



# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

## 2014 Firecracker Regatta

July 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014

1. **ORGANIZING AUTHORITY**

This regatta is organized by the Savannah Yacht Club, Savannah, GA

2. **RULES:**

The regatta will be governed by the “rules” as defined in the **Racing Rules of Sailing** (RRS 2013 – 2016)

3. **ENTRIES:**

Eligible boats may be entered by completing online registration at: [www.regattanetwork.com/event/7991](http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/7991)  
420s, Lasers, Sunfish, and Optimists class sailboats are eligible to compete. The Laser class will be divided into Full, Radial, and 4.7s. The Optimist Class will be divided into Red, Blue, White and Green (Beginner) divisions.

4. **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board at the Sail Loft.

5. **CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:**

Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board before 1030 on Saturday and 0900 on Sunday, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the previous day.

6. **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:**

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the SYC flagstaff on the SYC Bluff.

5.2 The hoisting of code flag AP means “the race is postponed.” The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after AP is lowered. This changes Race Signals.

7. **SCHEDULE:**

FRIDAY – July 11th

1300 - 1600 hrs

Club Open for practice for all classes.

SATURDAY – July 12th

0900 – 1100 hrs

1100 hrs

1130 hrs

1300 hrs

1800 hrs

Competitor Check In. Late Registration Available, Sail Loft

Competitors Meeting on steps of Sail Loft

Junior Pre-Race Briefing on Expected Conditions, Courses

First Warning Signal, followed by racing.

Dinner, followed by debriefing on Days Racing for Juniors

SUNDAY – July 13th

0900-1000 hrs

1100 hrs

Junior Pre-Race Briefing on Expected Conditions

First Warning Signal – no starts later than 1430 hrs.

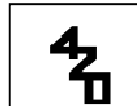
Award Presentation to follow Racing in Main Clubhouse.

8. **CLASS FLAGS:**

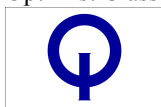
Laser Class (4.7, Full and Radial)



420 Class Flag



Optimist Class Flag (Red, Blue, White)



Sunfish Class Flag



**Opti Green Fleet will use Green Opti Flag**

9. **RACING AREA:** The racing area will be the Wilmington and Skidaway Rivers.
10. **COURSES:**  
Course diagrams are in back of Sailing Instructions. Courses to be sailed as depicted.  
10.1 Courses to be sailed will be displayed from the Course Board on the R/C Signal Boat.  
10.2 Opti Green Fleet will always sail a single trapezoid course as shown in the “Course Configuration, Opti Green Fleet” as the end of these SIs, regardless of what the course board may display.
11. **MARKS:**  
See course diagrams in the back of the Sailing Instructions for the approximate shape, color and location of the marks intended to be used for this event. R/C may substitute any color or shape mark to maintain same approximate course configuration.
12. **THE START:**  
**Before the warning signal of the first race each day, all skippers intending to race shall check in by sailing past the stern of the R/C FINISH BOAT on starboard tack and hailing their sail number. Any boat failing to do so may receive a 20% penalty without a hearing for the first race of the day at the discretion of the Race Committee.**  
12.1 The start for all classes will be in accordance with *RRS 26*. Succeeding classes will be started at any time after the starting signal for the preceding class by displaying the warning signal for the succeeding class.  
12.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Signal Boat and the starting mark, an orange ball. See Course Configuration for detail.  
12.3 A boat shall start no later than 5 minutes after her starting signal.  
12.4 Boats, whose preparatory signal has not been made, shall keep clear of the start area and of all boats whose preparatory signal has been made.  
12.5 The Start Line shall be CLOSED unless you are actually starting.
13. **THE FINISH:**  
The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Finish Boat and the “finish” mark, an orange ball. See Course Configuration for Finish detail.  
13.1 The Finish Line shall be CLOSED unless you are actually finishing.
14. **COURSE CHANGES:** A change of course will be signaled in accordance with *rule 33*.
15. **TIME LIMITS:** The time limit for all classes will be 60 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 25 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored one more point than the number of boats entered in the series.
16. **RETIREMENT:** A boat that retires from a race shall make every attempt to notify the Race Committee before leaving the race area, or notify the Race Committee personnel on shore.
17. **PROTESTS:**  
17.1 Protest forms will be available on the R/C Boat and next to the Official Notice Board.  
17.2 The protesting boat shall deliver a written protest to the Protest Committee within the 30 minute Protest Time. The Protest Time will start when the R/C Boat docks and will be posted on the Official Notice Board.  
17.2 Protests will be heard by the order of receipt as soon as possible.  
17.3 Protest notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are *parties* to or named as witnesses.  
17.4 *RRS 66* is changed by adding this sentence: “On the last day of racing, a *party* to the hearing may ask for a reopening no later than 30 minutes after being informed of the decision.”  
17.5 The race committee shall post a notice showing all boats that were scored OCS, ZFP, BFD, or did not comply with SI 11.3 within the protest time period.  
17.6 A request for redress resulting from the notice posted in 16.5 shall be delivered to the protest committee no later than one half hour after the protest time limit. This changes *RRS 62.2*.
18. **SCORING:** *RRS A2* is modified in which a boat’s score will be the total of all races, with her worst score discarded if six or more races have been completed. 14 races are scheduled of which one completed race shall constitute a regatta.

