



2023 Opti Heavy Weather Optimist Harken Challenge Series, Regatta #4

June 16-18, 2023

OA: St. Francis Yacht Club | San Francisco, California

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the SI 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 the SI means it shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes Racing Rule of Sailing (RRS) 60.1(a).

The notation '[SP]' in a rule means that a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee or technical committee without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing, including Appendix U.
- 1.2. Rule 40.1 will apply at all times when boats are in the racing area, and on their way to and from the racing area.
- 1.3. US Sailing Prescriptions 63.1 and 63.2 are deleted.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors from the race committee will be posted on the official regatta notice board located online at www.stfyc.com/racing. Notices may be posted on an unofficial regatta notice board located in the hallway adjacent to the side (Regatta) entrance of StFYC. Results will be posted online.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions (SI) will be posted no later than 60 minutes prior to the first warning on the day it will take effect, except any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located at the StFYC race deck.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes'. This changes rule Race Signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1. All competitors are required to check-in at the StFYC Starting Line Room during the scheduled time SI 6.2.

- 5.2. A maximum of five (5) races are scheduled per day.

- 5.2.1. Green Fleet only: The schedule is as follows: (NOR)

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Friday, June 16	0800-1000	Check-In
	0845	Green Fleet Competitor's and Coach Boat Meeting
	1000	Green Fleet First Warning Signal
Saturday, June 17	1000	Green Fleet First Warning Signal
	1500	No Further Warning Signals
Sunday, June 18	1000	Green Fleet First Warning Signal
	1500	No Further Warning Signals

- 5.2.2. Championship Fleet only: The schedule is as follows:

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Friday, June 16	0800-1000	Check-In
	1000	Championship Fleet Competitors' and Coach Boat Meeting
	1200	Championship Fleet First Warning Signal
Saturday, June 17	1200	Championship Fleet First Warning Signal
	1500	No Further Warning Signals
Sunday, June 18	1200	Championship Fleet First Warning Signal
	1500	No Further Warning Signals

6. RACING AREA

6.1. Green Fleet: Between Fort Mason and the San Francisco Marina.

6.2. Championship Fleet: The intended race area is directly north of the St. Francis clubhouse. However, the race committee reserves the right to move the race area depending on wind conditions.

7. COURSES & MARKS

7.1. Green Fleet: The courses and marks are described in Attachment A – Official Description of Marks and Courses.

7.2. Championship Fleet:

a. The courses and marks are described in Attachment B – Official Description of Marks and Courses.

b. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display:

- a placard designating the course;

c. Mark 1 shall have an offset to be rounded in the same direction as the mark

d. Mark 3 will be a gate. In the event that the gate is not in place, the single leeward Mark 3 shall be rounded in the same direction as the previous mark.

8. CLASS FLAGS

Green Fleet White Optimist insignia on a Green field.

Championship Fleet Black Optimist insignia on a White field.

9. THE START

9.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and the course side of an orange inflatable buoy at the port end.

9.2. A boat shall not start more than four (4) minutes after her starting signal.

9.3. After completing the first leg of the course, a boat shall not cross the starting line. A boat shall not cross the finishing line until she is completing the last leg of the course and finishes. A boat that breaks this rule shall not correct her error.

9.4. Starting System

a. Green Fleet: Appendix U, Audible-Signal Racing System. This is a [US Sailing prescription](#).

b. Championship Fleet: RRS 26.

10. RECALLS

As a courtesy, the race committee may attempt to hail On Course Side (OCS) boats. Failure to execute this hail or failure to receive it shall not relieve a boat of her obligation to start properly, nor shall it constitute an improper action or omission of the race committee under RRS 62.1(a).

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

11.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

11.2. The race committee may change a leg of the course by up to five (5) degrees in bearing and/or 0.2nm in length without a signal. This changes RRS 33.

12. THE FINISH

12.1. Green Fleet: The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and the course side of an orange inflatable buoy at the port end.

12.2. Championship Fleet: The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee signal boat and the course side of an orange inflatable buoy at the port end.

13. TIME LIMITS

13.1. The time limit for each race is sixty (60) minutes.

13.2. Boats failing to finish within twenty (20) minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4.2 and A5.

14. COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC

14.1. Racing occurs near active shipping channels. The race committee would like to call special attention to the preamble to RRS Part 2.

