



2022 Tasmanian Optimist State Championship

26th & 27th February

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS OPEN & INTERMEDIATE FLEETS

Organising Authority

Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania

in conjunction with

Tasmanian International Optimist Dinghy Association (TIODA).



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Abbreviations

[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee.

[NP] denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

[SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing. This changes RRS 60.1, 63.1 and Appendix A5.

1. Rules

- 1.1. The Championship shall be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. The current prescriptions and special regulations of Australian Sailing Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats shall apply.
- 1.3. The first three sentences of RRS 61.1(a) are changed to 'A boat intending to protest shall inform the other boat at the first reasonable opportunity. When her protest will concern an incident in the racing area that she was involved in or saw she shall hail 'Protest'. She shall inform the Race Committee at the finishing line immediately after finishing of the boat/s being protested in the manner described in SI 17.1, or as soon as practicable after she retires.'
- 1.4. English shall be the official language of the Championship.
- 1.5. Appendix T of the RRS shall apply, amended so that an arbitrator may form part of a subsequent Protest Committee.

2. Notices to Competitors

- 2.1 All notices to competitors will be posted on the official noticeboard located at the regatta office and posted on the event website
<https://www.revolutionise.com.au/tioda/events/129259/>

3. Changes to the Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions (SIs) will be posted no later than 09:00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 19:00 hours on the day before it will take effect.

4. Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole located at the OTB Centre at RYCT.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 4.3. Flag D with one sound means 'The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after D is displayed. Boats shall not launch until this signal is made.' [SP]

5. Format of Racing

- 5.1 The regatta will consist of up to eight (8) races for both fleets; three (3) of which are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 5.2 Identification of Coloured Division [DP]
Boats in the Intermediate Fleet shall display a blue coloured ribbon fixed with not less than 50cm of ribbon free to fly from the top of the sprit. Ribbons shall be provided by the Organising Authority at registration.

6. Schedule of Races

6.1 The schedule is as per the following table:

Date	Event	Timing
Saturday 26 th February	Registration	08:30-09:30
	Support boat briefing	09:30
	Competitor briefing	09:45
	First warning signal	11:00
Sunday 27 th February	First warning signal	10:00
	No warning signal after	15:00

6.2 The target is three (3) to five (5) races per day. The Race Committee may conduct multiple racing sessions per day with no more than three (3) races sailed back to back.

6.3 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

6.4 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 15:00 hours.

7. Division Flags

7.1 Division flags are as follows:

Fleet	Flag
Open	White flag with blue Optimist logo
Intermediate	White flag with red Optimist logo

8. Racing Areas

8.1 Attachment 1 shows the location of the racing areas.

9. The Course

9.1. The diagram in Attachment 2 shows the course including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9.2. No later than the warning signal, the race committee vessel will display the course to be sailed on a course board.

10. Marks

10.1 The marks are described in Attachment 2.

11. The Start

11.1 The starting line will be between the mast displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel on the starboard end and the course side of a buoy at the port end.

11.2 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.

12. Change of the Next Leg of the Course

12.1 A change of course after the start will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not then be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration. When in a subsequent change of course a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark. This changes Rule 33

13. The Finish

13.1 The finishing line will be between a mast displaying a blue flag on the race committee vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end finishing mark.

14. Penalty System

14.1. The penalty for breaches of the Class Rules will be standard penalties [SP] and may be less than disqualification.

14.2. Appendix P is amended as follows:

- a) The words "or subsequent" are added after the word "second" in P2.2.
- b) P2.3 is deleted.

15. Time Limits and Target Times

15.1. Time limits and target times (in minutes) are as below:

Fleet	Time Limit	Mark 1 Time	Target Time
Open	60	30	40
Intermediate	60	30	40

15.2. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

15.3. Open Division boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat in their division sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

15.4. Intermediate Fleet boats deemed to be still racing by the Race Committee but failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat in their division sails the course and finishes may be scored an allocated place. See SI 18.5. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

16. Protests and Requests for Redress

16.1. Boats intending to protest shall inform the race committee immediately after finishing by approaching the port side of the race committee vessel. and hailing the protested boat's sail number and receive acknowledgement from the race committee. This changes RRS 61.1.