**18. SAFETY:**

- 18.1 The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole, and inescapable responsibility of the skipper who must decide whether or not to start or continue to race.
- 18.2 Before the warning signal of the first race each day, all skippers intending to race shall check in by sailing past the stern of the R/C FINISH on starboard tack and hailing their sail number. Any boat failing to do so may receive a 20% penalty without a hearing for the first race of the day at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 18.3 ALL COMPETITORS SHALL WEAR A COAST GUARD APPROVED PFD at all times from the time they leave the dock to the time they return. ALL COACHES SHOULD WEAR A COAST GUARD APPROVED PFD as you set an example for the kids you are coaching.
- 18.4 Only the race or protest committees may protest a competitor under SIs 18.2 and 18.3 and warnings may be issued. This changes RRS 60.1.
- 18.5 SYC designated safety boats and coach boats will display a bright yellow flag with a black number on it.

**19. NO DISCHARGING TRASH:**

After a hearing, any competitor observed discharging trash into the waters of the racing area may be scored DSQ for the day's racing.

**21. SUPPORT, COACH, AND SPECTATOR BOATS:**

- 21.1 Except as indicated in 21.2 all support, coach, spectator/parent boats shall stay out of the race area while any class is racing (from preparatory signal to finish and clearing the finish line). The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement or verbal instructions from the race committee will be the disqualification of all boats associated with the offending boat.
- 21.2 Coaching of Optimist Green Fleet skippers while racing is permitted, however, coach boats shall not create a wake or otherwise interfere with the competitors.

**TIDES**

Date	Cycle	Time.
Friday, July 11 <sup>th</sup>	Low	1353 hrs
Saturday, July 12 <sup>th</sup>	Low	1448 hrs
Sunday, July 13 <sup>th</sup>	High	0917 hrs

