

2010 New Jersey State Optimist Championship
Aug 23 – June 24, 2009
New Jersey Optimist Dinghy Association
Hosted by Brant Beach Yacht Club
Brant Beach, NJ

Sailing Instructions
(preliminary)

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the “rules” as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (“rules”). The “class rules” for the purposes of the definition of “rules” are the International Optimist Dinghy Association Class Rules, subject to USODA’s interim suspension until March 1, 2006, of class rules 3.3.6 and 3.4.6.
- 1.2 For the purposes of these Sailing Instructions, a “race” is a race between two divisions, and a “Set” is a group of scored races in which all divisions compete, as indicated on Appendix 2 to these Sailing Instructions. For example, if there are four(4) divisions, a “Set” would be two (2) scored races in which all divisions have competed in one race.

2 FORMAT OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP

- 2.1 The Race Committee may divide the fleet into divisions, and each boat will be assigned to a division.
- 2.2 The division of the boats will be done by computer program at random as soon as possible. After the division is completed, the race committee shall provide each boat a colored ribbon with the color of her division.
- 2.3 The division flags shall be displayed in place of Class Flags for all purposes, including without limitation rule 26 (Starting Races) and Sailing Instruction 5 (Signals Made Ashore; Launching). While on the water, each boat shall at all times display the colored ribbon with the color of her division attached securely to the top of the boat’s sprit.
- 2.4 Appendix 2 to these sailing instructions shows the schedule of starts for the races. No more than four (4) Sets, plus the balance of any Set from any previous day which was started and was not completed, will be sailed in any one day.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located upstairs at the Junior Clubhouse at the southern end of the property.

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to these sailing instructions will be posted before 0830 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE; LAUNCHING

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole, in front of the junior clubhouse, or on the tallest sailboat mast in the harbor visible from the bay.
- 5.2 When code flag D is displayed with one sound signal, boats may launch and proceed directly to the racing area. Boats shall not launch until that signal.
- 5.3 When flag AP is displayed, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 30 minutes” in Race Signal AP.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 The warning signal scheduled each day as follows:

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| Monday, June 23 | Harbor start will be at 1045.
Warning Signal 1130 for the first race of the day.
Additional races to follow depending on sailing conditions. No warning signal for the first start of a Set will be signaled after 1630 on Monday, June 25. |
| Tuesday, June 24 | Harbor start will be at 0900.
Warning Signal 0945 for first race of the day;
Additional races to follow depending on sailing conditions.
No warning signal for the first start of a Set will be signaled after 1500 on Tuesday, June 24. |

6.2 There will be skippers meeting on Monday June 23th at 1000 in front of the notice board. There will be a skippers meeting at 0830 on Tuesday June 24th in front of the notice board.

6.3 There will be mandatory coach and safety boat meeting on Wednesday at 0945 in front of the notice board. On Thursday there will be a coach and safety boat meeting in front of the notice board at 0815.

7 RACING AREA The racing area will be west of the island which is west of the BBYC property in the lower Barnegat Bay. The exact location of the course will depend on specific wind conditions.

8 THE COURSE The diagram in Appendix 1, Race Course, of these sailing instructions shows the course, 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. The course length and exact configuration will be based on the sailing conditions.

9 MARKS The starting marks shall be the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and the race committee line set boat at the port end of the starting line. Marks 1, 2, and 3G will be large yellow balls. The finishing marks shall be the race committee main finish boat at the starboard end of the finish line and a race committee boat at the port end of the finish line.

10 CHANGE OF COURSE; ABANDONING RACES.

10.1 When a course is changed pursuant to rule 33, the old mark will be removed and replaced with a yellow ball with a black rectangle on it. During the race, marks may be repositioned without signal for minor changes in course. This changes rule 33.

10.2 The Race Committee may abandon a race by displaying code flag "N", "N" over "H," or "N" over "A" with three (3) sounds or a verbal hail. This changes the Race Signals and rule 32.1.

11 THE START

11.1 Starts will be pursuant to rule 26.

11.2 Appendix 2, Starting Schedule, of the sailing instructions will show the division pairings for each race of each Set if there are divisions. This will be determined before Monday June 25th and will be handed out at the skippers meeting if necessary.

11.3 The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the starting marks. The display of the orange starting line flag on the race committee signal boat means that the warning signal for the first race in a Set will be in approximately four (4) minutes.

