



RIVER ROMP 2023 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS INCLUDING AMENDMENT 1



October 20-22, 2023

**ORGANIZING AUTHORITY (OA)
Edison Sailing Center**

River Romp supports Clean Regatta practices under Sailors for the Sea

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 (RRS)*.
- 1.2. [DP]Participants shall abide by all local, state, and federal health and safety guidelines in effect during the days of the event.

2. **CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** will be posted on the Official Notice Board before 0900 on Saturday for Saturday races and before 0730 on Sunday for Sunday races except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before the schedule change will take effect.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. All notices to the competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board. The Official Notice Board can be found at: <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/26901>.
- 3.2. No competitor boats shall carry onboard any communication devices including, but not limited to, VHF radios and cell phones.
- 3.3. Coach and support boats shall carry functional VHF radios and cell phones for communications with the RC and OA. See especially RRS 37.
- 3.4. Radio channels for race areas are as follows: Area A: VHF 78; Area B: VHF 70; Area C: VHF 72.

4. **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE** will be displayed from the flagpole located near the shelter. 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 Race-Signals AP.

5. SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, October 20, 2023:

- 1630 Club and Coach on-site check-in opens.
- 1700 **Deadline for filing sail numbers.**
- 1830 Check-in closes for the day.

SATURDAY October 21, 2023:

- 0745 Club and Coach on-site check-in opens.
- 0859 Check-in closes for the event.
- 1030 Intended first warning signal for Race Area B, (Opti Red-White-Blue) and Race Area C (C420, **Non-Spinnaker 420**, ICLA 6 and ICLA 4).
- 1100 Intended first warning signal for Race Area A for Opti Green Fleet.
- 1100 – 1430 Emerald Fleet Clinic
- 1700 No warning will be made after this time.

SUNDAY October 22, 2023:

- 0900 Intended first warning signal for all Race Areas.
- 1000-1330 Emerald Fleet Clinic
- 1300 No first warning will be made after this time.

6. NUMBER OF RACES

- 6.1. It is the intention of the organizing authority and race committee to run as many races as practicable.
- 6.2. One scored race will constitute a series.
- 6.3. Code Flag A displayed with no sound, while boats are finishing, means "No more racing today".

7. RACING AREA, CLASSES, DIVISIONS

- 7.1. The races will be held on the Caloosahatchee River as shown on the Race Area Chart posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 7.2. The class(es) in each race area and the approximate distance from the north shore regatta site for each race area is as follows:
 - 7.2.1. Race Area A (Opti Green Fleet): One-half mile.
 - 7.2.2. Race Area B (Opti Red-White-Blue): Approximately 1 ½ miles.
 - 7.2.3. Race Area C (C420, Non-Spinnaker 420, ILCA 6 (Laser Radial) and (ILCA (4.7))): 2 miles.
- 7.3. [DP] [NP] Colored streamers will be provided at check in and shall be flown from the mast top at full length by the following classes:
 - 7.3.1. ILCA 6 (Laser Radial): Blue
 - 7.3.2. ILCA 4 (Laser 4.7): White
 - 7.3.3. **Non-Spinnaker 420, Lime Green**

8. STARTING AND CLASS FLAGS

- 8.1. Starts will be signaled in accordance with RRS 26.
- 8.2. **Race Area A:** The Green Fleet class flag will be the IODA class flag.
- 8.3. **Race Area B:** Opti Red-White-Blue class flag will be the IODA class flag.
- 8.4. **Race Area C:** Class flags and intended start order for the first race of the regatta will be in the order indicated below. **Intended start order for the first race of the second day of racing will be posted no later than 2000 on the first day. Subsequent start sequences will be based on the respective class flag flown at the warning signal. It is the intention of the RC to use rolling starts:**
 - 8.4.1. **C420: 420 Class Flag.**
 - 8.4.2. **ILCA 6 (Laser Radial): Blue Streamers.**
 - 8.4.3. **Non-Spinnaker 420: Lime Green Streamers.**
 - 8.4.4. **ILCA 4 (Laser 4.7): White Streamers.**
- 8.5. **A boat starting more than four minutes after her starting** signal will be scored DNS (Did Not Start) without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.1.
- 8.6. As a courtesy, the race committee may make a series of short sound signals approximately one minute prior to the first warning of a series of starts.

