

Sailing Instructions
Division 4
AUGUSTA SAILING CLUB
69th HALLOWEEN REGATTA
October 7-8, 2023

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the current *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024*.
- 1.2. [NP] Rule 40.1 applies at all times while afloat, this means a PFD must be worn at all times on the water.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted before 0830 hours on the day it will take effect, except
- 2.2. Changes in the schedule of races will be posted by 2100 hrs on October 7th for races to be sailed on October 8th.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Augusta Sailing Club clubhouse west-side porch.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1. Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located by the Augusta Sailing Clubhouse.
- 5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, one (1) minute is replaced with not less than 30 minutes in the race signal AP.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Saturday, October 7th	1200	First warning, all course race(s) to follow immediately
Sunday, October 8th	1000	First warning, all course race(s) to follow immediately - no warning signal will be made after 1300.

Awards Ceremony following Protest Hearings

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7. CLASS FLAGS

Division 4	Open Skiff	Skiff Class Flag
	Opti	Opti Class Flag
	Opti Green	Opti Green Flag

8. THE COURSES

8.1. The courses are described on the course sheets. See attachment A.

9. MARKS

9.1. All marks will be small yellow, or small green inflatable tetrahedron marks; orange cylinder marks; or blue ball marks. The Bridge of Doom is considered a mark of the course for the O'pen Skiff Class.

9.2. The change mark for division 4 will be a small, orange tetrahedron mark.

9.3. The Course's Race Committee boat is a mark at the start and at the finish line.

10. THE START

10.1. On Division 4, races will be started using a 3-minute whistle (or horn) start. This changes RRS 26.

- 3 minutes before the start- 3 long whistle/blasts
- 2 minutes before the start- 2 long whistle/blasts
- 1 minute , 30 seconds before the start- 1 long, 3 short whistle/blasts
- 1 minute before the start- 1 long whistle/blast
- 30 seconds before the start- 3 short whistles/blasts
- 20 seconds before the start- 2 short whistles/ blasts
- 10 seconds before the start- 1 short whistle/blast
- Followed by a countdown at 5, 4, 3, 2, and 1 second before the start
- The start will be signaled by 1 long whistle/blast

10.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

10.3. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

10.4. A boat that has not met the definition of *start* by 3 minutes after the starting signal will be scored "Did Not Start".

11. THE FINISH

11.1. The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee boat and a finishing mark.

11.2. [NP] Boats who are not finishing shall avoid the finishing area.

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12. PENALTIES

- 12.1. For Division 4, the first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the *zone* around a *mark* other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.

13. TIME LIMITS

- 13.1. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat in their class sails the course and finishes will be scored "Did Not Finish", DNF.
- 13.2. If a boat(s) in last place in a race is delaying the start of another race, the race committee may score that boat(s) in the place she would have finished to help get the next race started.

14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1. A boat intending to protest another boat in the racing area during a race shall notify the other boat immediately of her intent, including the word "protest".
- 14.2. A boat intending to protest another boat shall notify the race committee signal boat as soon as possible after finishing, stating the sail number of the protested boat.
- 14.3. Protest forms are available at the ASC official notice board outside the clubhouse.
- 14.4. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered within the appropriate time limit and lodged with the jury's representative at the ASC notice board. They should be submitted to the respective PRO at the clubhouse.
- 14.5. For each class the protest time limit is 30 minutes after the RC boat has docked for the day of racing.
- 14.6. The jury will hear protests in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.

15. SCORING

- 15.1. The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A4 will apply.
- 15.2. An unlimited number of races are planned. One race will constitute a regatta.
- 15.3. If 5 or fewer races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of all her race scores. If 6 or more races are completed, each boat's worst score will be discarded.
- 15.4. A boat that came to the starting area but did not start, did not sail the course, did not finish, retired, or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that finished within the time limits, and a boat that did not come to the starting area shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats registered. This changes RRS A5.2.
- 15.5. Coaching is allowed only for Optimist Green.
- 15.6. If a boat receives hands-on assistance, they will be scored DNF.

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16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1. A personal flotation device shall be worn by all division 4 competitors when away from shore.
- 16.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

17. SUPPORT BOATS

[NP] Team leaders, coaches, parents and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the warning signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall, or abandonment.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely 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 the event.

