

REVISED SAILING INSTRUCTIONS, 26 JULY 2022
TEXAS SAILING ASSOCIATION YOUTH CIRCUIT REGATTA

THE ROCKIN' ROCKPORT REGATTA

Rockport Yacht Club, 722 Navigation Circle, Rockport, Texas
(Organizing Authority)

August 6-7, 2022

The notation [DP] in a rule in the sailing instruction means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee (PC), be less than disqualification. The notation [NP] in a rule in the sailing instructions means that instruction is not grounds for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a) and 64.2.

1. RULES:

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 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 The rules for all classes are altered so that membership in a class organization is not required
- 1.4 [DP] All boats shall have sail numbers which match the registration form. Sail numbers meeting class standards are required.
- 1.5 Appendix T, Arbitration, will be used.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Regatta Notice Board located inside the Clubhouse by the restrooms at the Rockport Yacht Club, 722 Navigation Circle, Rockport, Texas.

3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions (SI) will be posted on the Regatta Notice Board at least two (2) hours before the first race of each day, except for changes to the schedule of races which will be posted by 1900 on the day before they take effect.
- 3.2 For the Green Fleet only, oral changes may be made by the Race Committee (RC) 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 or yardarm at the Club or from the RC Signal Boat if docked in the Rockport Harbor by/near the Clubhouse.
- 4.2 DO NOT launch boats until Code Flag "D" is raised with one sound signal. The club launch and recovery team will notify participants the order of launch; and will assist in launching each boat, storing the trailer during the race, and recovering the boat at the end of the day's racing. This modifies "Race Signals".

4.3 Code Flag “AP” with two sound signals means the race is postponed. DO NOT leave the club area until Code Flag “D” is raised with one sound signal. 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 RC, six or more races are scheduled.

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

5.3 Schedule:

Saturday, August 6, 2022

0800-0930	Breakfast
0800-0915	Registration and check-in at the Rockport Yacht Club Clubhouse
0930	Skipper’s Meeting at the Rockport Yacht Club Clubhouse. (Attendance Mandatory)
1100	Warning Signal for the first race, additional races to follow
Between Races	Lunch will be provided to sailors during breakfast to take with them for on the water; or served at the Rockport Yacht Club Clubhouse for Opti Green Fleet sailors and non-participants.

Sunday, August 7, 2022

0730-0900	Breakfast
1000	Warning Signal for the first race, additional races to follow
1400	No first warning signal after this time
TBD	The lunch and awards ceremony will be served at the Rockport Yacht Club Clubhouse one hour after the last race of the day. Opti Green Fleet ceremony may occur earlier, one hour after their last race of the day.


6. CLASS FLAGS:

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

Optimist Green Racing Area:

Class	Class Flag
Optimist Green	

Other Racing Area(s):

Class	Class Flag
Optimist Red, White, and Blue Fleets	

ILCA 4 (and ILCA 6 if combined)



ILCA 6



ILCA 7



Double-Handed



O'pen Skiff



7. OPTIMIST GREEN FLEET IDENTIFICATION:

[DP] Optimist green fleet will display a green streamer provided at registration at the top of the sprit pole while racing.

8. RACING AREAS:

Three (3) racing areas will be set, one for use by Optimist GREEN fleet inside the harbour, one for the Optimist R/W/B fleet in Aransas Bay, and one for all other fleets in Aransas Bay. Approximate locations for each area are provided in Figure 1. The confirmed location of the racing areas will be announced at the Mandatory Skippers Meeting.

