



2026 Optimist US National Championship

Hosted by Little Egg Harbor Yacht Club

July 29-August 1, 2026

Beach Haven, NJ USA

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 RRS 60.2(a)(1) is changed as follows: 'If the protestor is a boat, she shall 'Protest' at the first reasonable opportunity and she shall inform the Race Committee [Measurement/Finish] Vessel immediately after finishing, or as soon as practicable after she retires (and before discussing her intent with any support person), of the boat(s) she intends to protest'.
- 1.2 RRS 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: (2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located online at <https://usoda.org/regatta/IUgdYPewBC>.
- 3.2 Unofficial 'RC actions' may be broadcast on VHF channel **66A** as a courtesy to coaches and spectators.

4 FORMAT OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP

- 4.1 US Nationals Championship Series
 - 4.1.1 The US Nationals Championship Series will have a Qualifying Series followed by a Final Series. The Qualifying Series will be used to split the Championship Fleet placing the top one quarter into the Gold Fleet and the remainder into the Silver Fleet for the Final Series. There will be four divisions of approximately the same size in the Qualifying Series. However, in the Final Series there will be only one division in the Gold Fleet and three divisions of approximately the same size in the Silver Fleet. Competitors will only sail against competitors in the same division each day.
 - 4.1.2 The process for assigning competitors to divisions for each round and the duration of each round is described below. Division assignments will be posted on the official notice board.
- 4.2 Qualifying Series:
 - 4.2.1 Boats will race in "Sets" of races where a "Set" is a group of scored races in which all divisions have competed. The RC will endeavour to run complete "Sets" of races each day, and at its discretion may abandon incomplete "Sets".
 - 4.2.2 The following system will be used for assignment to a division for the Qualifying Round of racing:
 - 4.2.2.1 For the first day of racing, competitors will be assigned based on results from recent Optimist events, as determined by the USODA Regatta Committee in its sole discretion, seeded 1-2-3-4-4-3-2-1, etc. plus random assignment determined by the scorer for those who have not competed in a recent event.
 - 4.2.2.2 At the end of each day's racing, provided that at least two complete "Sets" have been sailed and scored in the Series, competitors will be assigned to divisions for the next day on the basis of the cumulative regatta results as of the posted protest time limit. The scores used to assign competitors to a Qualifying Series division after the first day of racing will be 'preliminary' and may not include the results of hearing requests or scoring inquiries. Assignment will be with a system like 1-2-3-4-4-3-2-1, etc.



- 4.2.2.3 If the Qualifying Series is extended beyond two days, each additional qualifying day of racing will be seeded based on the formulas above.
- 4.2.2.4 Division assignments will be made at the discretion of the organizing authority and RC whose decision will be final and shall not be grounds for a boat to request redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).
- 4.3 Final Series:
- 4.3.1 Gold Fleet (as a single division) will sail races while Silver Fleet will sail “Sets” of races for its three divisions. Boats shall race only in their assigned division.
- 4.3.2 Assignment to the Gold and Silver Fleets will be based on a competitor’s cumulative fleet position at the end of the Qualifying Series, including the outcome of all scoring inquiries, requests for redress and protests. Assignment to Silver divisions will be for the entire Final Series, using a sorting system applied to Qualifying Series final standing; 1-2-3-3-2-1 and so on for all boats. Silver divisions will be called Silver-A, Silver-B and Silver-C and will be approximately the same size depending on unbroken tie scores. Division assignment will be at the discretion of the organizing authority and RC whose decision will be final and shall not be grounds for a boat to request redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).
- 4.4 [SP][DP] The organizing authority will provide each boat with colored streamers identifying division assignments. While on the water, each boat shall at all times display the colored streamer corresponding to her daily division assignment. The streamer shall be attached securely to the sprit loop at the top of the sail, and its size shall not be changed.