14.2. A race committee boat may signal a boat that is racing to alter course to avoid impeding the passage of commercial vessels by making a sound signal (horn or whistle) and clearly displaying flag 'W' at her. The signaled boat shall promptly comply with the signal unless compliance would create an unsafe condition. If a boat fails to comply with such a signal, the race committee shall protest the boat. In this case the protest committee shall assume that the course alteration would not have created an unsafe condition, and the protested boat shall have the burden of proving otherwise.

- 14.3. If a commercial vessel sounds five blasts at a boat which is racing, and/or the vessel or the US Coast Guard (USCG) is subsequently able to identify the offending boat, the boat may be subject to protest. In the event the race committee files the protest, the protest committee shall assume that the identified boat has impeded passage or violated the U.S. Inland Navigation Rules, and the identified boat shall have the burden of proving otherwise.
- 14.4. A boat cannot exonerate herself when she may have broken this rule. When a protest committee decides that a boat has broken this rule, the penalty shall be disqualification not excludable (DNE).
- 14.5. The StFYC shall cooperate with and provide relevant information to the Coast Guard or other governmental authority regarding investigations of boats impeding ship traffic or violating U.S. Inland Navigation Rules (33 CFR 83).

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1. RRS 61 is modified to add the additional requirement: A boat intending to protest shall report her intentions and the boat(s) being protested to the R/C upon finishing or retiring and obtain R/C acknowledgment.
- 15.2. For each class or fleet, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat of the class or fleet has finished within her Finishing Window in the last race of the day or the signal 'No more racing today' is made afloat, whichever is later. However, the protest time limit is 30 minutes after the signal 'No more racing today' is made ashore.
- 15.3. Protest forms are available online at www.stfyc.com. Protest and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the Race Office or submitted to racing@stfyc.com within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.4. In the event of a complaint by Vessel Traffic or the USCG, the protest time limit will be extended up to two (2) days after the conclusion of the regatta. This changes RRS 60.2(a) and RRS 61.3.
- 15.5. Notices will be published no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform boats of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings may be scheduled to begin before the end of protest time. Hearings will be held beginning at the time and location published on the official notice board.
- 15.6. Notices of any other protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will also be posted. This constitutes the notification required by RRS 61.1(b).
- 15.7. It is the sole responsibility of each boat involved to be ready and have witnesses available when the hearing is called.
- 15.8. If the race committee posts a list of boats scored OCS, ZFP, UFD, or BFD on the official notice board before the protest time limit, a request for redress based on such a posted score shall be made no later than sixty (60) minutes after the protest time limit. This changes the first sentence of RRS 62.2.
- 15.9. On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress on a protest committee decision, or a request to reopen a hearing, shall be delivered no later than sixty (60) minutes after the decision was announced, either written or orally. This changes RRS 62.2 and RRS 66.

16. SCORING

- 16.1. One (1) race will constitute a series.
- 16.2. When five (5) or fewer races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2.
- 16.3. When six (6) or more races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17. [NP][DP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1. [SP] Sign-In/-Out:
 - 17.1.1. The skipper of each boat shall personally sign-out each day when leaving their berth for racing signing a Check-Out-Sheet. After returning ashore the skipper of each boat shall promptly and personally sign-in by again signing a Check-In-Sheet.
 - 17.1.2. Location of the Check-Out-In-Sheet is at the launching ramp.
- 17.2. Boats not leaving the harbor for a scheduled race, shall promptly notify the race office.
- 17.3. On arrival in the racing area each day, a boat shall sail past the stern of the race committee signal boat and hail her sail number.
- 17.4. Boats that retire from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity. These boats shall inform the race office no later than the protest time limit. The race office telephone number is: +1 (415) 655-7756
- 17.5. [SP] Trolleys of the boats shall be marked with the corresponding sail number (permanently and clearly visible).

18. SUPPORT BOATS

- 18.1.** A support boat is defined as any vessel in which a support person resides while on the water and who has direct ties to a competitor or group of competitors.
- 18.2.** Support boats shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished, or until the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 18.3.** Support boats shall comply with any additional directions given by the OA, the race committee or Jury, to help a boat or competitor that is in danger while racing.
- 18.4.** Support persons and support person vessels shall comply with local legislation and the 'Event Support Team Regulations' published on the event website.

