



GIBSON ISLAND YACHT SQUADRON
Gibson Island, Maryland
Junior Regatta
CBYRA High Point Event
July 10, 2029

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028.
- 1.2 The organizing authority is the Gibson Island Yacht Squadron.
- 1.3 As this is an amateur regatta held in the Corinthian spirit of competition, sailors may not compete as skipper or crew if they are or will be paid or otherwise compensated for participating in the regatta. By registering for the regatta, each sailor affirms that neither he/she nor his/her crew is being paid or otherwise compensated for competing.
- 1.4 For the purposes of the definition of rule, the class rules shall be the rules of the following one-design classes: Optimist, O'pen Skiff, ILCA, Club 420 and 29er.
- 1.5 The following rules will be changed: Rule 40.1 applies. PFDs are required.
- 1.6 Rule 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. ENTRIES

- 2.1 Eligible boats must enter by completing an online registration with the organizing authority:
<https://theclubspot.com/regatta/LEJMGUwIjt>.
- 2.2 Optimist Class [age rules](#) apply. Sailors for all other classes may only compete if (a) they will not be older than nineteen (19) years of age at any time during 2026 (i.e., their twentieth (20th) birthday occurs no earlier than January 1, 2027 AND (b) they have not competed in any collegiate sailing event prior to the regatta.

3. SAFETY

- 3.1 Competitors shall wear USCG approved Type III Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) at all times while afloat, except for brief periods while changing.
- 3.2 Coaches shall wear USCG approved PFDs at all times while afloat, except for brief periods while changing. 3.3 Failure to comply with 3.1 will be grounds for disqualification from all races sailed in violation of those instructions.
- 3.4 In the case of a coach not complying with 3.2, all sailors associated with his / her club may be subject to a penalty imposed by the protest committee, up to and including disqualification from all races sailed.
- 3.5 Protests concerning potential violations of this Section 3 can only be filed by the race committee or on the water judges. This changes RRS 60.1.
- 3.6 Competitors and/or coaches shall supply the equipment to meet the requirements of 3.1 and 3.2. 3.7 A boat retiring from a race shall notify a race committee boat before leaving the course, or, when that is impossible, the Race HQ immediately after arrival ashore.
- 3.8 A boat shall carry all equipment required by her class rules. Non-class legal sails are permitted.

4. CHECK-IN

Competitors must check in with the race committee signal boat before the warning signal of the first race.

5. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted online will be on the Clubspot Event page:
<https://theclubspot.com/regatta/LEJMGUwIjt/#notice-board>.

6. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1000 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the

schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect. In accordance with RRS 90.2 (c), oral changes to sailing instructions may be made on the water by hailing the competitors prior to the warning signal.

7. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 7.1 Signals made ashore will be in accordance with Race Signals and displayed at the Pavilion at Race HQ at the Point.
- 7.2 Flag AP with two horns (one horn when lowered) means, "The race is postponed. The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after AP is lowered."

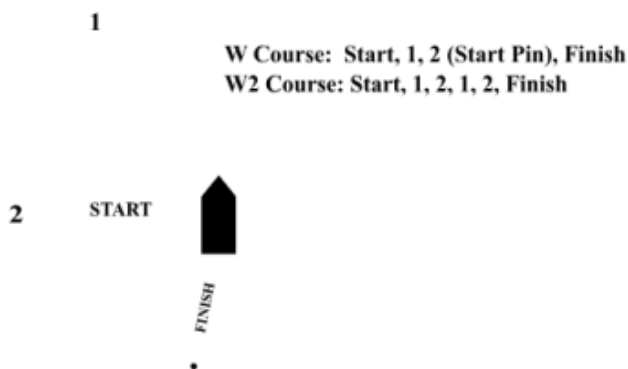
8. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 8.1 Races are scheduled as follows:
 - 0900-1000, Rig up at the Point
 - 1000, Competitors Meeting
 - Note: The Optimist Green Fleet and O'pen Skiff schedule will have an extended Competitor's Meeting.
 - 1030, Harbor Start
 - 1100, First Warning
 - 1500, No Start After
 - Food and awards to follow racing.
- 8.2 The Race Committee will strive to hold as many races as time and weather conditions permit, but one race shall constitute a regatta. However, it is understood by all competitors that the PRO at his/her sole discretion may shorten, abandon, or modify a race in accordance with RRS 32.

9. RACING AREA

- 9.1 The racing area will be approximately as shown in Illustration A, attached. The chosen area will be announced at the Competitors Meeting.
- 9.2 While on the water, weather conditions may require modification of the course areas in which case the RC signal boat will post the "L" flag and proceed to a new area.

10. COURSE DIAGRAM



- 10.1 The identifying letter/number of the course will be displayed on the race committee signal boat with or before the warning signal of the start.
- 10.2 The course designation is followed by the mark rounding order for that course. All marks are to be rounded to port.

11. MARKS

Green Fleet and O'pen Skiff: green fender ball (Mark 1), red fender ball (Mark 2), goofy pool toy (Finish Mark)

Opti R/W/B: orange cylinder (Mark 1), red fender balls (Mark 2 and finish mark), orange tetrahedron (Change Mark)

29er/C420/ILCA: orange cylinder (Mark 1), red fender balls (Mark 2 and finish mark), orange tetrahedron (Change Mark)

12. THE START

- 12.1 The starting line will extend between the staff from which an orange flag is displayed on the race committee signal

boat and the course side of the port-end starting (pin) mark.

12.2 Races will be started by using the 3-minute sound signal sequences as defined in Appendix U of the RRS.

13. RECALLS

The Race Committee intends to hail the recall or sail numbers of OCS boats after the starting signal. 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 granting redress. This changes Rules 41 and 62.1.

15. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag or shape on the course's signal boat and the designated finishing mark as illustrated in these SI's. This changes Race Signals.

16. CHANGE OF COURSE/SHORTEN AFTER START

Course changes either to shorten the length of the course or to change the next leg of the course will be made in accordance with RRS 32.2 or RRS 33.

17. TIME LIMIT

17.1 The time limit for each race will be 45 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat finishes or within the time limit, whichever is later, will be scored DNF without a hearing. This provision changes Rule 35.

18. PROTESTS

- 18.1 Protests shall be in writing. Forms will be available at the Race Committee HQ in the Pavilion at the Point and shall be delivered to the Protest Committee at the Race Committee HQ within 30 minutes after the race committee signal boat docks. This time will be posted at the Pavilion.
- 18.2 Protests will be heard as soon as possible in approximately the order of receipt.
- 18.3 A boat intending to protest about an incident that occurs in the racing area shall notify the RC finish boat of her intention directly after completing the race, including the sail number(s) of the boat(s) being protested. This is considered the first "reasonable opportunity" under Rule 61.1, and it shall occur before any communication with coach or spectator boats.
- 18.4 Protest notices will be posted within 30 minutes of written protest delivery to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a hearing or named as witnesses. This posting shall constitute the notification required by Rule 63.2 and Rule 61.1(b).
- 18.5 Rule 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 one hour after being informed of the decision."
- 18.6 A boat is not permitted to protest another boat for breaking Sailing Instructions 3, 21 and 22. This changes Rule 60.1 (a). The penalty for breaking these instructions may be less than disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee.

19. PROTEST ARBITRATION

- 19.1 Rule 44 is modified to allow a boat either to take the penalty described in Rule 44.1 and 44.2 while on the water or to take a 30% Scoring Penalty for a breach of a rule of Part 2 after the incident but prior to the protest hearing by acknowledging the infringement before arbitration or by accepting the opinion of the arbitrator.
- 19.2 After a protest has been lodged, one designated representative from each boat, who shall have been on the boat when the incident occurred, may appear together before an arbitrator appointed by the protest committee. No witnesses shall be allowed. The arbitrator will have each party describe the incident, limiting each party to approximately two minutes.
- 19.3 After hearing the testimony, the arbitrator will express one of the following conclusions:
 - i. No rule was broken. The protester has the option of withdrawing the protest. If he decides to do so, he signs to this effect on the protest form. The protest is then withdrawn and shall not be reopened or appealed. If the protester does not withdraw the protest, it will be submitted to the protest committee in the normal manner.
 - ii. A rule was broken by one of the boats involved. The representative of the offending boat has the option of either accepting a 30% penalty or submitting the matter to the protest committee for a protest hearing. Application of the 30% penalty shall be calculated in accordance with Rule 44.3, except that the penalty is modified to read 30%. If the penalty is accepted, the matter is closed and cannot be submitted to a hearing, be reopened, appealed or submitted for redress.
- 19.4 If the protestor or the representative of the offending boat elects to submit the matter to the protest committee, the

protest should be submitted to the protest committee in the normal way. When protests are submitted to the protest committee, the arbitrator shall not be a member of the protest committee hearing the protest, or be called as a witness or be present in the protest committee room. The arbitrator shall not discuss the matter with protest committee members until after the protest committee's decision has been posted.

20. SCORING

The Low-Point Scoring System, Appendix A of the racing rules, will apply for all classes. There will be no drop. All races will be scored as allowed by RRS A2.1.

21. DISPOSAL OF TRASH

Boats observed purposefully discharging trash into the water will either be disqualified from all races the day the infraction is observed or be subject to other suitable disciplinary action, or both. This changes RRS 47.

22. INSTRUCTIONS FOR COACHES, SUPPORT BOATS AND SPECTATORS

- 22.1 Coaches shall display a coach flag or hail the RC to identify themselves.
- 22.2 A competitor shall receive no outside assistance from coaches, spectators or support boats during any race. Except in the case of demonstrable emergency, this restriction shall be in effect prior to the start of each race, at the Warning Signal for the start of the first class until after the competitor has finished the race and cleared the start and finish area.
- 22.3 Prior to the start of each race, at the Warning Signal for the first start until after the last class has started, all coach and spectator boats shall leave the area being used by the racing boats and shall station themselves outside of either the pin end or the RC signal boat, or to leeward of the starting line but no closer than 150 ft to those limits. Thereafter, coach or support boats shall not approach closer than 300 ft to any boat that is racing, except at rounding marks or the start and finish lines, where they shall not approach closer than 150 ft immediately upwind of the windward finishing mark, or downwind of the leeward finishing mark or the extensions of the finish lines.
- 22.4 Coach and spectator boats shall monitor VHF channel 67 and shall immediately follow all instructions from the Race Committee and the Organizing Authority. At no time shall any spectator, coach, or support boat interfere in the conduct of the race.
- 22.5 Except in the case of emergency, support boats shall not enter the racing area from the preparatory signal until the last boat finishes or permission is given by the race committee.
- 22.6 Any competitor associated with a coach, spectator or support boat breaking the instruction of the section is subject to a penalty up to and including disqualification for the relevant race.

23. PRIZES

Awards will be given to competitors placing first through third in all classes, with the number of prizes adjusted to suit the number of competitors registered in each division (i.e., one award for 1-5 entries, 2 awards for 6-10 entries, 3 awards for 11 or more entries). Green Fleet Competitors will be celebrated for their participation. Other awards (Top Female in each class or a sportsmanship / corinthian award) will be given at the discretion of the OA.

Illustration A - The Racing Areas

Courses 1, 2, 3 – labeled below, between Dobbins Island and Mountain Point

Courses 4 and 5 – labeled below, on the Bay side, NW of Mountain Point