9. COURSES The courses will be as shown and described in Addendum One.

10. DESCRIPTIONS of MARKS, START LINE, FINISH LINE

- 10.1. **Description of the Marks** will be posted on the Official Notice Board prior to 0900 on Saturday.
- 10.2. **Race Areas A:** The start/finish line will be between a mark on the port end and a staff flying an orange flag on the RC Signal Boat.
- 10.3. **Race Area B and C:** The starting line will be between a staff flying an orange flag on a pin-end boat or a mark as described on the Official Notice Board and a staff flying an orange flag on the RC Signal Boat. The finishing line will be between a mark to windward of the bow of the RC Signal Boat and a staff flying a blue flag on the RC Signal Boat.

11. RESTRICTED AREAS

- 11.1. [DP]Prior to a boat's warning signal, each boat shall remain below the starting line a minimum of 100' from the starting line.
- 11.2. [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 100' from the finishing line.
- 11.3. [DP][NP]Spectator Boats shall remain anchored in the Spectator Area anytime the Orange Flag is displayed.
- 11.4. [DP]On Race areas B and C, Coach Boats displaying a registered flag may transit the race course provided they remain a minimum of 100 yds from a racing boat AND only transit the race area to the "right side" as viewed from the start area.
- 11.5. [DP]On Race area A (Opti Green) coach boats shall not approach the leading 25% of the fleet but may coach the balance of the fleet. This changes RRS 41.
- 11.6. [DP]Coaches and Spectators in violation of these Rules may be protested as a Support Person with a penalty assigned to the related competitor(s).

12. RETIRE REQUIREMENTS [DP] [NP] A boat that retires from a race or from racing for the day shall notify the race committee before leaving the race area. A boat retiring and returning to shore shall report to a race official designated for each launching area.

13. TIME LIMITS

- 13.1. If no boat passes the first mark of the course within 15 minutes of her start, the race shall be abandoned.
- 13.2. If no boat sails the course and finishes within 60 minutes of the start, the race shall be abandoned.
- 13.3. Boats still racing ten (10) minutes after the first boat in her class finishes, and not thereafter retiring, being penalized or given redress will be scored TLE without a hearing. A boat scored TLE will be awarded two points more than the number of boats that did finish within the race time limit and complied with RRS 28, but will not be scored more than the score for DNF. This changes RRS 35, A4, A5 and A10.

14. REPORTS OF THE JURY AND ACTIONS OF THE RACE COMMITTEE

- 14.1. No later than 15 minutes after the RC Signal Boat's dock time, the RC will post their actions related to boats scored DNC, DNS, OCS, ZFP, BFD, DNF and TLE and will include a list of those boats that failed to meet sail number requirements.
- 14.2. The Jury will post actions related to Appendix P as amended by SI 15.1. no later than 15 minutes after the RC dock time.

15. PENALTY SYSTEMS

- 15.1. RRS Appendix P, as revised below, shall apply.
 - 15.1.1. P2.2, "Second Penalty" title is changed to: "Second and Subsequent Penalties."
 - 15.1.2. The first sentence of P2.2 is changed to: When a boat is penalized a second time and subsequent times, her penalty shall be a Two-Turn Penalty as described in rule 44.2, unless the penalty is signaled after the boat finishes, in which case the boat shall promptly notify the race committee that she is retiring.
 - 15.1.3. P2.3 and P2.4 are deleted.
- 15.2. Appendix V1 shall apply.