16.2. Protest forms are available at the Regatta Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

16.3. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day, or the Race Committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

16.4. Notices shall 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. Hearings will be held in a Protest Room which will be specified on the notice

board. Protests may be heard before the end of the Protest Time Limit if all the parties are present.

- 16.5. Notices of protests by the Race Committee, Technical Committee or Protest Committee will be posted on the noticeboard within the time limit to inform competitors as per RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.6. Breaches of Sailing Instructions marked [DP] and [SP] will not be grounds for a protest or redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 16.7. On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress based on a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2

17. Arbitration

- 17.1 Appendix T of the RRS shall apply, amended so that an arbitrator may form part of a subsequent Protest Committee.

18. Scoring

- 18.1. The series will consist of up to eight (8) races, three (3) of which are required to be completed to constitute a series.
 - a) When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - b) When from five (5) to eight (8) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 18.2 The Open and Intermediate Fleets will be scored separately.
- 18.3 To request correction of an alleged error in a posted race or series results, a boat shall complete a Scoring Enquiry Form available from the regatta office.
- 18.4 Failure to sign on will result in that boat being penalised FIVE (5) points [SP] for the first race of the session (but not worse than a Did Not Finish). Failure to sign off shall result in that boat being penalised five (5) points [SP] for the last race of the session (but not worse than Did Not Finish). Penalties will be applied without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.
- 18.5 Allocated place determination for the Intermediate Division: Boats may be scored using their current standing at a position on the course determined by the Race Committee. The scoring abbreviation for allocated place determination is SRS.

19. Safety Regulations

- 19.1 Before leaving shore and up to the warning signal of the race session, each boat shall sign on. All helmspersons shall do this prior to going afloat for any racing session. [SP]
- 19.2 Sign off shall be completed within 60 minutes of the last boat finishing in the last race of the race session of their allocated assignment. [SP]
- 19.3 Failure to sign on or sign off will result in a penalty as described in SI 18.4.
- 19.4 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible and shall also fill in the relevant form available at the Regatta Office. [DP]
- 19.5 Competitors who require assistance should blow a whistle or wave the paddle or one arm. The Race Committee reserves the right to assist competitors who in its opinion require assistance, regardless of the wishes of the competitor. This will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

20. Replacement of Equipment [DP]

- 20.1 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved in writing by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 20.2 Substitution of damaged equipment may be permitted providing that the relevant form has been filled in at the regatta office and the damaged and substituting equipment has been checked by the Technical Committee.
- 20.3 If the substitution was made on the water between races, both the damaged and the substituting pieces of equipment shall be presented to the Technical Committee after the end of the day's racing. In this case, the substitution is subject to the approval of the Technical Committee given retrospectively.

21. Equipment and Measurement Checks [DP]

- 21.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules, the NoR and the SIs.

22. Support Vessels [DP]

- 22.1 When the wind is less than 10 knots all support vessels shall not exceed 5 knots within 500m of the area where boats are racing. Additionally, support vessels shall not exceed 5 knots or create wake at any time when they are within 100m of the starting area. [DP]
- 22.2 When code flag V is displayed with a long sound signal on a committee vessel all support vessels are to *Monitor communication channel for safety instructions (see rule 37)*



- 22.3 The Race Committee or Protest Committee may protest any boat whose support vessel is in breach of SI 22. Penalties as imposed as a result of a protest under this clause may result in a penalty being imposed on the boat(s) supported by the support vessel.

23. Behaviour

- 23.1 Sailors, parents, team members and officials shall observe the codes of conduct available on the regatta website.

24. Radio Communication

- 24.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This includes mobile phones. [DP]
- 24.2 The radio channel will be VHF Ch. 10.

