



BERMUDA NATIONAL OPTIMIST CHAMPIONSHIP

Sandys Boat Club

November 11th-13th, 2023

ORGANISING AUTHORITY (OA)

The regatta is organized by the Sandys Boat Club (SBC) with the endorsement of the Bermuda Sailing Association; under the authority of the Bermuda Optimist Dinghy Association (BODA).

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation '[NP]' means Rules that are not grounds for protest by a boat (This changes rule 60.1(a)).

The notation '[DP]' means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. RRS 61.1 "Informing the Protestee" is changed as follows: Rule 61.1 (a) is amended by adding the following at the end of paragraph (a), before the word "However"; A boat intending to protest from an incident on the race course shall immediately after finishing proceed directly to the RC Finish Line Boat, sail on the starboard side of the RC boat and notify the RC that she intends to protest, hail her sail number and the number of the boat she is protesting before leaving the finish line area.
- 1.3. If there is a conflict between the NOR and these SIs, the rules in these SIs will take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board (ONB) located at:
<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27151>
- 2.2. As a courtesy to competitors, a WhatsApp Group will be used to alert competitors of official noticeboard changes.
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/GR41QmGo82p2siIZuGwFoM>
Competitors and Support Persons are encouraged to join this group –
On the water, the Race Committee (RC) intends to monitor and communicate with Support Persons on VHF channel 69.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the SIs will be posted before 0930 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 the day before it will take effect.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

[DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from event officials. Failure to comply may be misconduct.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the right yard-arm of the SBC flagpole facing the water.
- 5.2. Flag AP displayed with one sound means: '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES 6.1. As described in NOR 7.

- 6.2. To alert boats that a race will begin soon, an orange flag defining the starboard end of the starting line will be displayed with one sound approximately 5 minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

7. CLASS FLAGS

Class flag will be white with blue class logo.



8. RACING AREAS

The racing area will be communicated each day at the Competitor Briefing.

9. THE COURSES

Attachment #1 – Course Card shows the course, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

10. MARKS

The starting mark shall be an orange tetrahedron. Rounding marks 1, 3S, and 3P shall be yellow tetrahedrons. Rounding mark 2 shall be a green tetrahedron. The finishing mark shall be a pink cylinder.

11. THE START

- 11.1. Races will be started by using RRS 26.
- 11.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port end starting mark.
- 11.3. A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

Minor mark moves using the original mark (up to approximately 150m) may be made without signaling the change. This changes RRS 33.

13. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the RC Finish Line Boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port end finishing mark.

14. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 14.1. All times will be taken from GPS.
- 14.2. Time limits for each race shall be 90 minutes. If no boat has passed Mark 1 within 30 minutes the race will be abandoned.
- 14.3. The target time for each race shall be 45 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 14.4. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

15. HEARING REQUESTS

- 15.1. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the RC docks. The end of protest time limit will be posted on the ONB.
- 15.2. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at SBC. Hearings will be scheduled as soon as practicable after completion of protest time.
- 15.3. The posting of hearing notices shall be considered notices as required by RRS 61 and 62.2.
- 15.4. On the last day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
 - 15.4.1. within the Protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous scheduled day;
 - 15.4.2. no later than 15 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.
- 15.5. On the last day of racing a request for redress based on a jury decision shall be delivered no later than 15 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.