16. SCORING INQUIRIES, PROTESTS/REQUEST FOR REDRESS:

- 16.1. Score Inquiry Forms and Hearing Request Forms will be available from the Protest Committee on site and on the Official Notice Board: <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/26901>
- 16.2. Competitors requesting clarification on their scores and on Actions of the Race Committee shall submit a Scoring Inquiry Form to the Race Committee via their coach or designated support person and go through the scoring inquiry process prior to filing a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 16.3. If the scoring inquiry is not resolved by the race committee to the boat's satisfaction, and the boat wishes to request for redress, the boat shall immediately file for redress.
- 16.4. **Protest Time Limit** is thirty (30) minutes from the time the RC Signal Boat for that class has docked. The time limit for each Race Area will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 16.5. Protests and requests for redress regarding incidents on the race course shall be delivered to the Protest Committee or an Organization Authority representative within the protest time limit. This changes RRS 61.3.
- 16.6. 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). This will include hearings regarding those boats not meeting registration requirements.
- 16.7. As soon as practicable after the protest time limit, the Protest Committee will post the schedule and location of hearings.
- 16.8. To facilitate learning, judges are available to discuss incidents on the water which did not result in protests.

17. SCORING

- 17.1. In compliance with USODA, the Green Fleet scores will be recorded and posted in sail number order.
- 17.2. For Optimist Green, Optimist R/W/B, ILCAs, and 420s one race shall constitute a series.
- 17.3. When six or more races have been scored, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst excludable score.

- 18. **TRASH DISPOSAL:** [DP] A competitor shall dispose of all refuse in appropriate containers ashore.

19. OUTSIDE HELP

- 19.1. [DP] Except for those boats in the last 75% of the Opti Green Fleet, boats shall not receive advice, instruction or any type of outside assistance from the time of her warning signal until she has finished. This changes RRS 41.

20. **PRIZES**

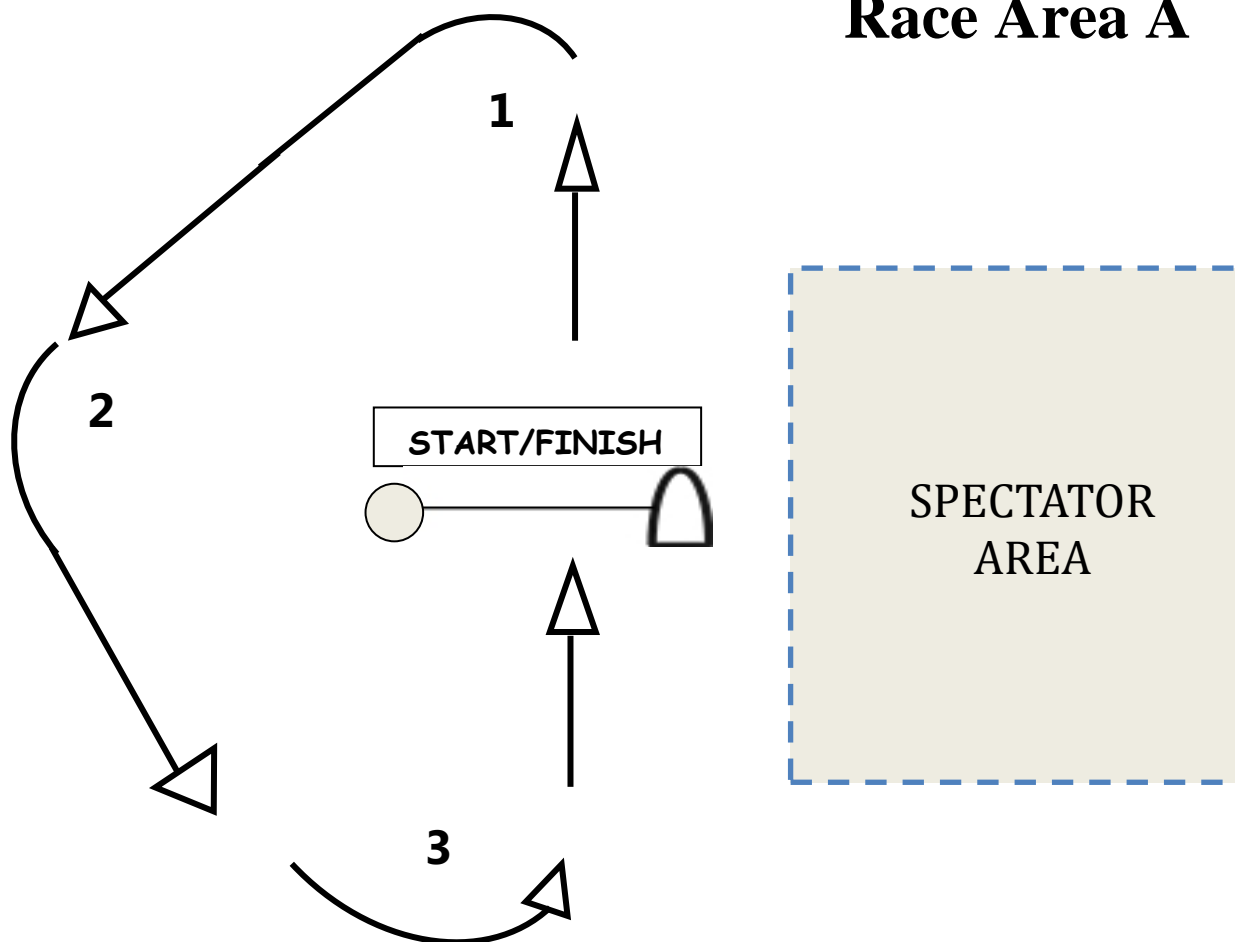
- 20.1. Awards will be given to the winners' coaches/team representatives for distribution.
- 20.2. Awards will be presented to the top five finishers in Opti Red, Opti White, Opti Blue, ILCA 4, ILCA 6 and C420. Awards will be presented to the top three overall finishers in the Opti Red-White-Blue Fleet.
- 20.3. Green Fleet competitors will receive participation medals.
- 20.4. An award in recognition of good sportsmanship will be given to one sailor in each class. See criteria in Addendum Three.
- 20.5. The Organizing Authority retains the right to make additional awards at its sole discretion.
- 20.6. **Awards will be presented to the top three finishers in Non-Spinnaker 420 Class.**

