



RenaissanceRe

2023

**JUNIOR
GOLD CUP**
OCT 3 - 7

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

All times at Atlantic Daylight Time (ADT). The notation '[NP]' means Rules that are not grounds for protest by a boat (This changes rule 60.1(a)). The notation '[DP]' 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 regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. Bermuda Sailing Association (BSA) Prescriptions shall apply and may be found at www.sailing.bm/governance.
- 1.3. The class rules of IODA apply and may be found at www.optiworld.org.
- 1.4. Rule 40.1 shall apply. Personal flotation devices shall conform to Class Rule 4.2 (a).
- 1.5. 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 concerns 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 or as soon as practicable after she retires.'
- 1.6. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.7. If there is a conflict between the NoR and these SIs, the rules in these SIs will take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any change to the SIs will be posted before 0930 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 the day before it will take effect.

3. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted online on the official notice board (ONB) here: <https://rb.gy/xazt7>.
- 3.2. There will be a competitor briefing in the vicinity of the RBYC Terrace at 0930 Wed Oct 4th, 2023.
- 3.3. The race committee (RC) will be using international VHF channel 69 to communicate with support persons.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1. [DP][NP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from event officials. Failure to comply may be misconduct.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the RBYC flagpole.
- 5.2. Flag AP displayed with one sound means: '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 5.3. [NP][DP] Flag D displayed with one sound means: 'the warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after flag D is displayed.' Boats shall not leave their berthing places until this signal is made.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1. As described in NOR 7.
- 6.2. To alert boats that a race will begin soon, an orange flag defining the starboard end of the starting line will be displayed with one sound no less than 5 minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

7. CLASS FLAG

- 7.1. The class flag will be a blue Optimist class symbol against a white background.

8. RACING AREA

- 8.1. Racing areas will be the Great Sound and/or Hamilton Harbour. The exact location will be advised at the competitors briefing each day.

9. COURSES

- 9.1. The diagrams in Attachment #1 and #2 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 rounded.

10. MARKS

- 10.1. Course 1 - the starting marks shall be an orange tetrahedron and an RC vessel. Rounding mark 1 shall be a green tetrahedron, 2 & 3 shall be yellow tetrahedrons. The finishing marks shall be a pink cylinder and an RC vessel.
- 10.2. Harbour Course - the start/finish marks shall be an orange Markset bot and an RC vessel. All rounding marks will be yellow Markset bots.

11. THE START

- 11.1. Races will be started by using RRS 26.
- 11.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port end starting mark.
- 11.3. A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1. To change the next leg of the course, the RC will move the original mark (or move the finishing line) provided that no boat is sailing to the mark. The RC may, without signal, move a mark to change the direction up to 10 degrees or the length up to 10% of the previous length, provided that no boat is sailing to the mark. This changes RRS 33.

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the RC Finish Line Boat at one end and the course side of the finishing mark at the other end.

14. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 14.1. All times will be taken from GPS.
- 14.2. Time limits for each race shall be 90 minutes. If no boat has passed Mark 1 within 30 minutes the race will be abandoned.
- 14.3. The target time for each race shall be 45 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 14.4. Boats failing to finish within 15 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 and A5.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1. Appendix P "Special Procedures for rule 42" shall apply.
- 15.2. Appendix P is changed as follows:
 - a) P2.2 "Second Penalty" is changed to "Second and Subsequent Penalties".
 - b) P2.2 Add to the end of the first sentence, " unless her penalty is signaled after she finishes, in which case she shall promptly notify a RC boat that she is retiring".
 - c) P2.3 will not apply.
- 15.3. [NP][DP] A boat that has taken a penalty under rule 44.1 shall complete and sign the penalty acknowledgement log available from the ONB before the end of the protest time limit.

16. HEARING REQUESTS

- 16.1. The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat finishes. The end of protest time limit will be posted on the official notice board.
- 16.2. Hearing request forms are available on the official notice board.
- 16.3. 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 in the Prince Albert Room.
- 16.4. The posting of hearing notices shall be considered notices as required by RRS 61 and 62.2.
- 16.5. On the last day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
 - a) within the Protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous scheduled day;
 - b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.
- 16.6. On the last day of racing a request for redress based on a jury decision shall be delivered no later than 15 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

17. SCORING

- 17.1. Scoring shall be as described in NOR 12.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1. [DP] Competitors shall check in with the RC signal boat before the warning signal of the first race each day by sailing on starboard tack past the stern of the signal boat and hailing their sail number until they are acknowledged.
- 18.2. [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC at the first reasonable opportunity.

