

Division 4 – O’pen Skiff and Optimist RWB

Division 5 – Optimist Green

Sailing Instructions
Divisions 4-5
71st HALLOWEEN REGATTA
Augusta Sailing Club
October 10-12, 2025

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 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 60.1.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 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 11th for races to be sailed on October 12th.

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 11th	1045	Division 4 (Open/Opti RWB) boats leave the beach
	1115	Division 5 (Opti Green) boats leave the beach
	1200	First warning, all course race(s) to follow immediately

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Sunday, October 12th	0845	Division 4 (Open/Opti RWB) boats leave the beach
	0915	Division 5 (Opti Green) boats leave the beach
	1000	First warning, all course race(s) to follow immediately - no warning signal will be made after 1300.
Awards Ceremony following Protest Hearings		

7. CLASS FLAGS

Division 4	O’pen Skiff	Skiff Class Flag
	Opti RWB	Opti Class Flag
Division 5	Opti Green	Opti Green Flag

8. THE COURSES

- 8.1. The O’pen Skiff and Opti RWB courses are described on the course sheets. See attachment A.
- 8.2. The Opti Green fleet will race on a separate course close to the ASC Beach. See attachment B.

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. 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.

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- 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 Division 4 finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee boat and a finishing mark.
- 11.2. The Division 5 starting line will be the finishing line.
- 11.3. [NP] Boats who are not finishing shall avoid the finishing area.

12. PENALTIES

- 12.1. 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. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, and A5.2.
- 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. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, and A5.2.

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. This changes RRS 60.2.
- 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.

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- 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.

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1. A personal flotation device shall be worn by all Division 4 and 5 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. RISK STATEMENT

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.

19. LITTER

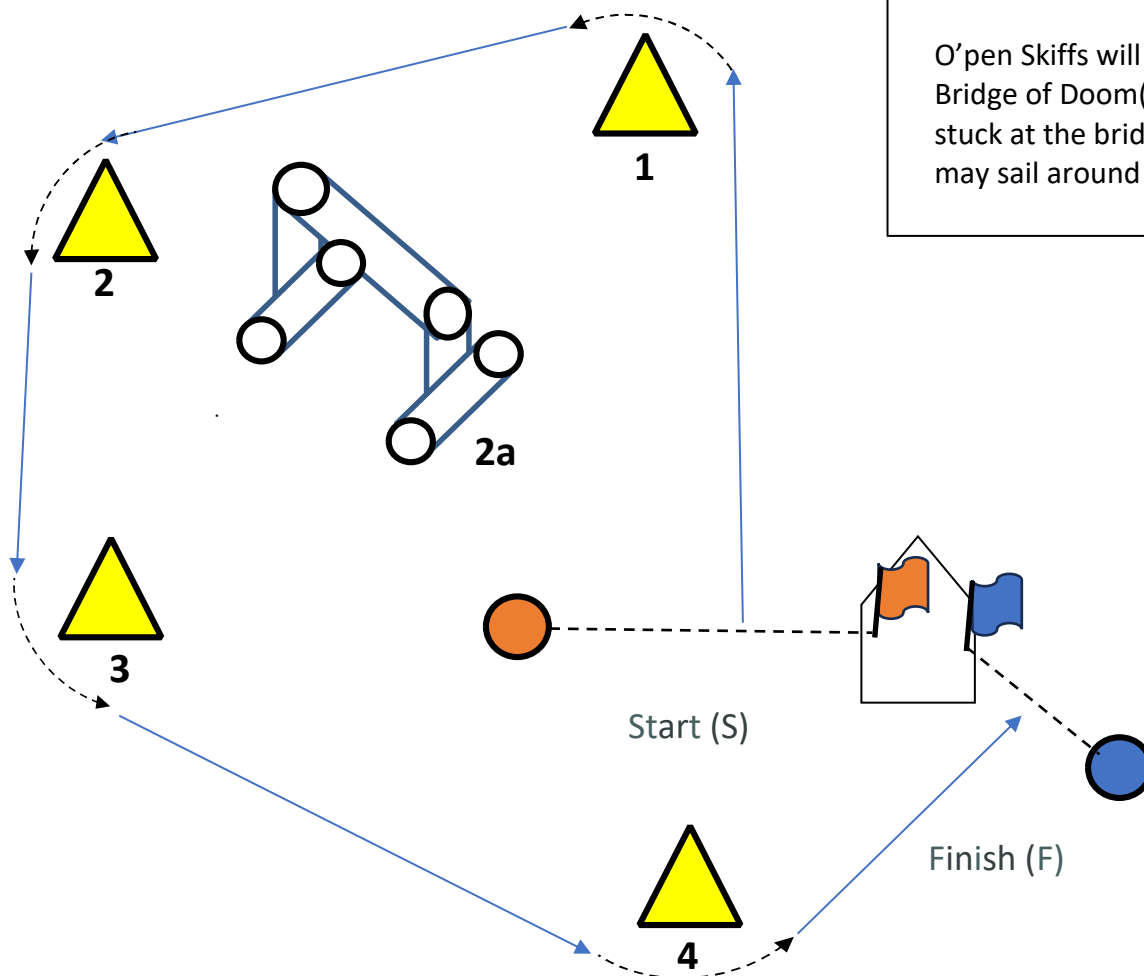
[NP] Anyone seen willfully discharging litter into the lake shall be scored "DSQ" for that race or the previous race. Only the RC or PC may protest a boat under this rule.

20. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 20.1. Division 4 Race Committee will use VHF channel 74 unless otherwise directed by PRO.
- 20.2. Division 5 Race Committee will use VHF channel 68 unless otherwise directed by PRO.

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 RWB	
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

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ATTACHMENT B
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