19. LITTER

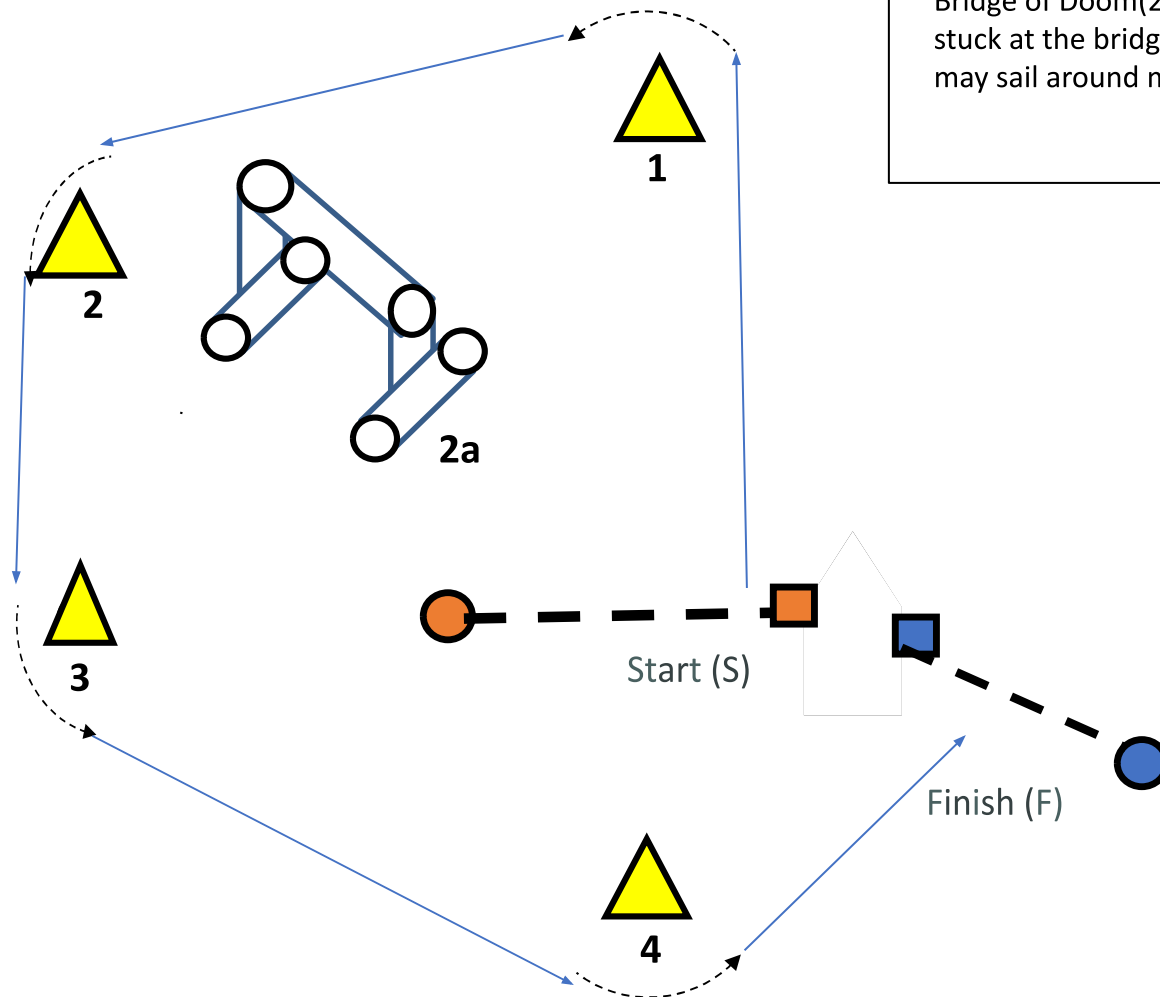
[NP] Anyone seen willfully discharging litter into the lake shall be scored "DSQ" for that race or the previous race. Only the RC or PC may protest a boat under this rule.

20. RADIO COMMUNICATION

The Division 4 Race Committee will use VHF channel 74 unless otherwise directed by the Principal Race Officer.

ATTACHMENT A Augusta Sailing Club Youth Course Diagram

Mark colors and shapes are subject to change from this diagram.
 O'pen Skiffs will sail through the Bridge of Doom(2a). If boats are stuck at the bridge, O'pen Skiffs may sail around mark 2.



Optimist	
COURSE	
T1	S-1-2-3-4-F
T2	S-1-2-3-4-1-2-3-4-F
W1	S-1-4-F
W2	S-1-4-1-4-F

O'pen Skiff	
COURSE	
T1	S-1-2a-3-4-F
T2	S-1-2a-3-4-1-2a-3-4-F
W1	S-1-4-F
W2	S-1-4-1-4-f