**Notes from Skippers Meeting:**

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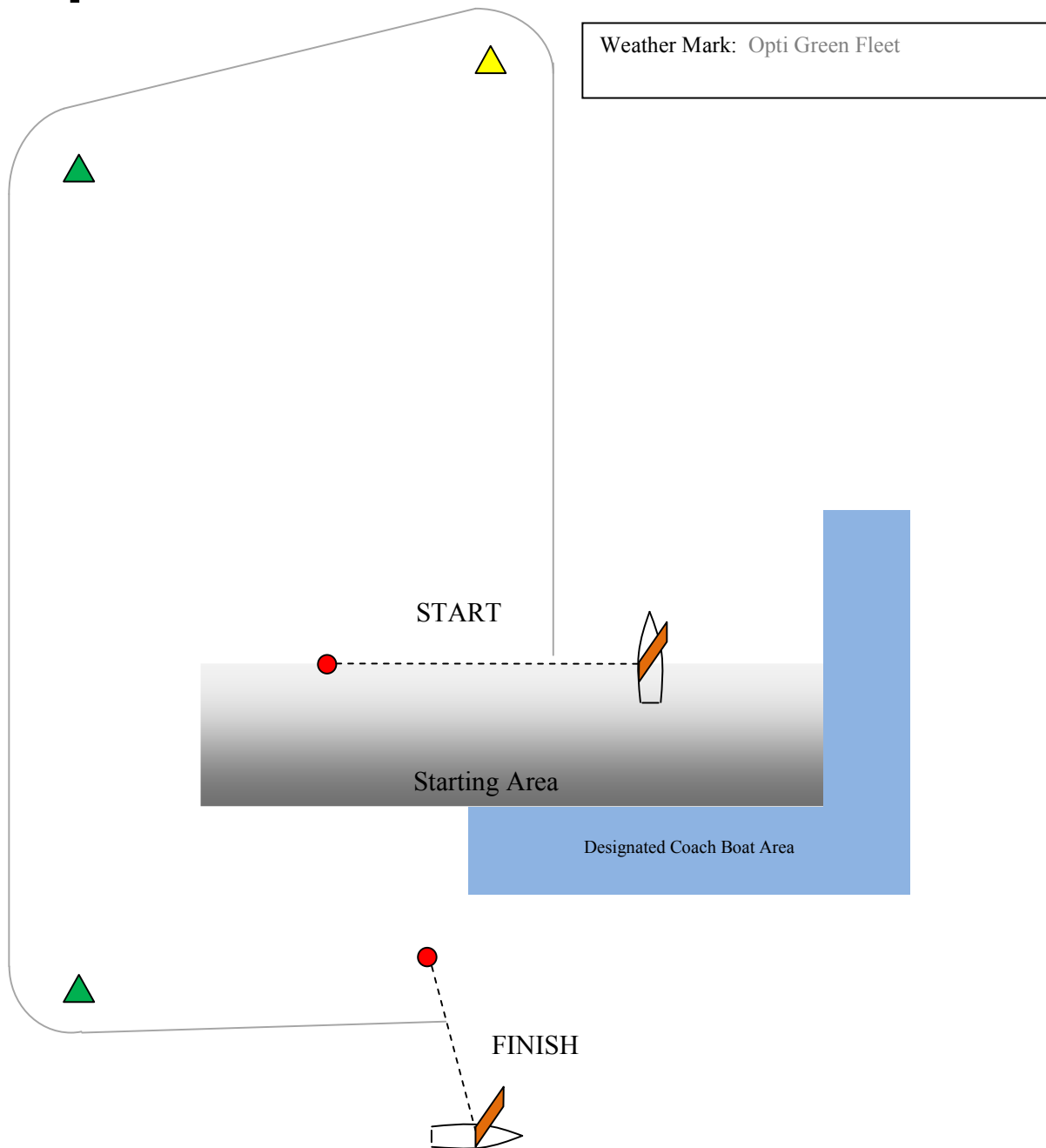
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Suggested Launching Schedule	Saturday	Sunday
420s, Sunfish	11:30am	9:00am
Lasers	11:45am	9:15am
Optimist	12:15pm	10:00am

Course Configuration:

