

OPTIMIST GREEN FLEET SAILING INSTRUCTIONS – SI's.

BUCCANEER BLAST REGATTA 2024 February 3-4, 2024

Founders Park, Islamorada, Florida.



ORGANIZING AUTHORITY (OA)

Mark Sorensen Youth Sailing Program. www.msyp.org

The notation "[DP]" in a rule in these Sailing Instructions means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than disqualification. The notation "[NP]" in a rule in these Sailing Instructions means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (RRS) and the prescriptions, except US Sailing Prescription to RRS 63.2 which is deleted, the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 [DP] Participants shall abide by all local, state, and federal health and safety guidelines in effect during the days of the event.
- 1.3 In case of a discrepancy between these Sailing Instructions and the NOR, these Sailing Instructions shall govern.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to the competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located electronically on **ClubSpot: <https://www.theclubspot.com>**
- 2.2 Notices of hearings will be posted to the hearing schedule section of the Official Notice Board in the same location.

3. CHANGE IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

Changes in the SIs will be posted on the Official Notice Board before 0900 on Saturday and before 0730 on Sunday except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before the schedule change will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Official Notice Board located electronically on ClubSpot: <https://www.theclubspot.com>
- 4.2 If a postponement is signaled ashore (Code Flag AP and two sounds), the warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after Code Flag AP is lowered with one sound. This changes RRS Signals.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1 Saturday, February 3rd

0730 – 0900: Onsite check-in available at the park

0915: Coaches meeting, beach area facing basin

1000: Competitors' meeting, beach area facing basin

1030: Scheduled Harbor Start. No boat shall leave the beach area prior to a signal from Beach Master and without being cleared by safety personnel.

1130: Scheduled warning signal for first race of the day

1630: No first warning signal for a race will be made after this time.

5.2 Sunday, February 4th

0900: Scheduled Harbor Start. No boat shall leave the beach area prior to a signal from Beach Master and without being cleared by safety personnel.

1000: Intended warning signal for first race of the day.

1345: No first warning signal for a race will be made after this time

Lunch on land following races

Award presentations shortly after the races following availability of scores.

6. RACING AREA

6.1 Race Areas will be in COWPENS ANCHORAGE (see Addendum A – Intended Racing Area).

7. NUMBER OF RACES:

7.1 Contingent on conditions, it is the intention of the organizing authority and race committee to run as many races as possible but no more than ten (10)

7.2 Flag A displayed with no sound, while boats are finishing, means "No more racing today".

7.3 Only one (1) scored races will constitute a series.

8. COURSES

8.1 Optimist Green course will be as shown and described in Addendum B.

9. DESCRIPTIONS of MARKS, START LINE

Marks will be as follows;

9.1 Start/Finish: Orange Ball

9.2 Mark 1 Yellow Cylinder

9.3 Mark 2 Yellow Cylinder

9.4 Mark 3 Yellow Cylinder

10. THE START AND CLASS FLAGS

10.1 Starts will be signaled in accordance with RRS 26.

10.2 The Class Flag will be a Green Optimist Flag.

10.3 Multiple horns may be used to alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon.

10.4 The start/finish line will be between a staff flying an orange flag on the RC signal vessel at the starboard end and a buoy at the port end.

10.5 A boat starting more than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS (did not start) without a hearing. This changes A4 and A5.

10.6 The race committee may broadcast starting penalties on the course VHF after all boats have started.

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

There will be no change of course made or signaled.

13. [DP] SAFETY

13.1 Prior to leaving shore, each competitor shall check out with safety personnel located at the launch ramps. It is the responsibility of the sailor to confirm their name, sail number and streamer color are consistent with registration information and the safety equipment required by class rules are in order.

13.2 Sailors must notify, or have a coach or support person, notify the race committee before leaving the course prior to finishing or, when that is impossible, notify shore-side staff immediately upon arrival ashore. Boats failing to do so may be protested by the race committee, which may result in disqualification of a boat from the day's racing.

13.3 Before leaving the shore to race, substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed without written approval of the race committee. Any equipment changes must be submitted in writing by completing the change form.

13.4 While on the water racers, or their coach/support person, shall notify the RC Signal Vessel of changes of equipment and or sail numbers and shall complete as soon as possible any sail number changes by completing the change form as noted in 13.3.