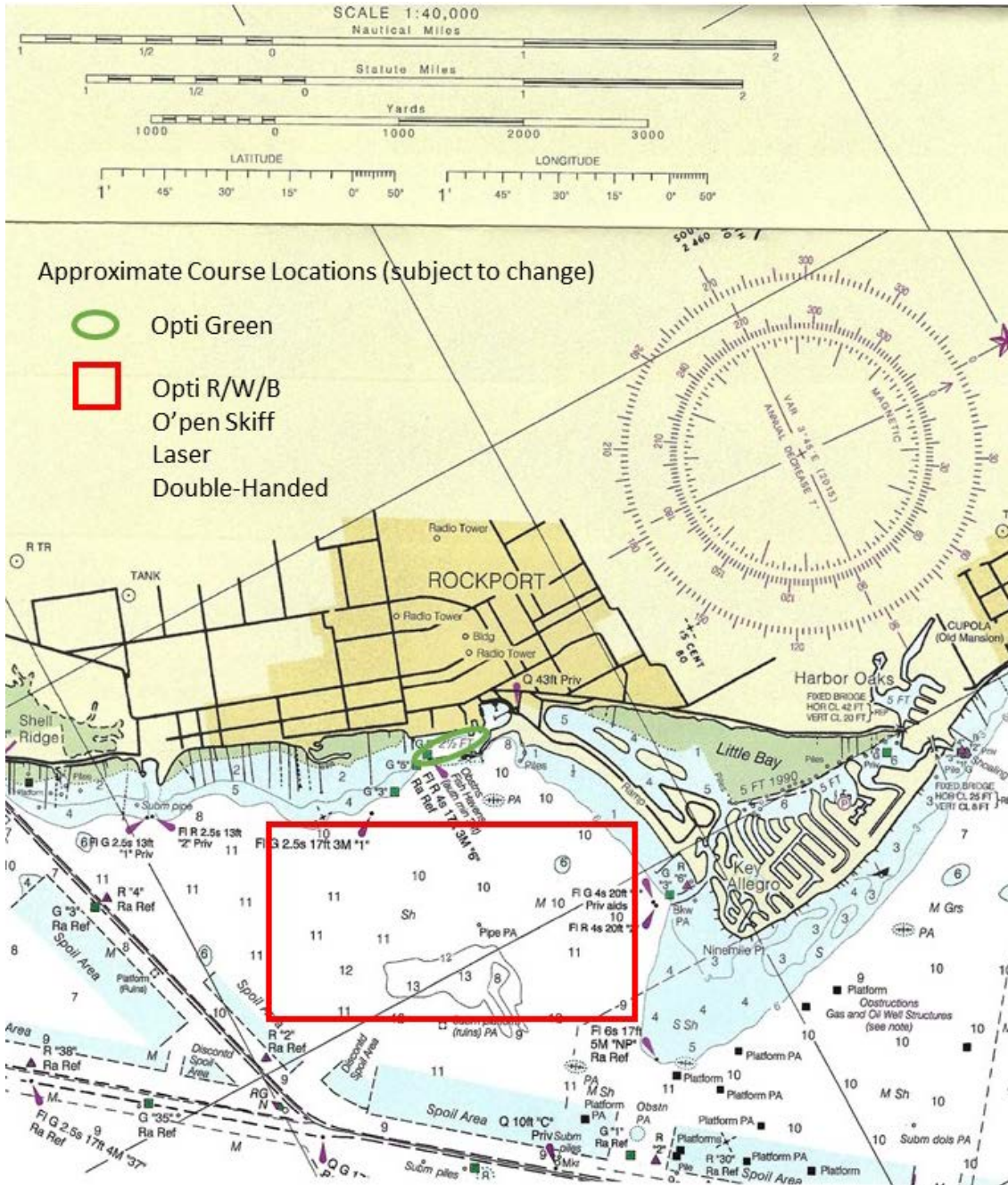


Figure 1

9. 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 RC Signal Boat on starboard tack, hail its sail number and be acknowledged by the RC. Failure to do so will result in a 20% penalty for the first race of the day.

10. COURSES:

- 10.1 Attachment A provides the courses which may be used for the **Opti Fleets**. Multiple times around the course will be designated by a number following the "T" or "W".
- 10.2 Attachment B provides the courses which may be used on Aransas Bay for the **O'pen Skiff, ILCA, and Double-Handed fleets**. The diagrams in Attachment B show the courses, order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. All races will use the same RC Signal Boat for the starting and finish lines; with starting line on the port side of the boat and finish line on the starboard side of the boat.