## Opti Green Fleet



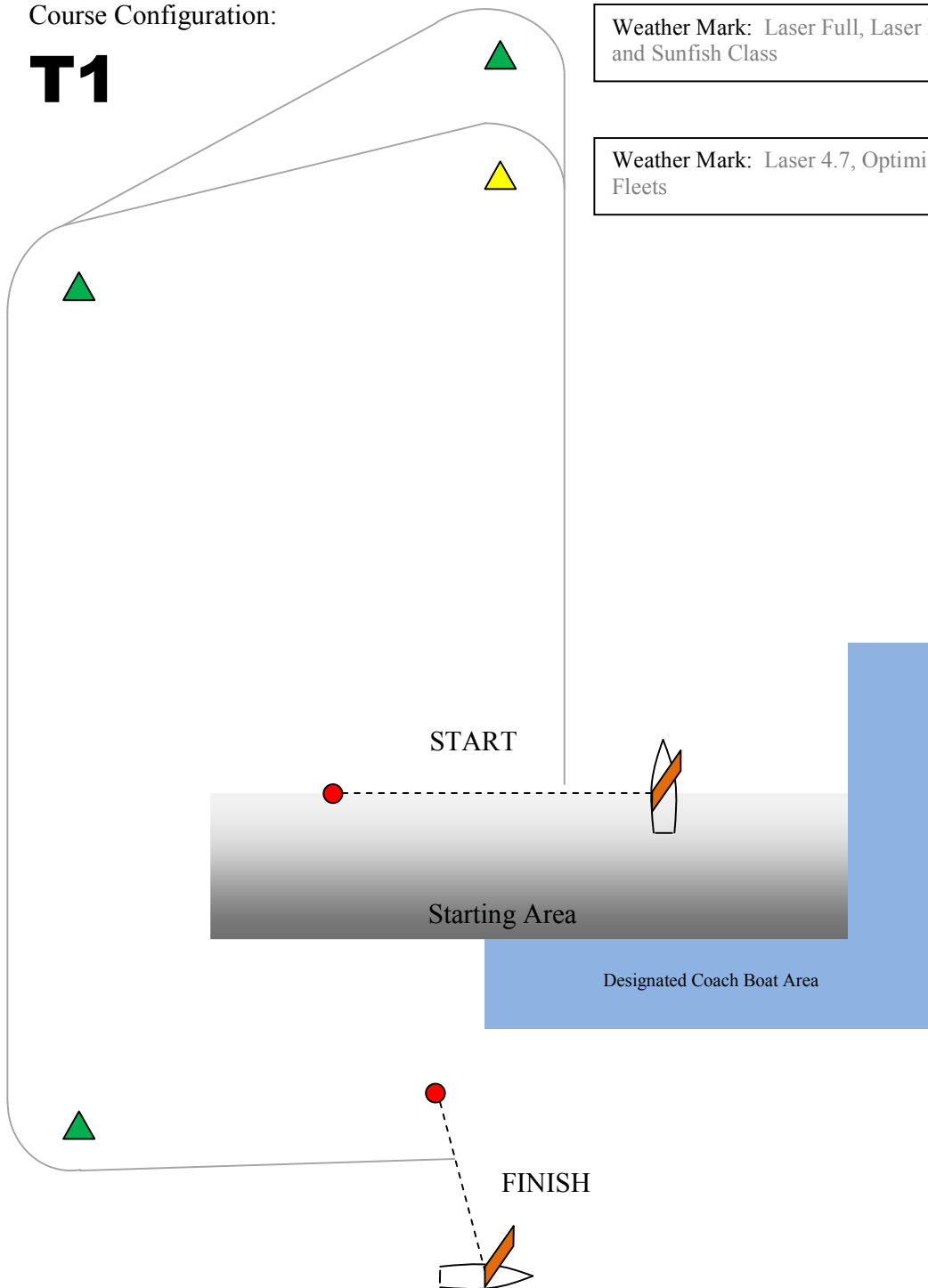
**SPECIAL NOTE:** R/C may start Green Fleet with the Red, White and Blue Fleets, however the course board notification shall only be for the Red, White, Blue Fleets. Optimist Green Fleet will ALWAYS complete the above course configuration regardless of the course posted on the Course Board.