5 [DP] CODE OF CONDUCT

- 5.1 In addition to competitors submitting a Sailor Code of Conduct online, competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

6 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole located **at the north end of property adjacent to the North Building**.
- 6.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 60 minutes’ in Race Signals AP.
- 6.3 [SP][DP] Flag D with one sound indicates Shore Launch. Boats shall not leave their assigned space until this signal is made. The warning signal will not be made before the scheduled time or less than 60 minutes after flag D is displayed.

7 SCHEDULE OF RACES

7.1 Wednesday, July 29

0915	Coaches’ Meeting
0930	Competitors’, Coaches’ and Parents’ Meeting
1000	Harbor Launch
1100	First Warning Signal
After Racing	Post Race Hospitality

Thursday, July 30 – Friday, July 31

0930	Coaches’ Meeting
1000	Harbor Launch
1100	First Warning Signal
After Racing	Post Race Hospitality

Saturday, August 1

0900	Coaches’ Meeting
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0930	Harbor Launch
1030	First Warning Signal
1500	No Warning Signal for a race or “Set” of races after this time
After Racing	Awards Ceremony & Post Race Hospitality

- 7.2 The Qualifying Series will begin on the first day of the regatta and will conclude at the end of the day on which the fifth “Set” of races is completed. This may result in sailing more than five (5) “Sets” of races in the Qualifying Series when the fifth “Set” is completed early enough in the day and the RC at its discretion decides to run more “Sets”. However, no more than seven (7) “Sets” of races will be sailed in the Qualifying Series.
- 7.3 The Final Series will begin on the day after the final day of the Qualifying Series, will conclude on the last day of the regatta, and will be comprised of as many races (Gold) and “Sets” of races (Silver) for each fleet as practical, in compliance with **NoR 9.2**. In the event that the Qualifying Series is not finished until day four of the regatta, there will be no Final Series.
- 7.4 [DP] If the last race of a “Set” cannot be completed before the end of racing on a given day, that “Set” will be completed first on the succeeding day, using the same division assignment. For succeeding “Sets” on that day, assignments to divisions will be based on cumulative results through the latest completed “Set” as of the Protest Time Limit on the day prior. Competitors shall display the colored streamer assigned to their new division.

8 CLASS FLAGS

- 8.1 The class flags will be the four division colors: **Yellow, Pink, Blue and Purple**

9 RACING AREA

- 9.1 The racing area for the Championship Fleet will be approximately 2 nm NW of LEHYC in Little Egg Harbor.

10 COURSES

- 10.1 The diagram in SI Addendum 1 shows the course, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The length of each leg and exact configuration of the course will be based on the sailing conditions.
- 10.2 If one of the gate marks (mark 3P or 3S) is missing, boats shall round the remaining mark 3 to port.
- 10.3 The angle from Mark 2 to Mark 3P/3S may be changed up to 15 degrees in either direction to compensate for wind/current differences on that side of the course, without signals or change marks, provided the change is made before any boats begin that leg. This is added to RRS 33.

11 MARKS

- 11.1 Rounding marks 1, 2, 3P and 3S are **Yellow Tetrahedrons**.
- 11.2 The starting marks will be a RC vessel displaying an orange flag at each end of the starting line.
- 11.3 The finishing marks will be a RC vessel displaying a blue flag at one end of the finishing line and either a RC vessel displaying a blue flag or a mark at the other end of the finish line.

12 [NP][DP] OBSTRUCTIONS/RESTRICTED AREAS

- 12.1 The racing area is the space encompassing the course, the starting area, and the finishing area. It extends 100 yards beyond any racing boat and all marks. Only competing boats and official vessels (designated as such by the RC) may enter the racing area while boats are racing.
- 12.2 The waiting area is the area to leeward of the racing area below the starting line, marked by a series of small balls or marks, or, in the absences of small buoys, at a distance specified by the Principal Race Officer.

