



CSC OPTIMIST CHAMPIONSHIPS

Gold Fleet: 20 – 21 January 2024

Organizing Authority: Changi Sailing Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

The notation (NP) in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking this rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 Add to RRS 61.1 (a) “The protesting boat shall inform the race committee of the boat/s being protested at the finishing line immediately after finishing or as soon as practicable after she retires.”
- 1.3 For breaches of SIs marked [SP], the race committee may apply a standard penalty without a hearing. However, the race committee may protest a boat when they consider the standard penalty to be inappropriate. A boat that has been penalised with a standard penalty shall be neither protested by another boat for the same incident nor can another boat request redress for this committee action. This changes RRS 60.1, 63.1 and Appendix A5.
- 1.4 [DP] The penalty for a breach of the class rules may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than a disqualification.
- 1.5 [NP] An infringement of RRS Appendix G, IDENTIFICATION ON SAILS, shall not be grounds for protests by a boat.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 1 hour before the displaying of ‘D’ flag on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900h on the day before it will take effect.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 The official notice board is located at Race Control counter at Changi Hall, Changi Sailing Club.

4 [DP] CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 4.2 Boat not racing shall avoid the area where boats are racing and any race official vessels.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagstaff located at the CSC jetty.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 45 minutes’ in the race signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signals.

- 5.3 [SP] Flag D with one sound means ‘Boats shall not leave the shore until this signal is made. The warning signal will not be made before the scheduled time or less than 45 minutes after flag D is displayed, whichever is later.’

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1

Optimist Gold Fleet	Saturday 20 January	Sunday 21 January
	1, 2, 3	4, 5, 6 & 7

- 6.2 One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that no class becomes more than one race ahead of schedule.

- 6.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is at 12:00pm.

- 6.4 On the last scheduled day of racing for each event, no warning signal will be made after 3.30pm.

7 CLASS FLAG

- 7.1 The Optimist class flag is the yellow flag with blue Optimist logo.

8 RACING AREA

- 8.1 Attachment 1 shows the location of the racing area.

9 COURSES

- 9.1 The diagrams in Attachment 2 shows 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.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 Marks will be as follows:
Marks 1 & 2 are red cylindrical buoys.
Mark 3S/3P & 4S/4P are gate marks; yellow cylindrical buoys.
- 10.2 New mark, as provided in SI 12.1 will be a pink spherical mark.
- 10.3 The finishing mark will be a blue cylindrical mark.

11 THE START

- 11.1 The starting line will be between the staffs displaying an orange flag on the committee boats at the starboard and port end.
- 11.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five (5) minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 11.3 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start 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 race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing boat and the finish mark.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 RRS Appendix P applies.
- 14.2 RRS P2.3 will not apply and RRS P2.2 is changed so that it applies to any penalty after the first one.
- 14.3 Penalties for breaches of rules marked [SP] will be 10% of the score for Did Not Finish (DNF) for each infringement, rounded to the nearest whole number (0.5 rounded upward) without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.1.

15 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 15.1 The time limits and target times are as follows:

Class / Course	Time Limit	Mark 1 Time Limit	Finish Window	Target Time
Optimist Gold Fleet	60 min	25 min	15 min	40 min

- 15.2 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 15.3 Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 15.4 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finish Window after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.

16 HEARING REQUESTS

- 16.1 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day, or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 16.2 Protest forms are available at the check-out / in counter. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 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 Ward Room, located on the second floor of Changi Sailing Club.
- 16.4 A list of boats that have been penalized for breaking RRS 42 under Appendix P will be posted.

17 SCORING

- 17.1 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a regatta.
- (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - (b) When from 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 17.2 To request correction of an alleged error in posted results or to schedule a meeting with the race management member(s) who made a call, a boat shall complete an online scoring inquiry.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP][NP]

18.1 Check-Out and Check-In Procedures:

18.1.1 [SP]Before launching on each scheduled racing day, a competitor from each boat shall individually Check-Out, by personally signing on the forms provided at the Race Secretariat located at the Changi Hall of the Changi Sailing Club. This also applies when boats are relaunched after returning ashore following the application of SI 18.4

18.1.2 [SP]Upon returning to shore after racing, a competitor from each boat shall individually Check-In, by personally signing on the forms provided at the Race Secretariat located at the Changi Hall of the Changi Sailing Club, as soon as possible but no later than the protest time limit. This also applies when boats return ashore following the application of SI 18.4.

18.2 All competitors are required to wear personal flotation devices at all times whilst afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.

18.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

18.4 When flags AP over H or N over H are displayed from a Race Committee vessel, all boats in the Course Area shall immediately return ashore and wait there for further information. This changes race signals AP over H and N over H.