Course Configuration:

**T1**

Weather Mark: Laser Full, Laser Radial, 420  
and Sunfish Class

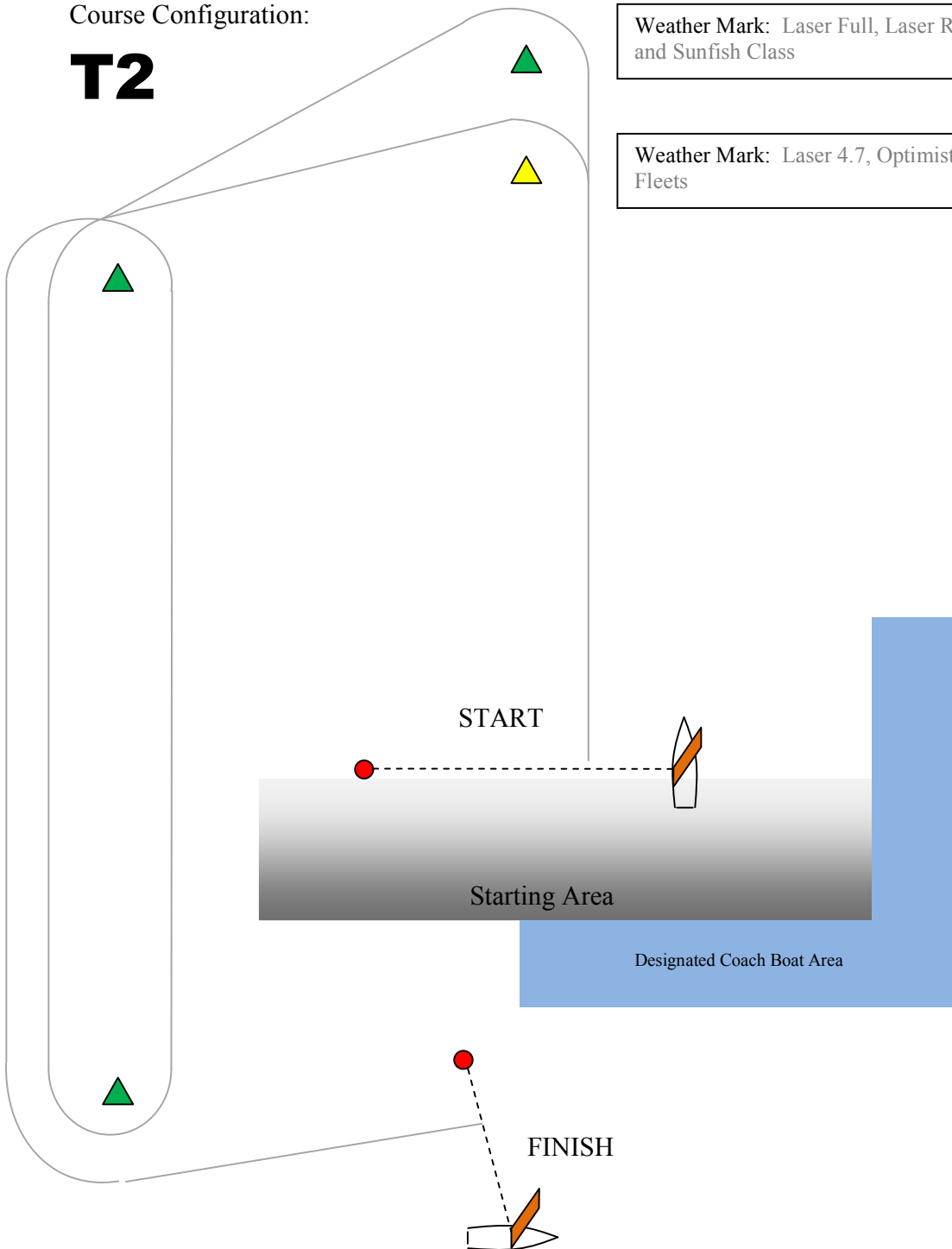
Weather Mark: Laser 4.7, Optimist R/W/B  
Fleets



# T2

**Weather Mark:** Laser Full, Laser Radial, 420 and Sunfish Class

**Weather Mark:** Laser 4.7, Optimist R/W/B Fleets



Course Configuration:

**T3**

Weather Mark: Laser Full, Laser Radial, 420 and Sunfish Class

Weather Mark: Laser 4.7, Optimist R/W/B Fleets