25. Prizes

- 25.1 Refer to NoR 14.
- 25.2 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

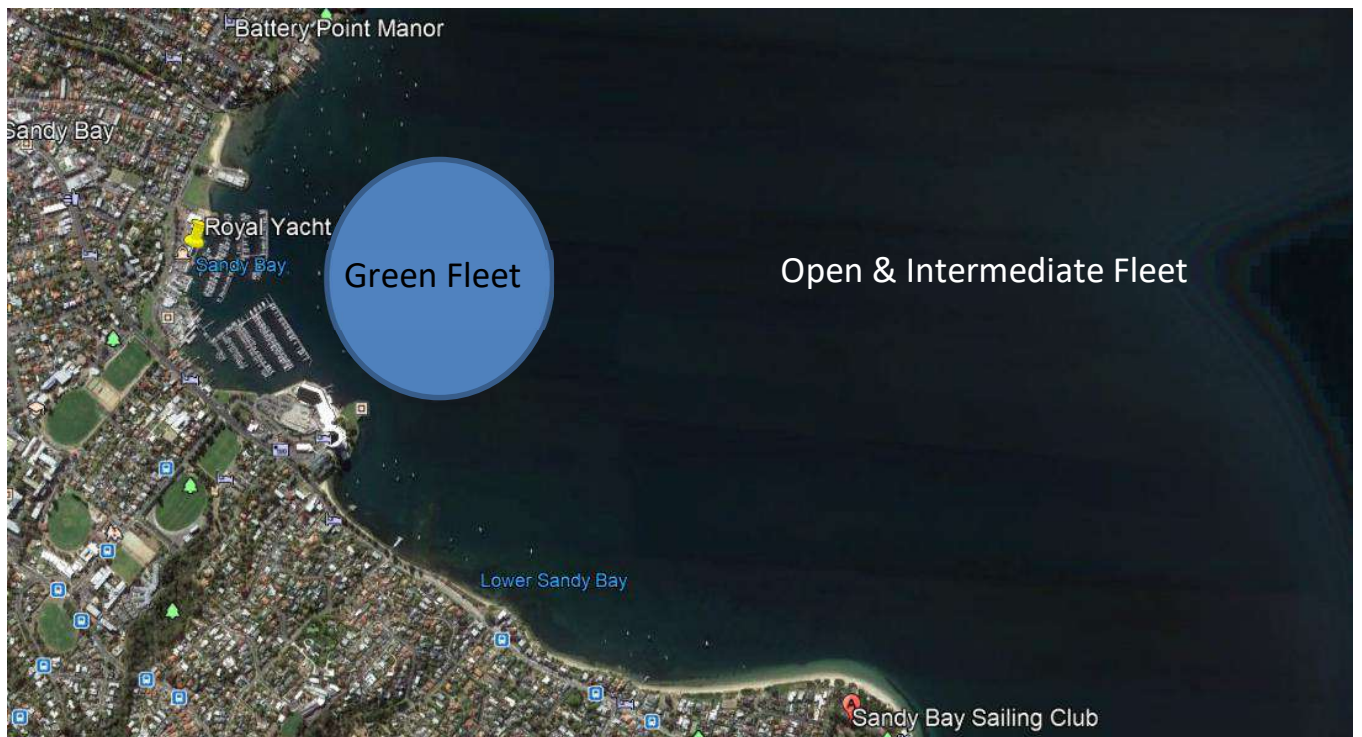
26. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 26.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organising 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.
- 26.2 A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility. In this paragraph and the following paragraphs, wherever the context so permits, 'boat' includes the helm and their parents or guardians.
- 26.3 It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and that her helm is competent to sail and compete in them.
- 26.4 Nothing done or omitted to be done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will make the organizers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing or other parts of the event. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the events and their associated activities, afloat or ashore and include the Organising Authority, the Race committee, the race officers, safety vessels, support boats and beach masters.
- 26.5 The provision of safety vessels does not relieve the boat of its responsibilities.
- 26.6 The Race Committee may hold a boat ashore, or require a boat to go ashore at any time when afloat, whether racing or not, if it considers that:
 - (a) The boat, the equipment or the clothing of the helm, or
 - (b) The physical condition of the helm is not adequate for the conditions.