21. **RISK STATEMENT and DISCLAIMER**

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes. Competitors participate entirely at their own risk.** The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, illness or future illness or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta. An online waiver must be signed by all competitors and their parent/guardian.

**ADDENDUM ONE
COURSE CONFIGURATIONS**

Race Area A

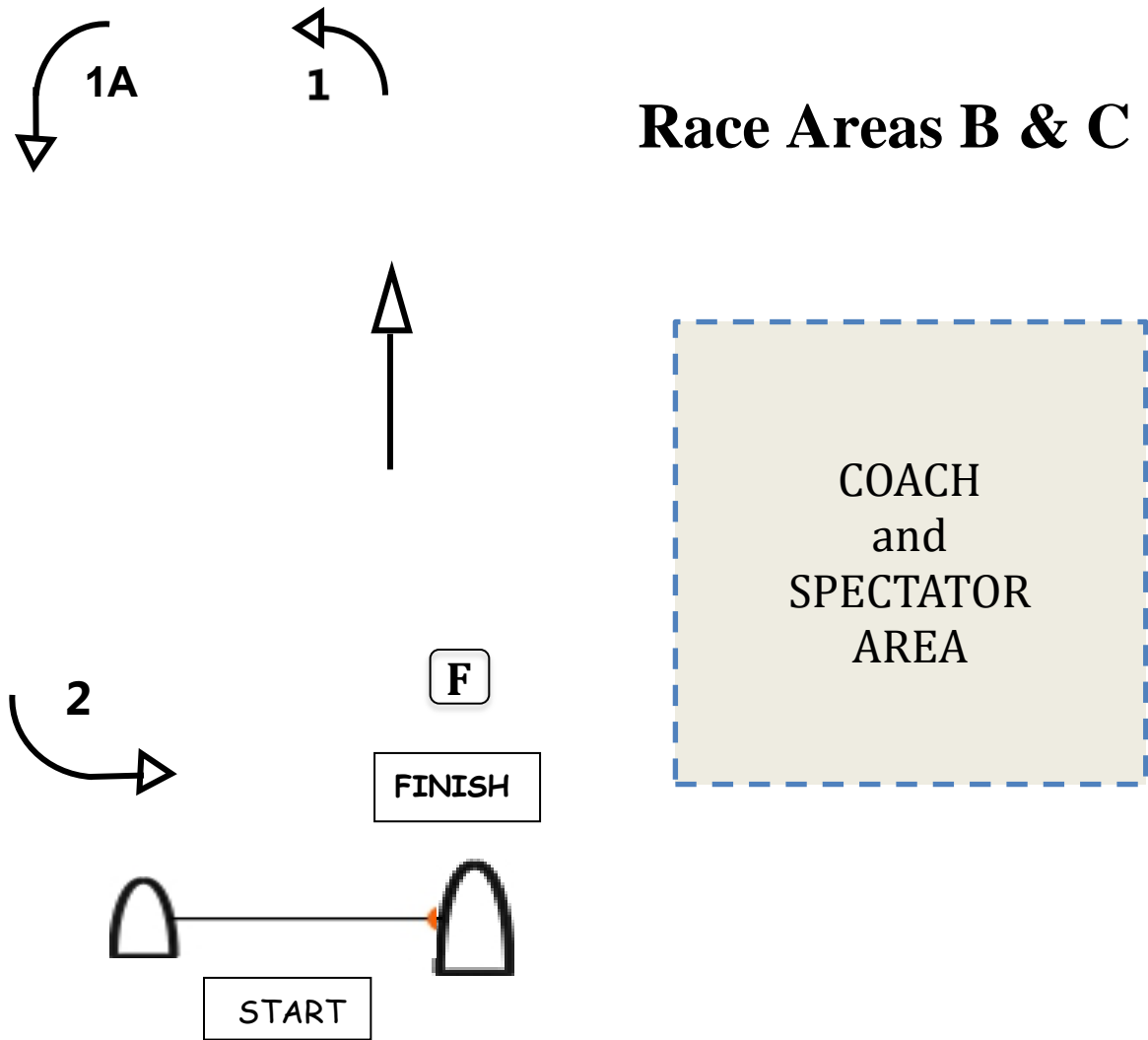


RACE AREA A: OPTI GREEN FLEET

RADIO VHF 78

COURSE: Start-1-2-3-Finish

ICE CREAM COURSE: Sail to ice cream flag on shore from wherever you are!
Competitors do not need to cross the starting line for the Ice Cream Race.



