



2022 Tasmanian Optimist Green Fleet Regatta 26th & 27th February

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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 Jury.

[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. Green Fleet will be governed by the 'Introductory Rules for Racing' (see Attachment 3).
- 1.2. The current prescriptions and special regulations of Australian Sailing Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats will apply.
- 1.3. For this event the 'Advisors' shall be the Race Officer, the appointed event coaches and members appointed to the regatta Protest Committee.
- 1.4. The 'Advisors' may refer allegations of poor sportsmanship to the Protest Committee who may deal with the matter using the provisions of Rule 2 or Rule 69 of the Racing Rules of Sailing.

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 RYCT OTB.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 20 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 4.3. Flag D with one sound means 'The warning signal will be made not less than 20 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 ten (10) races; three (3) of which are required to be completed to constitute a series.

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
	Green Fleet briefing	10:30
	First warning signal	11:00
Sunday 27 th February	Green Fleet briefing	09:00
	First warning signal	10:00
	No warning signal after	15:00

- 6.2 A maximum of 10 (ten) races may be sailed, with a maximum of 6 races per day. The race committee may conduct multiple racing sessions each day.
- 6.3 The coaches may also incorporate fun activities and games into the program to ensure it is not all about competition.
- 6.4 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.
- 6.5 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 15:00 hours.

7. Division Flags

- 7.1. The class flag shall be a green flag with the Optimist logo.
- 7.2. All boats shall display a green ribbon permanently fixed and free to fly from the top of the sprit. These ribbons will be provided by the Organising Authority at registration.

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 & Finish

- 11.1 The starting and finishing 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.

12. Penalty System

- 12.1. The penalty system shall be as per the Introductory Rules for Racing (see Attachment 3).
- 12.2. Coaching of Green Fleet skippers while racing is permitted only by the appointed event coaches. However, to facilitate close racing, on water coaching will be primarily targeted to the back end of the fleet
- 12.3. [DP] Only coaches who are Organising Authority appointed Green Fleet Coaches will be allowed to coach on the course during racing. All other coach and support boats must not come within 50m of boats during any racing session. Violation of this instruction may result in any penalty which the Protest Committee deems appropriate, up to and including disqualification of the coached skipper from the race/regatta.

13. Time Limit

- 13.1. Boats deemed to be still racing by the Race Committee but failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes may be allocated a 'Still Racing Score'. See SI 15.7.

14. Protests and Requests for Redress

14.1 Refer to clause 10 in Attachment 3.

15. Scoring

- 15.1. Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.2. When five (5) or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 15.3. When from six (6) to eight (8) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.
- 15.4. When nine (9) to ten (10) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her two (2) worst scores.
- 15.5. To request the correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat shall complete a scoring enquiry form available at the regatta office.
- 15.6. Failure to sign on will result in that boat being penalised five (5) points for the first race of the session (but not worse than a DNF). Failure to sign off will result in that boat being penalised five (5) points for the last race of the session (but not worse than DNF). Penalties will be applied without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.
- 15.7. Boats determined by the Race Committee to still be racing at the expiry of the time limit after the first boat has finished may be given a 'Still Racing Score' equal to the points of the last finisher plus two (2) points. The scoring abbreviation for 'Still Racing Score' is SRS.

16. Safety Regulations

- 16.1. 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]
- 16.2. Sign off shall be completed within 60 minutes of the last boat finishing in the last race of the race sessions of their allocated assignment. [SP]
- 16.3. Failure to sign on or sign off will result in a penalty as described in SI 15.6.
- 16.4. 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]
- 16.5. 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.

17. Equipment and Measurement Checks [DP]

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

18. Support Vessels [DP]

- 18.1 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]
- 18.2 Support boats are not permitted to come within 50m of Green Fleet competitors from the time of the first warning signal of a racing session until the race committee has signaled there will be no more racing in that session.
- 18.3

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)*



- 18.4 The Race Committee or Protest Committee may protest any boat whose support vessel is in breach of SI 18. 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.

19. Behaviour

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

20. 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. [DP]
- 24.2 The radio channel will be VHF Ch. 15.

21. Prizes

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

22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 22.1 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.
- 22.2 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.
- 22.3 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.
- 22.4 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.
- 22.5 The provision of safety vessels does not relieve the boat of its responsibilities.
- 22.6 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.

