



GREEN FLEET SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
USA Junior Olympic Sailing Festival
7-8 December 2019
US SAILING Center of Martin County



Opti Class Philosophy: USODA is a teaching class and GREEN FLEET is its introductory fleet for novice sailors. The Rules of Sailing are important and taught, but learning to race while having fun is equally stressed. These sailing instructions are structured within The Racing Rules of Sailing to provide a flexible, less structured and less formal racing environment. Green Fleet is not scored, all participants receive participation awards. While race placement and progress may be tracked, who places first is less important than learning, improving and having fun along the way. Parents and competitors who are looking for a more competitive environment should consider the red, white and blue racing divisions.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 “Conditions for USODA Events”, including the USODA ‘Code of Conduct’, will apply, and can be found at www.usoda.org. Competitors, Coaches, Parents, and Guardians shall abide by the USODA ‘Code of Conduct’. This includes behavior both on and off the water including respect for all other persons, personal property of others, USSCMC, and the City of Jensen Beach

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official green fleet notice board located on the upper deck of the Sailing Center.

3 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board by the end of the competitors meeting each day.
- 3.2 The race committee may change the sailing instructions on the water by hoisting flag L with one sound and hailing the change by loud hailer.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag pole near the end of the main dock.
- 4.2 AP displayed ashore means “Racing is postponed, do not leave the beach.” When AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 15 minutes’ in Race Signal AP.

5 COMPETITORS’ MEETING

- 5.1 The competitors’ meeting for Green Fleet will be held at 1030 on Saturday 1 December 2018 at Regatta Headquarters. Attendance is mandatory. It is not necessary that Green Fleet competitors’ attend the meeting for all other classes which will be held at 1000.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACING

The schedule is as follows:

Friday, Dec 6	1600-1800	Competitor Check-in and Coach/Spectator Flag Check-in
Saturday Dec7	0800	Continental Breakfast
	0800-1000	Competitor Check-in and Coach/Spectator Flag Check-in
	1030	Competitors Meeting (Green Fleet Only)
	1100	First Warning After Racing Cook out & Free Raffle for competitors on deck
Sunday, Dec 7	0800	Continental Breakfast
	0900	Competitors Meeting (Green Fleet Only)
	1000	First Warning
	1430	No warning after this time After Racing Participation Awards Ceremony

The schedule may change based on conditions and the requirements of the sailors. Watch the notice board for information.

7 CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be a Green flag with the OPTI logo.

8 RACING AREA

The racing area will be announced at the Green Fleet meeting. This may change each day based on conditions.

9 THE COURSES

The courses will be as shown on the course diagram.

10 MARKS

Primary marks will be red round inflatable. Start and finish marks will be yellow.

11 THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started according to rule 26 (5-minute sequence). The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag and the nearby inflatable mark.
- 11.2 The race committee may place an orange ball near the center of the starting line for use as a guide. The ball is not part of the starting line and is not a mark of the course. There is no penalty for touching it.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

The race committee will make slight adjustments to the course by dragging the original marks.

13 THE FINISH

The finish line will be between a staff displaying a orange flag and the nearby inflatable mark.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

The penalty system described in rule 44.1 and 44.2 is changed so that only one-turn, including one tack and one jibe is required. This changes rule 44.1.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

Green Fleet is not scored. Protests are teaching opportunities. The hearing will be open to all competitors, parents, and coaches. An expedited hearing procedure in accordance with Appendix T Section C will be used.

16 SCORING

Green Fleet is not scored. All participants receive participation medals. While placement and progress may be tracked, who places first is less important that learning and improving, and having fun along the way.

