



**SCY-C JUNIOR OPEN REGATTA**  
**May 31 - June 1, 2025, Hilton Head Island, SC**  
**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1. RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by *rules* as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing for 2025-2028.
- 1.2 RRS 2025-2028 Appendix V shall apply as the Alternative Penalty System.

**2. ENTRIES**

Boats that have completed registration in accordance with the Notice of Race are eligible to race.

**3. [DP] [NP] SAFETY**

- 3.1 A Coast Guard-approved lifejacket that depends only on foam for support, has a whistle attached and is the appropriate size for the sailor must be worn, properly fastened, while launching and afloat, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. This changes rule 40.
- 3.2 A boat retiring from a race shall notify a race committee boat before leaving the course, or when that is impossible, immediately after arrival ashore.

**4. CHECK-IN**

Competitors shall check in with the Race Committee Signal Boat before the initial warning signal of the first race each day. To check in, a boat should sail by the stern of the Signal Boat with the L flag displayed, preferably on starboard tack, and clearly hail its sail number and receive a response failure to do so may result in a DNS for that and following races for the day. The RC will make every effort to account for all entries to ensure that a safe event is run.

**5. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the Pool area near the Pro Shop at South Carolina Yacht Club. For the convenience of competitors, notices may also be sent by text message to the phone number or email address furnished by the competitor at registration.

**6. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 8:30 AM on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 6:30 PM on the day before it will take effect.

**7. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 7.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flag pole near the lock at the entrance to Windmill Harbour.
- 7.2 Flag AP displayed ashore with two horn signals (one horn signal when lowered) means, "Racing is postponed. The initial Warning Signal will be made not less than 45 minutes after AP is lowered." This changes the time "one minute" in Race Signal AP. Boats shall not leave the harbor area until AP ashore is lowered.

## 8 SPECIAL SIGNALS

Code Flag A (White and Blue vertical stripes) displayed with no sound while boats are finishing means "no more racing today."

## 9 SCHEDULE OF RACES

Races, competitor check-in and prize awards are scheduled as follows:

<b>Saturday May 31st</b>	8:30-9:30 AM	Boat drop off and competitor check in at the pool area near the Club Pro Shop. Written instructions available.
	10:00 AM	Competitors meeting in the pool area.
	10:30 AM	Starting sequence for the first race of the series
<b>Sunday June 1st</b>	10:30 AM	Starting sequence for the first race of the day
	3:00 PM	No starting sequence after this time.
	After racing	Burgers and dogs for all awards on the pool deck.

## 10 CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be:

Class: Optimist White, Blue and Red	Flag: Optimist symbol on white flag
Class: Optimist Green	Flag: Green Opti Flag
Class: Club 420	Flag: Class Flag (white with Blue)
Class: ILCA 4	Flag: Yellow ILCA Class Flag or Red flag
Class: ILCA 6	Flag: Green ILCA Class Flag
Class: O'pen Skiff	Flag: White Class Flag or white flag

## 11 RACING AREA

The primary racing area will be in Calibogue Sound near Windmill Harbour. Optimist Classes will race on Course Alpha to the south of the fairway exiting Windmill Harbour (turn right upon exiting). Club 420, ILCA 4 and ILCA 6 Classes will race on Course Bravo to the south of the fairway exiting Windmill Harbour (turn left upon exiting). Towing to the ILCA Course Bravo is recommended and takes ~45 minutes. Optimist Class may also tow to Calibogue sound off Harbour Town.

- If fleets are small enough we do have the option to combine Alpha and Bravo course into one course. If this happens, the committee will announce course in the skippers meeting.

Optimist Green and O'pen Skiff Classes will race on Course Charlie between the Optimist dock and the Windmill Harbour fairway. Course marks will be inflatable toys will display at Green fleet meeting.

The Organizing Authority reserves the right to combine classes on one course as weather conditions dictate. Course decision will be made on the Official Notice Board before 9:30AM on the day of racing. Coaches will be notified at the skippers meeting.

## **12 THE COURSE**

- 12.1 The courses to be sailed may be Windward/Leeward/Windward with the start and finish in the Windward leg (designated by letter W) or Triangle with the start and finish in the Windward leg (designated by letter T). The Race Committee may set an offset mark at the windward mark and a gate at the leeward mark of course W.
- 12.2 See the Course Diagrams attached as the last page of these Sailing Instructions.
- 12.3 The letter designating the course, W or T, and the number of complete laps will be displayed on a white board on the Race Committee Signal Boat and announced by loud hailer.

## **13 MARKS**

Original marks of the course will be round orange inflatable buoys. New (change) marks, will be round White inflatable buoys. The starting and finishing marks will be pink or red round buoys.