13 THE START



- 13.1 The starting rotation for a “Set” of races will be by division in the following order: **Yellow, Pink, Blue and Purple.**
- 13.2 The starting line is between staffs displaying orange flags on the starting marks.
- 13.3 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flags will be displayed with one sound at least four (4) minutes before a warning signal is made for a “Set” of races.
- 13.4 [SP][NP] All boats not in the next start shall proceed immediately to the waiting area and remain there until the RC displays flag “F” or removes the starting line flags.
- 13.5 Shortly after any start, the RC will display flag “F”, indicating that boats in the next start may leave the waiting area.
- 13.6 A boat that does not start within five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
- 13.7 Any starting penalties from races that are abandoned or recalled after the starting signal and not re-sailed on the same day will not carry over to those races if they are re-sailed on another day in the regatta. This changes RRS 30.4 and 36.

14 THE FINISH

- 14.1 The finishing line is between staffs displaying blue flags on the finishing marks or a staff displaying a blue flag on one finishing mark and the course side of the other finishing mark.
- 14.2 [SP][DP][NP] Immediately after finishing boats shall sail clear of the finishing area, leaving the RC finishing vessel to port, and promptly return to the waiting area shown in SI Addendum 1.
- 14.3 Flag “A” displayed (with no sound) while boats are finishing means “No more racing today.”

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 The “Graded Penalty System” will apply and is attached as Addendum 2. “Fleet” is defined as the number of registered boats in the largest division. Percentage penalties will be rounded up to the nearest whole number.
- 15.2 [SP] A boat that has taken a penalty under RRS 44.1 shall, as soon as practical after racing, complete a penalty acknowledgement form at the Protest Desk.
- 15.3 The application of any standard penalties [SP] or discretionary penalties [DP], shall not cause the boat’s score to be worse than the score for “DSQ”.
- 15.4 The right of appeal from a protest committee decision is denied as provided in RRS 70.3(b). US Sailing has granted their approval. If US Sailing’s requirements are not met, the decisions of the protest committee may be appealed.

16 TIME LIMITS

- 16.1 The Race Time Limit is 90 minutes, and the Finishing Window will be 20 minutes.
- 16.2 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35 and A5.

17 HEARING REQUESTS

- 17.1 The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the RC signal vessel docks.
- 17.2 Hearing request and scoring review forms are available from the Protest Desk located **in the Anne Cox gazebo between the Pavilion and the main building and the front dock.**
- 17.3 Hearing request and scoring review forms shall be delivered to the Protest Desk.



- 17.4 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 17.5 [NP] Hearings will be held in the assigned protest area, beginning at the time posted. Representatives of boats who are parties to a hearing and their witnesses shall report to the Protest Desk at the scheduled hearing time and remain there until called for their hearing.
- 17.6 RRS 63.1(a)(4) is changed as follows: delete 'unless there is good reason for the protest committee to decide otherwise.'
- 17.7 A list of boats that have been penalized for breaking RRS 42 under Appendix P will be posted.
- 17.8 The right of appeal from a protest committee decision is denied as provided in rule 70.3(b).
- 17.9 Scoring reviews, if not resolved by the RC, may be considered requests for redress per RRS 61.4(b)(1).
- 17.10 RRS 61.2(b)(3) is changed as follows: 'If the RC posts a list of boats scored OCS, NSC, UFD, or BFD on the official notice board before the protest time limit a request for redress based on such a posted score shall be made no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit. Requests for redress relating to a score determined by the RC shall state the procedural error the boat believes the RC may have made. Further, the boat will be expected to establish that it started properly. All other requests shall be made as soon as reasonably possible after the relevant information is available.'