17 COACHING

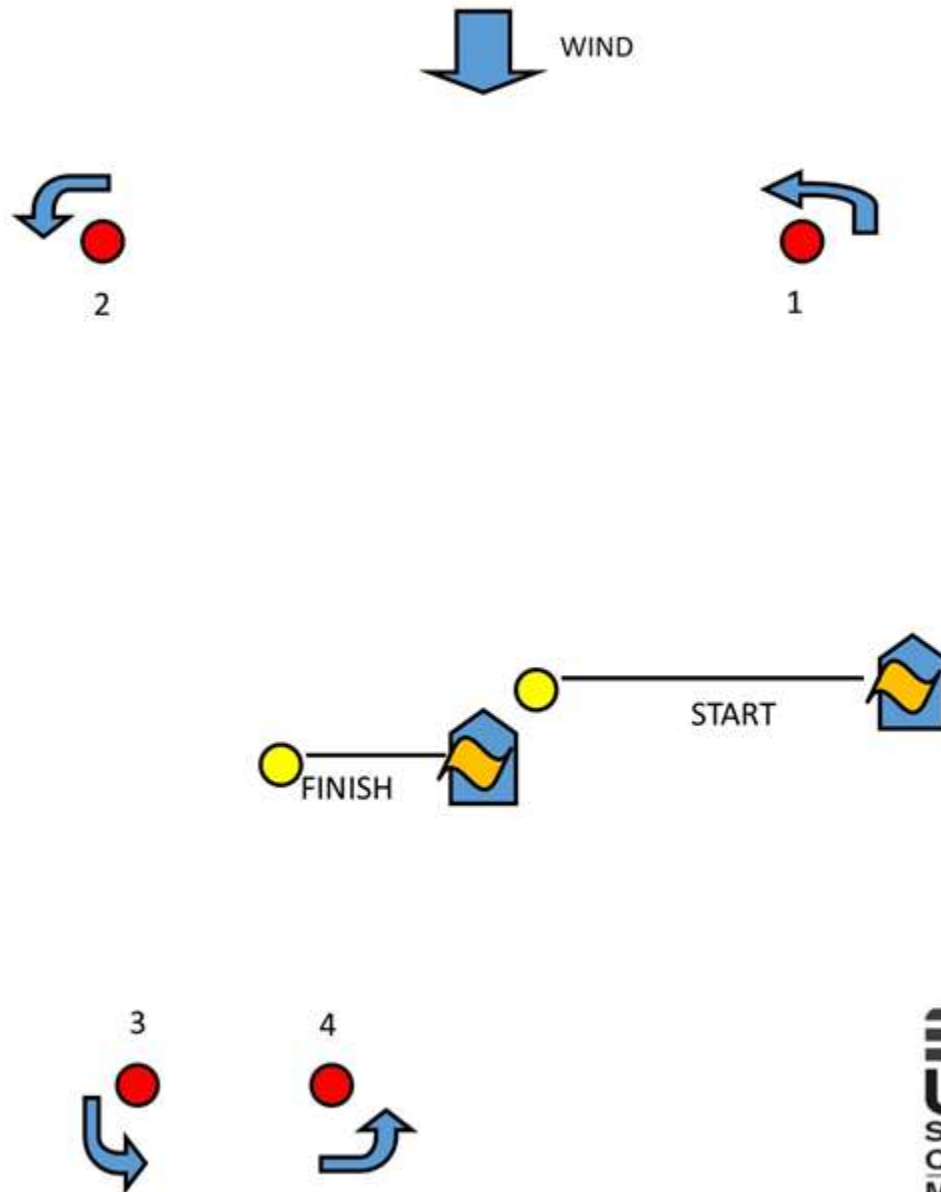
Coaching is allowed at the discretion of the race committee. Coaching should focus on the bottom half of the fleet. Individual coaching is not allowed, coaching on the water is for all and all coaches are required to assist all sailors. All coaches are required prominently display their coach flag and number and to have VHF radios on and operating on the Green Fleet race committee channel at all times with racing is underway. The race committee has the right to remove from the Green Fleet course any coach who disregards the instructions of the race committee.

- 17.1 Race Committee will be broadcast on VHF channel 72 as a courtesy to coaches and spectators after all boats have started

18 SAFETY

- 18.1 Competitors shall wear a personal floatation device at all times while on the water. The PFD shall be approved by the USCG or by the appropriate government agency of the competitor's permanent country of residence. This changes RRS 40.
- 18.2 Competitors shall check in with the Signal boat by sailing, or being towed, past the transom and hailing their sail number. No competitor is to leave the sailing area without notifying the Race Committee. All competitors shall be accompanied by a support boat when returning to the sailing center.
- 18.3 All competitors must comply with the onshore regatta safety sign in/out system.

Junior Olympic Sailing Festival Green Fleet Course Diagram



Green Course: START - 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - FINISH