19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this race participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (OA, Race Committee, Protest Committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this regatta. By participating in this regatta, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

20. RIGHTS TO USE NAME, LIKENESS, AND PERSONAL INFORMATION

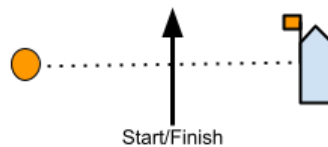
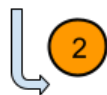
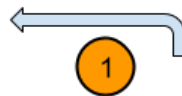
- 20.1.** By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.
- 20.2.** Additionally, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and race officials the right to use their personal contact information, including but not limited to a current email address and cell phone number, for the purpose of race administration and regatta communications.

GREEN FLEET

ATTACHMENT A - OFFICIAL DESCRIPTION OF MARKS AND COURSES

MARK	DESCRIPTION
1	Inflatable orange shape set as a windward mark
2	Inflatable orange shape set as a gybe mark
3	Inflatable orange shapes set as a leeward mark below the starting line

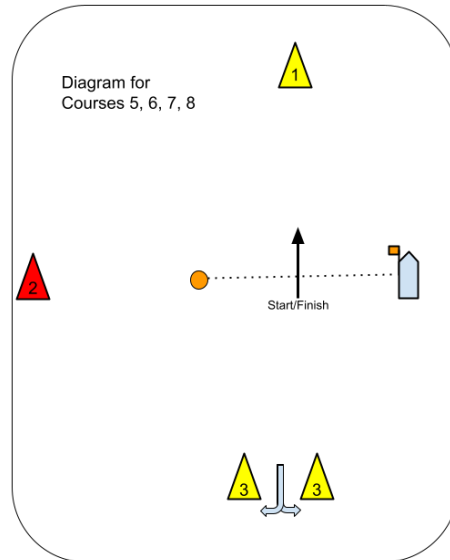
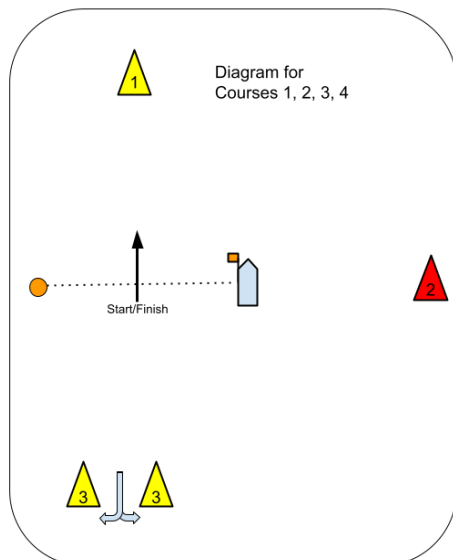
COURSE	ROUNDING ORDER
1	Start → 1p → 3p → Finish
2	Start → 1p → 3p → 1p → 3p → Finish
3	Start → 1p → 2p → 3p → Finish
4	Start → 1p → 2p → 3p → 1p → 3p → Finish



CHAMPIONSHIP FLEET ATTACHMENT B - OFFICIAL DESCRIPTION OF MARKS AND COURSES

MARK	DESCRIPTION
1	Inflatable yellow cone set as a Windward Mark with an red round ball offset buoy
2	Inflatable red cone set as a Reaching Mark
3	Inflatable yellow cones set as a Leeward Gate

COURSE	ROUNDING ORDER
1	Start → 1s → 3 → Finish
2	Start → 1s → 3 → 1s → 3 → Finish
3	Start → 1s → 2s → 3 → Finish
4	Start → 1s → 2s → 3 → 1s → 2s → 3 → Finish
5	Start → 1p → 3 → Finish
6	Start → 1p → 3 → 1p → 3 → Finish
7	Start → 1p → 2p → 3 → Finish
8	Start → 1p → 2p → 3 → 1p → 2p → 3 → Finish



ATTACHMENT C STANDARD PENALTIES [SP]

In accordance with the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, the race committee and the technical committee will impose the following Standard Penalties. These penalties shall apply to the race sailed nearest in time to the incident. The penalty scores will be calculated as stated in RRS 44.3(c).

SI 18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1	No sign-out	15%
17.2	No sign-in	15%
17.5	Trolley not marked with corresponding sail number	5%