



Lemon Drop Regatta

December 6, 2025

Organizing Authority: Englewood Sailing Association

Englewood, FL

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

## **1 RULES**

- 1.1.** The Regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2** Competitors shall comply with local, state, and federal safety rules. RRS 40 is changed to require that each competitor wear a PFD.
- 1.3** Competitors are required to check in with the Race Committee prior to the first warning signal.

## **2 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** may be given orally.

## **3 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

- 3.1. Saturday December 6, 2025
- 3.2. 0830 Registration opens.
- 3.3. 1000 Skipper meeting to be held at the ESA Compound.
- 3.4. 1100 First warning signal. Multiple races to follow.
- 3.5. No starting signal may be made after 1500.
- 3.6. It is the intention of the Race Committee to run as many races as practicable.
- 3.7. Awards to be held in the park after racing.

## **4 CLASS DESIGNATION FOR STARTING**

- 4.1. Each class will be hailed by the Race Committee

## **5 THE RACE AREA**

- 5.1. Racing will be conducted on Lemon Bay between the ESA launching site, the ICW and the Tom Adams Bridge.
- 5.2. **All COMPETITORS:** Please avoid the Intercostal Waterways as marked by government navigational buoys. Passage on this waterway is not illegal, but a source of confusion and danger for small sail boats.

## **6 COURSES**

- 6.1. The course for the Optimist and Zest classes will be a triangle, with the start and finish line in the mid portion of the windward leg. All marks shall be left to port.
- 6.2. The course for the ILCA and Quest classes will be windward, leeward. All marks shall be left to port.

## **7 MARKS**

- 7.1. All marks for the Optimist and Pico Course will be red.
- 7.2. All marks for the Quests and ILCA 6 Course will be yellow.

## **8 CHANGING A LEG OF THE COURSE**

If a course needs to be changed, marks may be moved to maintain course configuration provided no boats are sailing on the leg of the course bounded by the mark(s) to be moved. No signal will be required. This changes RRS 33.

**9 THE START** The starting line will be the orange flag on the port side of the Committee boat and the nearby mark at the port end of the line, boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other racers. Races will be started using a three minute “dinghy” start as described in appendix U of RRS.

## **10 INDIVIDUAL RECALLS**

- 10.1 The race committee will attempt to blow one whistle and hail boats that are identified as on the course side (OCS).
- 10.2 In accordance with Appendix U4 and U5:  
Flag “X” need not be displayed, and the failure to hail or whistle, the hail of some but not all boats, or untimely hail of a boat or boats shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## **11 THE FINISH**

- 11.1 The finishing line will be between the orange flag on the Committee boat and the nearby mark.
- 11.2 In the interest of starting another race in a timely fashion, the race committee may assign a finish position to the last finisher(s) in a fleet provided that the position(s) can be determined in a reasonable manner.

## **12 TIME LIMIT AND FINISH WINDOW**

The time limit for the first boat in each class is 45 minutes. Boats that are still racing more than 15 minutes after the first boat in their class has finished will be scored DNF without a hearing; this changes RRS 35, 63.1, and A5.

## **13 PENALTY SYSTEM**

The first sentence of RRS 44.1 is changed to read: “A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken on or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while racing.”

## **14 PROTEST**

- 14.1 The Time limit for protest shall be 30 minutes after the Signal Vessel docks
- 14.2 The docking time will be posted on the Official Notice Board

14.3 Protests shall be filed at the Protest Desk, located at Registration

## **15. SCORING**

One completed race is required to constitute a series

No boats score shall be excluded from her series total. This changes A2.1.

## **16. PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded to the boats finishing First through Fifth in the Regatta.

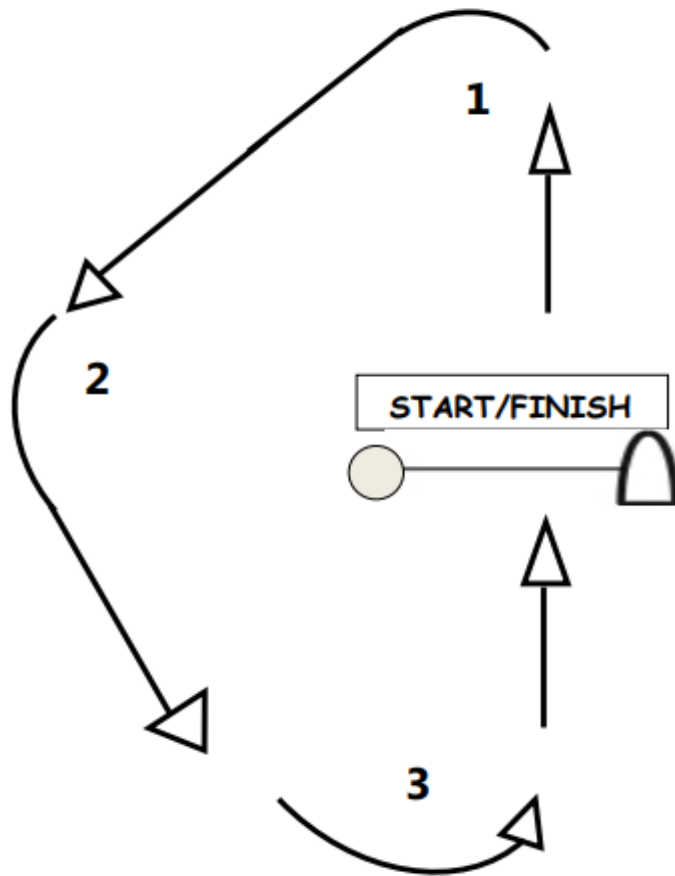
Awards will be presented after racing at the Compound.

## **17. COMMUNICATION**

The Optimist Signal Boat will communicate on VHF channel 72.

The Pico and Quest Signal Boat will communicate on channel 69.

## OPTIMIST AND ZEST COURSE



## ILCA AND QUEST COURSE