11. MARKS:

- 11.1 For the Opti Green Fleet (Attachment A), marks will be round orange buoys. The starting and finishing marks will be a RC Signal Boat at the starboard end displaying an orange flag at the starboard end and a red-orange "guide buoy" at the port end.
- 11.2 For the Opti R/W/B Fleet (Attachment A), marks will be orange inflatable tetrahedrons. The starting mark will be the RC Signal Boat at the starboard end and a red-orange "guide buoy" at the port end.
- 11.3 Attachment B course marks will be yellow inflatable cylinders. In the event that only one mark is in place for a gate, it shall be left to port.
 - 11.3.1 The starting marks will be the RC Signal Boat at the starboard end flying the orange signal flag and a red-orange "guide buoy" at the port end; located on the port side of the Signal Boat.
 - 11.3.2 The finishing marks for will be the RC Signal boat displaying a blue signal flag at the port end and a white "guide buoy" at the starboard end; located on the starboard side of the Signal Boat.
- 11.4 To change the next leg of the course, the RC will move the original mark(s) to a new position, signalling a change in course at the prior mark.
- 11.5 To maintain course configuration during a race, the RC may make minor adjustments of the course, up to 10 degrees and .10nm, without signalling a change. This changes RRS 33.

12. THE START:

- 12.1 The Optimist Green Fleet starting sequence will be shortened to 3 minutes (class flag up 3 min before start and preparatory flag up 2 min before start). A series of short signals may be made before any starting sequence begins in order to attract attention. This changes RRS 26.
- 12.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Boat and the course side of the starting mark.
- 12.3 The course to be sailed will be displayed on a white board located on the stern of the RC Signal Boat.
- 12.4 A boat may not start later than four (4) minutes after the starting signal for its class. Boats attempting to start after this time will be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This changes RRS 28.1, A 4 and A 5.

12.5 [NP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall stay to the starboard of the RC Signal Boat's finish line pin; keeping clear of both the start and finish lines and all boats whose warning signal has been made.

13. RECALLS:

The RC 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 RRS 41 and 62.1.

14. THE FINISH:

14.1 The finish line shall be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the RC Signal boat and the course side of the finishing mark. For the Opti Fleets, the finish line will be the same as the start line with a staff displaying the orange flag. This changes RRS RACE SIGNALS.

14.2 The RC may display flag A (with no sound) while boats are finishing to signal that there will be no more races that day.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM:

RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turn Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

16. TIME LIMIT:

16.1 The time limit for each race will be 60 minutes for the first boat to finish. If no boat has complied with RRS 28.1, the race shall be abandoned.

16.2 The Finishing Window is twenty (20) minutes.

16.3 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place two (2) more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

16.4 If no boat has rounded the first mark within twenty (20) minutes of the start, the race shall be abandoned. This modifies RRS 32 and 35.

17. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS:

17.1 A competitor must notify the RC of their intent to protest another boat, at the finish line, before talking to a coach or a parent. If this instruction is not followed, the protest will be found to be invalid. This is in addition to and modifies the requirements of class rules and RRS 60.1(a) and 61.1(a).

17.2 Protest forms will be made available at the Official Notice Board and delivered to the Judges or their representative. The protest time limit is sixty (60) minutes after the RC Signal Boat from each Competitors' race course docks.

17.3 The protest time limit will be posted. A list of protests will be posted on the official notice board no later than thirty (30) minutes after the end of protest time.

17.4 A boat is not permitted to protest another boat for breaking SI 7, 19, 20 and 21. This changes RRS 60.1(a). In addition, penalties for anything other than RRS Part 2 or 3 may be less than disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee.

17.5 The person who served as mediator during Arbitration may not serve on the protest committee.

18. SCORING:

18.1 The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A shall apply, modified so that:

18.1.1 When five (5) to nine (9) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race score excluding her worst.

18.1.2 When ten (10) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two (2) worst scores

18.2 For Optimist Red, White and Blue divisions, each race 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.

18.3 For ILCA fleets, each race shall be scored as a whole with all boats receiving scores according to recorded finish position. "Overall Scoring" shall be used to determine the finish place of each junior aged sailor for purposes of junior awards and junior place finish in the regatta.

18.4 O'pen Skiff and Double-Handed fleets will be scored separately within their fleet.

19. DISPOSAL OF TRASH:

[DP] Per RRS 47, boats observed purposefully discharging trash into the water will be disqualified from all races sailed on the day the infraction is observed or be subject to other suitable disciplinary action or both.