23. INSURANCE

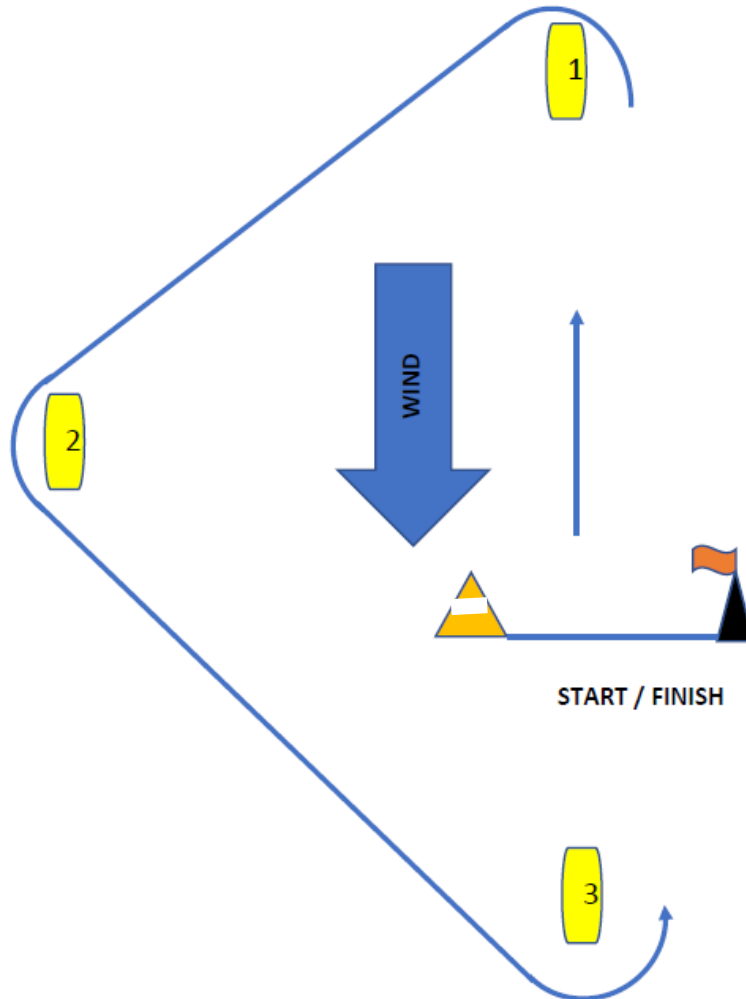
- 23.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of not less than AUD\$5,000,000.00 (recommend AUD\$10,000,000.00) per incident or the equivalent.
- 23.2 All owners/competitors who sign the entry forms are deemed to have made a declaration 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.



Course	
01	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – Finish
02	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – Finish

Mark Description	
Marks 1 / 2 & 3	Yellow Inflatable Buoy
Start/Finish Starboard End	Race Committee Vessel
Start/Finish Port End	Orange/White Inflatable Mark

Attachment 3: Introductory Rules for Racing: Version 1.01 – February 2008

Some Explanations

Windward and Leeward: The leeward side of your boat is the side where your mainsail lies. The Windward side is the other side.

Port and Starboard Tack: You are on port or starboard tack according to your windward side.

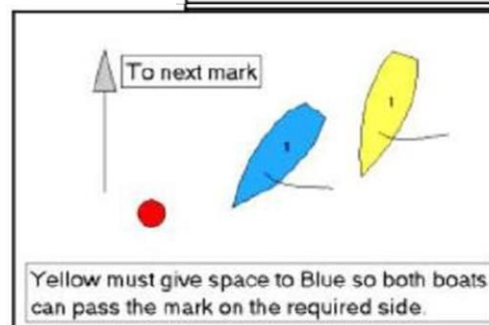
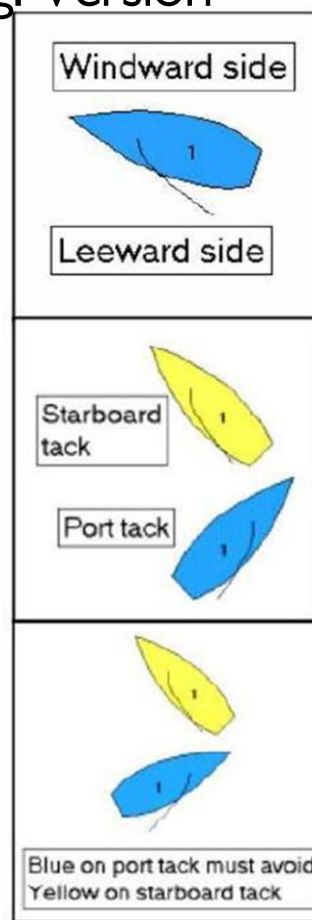
Advisor: A person appointed by the race organisers to assist competitors in understanding the rules and, when appropriate, to penalize a boat.

Basic Rules

1. You must comply with the principles of good sportsmanship.
2. You must try not to collide with another boat.

Rules When Boats Meet

3. When you and the other boat are on opposite tacks, if you are on port tack you must avoid the boat on starboard tack.
4. When you and the other boat are on the same tack, you must avoid the other boat:
 - (a) If she is in front of you, or
 - (b) If she is on your leeward side.
5. After stating, when you and the other boat approach a mark or an object that both boats need to avoid, and the other boat is between you and the mark or other object, you must give her sufficient space to pass it safely on the same side. However, when the boats are on opposite tacks at a windward mark, this rule does not apply.
6. When the other boat is required to avoid you, if you change course, you must give the other boat an adequate opportunity to avoid you.



Other Rules

7. At the starting signal you must be behind the starting line.
8. After the starting signal, you must sail the course described by the organisers.
9. You must not touch a mark of the course.
10. If you think you or another boat has broken a rule or if you are unclear about the rules at any time during the race, you must describe the incident to the advisor after the race. The advisor may then add two points to the score of any boat that has broken a rule. If the offence is serious, the advisor may refer the matter to the Jury who may deal with the matter as they deem suitable within the spirit of the racing rules of sailing.