



**BERMUDA NATIONAL AND OPEN OPTIMIST CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**Royal Bermuda Yacht Club**  
**November 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 2020**

**ORGANISING AUTHORITY**

The regatta is organized by the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club (RBYC) with the endorsement of the Bermuda Sailing Association; under the authority of the Bermuda Optimist Dinghy Association (BODA).

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI) – GREEN FLEET**

**Preamble:**

It is the intention of Green Fleet to be a fun introduction to racing an Opti. Follow some basic rules and competitors will have a great time: Try not to hit another competitor's boat, be nice to each other, try not to submit a protest as this is about the learning experience and the winning. The protest committee will hear Championship protests first and will address any Green Fleet protests as more of a learning experience for the whole group. If you do not understand something at the race briefing please ask the Race Officer questions – the RO is here to help. Coaching is allowed on course for the back 1/3 of the fleet.

**1. RULES**

- 1.1. The series will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2. The Bermuda Sailing Association National Prescriptions shall apply and may be found at [www.sailing.bm](http://www.sailing.bm).
- 1.3. The current Conditions of the IODA will apply and may be found at [www.optiworld.org](http://www.optiworld.org).
- 1.4. Racing rules 61.1, 40, and the preamble to Part 4 will be changed as follows:
  - 1.4.1. 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 Race Committee (RC) Finish Line Boat, sail on the starboard side of the RC boat 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.
  - 1.4.2. RRS 40 and the preamble to Part 4 are changed as follows: The first sentence of RRS 40 is deleted and replaced by: "Each competitor shall wear a personal floatation device (PFD) according to class rule 4.2 (a), properly secured at all times while on the water except when temporarily adding or removing clothing."
  - 1.4.3. Add to the preamble of Part 4, after 'racing': ", except RRS 40 as amend above".

**2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

3. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located [Regatta Network Event Page](#)



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#### **4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 4.1. Any change to the SI 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 1700 on the day before it will take effect.

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#### **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.

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#### **6. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 6.1. There will be a competitors' briefing via Zoom at 10:00 each morning. Groups are required to stay within their Club's 'bubble'. Please do not come earlier than 10:00 am.
- 6.2. The first warning will be 11:15 each day.
- 6.3. It is the intention to complete 4 races per day
- 6.4. 3 Races constitute a series.
- 6.5. To alert boats that a race will begin soon, a series of short sounds will be made at least one minute before a warning signal is displayed.

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#### **7. CLASS FLAGS**

Green Fleet will be a green flag with the class logo.

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#### **8. RACING AREAS**

Competitors will be informed of the racing area at the competitors briefing as per NoR 7.5.

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#### **9. THE COURSES**

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.

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#### **10. MARKS**

Rounding marks shall be orange tomato marks. The start and finish marks shall be a pink cylinder mark.

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#### **11. THE START**

- 11.1. Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee (RC) signal boat at the starboard end and the port-end start mark.
- 11.3. 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.

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#### **12. THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Finish Line Boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end finishing mark.

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#### **13. PENALTY SYSTEM**

The Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty for all violations of Part 2. This changes RRS 44.1.



#### **14. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

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- 14.1. Time limits for each race shall be 45 minutes. If no boat has passed Mark 1 within 15 minutes the race will be abandoned.
- 14.2. The target time for each race shall be 20 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

#### **15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

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- 15.1. Protest forms are available at each Club or can be [downloaded from World Sailing website](#). Completed protest forms shall be filed with the RC not later than 60 minutes after the docking of the RC vessel. The end of Protest time limit will be posted on the official notice board.
- 15.2. The same protest time limit applies to all Protests by the RC about incidents they observe in the racing area and for Request for Redress.
- 15.3. A notice will be posted on the official notice board as soon as possible after receipt of Protests to inform competitors there is a hearing in which they are parties to a Protest or named as witnesses.
- 15.4. The posting of hearing notices shall be considered notices as required by RRS 61 and 62.2.
- 15.5. On the last day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
  - 15.5.1. within the Protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous scheduled day;
  - 15.5.2. no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.
- 15.6. On the last day of racing a request for redress based on a jury decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

#### **16. SCORING**

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- 16.1. Scoring shall be as described in NoR 13.

#### **17. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

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- 17.1. Competitors shall check in with the RC signal boat by sailing on starboard tack past the stern of the boat and hail their sail number until they are acknowledged.
- 17.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible.

#### **18. REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT**

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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.

#### **19. OFFICIAL BOATS**

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Official RC boats shall be described to competitors at the daily competitor briefing and will fly a blue or yellow RC flag.



## **20. SUPPORT/PARENT/COACH BOATS**

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Support/Parent/Coach boats shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for start until all boats have finished or retired or the RC signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. Coaches shall be allowed to coach the last 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the fleet.

## **21. TRASH DISPOSAL**

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Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

## **22. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

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- 22.1. VHF Channel 73 will be used by the RC for communication purposes.
- 22.2. Support/Parent/Coach boats are required to monitor VHF Channel 73 to render assistance as requested by the RC.

## **23. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

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Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk and responsibility. See RRS 4, 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

