



56th ANNUAL
LOWCOUNTRY REGATTA

JUNE 24-25, 2023

The Beaufort Yacht & Sailing Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
FOR THE OPTIMIST/SKIFF COURSE

1. RULES

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 All competitors must display their sail number on both sides of their sail.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the screen porch of the clubhouse.

3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 On-shore changes to the sailing instructions will be posted within 15 minutes of the close of the competitors' meeting on Saturday and by 9:30 on Sunday.
- 3.2 Changes to the schedule will be posted by 7:00 pm on the day before the change is in effect.
- 3.3 On-the-water changes to the sailing instructions will be made before the warning signal of a race by hoisting code flag "L" with one sound signal and announcing the change verbally.
- 3.4 In the case of a conflict between the NOR and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the club flagpole.
- 4.2 When flag "AP" is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes." This changes RRS race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Saturday 8:30 to 10:45 Required Check in and Late Registration in Clubhouse
- 5.2 Saturday 11:00 competitors' meeting
- 5.3 Saturday 12:30 warning signal for first race
- 5.4 Sunday 10:30 warning signal for first race
- 5.5 There will be no maximum number of races.
- 5.6 On Sunday no warning signal will be given after 2:00.

6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 The class flag for the O'Pen Skiff class is the O'Pen Skiff class flag-white flag with letter O.
- 6.2 The class flag for the Optimist Red, White, and Blue class is numeral pennant "3".
- 6.3 The class flag for the Optimist Green class is a green optimist flag.

7. RACING AREA

The racing area is on the Beaufort River within 500 yards of the BYSC dock.

8. COURSES

- 8.1 The course will be a trapezoid with both the starting and finishing lines in the windward leg.
- 8.2 The attached diagram shows the course.
- 8.3 The long weather mark is for the O'Pen Skiff class, and the red, white, and blue Opti classes. The short weather mark is for the green Optimist class.
- 8.4 The course will not be shortened. This changes RRS 32.

9. MARKS

- 9.1 Marks 1L, 2, 3 and 4 will be yellow balls.
- 9.2 Mark 1S will be a white ball.
- 9.3 The start mark will be an orange pin end buoy with staff displaying an orange flag.
- 9.4 The finish will be a blue pin buoy with staff displaying a blue flag.

10. THE START

- 10.1 All boats are **required** to check in with their signal boat prior to the warning for the first race of the day. The Race Committee may assign the score Disqualification That Is Not Excludable (DNE) to a boat without a hearing for the first race of the day in which the breach occurred. This changes RRS A5.
- 10.2 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 10.3 The start line will be between the pin end start mark and an orange flag on the signal boat.
- 10.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the start area during the start sequence for other classes.
- 10.5 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her start signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 10.6 The order of starts for the first race of the day will be 1) O'Pen Skiff, 2) Optimist red, white, and blue, and 3) Optimist green.

11. THE FINISH

- 11.1 The finish line will be on the opposite side of the RC signal boat from the starting line and will be between a blue pin buoy at one end and a blue flag on the signal boat.
- 11.2 After finishing a boat shall clear the start/finish area.

12. TIME LIMITS

12.1 The time limit for the first boat in a race to sail the course and finish is 45 minutes.

12.2 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat in a race sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. (See SI 14.5.) This changes RRS 35 and A5.

13. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

13.1 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”.

13.2 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.

13.3 Protest forms are available at the official notice board and shall be submitted there.

13.4 The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the race committee signal boat docks and sounds three signals. The protest time limit (filing deadline) will be posted on the official notice board as soon as practicable.

14. SCORING

14.1 The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply as revised below.

14.2 The number of boats entered in the series will be defined as the number of boats that complete registration at the regatta venue. This change is added to RRS A5.2 and A5.3.

14.3 One completed race shall constitute a regatta.

14.4 When 5 or fewer races have been completed a boat’s series score will be the total of her races; when 6 or more races are completed a boat’s worst score will be discarded. There will be a maximum of one race discarded.

14.5 Boats scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) shall be awarded points equal to the number of boats sailing the course and finishing within the time limit plus 2.

15. SAFETY

15.1 A boat that retires from a race or leaves the racing area between races shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

15.2 A personal flotation device shall be worn by all competitors when away from shore.

15.3 Closed toe shoes shall be worn while launching and retrieving boats.

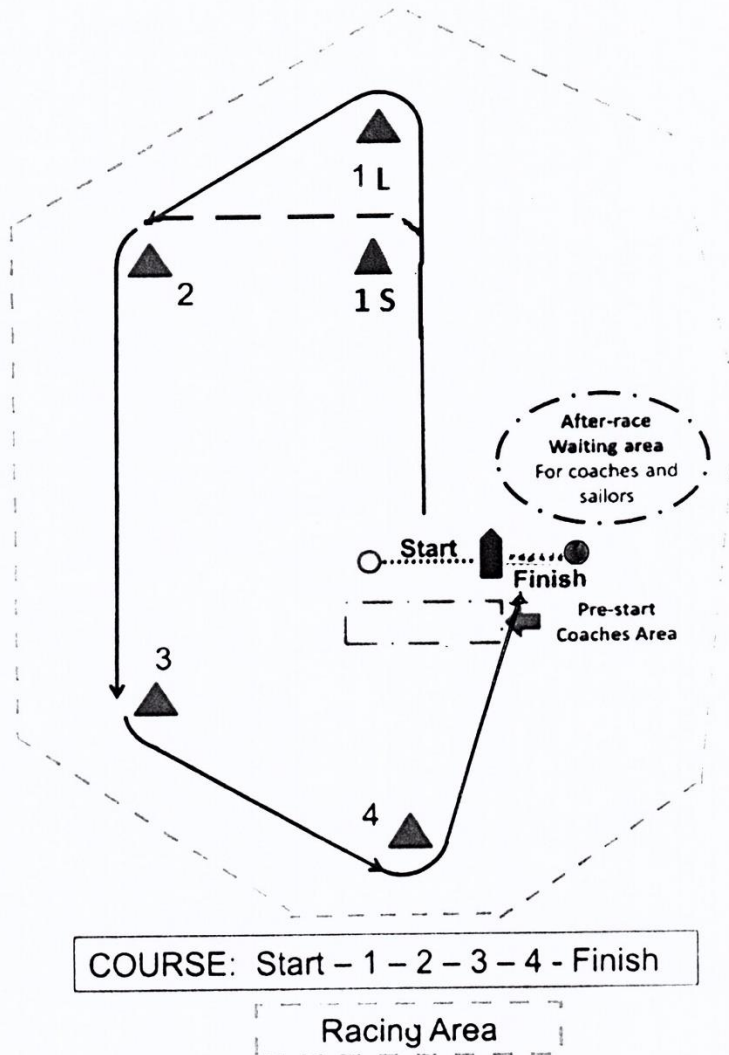
15.4 The sail number of the boat must be the same as on the entry form.

15.5 The Race Committee, for breaches of SI 15.1 – 15.4, may assign the score Disqualification That Is Not Excludable (DNE) to a boat without a hearing for the first race of the day in which the breach occurred. This changes RRS A5.

16. EQUIPMENT. Equipment (including sails) may be substituted only with permission of the race committee.

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Simple Trapezoid Course



Note: Diagram not to scale. Mark colors and shapes are illustrative only.