18.5 Standard Maritime Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) safety requirements will apply. In particular, all boats must keep clear of larger vessels making way in restricted channel. At no times shall any boats be in the shipping channel. Official safety boats will be on standby to guide or alter the course of sailors, and sailors shall comply with any reasonable request from race officials for their own personal safety.

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT [DP] [NP]

19.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

19.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be retrospectively.

20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

20.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee, equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

21 **SUPPORT VESSELS [DP]**

21.1 Team Leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay 50m outside areas where boats are or will be racing, from the time the preparatory flag is displayed until all boats in that race have finished or the race committee signals a postponement or abandonment. When a race committee or jury member indicates a support boat to move further from the course area, the mentioned boat shall do so immediately.

21.2 Life jackets / buoyancy aids shall be worn by the driver and all passengers at all times whilst afloat.

21.3 The kill cord shall be used at all times when the engine is running.

21.4 At all times, the driver(s) of a support vessel shall comply with directions given by a race official. In particular, this includes assisting in rescue operations when requested to do so.

21.5 Support vessels shall not leave any device, piece of equipment, buoy, marker or similar item permanently in the water. Temporary use of floating objects is allowed for current measurement. These objects shall be removed as soon as the measurement has been taken.

21.6 Support vessels should take particular care to minimize their wash when transiting the course areas.

22 **TRASH DISPOSAL [DP] [NP]**

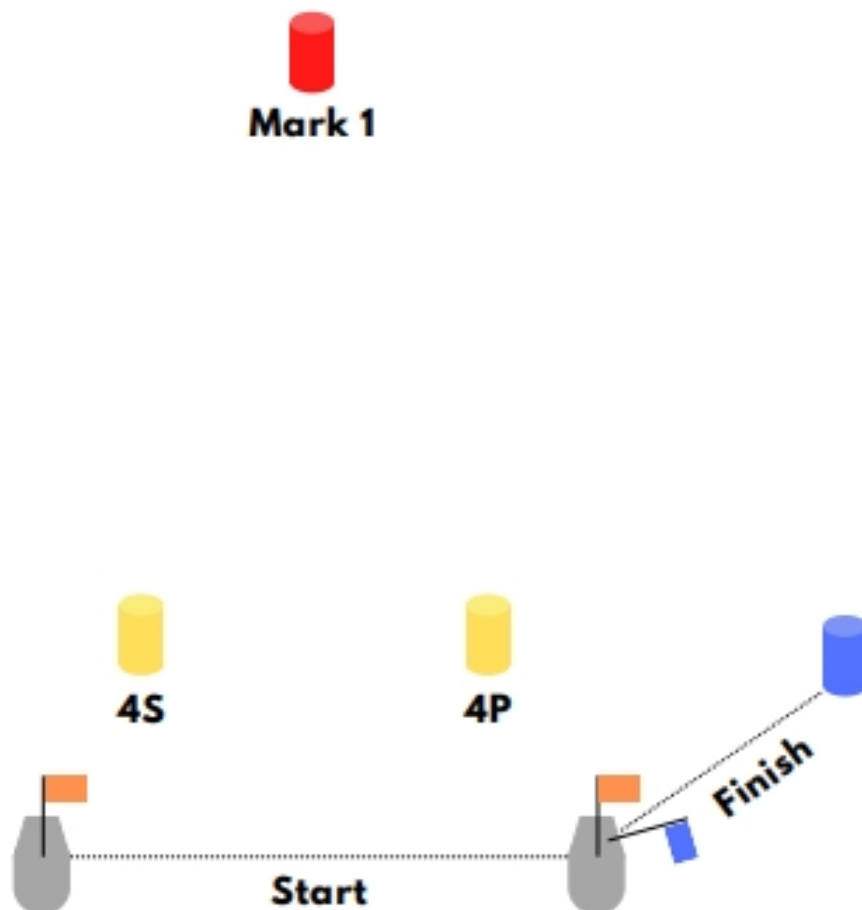
22.1 Competitors and support persons shall not intentionally put trash in the water. In addition to RRS 47, trash may be placed aboard support or official vessels. The use of 'single-use' plastic bottles or containers on shore or afloat is strongly discouraged.

Attachment 1 – RACE COURSE AREA



Attachment 2 – COURSE DIAGRAMS

PENNANT NO. 1



Mark rounding order

Start – Mark 1 – 4S/4P – Mark 1 – 4P – Finish

PENNANT NO. 2 – IODA COURSE



Mark rounding order

Start – 1 – 2 – 3S/3P – Finish