18 SCORING

- 18.1 The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply as revised below.
- 18.2 The number of boats entered in the series will be defined as the number of boats which complete registration at the regatta venue. Race scores will be based on the number of registered boats in the largest division. This changes RRS A5.2.
- 18.3 In the Qualifying Series, only complete "Sets" of races will be scored. For the Final Series, a "Set" is considered to be either the Gold division or Silver A, Silver B and Silver C divisions. A boat's scores from races in incomplete "Sets" of races will not be counted. This changes RRS A2 and 90.3(a).
- 18.4 Qualifying Series Scores:
 - 18.4.1 When fewer than five (5) "Sets" of races have been completed, a boat's final Qualifying Series score will be the total of all of her race scores.
 - 18.4.2 When five (5) or more "Sets" of races have been completed, a boat's final Qualifying Series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 18.5 Final Series Scores:
 - 18.5.1 A boat's final US National Championship Series score will be the total of all her race scores, including individual Qualifying Series scores and Final Series scores, excluding her one (1) worst score if five (5) races have been completed.
- 18.6 If no "Sets" of races are completed in the Final Series, then the rankings from the Qualifying Series that were or would have been used to assign boats to the Final Series divisions will be the basis for Final Series prizes.
- 18.7 US National Championship Series and Age Group (Red, Blue & White) Series Scores: The combined scores from the Qualifying Series and Final Series will determine the US National Championship Series and Age Group Series Scores. Gold Fleet boats will be ranked above Silver Fleet boats. If there is no Final Round, the final Qualifying Series scores will determine these series scores.

19 [SP][DP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1 Prior to launching each day, coaches shall check-out their sailors with the designated race officials, indicating their departure to the race course. A competitor who will not be racing that day shall notify a host venue volunteer prior to the Harbor Launch, or by email at usoda@usoda.org.
- 19.2 Immediately upon returning to shore, but not later than 30 minutes after the RC signal vessel docks, coaches shall check-in their sailors with the designated race officials, indicating their return to shore.
- 19.3 A competitor retiring from a race or intending not to start a race shall notify a RC vessel or safety vessel before leaving the course, or if that is not possible, by reporting to a host venue volunteer immediately upon returning to shore.

20 [SP][DP] REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

- 20.1 Any request to consider approving equipment substitutions shall be submitted in writing to the Race Committee before the end of the protest time limit the day prior to the day for which the substitution is to be made. If changes are required during a day's racing, approval may be made verbally and the written request submitted before that day's protest time limit.

21 OFFICIAL VESSELS

- 21.1 On-the-water Rule 42 Judge vessels will display a J Flag. A Rule 42 Judge may also be aboard the RC signal vessel and will not display a flag.

22 [SP][DP] SUPPORT TEAMS

- 22.1 Coaches are expected to be good role models for young sailors and conduct themselves accordingly ashore and on the water.
- 22.2 Support persons who serve on RC vessels (including patrol and safety vessels) may not communicate in any way with their sailors or their coaches from the time the orange starting line flags are displayed until their sailor has finished his or her race (the "No Communication Period"). The only exception to this rule is when directed by the Principal Race Officer or they are involved with safety and rescue. During periods of time when communication with coaches and/or sailors is permissible, support persons shall not transfer any strategic or tactical information (including audio or video recordings) gained due to their advantageous location on the race course or their access to RC communications, unless such information is made available to all sailors, coaches and other support persons. Communications of a personal nature (e.g., 'great race', 'get something to drink', 'go see your coach', etc.) are always permissible outside the "No Communication Period".
- 22.3 General support person vessel requirements:
 - 22.3.1 No 'team' flags, private signal flags, or any object that might be construed as a signal shall be flown from support person vessels while racing is underway.
 - 22.3.2 Support person vessels shall follow the instructions of race officials at all times.
 - 22.3.3 No support person vessels shall tie up to or congregate around any aid to navigation, such as buoys or channel markers, or tie up to any fixed fishing gear or fishing floats.
- 22.4 Restrictions:
 - 22.4.1 All support person vessels shall stay out of the racing area while boats are racing and at least 100 yards away from any racing boat, and move slowly and with minimal wake, except where permitted in these instructions.
 - 22.4.2 Certain support person vessels may be designated as rescue craft by the Principal Race Officer or Safety Officer and given permission to enter the racing area for the purposes of rescue operations only.