20. SAFETY:

20.1 [DP] **RRS 40 is changed so that each competitor shall wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved life jacket (PFD), in good condition, that is 100% dependent on foam for flotation (i.e., inherently buoyant) and the appropriate size for the sailor, at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. See US Sailing Regulation 10. A violation of this instruction may be protested by race officials or a competitor; however, an inadvertent and momentary breach of this instruction may receive a penalty less than disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee. A pinnie may be worn outside of the PFD. This changes RRS 64.2.**

20.2 [DP] A competitor who withdraws from a race or does not intend to start a race shall inform the RC as soon as possible. This may also be accomplished by the notifying a member of the RC ashore.

20.3 Sailors of Double-Handed fleet boats are encouraged, but not required, to carry an emergency safety line cutter, such as an "S-Cutter" tool or harness webbing cutter.

20.4 First Aid is located and available in the Clubhouse. The nearest emergency medical facility is ER 24/7 Rockport located at 400 Enterprise Blvd. in Rockport. Their phone number is 361-727-8200. For serious or life threatening injuries dial 911 to seek emergency response.

21. SUPPORT BOAT RESTRICTIONS:

- 21.1 Every boat other than RC boats in the racing area, whether team leader, coach, parent, or other spectator boat is considered a “Support Boat” during the regatta and is subject to these restrictions. As such, Support Boats may be called upon by the RC to render assistance for the safety of all race participants. Violations of any restriction may be grounds for expulsion from the racing area.
- 21.2 Support Boats and RC Boats shall comply with U.S. Coast Guard regulations for equipment carried aboard, to include a working VHF radio monitoring the RC Channel.

Race Course/Fleet	RC Channel
Shore/Safety	78
Optimist Green	71
Optimist R/W/B	69
ILCA, O’pen Skiff, & Double-Handed	68

- 21.3 Support Boats 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 RC signals a postponement or abandonment. The RC, at its discretion, may deem a violation of this provision to be a violation of RRS 2 and may impose a penalty which will be a scoring penalty per RRS 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.
- 21.4 Failure of Support Boats to keep wakes down, or remain outside the race course while boats are racing, may result in the RC limiting where support boats may go during a race.
- 21.5 [DP] All Support Boats that are required by Texas state law, must wear a safety kill-switch lanyard, especially when in the proximity of and approaching sailors in and on the water. If a Support Boat is required to use a kill switch and is not equipped with or is not using a kill switch, the Support Boat may be subject to protest and expulsion from the racing area.
- 21.6 Absolutely **NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES** or other mind-altering drugs are allowed on any race committee, support, coach, parent, or spectator boat in the racing area.
- 21.7 Optimist Green Fleet: Notwithstanding SI 21.1, 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.

22. RISK, DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY & PERSONAL CONDUCT:

- 22.1 Competitors participate in the regatta at their own risk. See RRS 3 (Decision to Race). The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or

personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after this event.

22.2 Competitors will accept full responsibility for all his/her actions during any activity related to the event. This includes on-shore activities before, during and after the regatta until such time as they leave the venue for home or the airport.

22.3 All competitors, coaches and parents are expected to maintain the highest levels of conduct throughout the entire event until such time as they leave for home or the airport. Enforcement of discipline and conduct shall be conducted as per RRS 69.1 and/or the policies and procedures of US Sailing (Regulation 15.01).

23. TROPHY PRESENTATION:

Trophy presentations will be held on Sunday afternoon approximately one hour after the last race on a race course (Rockwall Harbour or Aransas Bay) or when protest hearing(s) are completed.

23.1 ILCA 4 fleet: 1-3

23.2 ILCA 6 fleet: 1-3

~~**23.3 ILCA 7 fleet:** 1-3 (no registrations)~~

~~**23.4 Double Handed fleet:** 1-3 (no registrations)~~

23.5 O'pen Skiff fleet: 1-3

23.6 ILCA/O'pen Skiff Outstanding Sailor (Dave Taylor Sportsmanship Award)

23.7 Opti White fleet: 1-3

23.8 Opti Blue fleet: 1-3

23.9 Opti Red fleet: 1-3


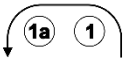
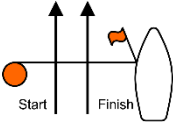
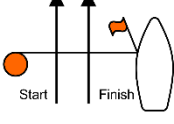


23.10 Opti overall: 1st place



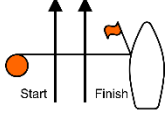

23.11 Opti Skiff Outstanding Sailor (Dave Taylor Sportsmanship Award)

23.12 Green fleet: Participation medallions

Above all, BE SAFE and HAVE FUN!