RACE AREA B: Opti Red-White-Blue

RADIO VHF 70

RACE AREA C: Laser/C420/Non-Spinnaker 420

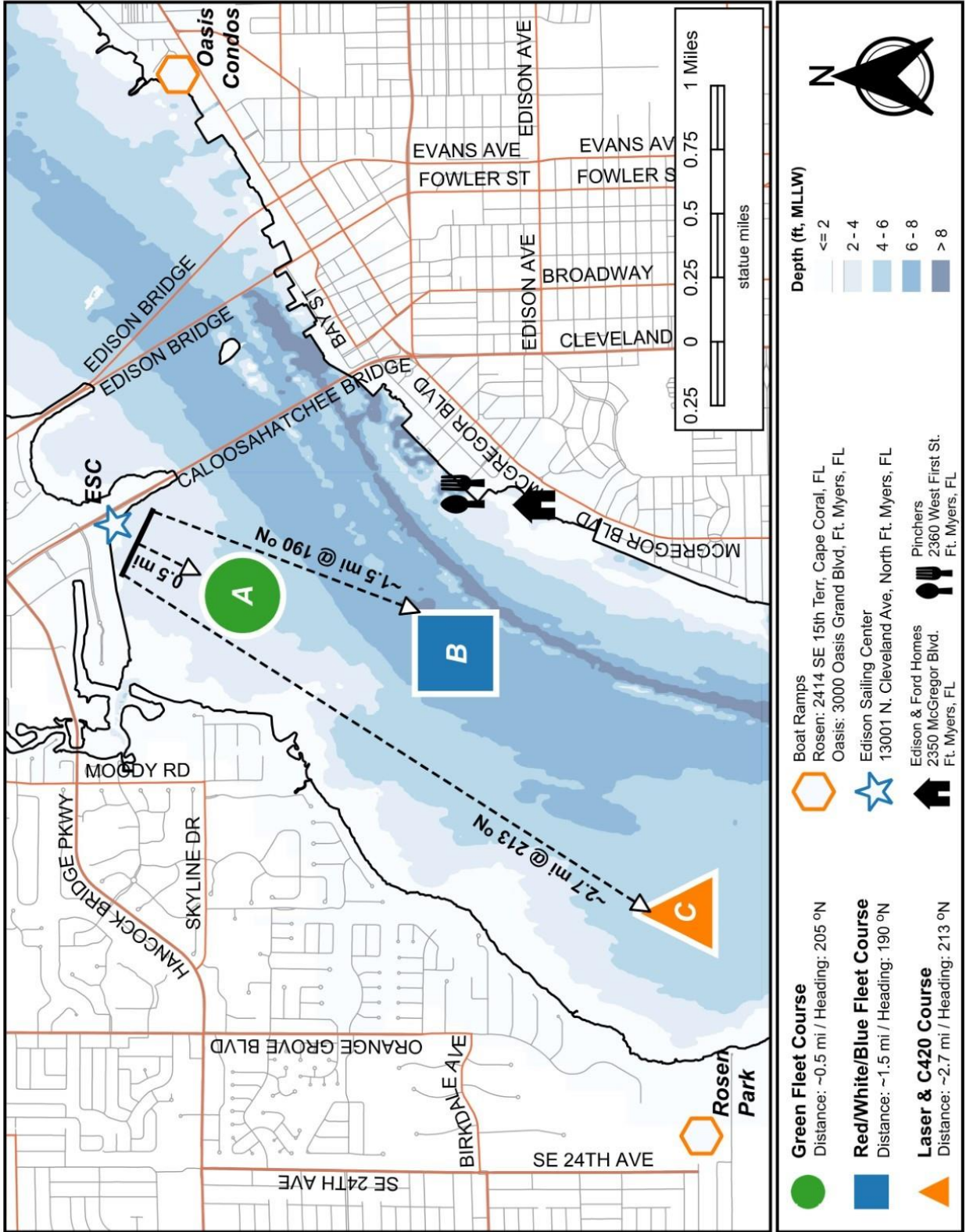
RADIO VHF 72

W/L 1: Start-1-1A-2-Finish in front of RC

W/L 2: Start-1-1A-2-1-1A-2-Finish in front of RC

Note: The Race Committee may choose to not have an offset (1A) mark on this race course for all or some races or after a course change.

ADDENDUM TWO RACE AREAS



ADDENDUM THREE SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD CRITERIA

2023 Sailing Instructions, 20.4: An award in recognition of good sportsmanship will be given to one sailor in each class.

“Competitors in the sport of sailing are governed by a body of rules that they are expected to follow and enforce. A fundamental principle of sportsmanship is that when competitors break a rule, they will promptly take a penalty, which may be to retire.” *Rachel Bennung*

Criteria for Consideration for the Sportsmanship Award

1. Win with style; lose with style
2. Be respectful of all the aspects of the sport
3. Be courteous to other racers, coaches, race committee and volunteers
4. Be honest to all and take penalties even when no one saw the infraction or even when not protested
5. Follow the rules, enforce the rules and sail fairly
6. Gladly help others on the water and on shore, which could include loaning equipment to others and even loaning your boat if you caused damage that resulted in another team being unable to sail their boat.
7. Thank the race committee before returning to shore.
8. Thank the event volunteers
9. Give credit to your crew, your team, your coach and parents
10. Be supportive to others
11. Congratulate the winners
12. Be a role model