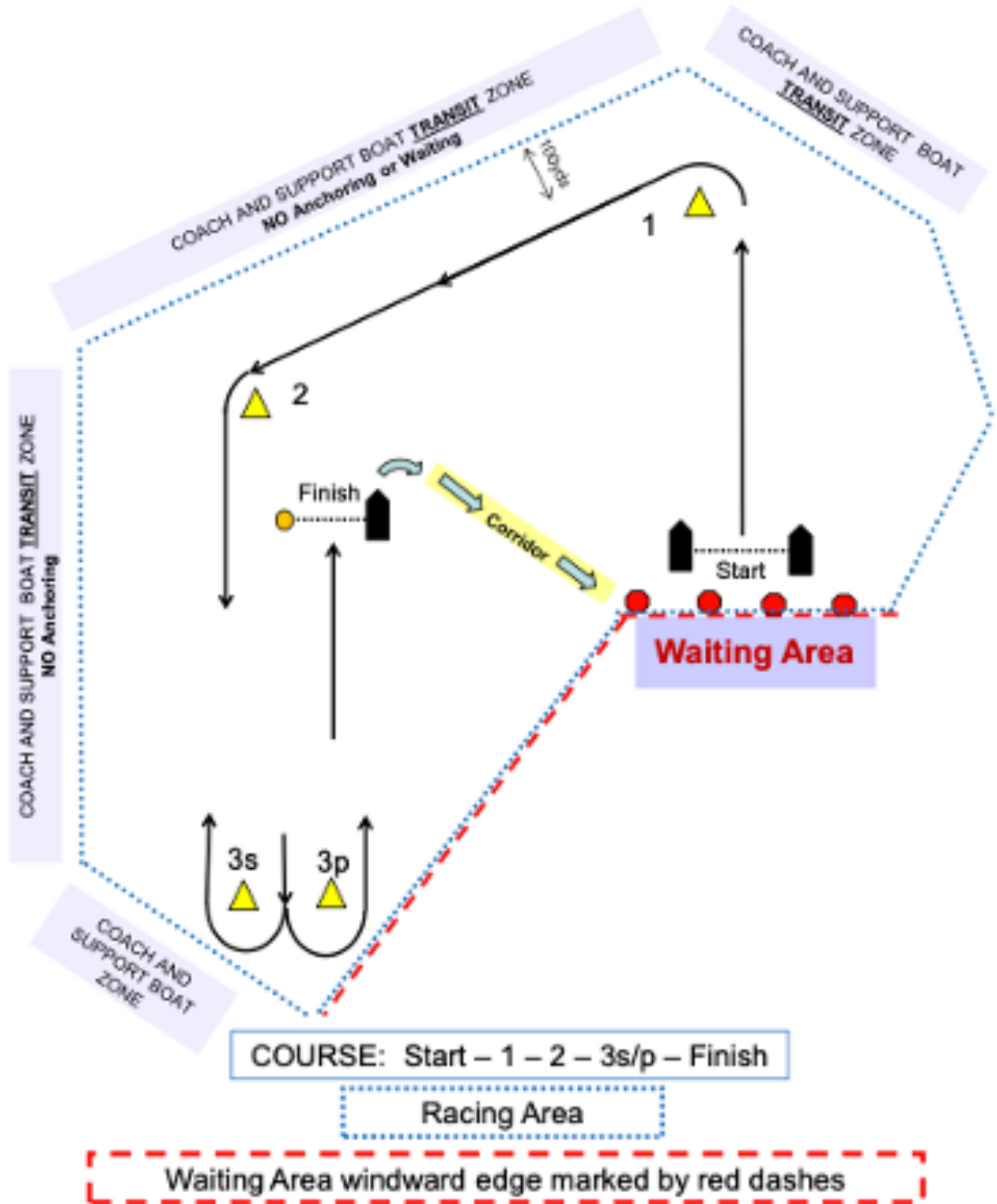


- 22.4.3 When the RC displays (or is displaying) its orange starting line flags, all support vessels in the starting area shall proceed immediately to the waiting area and shall remain there until the RC lowers the starting line flags, except that, after the first and subsequent starts of a 'Set' of races, support vessels may exit the waiting area and proceed slowly with minimal wake to the weather mark, only on the starboard side of the course. The RC may close the starboard side of the course to support vessels.
- 22.4.4 There shall be no anchoring inside the course or in the vicinity of the finishing line.
- 22.4.5 There shall be no unauthorized unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) drone flight permitted above the racing area, waiting area, corridor, coach/spectator boat zones, starting line or finishing line.
- 22.5 Penalties:
- 22.5.1 Competitors affiliated with any support person vessel that breaks a rule may be protested and penalized under RRS 41, Outside Help, in which case the Preamble to Part 4 will not apply. This changes RRS 41.
- 22.5.2 Support persons that repeatedly and/or intentionally break a rule may be subject to disciplinary actions up to and including exclusion from the venue.

23 [DP][NP] TRASH DISPOSAL

- 23.1 Trash may be placed aboard official or support person vessels.

SI Addendum 1 – Race Course and Restricted Areas



Note: Diagram not to scale. Mark colors and shapes are illustrative only.



SI Addendum 2 – USODA Graded Penalty System

Percentage Penalties rounded up to the next whole number. Penalties apply to the race of infringement; otherwise to the first race of the day.

1. Minor SI penalties

Penalty approximately equal to 5% of fleet

- a) Not displaying the assigned colored division streamer
- b) Launching before 'Harbor Launch' signal
- c) Failure to return promptly to waiting area after finishing