14. RACE TIME LIMITS

14.1 If no boat, which started correctly, passes Mark One within 15 minutes of starting, the race will be abandoned.

14.2 If no boat, which started correctly, sails the course and finishes within 60 minutes of the start, the race will be abandoned.

14.3 Boats still racing ten (10) minutes after the first boat in her division finishes, and not thereafter retiring, being penalized or given redress, will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) by the race committee without a hearing and will be scored points equal to the number of boats that did finish within the race time limit and complied with RRS 28 plus two points, but will not be scored more than the score for DNF. This changes RRS 35, A4, A5 and A10.

15. RACE AREA RESTRICTED ZONE [DP]

Upon finishing, boats shall immediately sail clear of the finishing area, stay clear of boats that have not finished and remain a minimum of 50 feet from the finishing line and its extensions and any boat still racing.

16. [DP] COACH, SUPPORT PERSONS and other BOATS

16.1 Coaches and support persons must display their ID flag provided by the OA at all times while in the race area and once a warning flag has been displayed remain at least 50 yards from the race course and any racing sailor.

16.2 Any boat not displaying an ID flag must remain at least 200 yards from the race course and any racing sailor until after the start. After the start coaching is permitted and encouraged for those sailors in the lower half of the fleet, changing Rule 41.

16.3 Except for those boats in the top thirty of each race (30th or better) all boats in the Opti Green Fleet may be coached and receive advice, instruction and any other outside assistance throughout the racing day. This changes RRS 41.

16.4 If at all possible, support persons and coaches must assist if requested by the Race Committee. **16.5** All coach and support boats shall be equipped with a functioning engine safety cut off switch which shall remain attached to the support person at the helm at all times while the engine is running.

17. [DP] RADIO COMMUNICATION

17.1 No competitors shall carry onboard any communication devices including, but not limited to, VHF radios and cell phones.

17.2 Coach and support boats shall carry and make use of functional VHF radios and cell phones for communications with the RC and OA.

17.3 VHF radio channel for Opti Green is VHF CH 69.

17.4 VHF radio channel for emergencies is 23A.

18. REPORTS OF RACE COMMITTEE

The RC will report their actions related to boats scored DNC, DNS, OCS, ZFP, UFD, BFD, DNF, DNE, NSC, and RET. This report will be posted on ClubSpots Official Board located electronically no later than 15 minutes after the RC signal vessel's dock time.

19. SCORING INQUIRIES

19.1 Competitors requesting clarification on "Actions of the Race Committee" shall submit a written Scoring Inquiry Form to the race committee representative at the Judges Tent prior to the Protest Time Limit and prior to filing a Request for Redress. This changes RRS 62.2. Scoring Inquiry forms will be available at the Judges Tent.

19.2 Competitors desiring clarification regarding scores other than those imposed by "Actions of the Race Committee" shall submit electronically a Scoring Inquiry Form as soon as practicable via the following link: <https://www.theclubspot.com>

19.3 The RC will respond to Scoring Inquiries in a timely manner.

20. PROTESTS/REQUEST FOR REDRESS:

20.1 There will be no protests in Optimist Green Fleet.

20.2 Redress (Request for Hearing) forms will be available at the Judges Tent and on the ClubSpot event site. Request for Hearing forms are also available in the US Sailing app.

20.3 A request for redress or a protest committee's decision to consider redress shall be based on a claim or possibility that a boat's score or place in a race or series has been or may be, through no fault of her own, made significantly worse by (a).....(b) injury or physical damage because of the action of a boat that was breaking a rule of Part 2 or of a vessel not racing that was required to keep clear or is determined to be at fault under the IRPCAS or a government right of way rule.

20.4 As soon as practicable, the protest committee will post a notice of the schedule and location of hearings on the Official Notice Board.

20.5 All hearings with respect to redress will be held according to the Expedited Hearing Process. See Notice of Race Exhibit One "Expedited Hearing Process".

21. SCORING

21.1 The low point scoring system as described in RRS A4 will apply.

21.2 For GREEN FLEET each boat's series score shall, subject to rule 90.3 (b) be the total of her races scored excluding her worst discardable score when six (6) or more scored races have been completed. This changes RRS A2.1.

