



TEXAS SAILING ASSOCIATION YOUTH CIRCUIT REGATTA JR. 'OL MAN OF THE SEA OPEN REGATTA

Organizing Authority: Fort Worth Boat Club
10000 Boat Club Road, Fort Worth, Texas, 76179
September 20 – 21, 2025

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Posted: September 14, 2025

Event Gate Code: 7245# (SAIL#)

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. "The Texas Youth Racing Circuit Conditions" apply and are available on the web site at <http://www.txsail.org/>.
- 1.3. The rules for all classes are modified so that membership in a class organization is not required.
- 1.4. [DP] All boats shall have sail numbers which match the registration form. Sail numbers meeting class standards are required.
- 1.5. Appendix T, Arbitration, shall be used.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board on Regatta Network via link: [Event Documents](https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_event_documents.php?regatta_id=30313). https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_event_documents.php?regatta_id=30313. A courtesy notice board may be located in or around the Doggie Room area. Protest forms shall be made available in the Doggie Room.
- 2.2. Unofficial 'race committee actions' may be broadcast on VHF channel assigned to each fleet a courtesy to coaches and spectators; RWB 68, Green 69, Laser / Double Handed 71.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions (SI) affecting Saturday racing will be posted on the official notice board 20 minutes after the Mandatory Skippers Meeting on Saturday. Changes affecting Sunday racing will be posted on the official notice board by 20:00 Saturday.
- 3.2. For the Green Fleet only, oral changes may be made by the Race Committee (RC) on the water prior to the time of the warning signal of any race upon the raising of signal flag "L" with one sound.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from Yardarm at the Club or from the RC signal boat if docked in the host club harbor.
- 4.2. Code Flag "AP" with two sound signals means the race is postponed. DO NOT leave the club area. The warning signal will not be made sooner than 30 minutes from the lowering of "AP", accompanied by one signal. This modifies "Race Signals".

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. Six (6) or more races are scheduled.
- 5.2. Completion of one (1) race shall constitute a TSA Youth Circuit Regatta
- 5.3. Program and Schedule:

Friday, September 19, 2025

17:00 - 19:00	Competitor Check-In, Main Clubhouse and Unloading of Boats.
17:00 – 22:00	Live Music

Saturday, September 20, 2025

08:00-09:00	Competitor Check-In and Breakfast, Main Clubhouse
09:00	Competitors' Meeting at the Doggie Room Area, Attendance Mandatory
09:30	Harbor Launch
10:30	Warning Signal for the first race, additional races to follow
Between Races	Lunch will be served on the water
17:30	Dinner

Sunday, September 21, 2025

07:30-08:30	Breakfast
08:45	Harbor Launch
09:30	Warning Signal for the first race, additional races to follow Awards, 1 Hour after Racing and Protest Resolutions

- 5.4. No warning signal will be given after 13:30 on Sunday.
- 5.5. The Skippers' Meeting will be held at 09:00 AM on Saturday of the regatta, at the Doggie Room area. Attendance is mandatory.

6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1. The following flags will be used as class flags during starting sequences:
 - Optimist Green: **Green Opti Flag**
 - Optimist Red, Blue, and White Fleets: **White Opti Flag**
 - ILCA 7: **Pennant Numeral 1**
 - ILCA 6: **Pennant Numeral 2**
 - ILCA 4: **Pennant Numeral 3**
 - C420: **Pennant Numeral 4**
 - FJ: **Pennant Numeral 5**

7. RACING AREAS

- 7.1. The general racing area is shown in Attachment A, Figure 2. Three (3) racing areas will be set, one each for use by Optimist GREEN fleet, Optimist RWB fleet, and one for all other Fleets. Optimist Green will be in racing area 2, Optimist RWB will be in racing area 1, all other fleets will be in racing area 3. For racing area 3, boats shall not sail between the marker buoys surrounding the Azle water pump station because of the Regulations of the Tarrant Regional Water District. This area is considered an Obstruction.

8. CHECK-IN ON THE WATER

- 8.1. Prior to the first warning signal of the competitor's fleet of the day, each competitor shall sail past the stern of the RC signal boat on starboard tack, hail their sail number and be acknowledged by the RC. Failure to do so will result in a 20% penalty for the first race of the day.