- d) Failure to report penalty taken
- e) Failure to comply with Safety Check-Out/Check-In procedures

2. Minor class rule penalties and intermediate SI penalties

Penalty approximately equal to 10% of fleet

- a) Bailer/paddle/daggerboard/painter not correctly attached to hull (CR 4.3)
- b) Painter not attached to mast step (CR 4.3 (b))
- c) Whistle not attached to personal flotation device (CR 4.2 (a))
- d) Distance between edge of sail and mast and/or boom at one eyelet 15mm or more (CR 6.6.3.3 and/or CR 6.6.3.4)
- e) Distance between edge of sail and mast and/or boom at two eyelets 13mm or more (CR 6.6.3.3 and/or CR 6.6.3.4)
- f) Loss of sail tie (CR 6.6.3.3 and/or CR 6.6.3.4)
- g) Clearance between span and boom between 101 mm and 115 mm (CR 3.5.3.8)
- h) Ring(s) on span of boom slipping (CR 3.5.3.8)
- i) Sailing across a race in progress before starting or after finishing (RRS 23.1)
- j) Out of the waiting area
- k) Breaches of SI 23, Support Teams

3. Intermediate class rule penalties

Penalty approximately equal to 30% of fleet

- a) No bailer, paddle or painter in boat (CR 4.3)
- b) No whistle (CR 4.2)
- c) Lanyard, locking device or other arrangement used to attach mast to the hull not in position (CR 3.5.2.11)
- d) Sail outside limits of bands (CR 3.5.2.7 and CR 6.6.3.1)
- e) Distance between edge of sail and mast and/or boom at two eyelets 15mm or more (CR 6.6.3.3 and/or CR 6.6.3.4)
- f) Distance between edge of sail and mast and/or boom at three or more eyelets 13mm or more (CR 6.6.3.3 and/or CR 6.6.3.4)
- g) Clearance between span and boom more than 120 mm (CR 3.5.3.8)
- h) Edge of sail at throat, tack or clew eyelet positioned 3 mm or more from mast and/or boom (CR 6.6.3.3 and/or CR 6.6.3.4)
- i) Failure to report for measurement after finishing
- j) Failing on-water measurement inspection
- k) Failure to wear an approved PFD
- l) Repeated infringement of Section 1 or Section 2 penalties, above