21.3 Race results will be posted by sail number in numerical order.

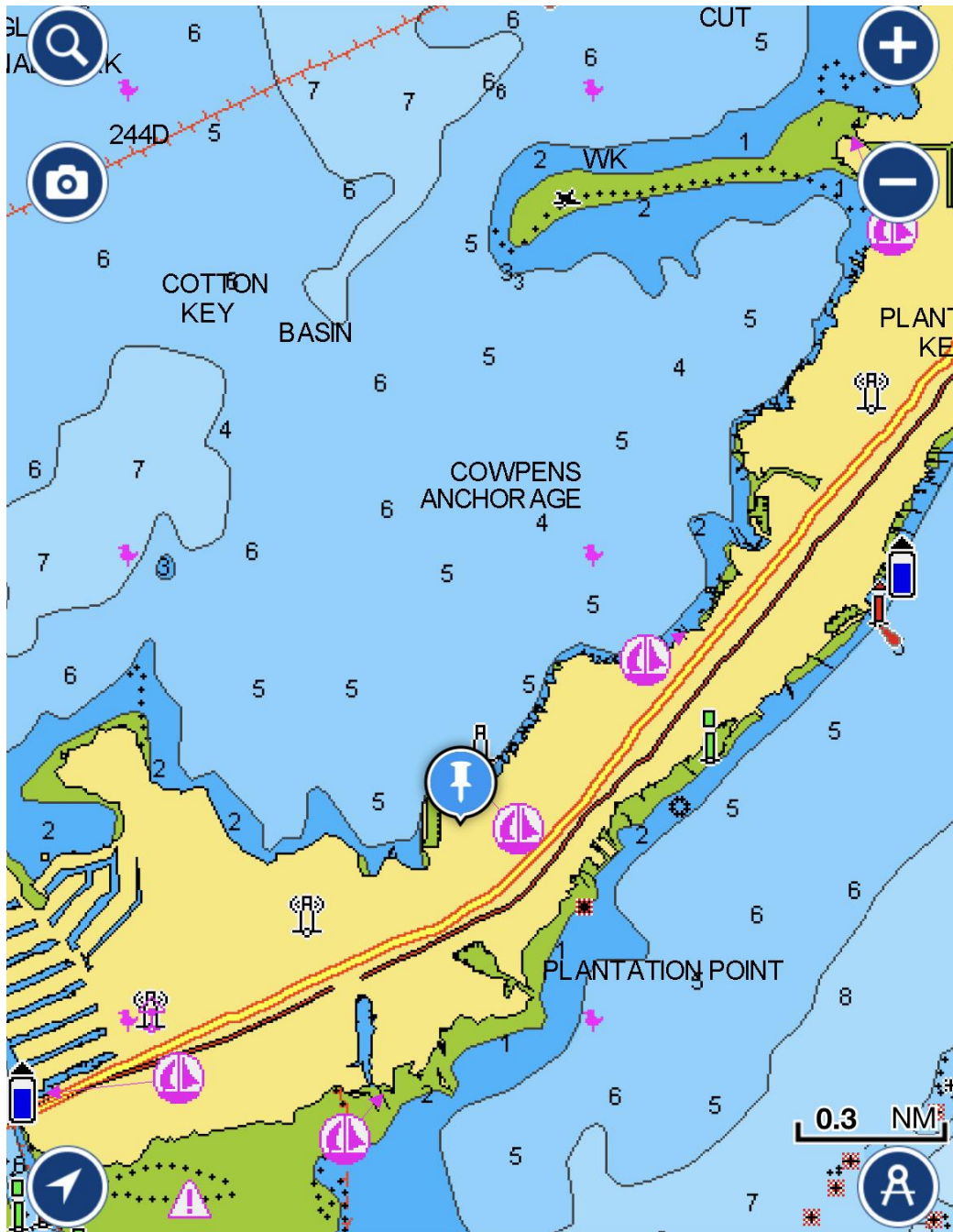
22. [DP] TRASH DISPOSAL

Competitors and support persons shall not intentionally put trash in the water and shall dispose of all refuse in appropriate containers ashore.

23. PRIZES

Awards will be presented to first through 10th place.

Addendum A Intended Racing Area



**Addendum B –
OPTI GREEN COURSE**