11.4 After the starting line flag is displayed on the race committee signal boat, boats shall not be in the starting area unless (i) the boat is in the next race to start, and (ii) the race committee signal boat displays code flag "F." The "starting area" is defined as extending approximately 50 feet beyond the ends of the starting line to buoys and back to the line formed by 3-4 buoys approximately 75 feet behind the starting line. This changes rule 22.1.

11.5 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A5 and 35.

11.6 If flag "I" and/or "Z", or the black flag has been displayed, the Race Committee may attempt to hail the sail number(s) of boats on the course side of the starting line or its extension during the minute before her starting signal. Failure of the Race Committee to hail, failure of the amplification system, the order of the hail, or failure of a boat to hear a hail shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes rules 41 and 62.1.

12 THE FINISH The finish line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the finish boats. The Race Committee may attempt to make a sound signal when the first boat in each race sails the course as required by rule 28.1 and finishes. Failure of the Race Committee to make such a signal or an error in making such a signal shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes rules 41 and 62.1.

13 RETURN TO STARTING AREA

13.1 Boats that have finished shall immediately sail to windward of the race committee finish boats, leave these boats to starboard, immediately return directly to the leeward side of the starting area via the corridor defined in Appendix 1 to these sailing instructions, keeping well clear of all boats racing. This changes rule 22.1.

13.2 Coach boats may be in the corridor defined in Appendix 1, while keeping clear of all boats racing, for the sole purpose of communicating with its non-racing boats in transit from the finish line to the leeward side of the starting area. Coach boats shall stay well to windward of the starboard lay line of the last leg.

14 APPENDIX P, JUDGES

14.1 There will be no judge boats on the water. However, if the race committee observes an infraction and no penalty turn is done, it may in its sole and non-reviewable discretion initiate a protest against that competitor. It is strongly encouraged that competitors do their penalty turn(s) for every infraction.

15 TIME LIMITS The time limit of rule 35 shall apply separately to each race. The time limit shall be 90 minutes for the first boat in a race to sail the course as required by rule 28.1 and finish. Boats failing to finish within 25 minutes

after the first boat in her race to sail the course as required by rule 28.1 and finish will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4.1.

16 PROTESTS, PENALTIES, AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 A boat intending to protest shall display a red flag. This changes rule 61.1(a)(2).
- 16.2 Boats intending to protest shall, in addition to the notice required by rule 61.3 and sailing instruction 16.3, immediately upon finishing proceed to and notify the race committee member on the starboard finish boat at the completion of the pertinent race of her intention to protest, including the sail number of the boat(s) being protested. Wait until a time when a pack of boats are not crossing the finish line before doing this. This changes rules 61.1(a) and 61.3.
- 16.3 Protests shall be delivered to the designated jury representative at the designated "Judges' Area" inside the main club building, not later than 30 minutes after the race committee signal boat docks. The race committee will post the time of the docking on the official notice board as soon as practical. This changes rule 61.3.
- 16.4 Notices will be posted on the official notice board within 30 minutes after the protest time limit or as soon thereafter as practical to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Judges' Area. Such posting constitutes the notification required in rule 63.2.
- 16.5 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted on the official notice board to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 16.6 A list of boats that have acknowledged breaking rule 42 or have been disqualified by the protest committee will be posted before the protest time limit or as soon thereafter as practical.
- 16.7 Protests will be heard in approximately the order posted as soon as practical after the expiration of the protest time limit. Representatives of boats who are parties to a hearing and their witnesses shall remain on call in the vicinity of the Judges' Area. The helmsman shall represent the boat. This changes rule 63.3(a).
- 16.8 Requests for redress relating to possible scoring errors or starting penalties will be treated initially as a "scoring review" with appropriate members of the race committee before being considered as a request for redress by the protest committee. This changes rule 63.1
- 16.9 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision before that day; or (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rules 62.2 and 66.
- 16.10 A breach of sailing instructions 2.3, 5.2, 11.4, 13, 18, 19.3, 19.4, 20, and 21 cannot be protested by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Except as may be stated in any of those instructions or subparts thereof, the penalty for breaches of those sailing instructions shall be a 10% scoring penalty for the first infraction of any of them, 20% for the second infraction of any of them, 30% for the third infraction, and increasing according to the same progression for subsequent infractions.
- 16.11 Scoring penalties shall be calculated pursuant to rule 44.3(c), except "number of boats entered" is replaced with "the number of boats registered and checked-in in the two largest divisions." This changes rule 44.3(c).
- 16.12 As stated in the Racing Rules of Sailing, a protesting boat shall notify the other competitor as soon as possible using words such as "protest" or "do your circles". This changes rule 61.1A.