9. COURSES

- 9.1. There may be six (6) types of race courses as defined in Addendum A, Course Diagrams. Multiple times around the course will be designated by a number following the Course Designation Letter: "W" or "T".
- 9.2. For course L2 or R2, the start line will be on the port side of the Signal Boat and the finish line will be on the starboard side of the finish boat.
- 9.3. For courses W, W2, W3, T, T2 and O, unless a race is shortened in accordance with the RRS, the start/finish line will be in the middle of the race course.
- 9.4. For the ILCA and Double-Handed fleets during the race, if the Race Committee boat is displaying an orange or blue flag on a staff, the start/finish line will be an obstruction, except to finish. Boats that sail through this obstruction will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF), without a hearing. This changes Race Signals.

10. MARKS

- 10.1. For Racing Area 2, Opti Green Fleet, marks will be a White Unicorn, Blue Peacock, Orange Dinosaur or Red Ballon Animal pool floaty. To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will move the original mark (or Finish Line) to a new position.
- 10.2. For Racing Area 1, Opti Red/White/Blue Fleet marks will be Orange Tetrahedrons. Start/Finish marks shall be red/orange spheres. Change Marks, as provided in SI 10.4, will be Yellow Tetrahedrons.
- 10.3. For Racing Area 3, ILCA and Doublehanded Fleets, the marks will be Yellow Tetrahedrons with a red/orange sphere offset. Start/Finish marks shall be red/orange spheres. Change Marks, as provided in SI 10.4 will be Orange Tetrahedrons.
- 10.4. To change the next leg of the course, the RC will lay a new Change Mark, Orange (SI 10.3) or Yellow Tetrahedron (10.2) (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a mark is replaced, it will be replaced with the original mark.
- 10.5. To maintain course configuration during a race, the RC may make minor adjustments of the course, up to 10 degrees and .10nm, without signaling a change. This changes RRS 33.

11. THE START

- 11.1. For Green Fleet, races will be started with sounds according to Appendix U (3-minute sequence). The race committee may verbally hail the countdown. The class flag will be displayed on the signal boat during the start sequence.
- 11.2. For all other fleets, races will be started in accordance with RRS 26. A series of short signals may be made before any starting sequence begins to attract attention.
- 11.3. At the discretion of the Race Committee, the starting line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Boat and 1) a staff displaying an orange flag on an anchored boat at the port end of the starting line or 2) the course-side of the starting mark.
- 11.4. A boat may not start later than four (4) minutes after the starting signal for its class. Boats attempting to start after this time will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS 28.1, A 4 and A 5.
- 11.5. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of both the start line and all boats whose warning signal has been made.

12. RECALLS

- 12.1. The RC intends to hail the sail numbers of OCS boats after the starting signal.
- 12.2. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, an untimely hail of OCS boats, failure to hail any boats, and the order of the boats in the hail shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 41 and 61.1(a), 61.1(b), 63.2(a) and 61.4(b)(1).

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1. The finish line for all courses shall be between a staff displaying a Blue flag on the RC boat and the course side of the finish mark.
- 13.2. Flag "A" displayed (with no sound) while boats are finishing means "No more racing today."

14. TIME LIMIT

- 14.1. The time limit for each race will be ninety (90) minutes for the first boat to finish. If no boat has complied with RRS 28.1, the race shall be abandoned.
- 14.2. The Finishing Window is twenty (20) minutes.
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- 14.4. At its discretion, the RC may finish any boat in place, and it will be scored based on its position on the race course. This modifies RRS 32 and 35.
- 14.5. If no boat has rounded the first mark within twenty (20) minutes of the start, the race shall be abandoned. This modifies RRS 32 and 35.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1. A competitor must notify the Race Committee (RC) of their intent to protest another boat, at the finish line, before talking to a Support Person including a coach or a parent. If this instruction is not followed, the protest will be found to be invalid. This is in addition to and modifies the requirements of class rules and RRS 60.2.
- 15.2. Protest forms will be made available at the Official Notice Board and delivered to the Judges or their representative. The protest time limit is sixty (60) minutes after the RC signal boat from each Competitors' race course docks.
- 15.3. The protest time limit will be posted. A list of protests will be posted on the official notice board no later than thirty (30) minutes after the end of protest time.
- 15.4. Penalties for anything other than RRS Part 2 or 3 may be less than disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee.
- 15.5. The person who served as mediator during Arbitration may not serve on the protest committee.
- 15.6. Green Fleet protests are teaching opportunities. An open discussion of the protest process (mock protest) may be held if resources are available. All competitors, parents and coaches are encouraged to attend and observe.