4. Major class rule penalties (as per RRS)

Penalty up to DSQ – requires Protest Hearing

- a) All RRS, except as amended
- b) All SI, including amendments, except as specified above
- c) Use of uninspected equipment
- d) Use of unapproved fittings
- e) Repeated infringement of Section 3 penalties, above



SI Addendum 4 - GREEN FLEET SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Opti Class Philosophy: USODA is a teaching class and GREEN FLEET is its introductory fleet for novice sailors. The Rules of Sailing are important and taught but learning to race while having fun is equally stressed. These sailing instructions are structured within *The Racing Rules of Sailing* to provide a flexible, less structured and less formal racing environment. Green Fleet is not scored. All participants receive participation awards. While race placement and progress may be tracked, who places first is less important than learning, improving, and having fun along the way. Parents and competitors who are looking for a more competitive environment should consider the Championship Fleet red, white and blue racing divisions.

1 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board and/or announced at the Green Fleet Competitors Meeting.

2 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in race signal AP.

3 SCHEDULE OF RACING

Green Fleet sails an informal schedule. After the competitors' meeting for all sailors, a separate Green Fleet Competitors' Meeting will take place in the same vicinity. At this meeting, the Green Fleet PRO will announce the plan for the day and the time of the first warning. This information may be posted on the notice board. The schedule may change based on conditions and the requirements of the sailors.

4 CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be a green flag.

5 RACING AREA

The racing area will be announced at the Green Fleet meeting. This may change each day based on conditions.

6 THE COURSES

The courses may be windward/leeward, triangles or other courses as described by the PRO at each day's Green Fleet Meeting. On the water, the course will be posted on a white board on the Signal Boat and/or hailed by the RC.

7 MARKS

Rounding marks will be **orange tetrahedrons**, and **yellow cylinders** will be used at the start and finish lines.

8 THE START AND FINISH

- 8.1 Races will be started with sounds according to Appendix U (3-minute sequence). The RC may verbally hail the countdown. The class flag will be displayed on the signal boat during the start sequence.
- 8.2 The starting and finishing line will be between a staff on the signal boat displaying an orange flag and the nearby inflatable mark.
- 8.3 The start-finish line will not be an "obstruction" and will be open to boats sailing downwind.
- 8.4 Boats that have finished shall immediately sail to the right of the finishing line and stay clear of all other boats that are still racing.



9 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the RC will move the original mark (or move the finishing line) before the first boat has rounded the previous mark. No signals are required for this change. This changes rule 33.

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

The penalty system described in rule 44.1 and 44.2 is changed so that only one-turn, including one tack and one jibe is required. This changes rule 44.1.

11 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

Since Green Fleet is not scored, 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.

12 SCORING

Green Fleet is not scored. All participants receive participation awards. While placement and progress may be tracked, scores are less important than learning, improving, and having fun along the way.

13 COACHING

Coaching is encouraged by the RC. Coaching should focus on the bottom half of the fleet. Coaching on the water is for all, and all coaches are required to assist all sailors. All coaches are required to prominently display their coach flag and to have VHF radios on and operating on the Green Fleet RC channel, **VHF 69**, at all times while racing is underway. The RC has the right to remove from the Green Fleet course any coach who disregards the instructions of the RC.

14 SAFETY

14.1 All boats may be inspected for proper rigging and safety prior to racing.

14.2 All Green Fleet sailors, NOT PARENTS, are required to personally Check-Out at with the designated officials under the tent, indicating their departure to the race course. If a competitor will not be racing that day, he or she shall notify a volunteer at the safety table. Immediately upon returning to shore, **but not later than 30 minutes** after the RC signal boat docks, competitors shall personally Check-In with the designated officials under the tent indicating their safe return to shore.

14.3 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.

14.4 Parents not personally attending any part of the event shall ensure that another adult is authorized and designated to make these decisions for their sailor, and each competitor shall indicate in writing at Competitor Registration the parent or adult representative that will be responsible for the competitor throughout the event.

14.5 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.

14.6 Any sailor retiring from a race must notify a RC boat or safety boat before leaving the course.