## **14 THE START**

- 14.1 Races will be started using the Audible-Signal Racing System in Appendix U of the Racing Rules of Sailing (three minutes—sound signals). This replaces rule 26. The Race Committee will announce the order in which classes will start.
- 14.2 The starting line will be between the staff from which an orange flag is displayed on the Race Committee Signal Boat at the starboard end of the line (looking upwind) and the course side of the starting mark at the port end of the line.
- 14.3 [DP] Boats not in a starting sequence shall keep clear of the starting area.
- 14.4 A boat shall not start later than 5 minutes after her starting signal. A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes rules 63.1, A4 and A5.

## **15 RECALLS**

After the starting signal the Race Committee will attempt to hail the sail number of boats that were on the course side at the start. The failure to make or receive such communication shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rules 41 and 62.1 (a).

## **16 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark (yellow) is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark (orange).

## **17 THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a Race Committee boat and the course side of a nearby finish mark or a nearby mark of the course if the course is shortened in accordance with rule 32.2.

## **18 TIME LIMIT**

The time limit for the first boat to finish a race will be 45 minutes. Boats still racing 15 minutes after the first boat in its class sails the course and finishes and does not thereafter retire will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes rules 35, 63.1, A4, and A5.

## **19 PROTESTS**

19.1 The following expedited protest procedure shall be used:

The protesting boat shall hail the protested boat at the first reasonable opportunity and shall, promptly after finishing, notify the Race Committee, stating the protested boat's sail number or other identification.

The protesting skipper and protested skipper shall each select a person to act as a juror to hear and decide the protest. That person may be a coach but may not be a close relative of the skipper, which includes a parent, brother, sister or cousin.

The protesting skipper, the protested skipper and the jurors shall meet at the location designated by the Race Committee.

The protesting skipper shall be allotted one minute to describe the incident, including when and where it occurred and the rule believed to have been broken. The protested skipper shall be allotted one minute to present his/her side.

The protesting parties and the jurors may question each other. If any party or juror wants a witness to resolve a matter of fact, the witness shall be allotted one minute to present his/her testimony.

After the completion of testimony, the jurors shall be allotted three minutes to reach a decision. The decision of the jurors is final.

19.2 Only the Race Committee may protest violations of Sailing Instructions 3, 4, and 21. This changes rule 60.1(a).

## **20 SCORING**

The Race Committee will attempt to complete as many races as practicable in the prevailing conditions. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series. The Low-Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply except that when fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of its race scores. If five or more races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of its race scores excluding its worst score. This changes rule A2.1.

## **21 SUPPORT PERSONS**

- 21.1 [DP] [NP] Except as provided in 21.2, support persons, including team leaders, coaches, parents and other support personnel shall not be in the racing area from the time of the starting sequence for the first class to start until all boats have finished or the Race Committee signals a postponement or abandonment.
- 21.2 For the Optimist Green Fleet: Coaching is encouraged during the starting sequence, around marks, and to encourage staying generally "on course." Green Fleet support boats must identify themselves to the Race Committee and be careful not to interfere with any racing boats.

## **22 PRIZES**

Medals or trophies will be awarded in accordance with the Notice of Race on Sunday afternoon after all protests are heard and scores are tabulated and FINALIZED by the Organizing Authority

## **23 RESPONSIBILITY**

Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing. By the competitor's participation in this regatta, each competitor and the competitor's parents, guardians, heirs and personal representatives release the race organizers, including South Carolina Yacht Club, its officers and race committee, sponsors and any others acting in any official capacity for the regatta, from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this regatta, to the fullest extent permitted by law. Competitors and their parents or guardians are aware of current information relating to coronavirus Covid-19 and knowingly accept the risk of participating in this regatta.

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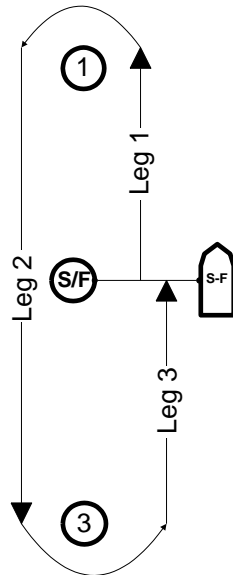
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## Course Diagrams

**Course W** Mark 1 may be accompanied by an offset mark approximately 5-to-7 boat lengths away at approximately a 90 degree turn which shall be left to port before sailing leg 2.  
Mark 3 may be accompanied by a gate mark approximately 5-to-7 boat lengths away which may be rounded and shall be left to starboard before sailing leg 3.  
The Start/Finish Line will be closed except when Starting or Finishing.  
A number displayed after the W will indicate the number of complete Laps to be sailed before Finishing.



**Course T** Course T is a triangle with a windward finish.  
The Start/Finish Line will be closed except when Starting or Finishing.  
A number displayed after the T will indicate the number of complete Laps to be sailed before Finishing.