16. SCORING

- 16.1. The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A shall apply, modified so that:
 - 16.1.1. A boat's worst score is excluded only after five (5) races have been completed.
 - 16.1.2. A boat's two worst scores are excluded only after ten (10) races have been completed.
- 16.2. For Optimist White, Blue, Red fleets, the event shall be scored as a whole with all boats receiving scores according to recorded finish position. "Overall Scoring" shall be used to determine White, Blue, Red awards.
- 16.3. For ILCA and Double-Handed fleets, the regatta shall be scored as a whole with all boats receiving scores according to recorded finish positions.

17. DISPOSAL OF TRASH

- 17.1. [DP] Per RRS 47, boats observed purposefully discharging trash into the water will either be disqualified from all races sailed on the day the infraction is observed or be subject to other suitable disciplinary action or both.

18. SAFETY

- 18.1. [DP] RRS 40 is changed so that each competitor shall wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved life jacket (PFD), in good condition, that is 100% dependent on foam for flotation (i.e., inherently buoyant) and the appropriate size for the sailor, at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. A violation of this instruction may be protested by race officials or a competitor; however, an inadvertent and momentary breach of this instruction may receive a penalty less than disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee. A pinnie may be worn outside of the PFD.
- 18.2. [DP] A competitor who withdraws from a race or does not intend to start a race shall inform the RC as soon as possible. This may also be accomplished by the competitor notifying a member of the RC ashore.

- 18.3. Sailors of Double-Handed fleet boats are encouraged, but not required, to carry an emergency safety line cutter, such as an "S-Cutter" tool or harness webbing cutter.

19. SUPPORT BOAT RESTRICTIONS

- 19.1. Support Persons' Boats, including coaches and parents, shall have a working VHF radio and monitor the RC channel.
- 19.2. [DP] Support Persons' boats shall keep at least two hundred (200) feet away from all competitors and shall not communicate with any racing competitor from the time of the competitor's preparatory signal until after the competitor has finished, or the RC signals a postponement or abandonment.
- 19.3. Failure of support boats to keep wakes down, remain outside the race course while boats are racing, may result in the RC limiting where support boats may go during a race.
- 19.4. [DP] All Support Persons operating a boat must employ a safety kill-switch lanyard as required by Texas state law, especially when in the proximity of and approaching sailors in and on the water. If a Support Person's boat is required to use a kill switch and is not equipped with, or is not using, a kill switch, the Support Person may be subject to protest.
- 19.5. Optimist Green Fleet: Notwithstanding SI 19.2, coaching of Green Fleet Optimist skippers while racing is permitted; however, coaching shall be limited to skippers in the bottom half of the fleet in any given race. Coaches shall provide fair and consistent support to all competitors, not just to their team or sailor.

20. RISK, DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY, & PERSONAL CONDUCT

- 20.1. An adult (parent, guardian or designated adult) is responsible for the safety of their sailor. It is the responsibility of this adult to decide if the sailor should sail in the weather and sea conditions that might arise during the event. The adults supervising the competitors are ultimately responsible for the risks. See RRS 3 (Decision to Race). The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after this event.
- 20.2. The designated adult shall accept full responsibility for all actions of the competitor during any activity related to the event. This includes on-shore activities before, during, and after the regatta.
- 20.3. All competitors, coaches and parents are expected to maintain the highest levels of conduct throughout the entire event until such time as they leave for home or the airport. Enforcement of discipline and conduct shall be conducted as per RRS 69.1 and/or the policies and procedures of US Sailing (Regulation 15).

Above all, BE SAFE and HAVE FUN!

