Divisions:	PINK	LIME
Race 9				
	Flight 1	Divisions:	PINK	YELLOW
	Flight 2	Divisions:	PURPLE	LIME