



SUNDAY OPTIMIST SPRING SERIES
Royal Bermuda Yacht Club (RBYC)
May 7th, 21st, June 11th, 25th 2023

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The series is organized by the Bermuda Optimist Dinghy Association (BODA).

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI)

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.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The series will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2. Racing rules 61.1, 40, and the preamble to Part 4 will be changed as follows:
 - 1.2.1. RRS 61.1 "Informing the Protestee" is changed as follows: Rule 61.1 (a) is amended by adding the following at the end of paragraph (a), before the word "However"; A boat intending to protest from an incident on the race course shall immediately after finishing proceed directly to the RC Vessel, sail on the starboard side of the RC Vessel and notify the RC that she intends to protest, hail her sail number and the number of the boat she is protesting before leaving the finish line area.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located:
<https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/5908/event?name=sunday-optimist-spring-series>.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change to the SI will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the RBYC flagpole.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. Schedule of racing as described in the NoR 9.
- 5.2. To alert boats that a race will begin soon, a series of sounds will be made not less than one minute before a warning signal is made.

6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1. The class flag will be a white flag with blue class insignia.



7. RACING AREAS

- 7.1. Competitors will be informed of the racing area at the Competitors Briefing.

8. THE COURSES

- 8.1. The diagrams in Attachment #1 show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9. MARKS

- 9.1. Marks shall be described at the Competitors Briefing.

10. THE START

- 10.1. Races will be started by using RRS 26.
10.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee (RC) vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
10.3. A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

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

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the RC vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end finishing mark.

13. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 13.1. Time limits for each race shall be 45 minutes. If no boat has passed Mark 1 within 15 minutes the race will be abandoned.
13.2. The target time for each race shall be 25 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress.
13.3. The Finishing Window will be 10 minutes after the first boat finishes.

14. HEARING REQUESTS

- 14.1. Any request for a hearing (this includes protest, redress, reopening or any report under RRS 69 or concerning a Support Person) shall be lodged through the ONB.
14.2. The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat finishes, or the RC signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The end of protest time limit will be posted on the ONB.
14.3. Notices will 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 at the host club beginning at the time posted.
14.4. The posting of hearing notices shall be considered notices as required by RRS 61 and 62.2.
14.5. On the last day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:



- 14.5.1. within the Protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous scheduled day;
- 14.5.2. no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.
- 14.6. On the last day of racing a request for redress based on a jury decision shall be delivered no later than 20 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2(a).

15. SCORING

- 15.1. The scoring shall be as described in NoR 12.
- 15.2. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window and not subsequently retiring, penalized, or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expiry (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1. [DP] Competitors shall check in with the RC vessel by sailing on starboard tack past the stern of the RC vessel and hail their name and sail number until they are acknowledged.
- 16.2. [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible.

17. REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

- 17.1. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the RC. Requests for substitution shall be made to the RC at the first reasonable opportunity. [DP]

18. OFFICIAL BOATS

- 18.1. Official boats shall be described to competitors at the daily competitor briefing, and may fly a RC flag.

19. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 19.1. [DP] Support person vessel's driver shall use the kill cord at all times the engine is running.

20. TRASH DISPOSAL

- 20.1. Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

21. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 21.1. VHF Channel 69 will be used by the RC for communication purposes.
- 21.2. Support Person Vessels are required to monitor VHF Channel 69 to render assistance as requested by the RC.

22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 22.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk and responsibility. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. 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.



ATTACHMENT #1

COURSE 1 – START, 1, 2, FINISH

COURSE 2 – START, 1, 2, 1, 2, FINISH

COURSE 3 – START, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2, FINISH

COURSE 4 – START, 1, 3, 2, FINISH

COURSE 5 – START 1, 3, 2, 1, 2, FINISH