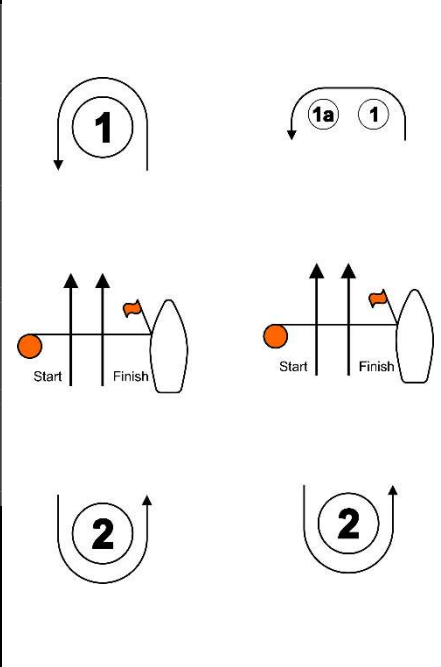
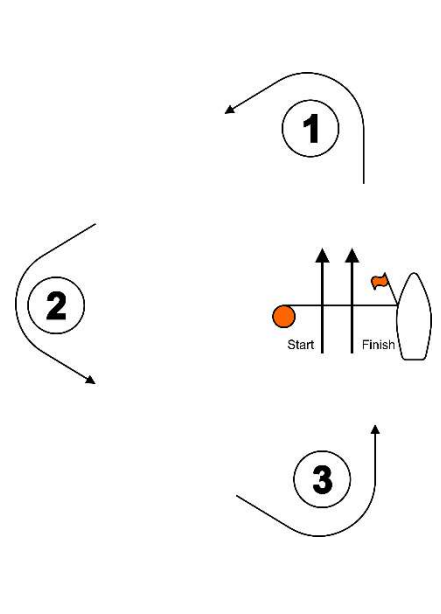


Figure 1 – FWBC Facility Layout

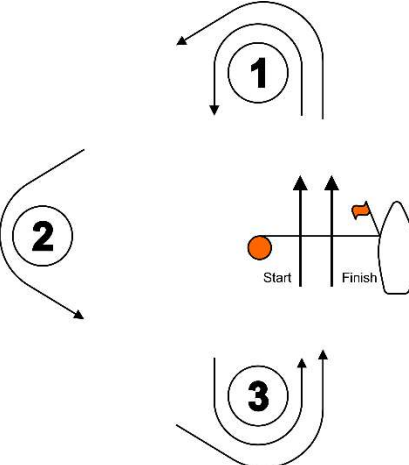
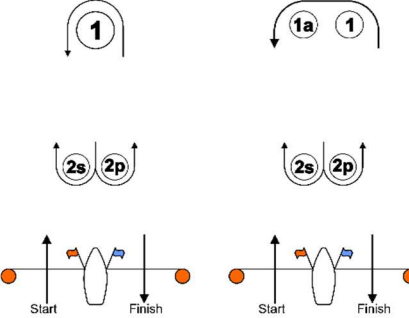
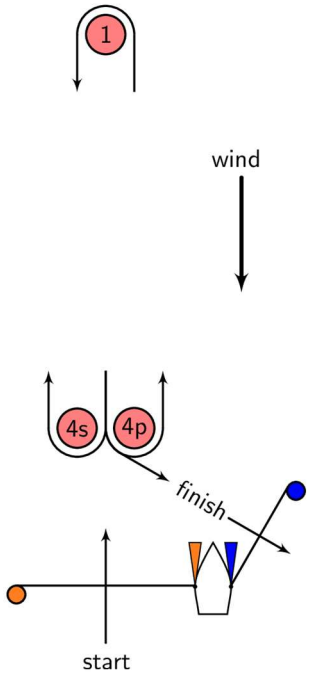


Figure 2 – Approximate Course Area

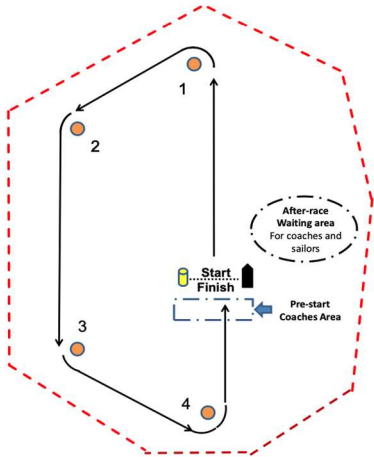
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	Course W – Windward/Leeward, Windward Finish	
	Signal	Mark Rounding Order
	W	Start – 1* – 2 – Finish
	W2	Start – 1* – 2 – 1* – 2 – Finish
	W3	Start – 1* – 2 – 1* – 2 – 1* – 2 Finish
	* - if an offset mark (1a) is present, sailors will leave the offset mark to port after rounding the windward mark (1)	
	Course T – Triangle, Windward Finish	
	Signal	Mark Rounding Order
	T	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – Finish
	T2	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – Finish
	T3	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – Finish

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SI ADDENDUM A – COURSE DIAGRAMS

	Course B – Box, Reach Finish	
	Signal	Mark Rounding Order
	B	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – Finish