



# Optimist Cobbler League

## Royal Cork Yacht Club

### 2/9/16/23/30 October 2015



## Sailing Instructions

### 1. Rules

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, ISA Prescriptions and IODA class rules. The Organising Committee for the Event is the Royal Cork Yacht Club, delegated to the Optimist Committee.

1.2 Registration shall take place on Sunday 2 and 9 October at 1000 at the Dinghy Centre in the Royal Cork Yacht Club, and will close upon launching.

1.3 A Competitors briefing will be held outside the Dinghy Centre at 1045 on each Sunday.

### 2. Notices to Competitors

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted in the Dinghy Centre.

### 3. Sailing Instructions

3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted no later than one hour before the start of the first race on the morning it will take effect.

### 4. Signals Made Ashore

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the main RCYC flagpole.

4.2 Flag AP displayed with two sounds means "The race is postponed. Launching will start approximately 10 minutes after AP is lowered". This changes race signal AP.

### 5. Safety

5.1 The Organising Authority may stop a boat launching or require it to return ashore, if it considers the boat, its equipment or helm are not adequate for the likely conditions or for any other reason. The decision is final and shall not be grounds for redress.

5.2 Competitors in difficulty shall obey any instruction given by a rescue boat crew.

### 6. Schedule of Races

6.1 It is planned to sail 3 races each day.

6.2 Up to 4 races may be sailed on any day if behind schedule. The fleet will launch at or after 1100 (immediately following a race briefing), with the first warning signal no earlier than 1200.

6.3 An additional day may be scheduled if the schedule is impacted by inclement weather, only if the series has not been completed.

### 7. The Course

7.1 The course shall be described at the competitors' briefing and posted on the Committee Boat. The course will likely be either a) outer loop trapezoid for Main Fleet with a trapezoid or separate weather mark for Regatta fleet; b) a triangular course with the number of rounds indicated on a blackboard at the Committee Boat; c) a windward-leeward course with the number of rounds indicated on a blackboard at the Committee Boat, or d) any other course as indicated at briefing.

7.2 All marks shall be rounded to port. There will be no gate in use for the outer loop trapezoid. (See Appendix I).

## **8. Class Flags**

8.1 The Class flag for Main Fleet will be ICF "O". The Class flag for Regatta Fleet will be ICF "J".

8.2 Regatta Fleet boats shall display a coloured ribbon as provided at registration.

## **9. Racing Areas**

9.1 The racing area will be on the Curlane Bank or other harbour areas at the discretion of the Race Officer. Race areas may be described at the competitors' briefing.

## **10. Divisions & Fleets**

10.1 Boats will be divided into two fleets with separate starts as follows:

- Junior and Senior Fleet
- Regatta Fleet

## **11. Marks & Committee Boats**

11.1 "Nemo" shall act as Committee Boat for all fleets. Any changes to this will be notified at the competitors' briefing and not require an amendment to these SIs.

11.2 Marks will be described at the competitors' briefing but will likely be orange/pink spherical buoys.

## **12. The Start**

12.1. The starting line will be between a red & white pole on the Committee Boat and an Outer Distance Mark (ODM).

12.2. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing.

12.3 If Flag U has been displayed as the preparatory signal, no part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the Starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified she shall be disqualified without a hearing but not if the race is restarted or resailed or postponed or abandoned before the starting signal. This changes rule 26.

## **13. The Finish**

13.1 The finishing line will be between the red & white pole on the Committee Boat flying a blue flag and a finishing mark. See course diagrams.

## **14. Time Limits**

14.1 The time limit for the leading boat in each race is 80 minutes.

*14.2 Boats not finished within 20 minutes of the first boat shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, and A4 and A5.*

## **15. Protests and Requests for Redress**

15.1 A boat intending to protest shall inform the race committee of her intention immediately after finishing or at the first opportunity after retiring.

15.2 Protest forms are available at the Dinghy Centre. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

15.3 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

15.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or jury will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

15.5 No boat may protest another boat for infringements of the following:

- S.I. Safety Regulations
- S.I. Division Identification Ribbons
- Any local regulations

## **16. Scoring**

16.1 4 races shall constitute a series.

16.2 1 discard shall be applied when the 4<sup>th</sup> race has been complete. 2 discards shall be applied when the 7<sup>th</sup> race has been completed and 3 discards shall be applied when the 10<sup>th</sup> race has been completed.

16.3 RRS A9 shall apply.

## **17. Appendix P and on the water judges**

17.1 Appendix P shall apply as amended in 17.2

17.2 Rule P2.3 (third and subsequent penalties) shall not apply, and P2.2 is amended so that it will apply to a second or subsequent penalty.

17.3 In addition to Appendix P, on the water judging will be applied for the rules of Part 2 and rule 31. Judges who are members of the protest committee will blow a whistle when they expect one or more boats to take a penalty. In addition, they will attempt to indicate with hand signals which boat(s) they believe were involved in the incident. If the incident results in a protest hearing, the judges may provide testimony as a witness.

17.4 Action or no action by the judges under this sailing instruction shall not be grounds for redress. The changes rule 62.1(a).

## **18. Adverse Weather Conditions**

18.1 In adverse weather conditions the Race Officer may decide to stand down certain groups of sailors. The order of stand down will be Regatta, Junior Silver, Senior Silver, Junior Gold and Senior Gold. Sailors who have been stood down shall be awarded average points for each race affected in accordance with RRS A.10(a). The application of this procedure shall not be grounds for redress.

## **19. Safety Regulations**

19.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee or a rescue rib as soon as possible.

## **20. Prizes**

20.1 Prize giving will take place at approximately 1700 on Sunday 25 October or as soon as possible after that time unless there are changes to the schedule of races. Permanent prizes will be awarded to the first three finishers in the Senior Division – Gold Fleet, Junior Division – Gold Fleet, Senior Division – Silver Fleet, Junior Division – Silver Fleet and the Regatta Fleet.

## **21. Disclaimer of Liability**

21.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race.

21.2 By signing the entry form, competitors and their parents or guardians confirm they are entirely responsible throughout the event for themselves and their boats on land and on the water.

21.3 The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

## **22. Insurance**

22.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €1,500,000 or the equivalent, for the duration of the event.

## Appendix I - course diagrams

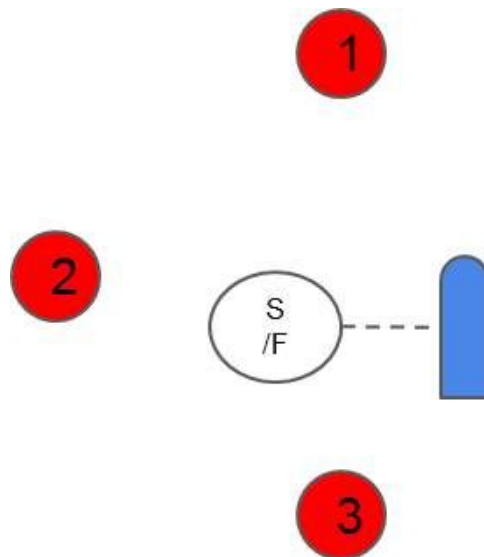
### Triangle

1 round = 1P, 2P, 3P

### Windward/Leeward

1 round = 1P, 3P

For both courses, complete rounds indicated by Committee Boat then proceed to finish.



### Outer loop trapezoid

Main fleet - 1P, 2P, 3P, 2P, 3P, Finish

Regatta fleet - 1P, 2P, 3P, Finish

