

BUCCANEER BLAST

Mark Sorensen Youth Sailing Championship Regatta

February 8-9, 2014

Upper Keys Sailing Club, Key Largo, FL

Sailing Instructions

1. JURISDICTION AND RULES

The regatta is governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2013-2016 and the US Sailing Prescriptions (except as changed by these instructions).

2. SAFETY

- 2.1 All competitors must wear USCG-approved Type III non-inflatable life jackets at all times while on the water, other than during brief periods before a race while adding or removing clothing.
- 2.2 All boats shall check in with the Signal boat by sailing on a starboard tack past the stern of the boat and hailing their number.
- 2.3 A boat which retires from a race shall notify race committee either before leaving the course area or as soon as possible.

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Will be posted on whiteboard just inside and near the front door of the clubhouse

3. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be on the UKSC Flagpole.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be announced at the skippers' meeting and posted on the whiteboard just inside and near the front door of the clubhouse.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACING

Saturday, February 8, 2014

0700 Registration opens
0930 Coach & safety boat meeting
1000 Skipper's meeting
1045 Green Fleet harbor start signal
Racing to follow
Lunch on the water between races
Racing to follow
Number of races per day is at the discretion of the race committee.

Sunday, February 9, 2014

0945 Green Fleet Harbor start
Racing to follow
No races will be started after 1pm.

6. CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be used as the warning flag for the start sequence.

- Lasers, all fleets – WHITE Laser Class Flag
- Optimist Red, White and Blue fleets - WHITE Opti Flag
- Optimist Green fleet - GREEN Opti flag

7. THE COURSES

- 7.1 There will be three separate race courses. (Opti Green, Opti RWB, and Laser.)
- 7.2 The diagrams showing the courses are displayed on the following page. All marks are to be passed to port.
- 7.3 On Courses 1 & 3, whether the Start/Finish Line is OPEN or CLOSED will be announced at the skippers' meeting.
- 7.3 The Green Fleet will use Course 2.

8. MARKS

Marks will be UKSC yellow or orange cylinders and tetrahedrons. Specific course marks will be described at the skippers' meeting.

9. THE START

- 9.1 Races will be started using rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 9.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat at the starboard end and the port end starting mark.
- 9.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made will avoid the starting area.
- 9.4 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored "Did Not Start." (This changes rule A4.)
- 9.5 If a black flag is displayed, any boat that breaks its rule will be disqualified from that race and MUST leave the course. Failure to do so will result in disqualification from the Regatta.

10. THE FINISH

- 10.1 The finishing line will be the same line as when starting.
- 10.2 The committee boat will display a blue flag from the stern while finishing each race.
- 10.3 The warning signal for the succeeding race will be made one minute after the blue flag is removed with 3 sounds.

11. PROTESTS

- 11.1 A boat intending to protest shall always inform the other boat by hailing "Protest" at the first opportunity.
- 11.2 After finishing, the protest shall be reported to the Race Committee.
- 11.2 Protests must be delivered to the Race Office no later than 30 minutes after the Fleet's Committee boat docks back at UKSC.

12. SCORING

- 12.1 The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply, except DNF shall be scored as the number of Starters plus one. (This modifies rule A4.2)
- 12.2 When 6 or more races have been completed, a boat's series total score will exclude her worst score.
- 12.3 A minimum of one race must be completed to constitute a series.

13. SUPPORT AND SPECTATOR BOATS

- 13.1 Team leaders, coaches, and other support personnel shall not be in the "Racing Area" 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. The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement may be disqualification of all boats associated with the support personnel who do so. Your cooperation is appreciated. There is an exception for green fleet coaches as outlined in 15.2.
- 13.2 Please refer to Section 15 for specific instructions regarding coaching.