27. INSURANCE

- 27.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of not less than AUD\$5,000,000.00 (recommend AUD\$10,000,000.00) per incident or the equivalent.
- 27.2 All owners/competitors who sign the entry forms are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover. Owners/competitors not holding this cover shall withdraw their entry. The skipper of each boat must be able to display proof of cover if requested to do so.

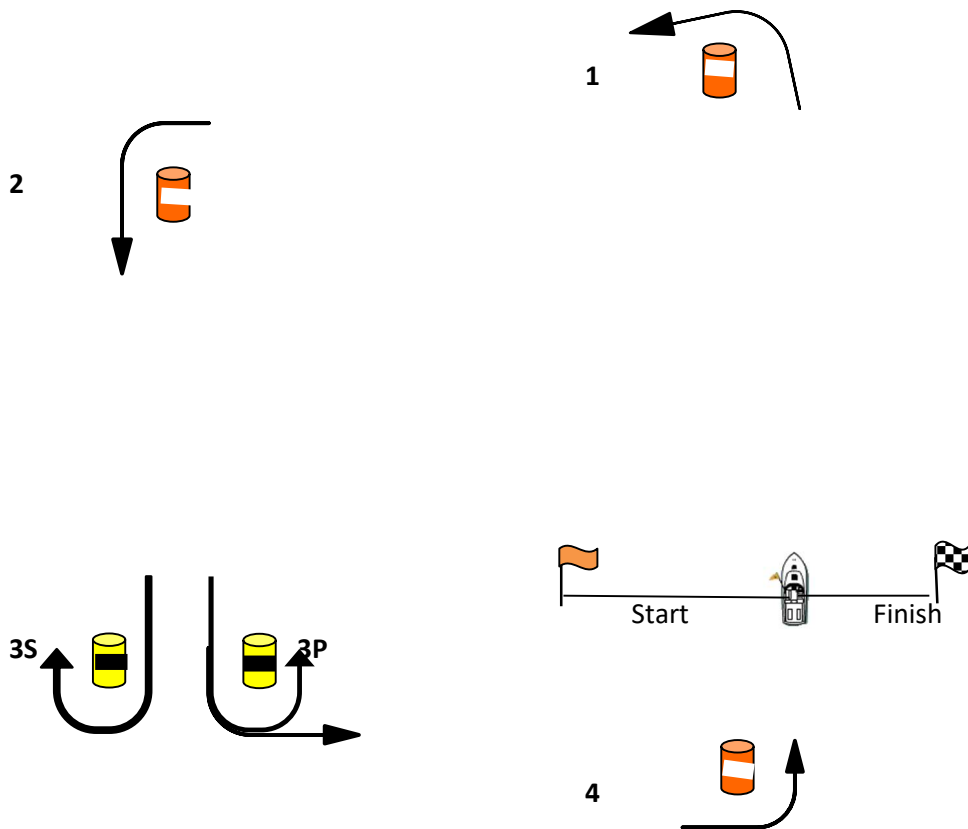
Attachment 1: Course Areas



Attachment 2: Course

NB: Drawing is not to scale and the angles are approximate.

Boats shall not sail through the Finishing Line unless finishing



Course	
O2 - Open	Start – 1 – 2 – 3s/3p – 2 – 3p – 4 - Finish
O2 - Intermediate	Start – 1 – 2 – 3p – 4 -Finish
L2 – Open*	Start – 1 – 4 – 1 – 4 – Finish
L2 – Intermediate	Start – 1 – 4 Finish

*Boats shall not sail through the Finishing Line unless finishing

Mark Description	
Marks 1, 2 & 4	Orange/white Inflatable Buoy
Marks 3s / 3p	Yellow/black Inflatable Buoy
Start Starboard End	Race Committee Vessel
Start Port End	Orange Flag Mark
Finish Port End	Race Committee Vessel
Finish Starboard End	Black & White Chequered Flag Mark