19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1. Substitution of competitors is not allowed.

19.2. [DP] Substitution of equipment (damaged or lost) is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the RC. Requests for substitution shall be made to the RC at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

20. SUPPLIED BOATS

20.1. Where a boat has been supplied to a competitor by the OA:

- a) RRS 62.1 is changed by adding “(e) physical damage due to failure of OA supplied equipment.”

21. OFFICIAL BOATS

21.1. Official RC boats will be described to competitors at the competitor briefing and may fly a yellow RC flag.

22. SUPPORT BOATS

22.1. [DP] Support boats, including spectators, shall not be in the racing area from the time of the warning signal until the race has finished or the RC signals a postponement, general recall, or abandonment, unless specifically authorized by the RC as a matter of safety. Attention is drawn to Attachment #1 – Course Card.

22.2. [DP] All boats associated with the infringing support vessel may be penalized at the discretion of the protest committee for the race on which the support personnel failed to comply with this SIs or NoR This changes RRS 64.5(b).

23. TRASH DISPOSAL

23.1. Trash may be placed aboard official boats.

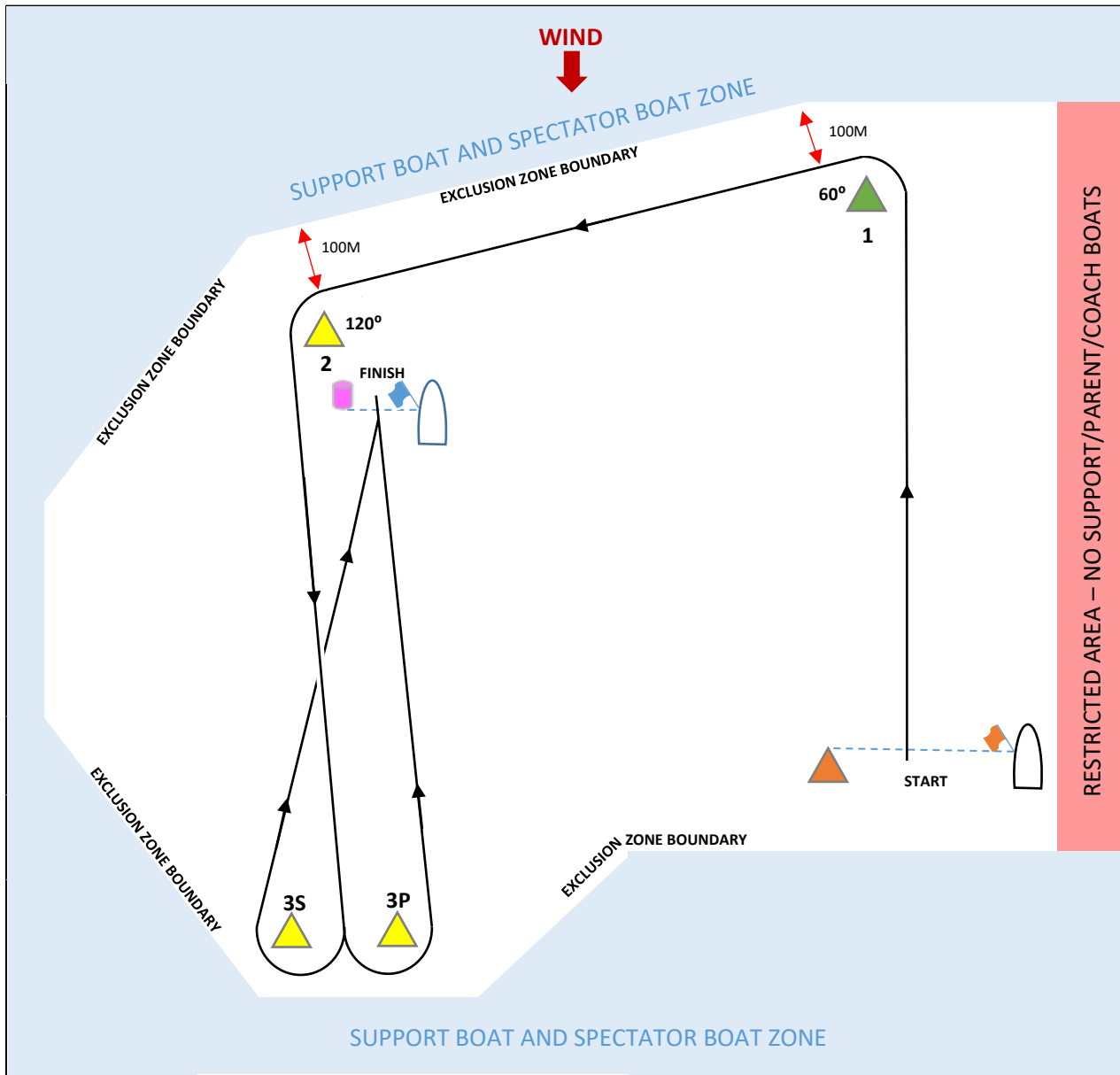
24. RISK STATEMENT

24.1. RRS 3 states: ‘The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.’ By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.

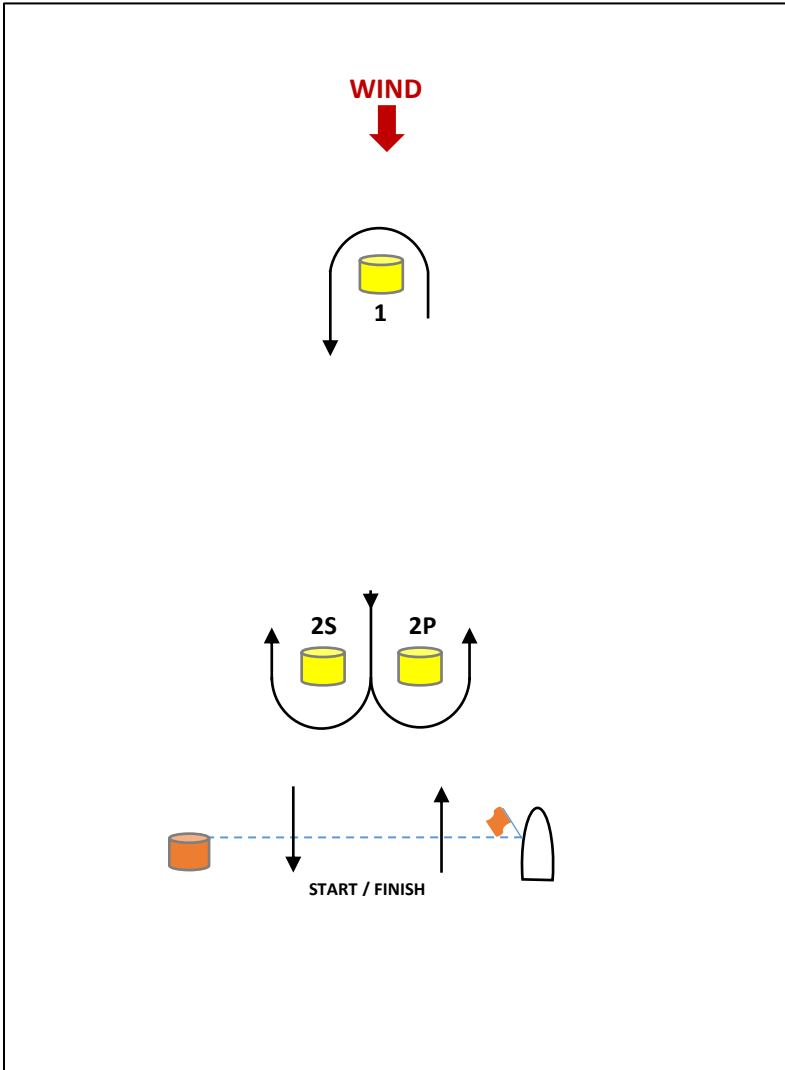
25. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

25.1. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, 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 event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from all liability associated with such competitor’s participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

COURSE 1 – START, 1, 2, 3S/3P, FINISH



HARBOUR COURSE – START, 1, 2S/2P, 1, FINISH



END OF SAILING INSTRUCTIONS