ATTACHMENT A – OPTI FLEET COURSES

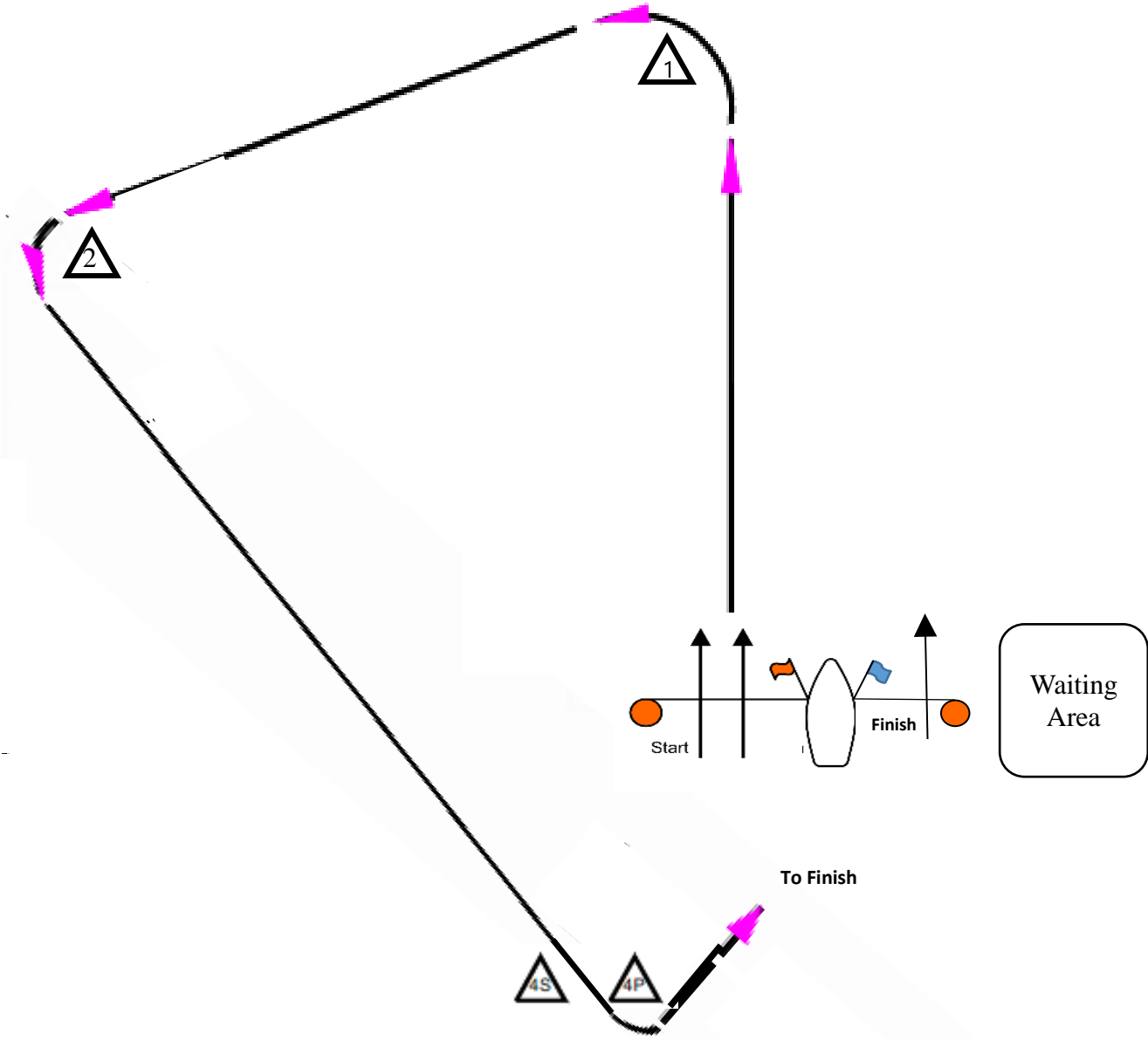
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ATTACHMENT B – O’PEN SKIFF & ILCA COURSES

COURSE “T”
START-1-2-4S/4P-FINISH

NOT TO SCALE



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