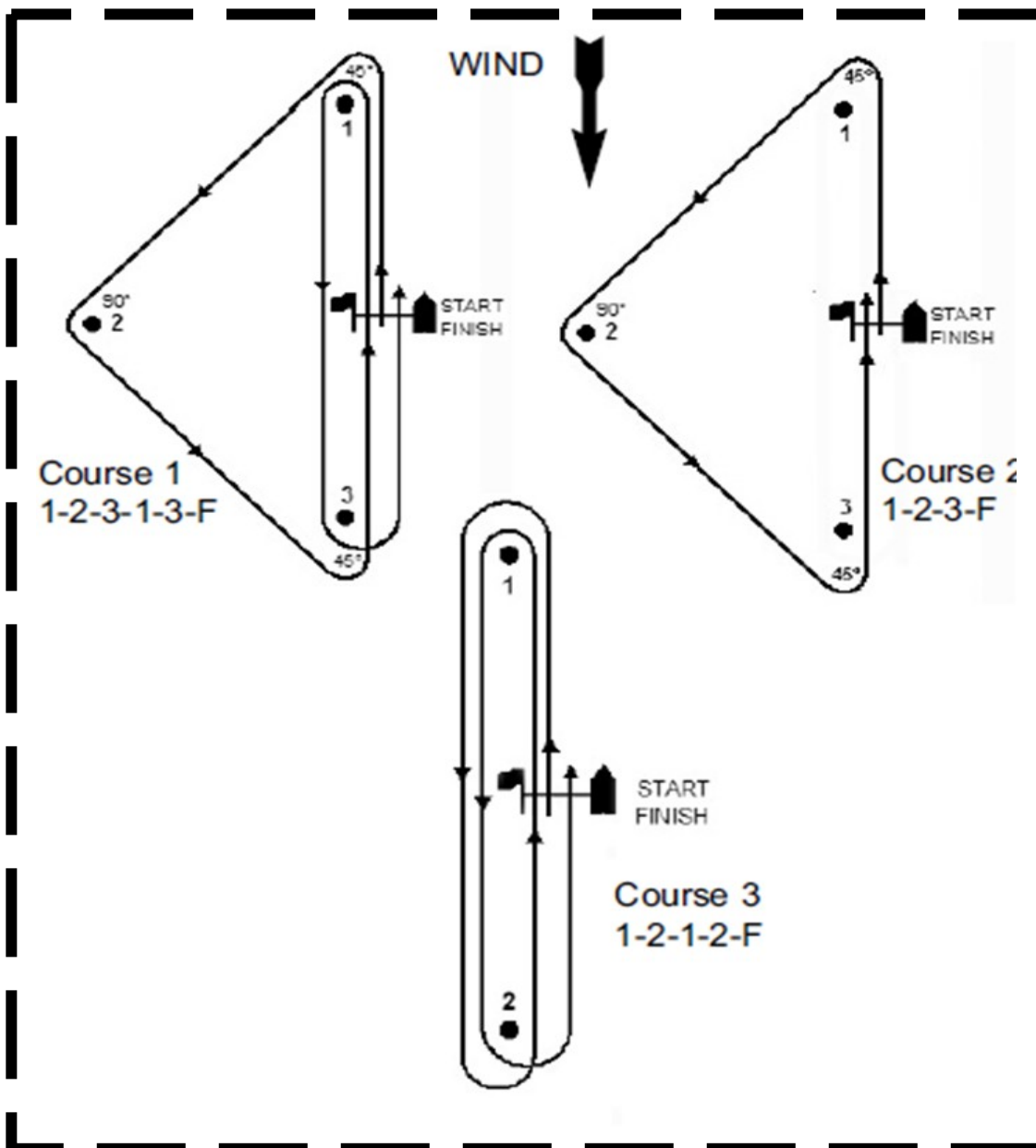
14. EQUIPMENT AND INSPECTION

- 14.1 Equipment must conform to the regulations of the International Optimist Dinghy Class Association or Laser Class Association.
- 14.2 Conformance to these equipment standards or inspection of a boat in no way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of a boat's skipper for the safety of a boat. The Race Committee reserves the right to inspect entries for eligibility and equipment requirements at any time prior to the awards. Boats, which fail to comply with these equipment standards, are subject to protest by the Race Committee. If such a protest is sustained the boat may be disqualified.

15. COACHING GREEN FLEET

- 15.1 No coaching of Green Fleet skippers will be permitted while racing except by designated coaches appointed by the Race Committee Chairman. Coaching is intended to provide assistance in boat handling such as trimming and posture, NOT TACTICS.
- 15.2 A Green Fleet skipper who has not crossed the starting line within the three minutes after their starting signal may be coached by the Race Committee or an approved Coach. This is an exception to 13.1. After all of the Green Fleet boats have crossed the starting line the designated coaches may enter the race area and coach the bottom half of the fleet. No coaching except by the Race Committee is allowed during the starting sequence. No motor boats may leave wake or disturb another sailing competitor's wind.

The courses the Race Committee will use as referred to in rule #7 are attached.



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