17 SCORING

- 17.1 The number of Sets scheduled is expected to be between six (6) and nine (9), of which one (1) Set must be completed to constitute a "series" for the purposes of Appendix A.
- 17.2 When fewer than six (6) Sets have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all of her race scores. When from six (6) to nine (9) Sets have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. Notwithstanding the foregoing, however, a boat's scores from races in an incomplete Set shall not be counted. This changes rule A2.
- 17.3 Appendix A4.2 is changed to replace "number of boats entered in the series" with "the sum of the number of boats entered in the two largest divisions."

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 Each boat will be given a safety tag with a number at on-site registration. Each boat shall hang her safety tag by the corresponding number on the designated Safety Board at all times the boat is not racing or sailing to or from the sailing area. Prior to a boat's launching to race, the boat shall remove her safety tag from the Safety Board and carry the safety tag while racing and while sailing to or from the sailing area. Each boat shall hang her safety tag by the corresponding number on the Safety Board promptly upon returning from the sailing area each time each day and no later than the protest time limit at the end of a day's racing. If a boat loses her safety tag, the boat shall promptly notify the race committee.
- 18.2 A boat retiring from a race shall notify a race committee boat or safety boat before leaving the course, or notify the race committee immediately upon returning to shore.
- 18.3 Each competitor must have a whistle attached to his or her clothing at all times, from dock to dock. Competitors not complying with this requirement may be given a scoring penalty of five (5) points for each race in which they

have failed to comply with this instruction or if the infraction is not during a race, for the race prior to the infraction.

- 18.4 Each competitor must wear a US Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD), properly secured at all times, from dock to dock, unless when temporarily adding or removing clothing.
- 18.5 There is no restriction on the use of waterways by vessels not associated with the regatta. Any attempt by a boat to exercise right of way, to cross in close proximity to, or to interfere with the reasonable transit of the race area by commercial freighters, tugs and tows, and other vessels which are unable to respond readily or which are bound by navigation restrictions will be grounds for a protest. If such a protest occurs, the burden of proof is on the boat allegedly interfering. Boats shall take evasive action well in advance of any potentially dangerous situation. Safety boats (identified by code flag numbers) may identify potentially dangerous situations if a boat is in or near the Toms River Channel. Boats shall obey a safety boat's instructions for a boat to avoid or leave that channel.
- 18.6 No boat shall tie up to or congregate around any aid to navigation, such as buoys or channel markers.

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 19.1 Boats are allowed only one hull, daggerboard, rudder, (including tiller and extension) mast, boom, sprit, and sail during the regatta. Substitution of damaged equipment must be approved by the race committee as soon as practical.
- 19.2 Measurements will not be made at this regatta.

20 SUPPORT BOATS

- 20.1 Coach boats are strongly encouraged to carry a working VHF radio, and monitor the race committee channel when possible, particularly in windy or threatening weather. All other team support boats shall stay clear of the race area at all times. Coach boats are required to follow the instructions of race committee, safety, and race management boats. Failure to follow such instructions may result in exclusion from the event. No coach or other boat shall tie up to or congregate around any aid to navigation, such as buoys or channel markers. Coach boats anchoring in the vicinity of the finish line shall anchor to windward and to starboard of the measurement boat.
- 20.2 Prior to the preparatory signal of a race, all coach boats shall vacate the starting area, remaining at least 100 yards from any boat racing. Coach boats shall keep wake to a minimum at all times.
- 20.3 In the event of a general recall, postponement or abandonment, coach boats may enter the starting area and vacate it before the preparatory signal is displayed.

21 ENVIRONMENT

Discharge of drink containers, food wrappings and other trash into the water by competitors, support boats or race committee boats is prohibited.

22 PRIZES

Trophies will be awarded up to 15 deep in Red, Blue and White and also Top Girl finisher overall. Depending on participation there may be fewer places awarded.

23 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 23.1 Competitors participate in the regatta at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race.
- 23.2 The organizing authority and all parties involved with the organization of the event disclaim any and every responsibility whatsoever for loss, damage, injury, inconvenience or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta that might occur to persons and goods, both ashore and at sea as a consequence of participation in the races covered by these sailing instructions.