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March 14-15

OPTIMIST CHAMPIONSHIP FLEET

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI)

1. RULES

1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)
2. The Class Rules of the United States Optimist Dinghy Association
3. The following applies to RRS 61:
 1. The third sentence of RRS 61.1(a) is changed to read, "The flag need not be displayed until she is no longer racing." b)
 2. RRS 61.1(a)(2) shall not apply. A boat does not need to display a red flag.
4. The following new rule is added:

61.5 Informing the Race Committee A boat intending to protest another boat concerning an incident in the racing area that she is involved in or sees shall, at the first reasonable opportunity after she finishes, inform the race committee at the finishing line of her intent to protest and, when applicable, the identity of the protestee.
5. US Sailing prescriptions to RRS 63.2 and 63.4 will not apply.
6. Appendix P, "Special Procedure for rule 42," will apply. The title of RRS P2.2, "Second Penalty" is changed to, "Second and Subsequent Penalties." At the end of the first sentence, add, "unless her penalty is signaled after she finishes, in which case she shall promptly notify the race committee at the finishing line that she is retiring." RRS P2.3 is deleted.
7. Appendix T, "Arbitration" will apply.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS.

1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at Regatta Park Zone 1.

3. FORMAT

1. Championship Fleet will sail as one division.

4. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI)

1. Any change to the SI will be posted on the official notice board by 0800 on the day that it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by the end of protest time limit on the day before it will take effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE AND LAUNCHING



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1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag pole located on the lawn of the Coconut Grove Sailing Club.
2. When flag “AP” is displayed, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 45 minutes” in Race Signal “AP”. This changes Race Signal “AP.”
3. All boats shall be kept at Regatta Park Zone 2 in the assigned area until the harbor launch (see SI 5.4).
4. Harbor Launch: Boats shall not launch until flag “D” is displayed on the flagpole with one sound signal, and shall obey verbal launching instructions.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Day	Time (24hr)	Activity	Location
Friday, March 13 th	1700-1900	Check-In/Registration	CGSC
	1700-1900	Social Hour for Competitors	CGSC
Saturday, March 14 th	0730-0930	Continental Breakfast for Competitors	Regatta Park Zone 1 (RP Zone 1)
	0730-0900	Late Check-In	RP Zone 1
	0830-0930	DIY Lunch Station	RP Zone 1
	0845	Coaches Meeting	RP Zone 1
	0900	Welcome Ceremony and Skipper’s Briefing	RP Zone 1
	0930	Harbor Start Optimist Championship Fleet, Laser, i420, C420	RP Zone 2
	1000	Harbor Start, Green Fleet Optimist	RP Zone 2
	1100	1 st Warning, All Classes	Biscayne Bay
	After Racing 1730	Check-in at Safety Desk Competitor’s Dinner	RP Zone 1
	Sunday, March 15 th	0730-0900	Continental Breakfast for Competitors
0730-0900		Late Check-In	RP Zone 1
0830-0930		DIY Lunch Station	RP Zone 1
0800		Coaches Meeting	RP Zone 1
0845		Harbor Start Optimist Championship Fleet, Laser, i420, C420	RP Zone 2
0900		Harbor Start, Green Fleet Optimist	RP Zone 2
1000		1 st Warning, All Classes	Biscayne Bay
1400		No Warnings after this time	
After Racing		Check-in at Safety Desk	RP Zone 1
After Racing		Awards Presentation	CGSC

1. Eight (8) Races are scheduled for the Championship Fleet. The Green Fleet will sail as many races as practicable
2. Up to five (5) races may be sailed per day (NOR 7.3)

7. RACING AREA

1. The racing area for championship fleet will be due east of Brennan Channel

8. THE COURSE AND CHANGES TO COURSE LEG(S)

1. SI Addendum 1 illustrates the course, including the general configuration of the marks, 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 sailing conditions.
2. If one of the gate marks (mark 3P or 3S) is missing, boats shall round remaining mark 3 to port.
3. For a change of 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.
4. The angle from Mark 2 to Mark 3P/3S may be changed up to 15 degrees in either direction to compensate for wind / current differences on that side of the course, without signals or change marks, provided the change is made before any boats begin that leg. This is added to RRS 33.

9. MARKS

1. Rounding marks 1, 2, 3P and 3S will be red inflatable cylinder buoys.
2. The starting marks will be a race committee vessel displaying an orange flag at each end of the starting line.
3. The finishing marks will be a race committee vessel displaying a blue flag at one end of the finishing line and a yellow inflatable cylinder.

10. RESTRICTED AREAS

1. The **racing area** is the space encompassing the course, the starting area, and the finishing area. It extends 100 yards beyond any racing boat and all marks. Except as permitted by SI 19, only competing boats and official vessels (designated as such by the race committee) may enter the racing area while boats are racing.
2. The **waiting area** is the area to leeward of the racing area below the starting line, marked by a series of small balls or marks. Support Vessels are to anchor with their anchors at or behind the line formed by the row of small balls or marks, or, in the absence of small buoys, at a distance specified by the Principal Race Officer.

11. THE START

1. Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.
2. Class flag will be a white flag with a black optimist class emblem.



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3. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee signal vessel at the starboard end and a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee vessel at the port end. The Orange line flag will be raised no more than 5 minutes prior to the warning for that race. Multiple sounds may be made to call attention to an imminent warning signal.
4. A boat starting later than five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS), without a hearing. This change is added to RRS A5.
5. The race committee will not hail the sail numbers of boats that are OCS or subject to starting penalties under RRS 30. Unofficial 'race committee actions' will be broadcast on VHF channel 05 as a courtesy to coaches and spectators after all boats have started. The official list of race committee actions will be posted on the notice board.

12. THE FINISH AND RETURN TO THE STARTING AREA

1. The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee finish vessel at the starboard end and the course side of a mark or a staff displaying an orange flag on a nearby race committee finish vessel.
2. Immediately after finishing all boats shall sail clear of the finishing area and promptly return to the waiting area as shown in SI Addendum 1.
3. Flag "A" displayed (with no sound) while boats are finishing means "No more racing today." Flag H displayed while boats are finishing means await further instructions ashore.

13. TIME LIMITS

1. The time limit for the first boat in a race to sail the course and finish is sixty (60) minutes.
2. Boats failing to finish within twenty (20) minutes after the first boat in a race sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This change is added to RRS 35 and A5.

14. PROTESTS, SCORING REVIEWS, AND REDRESS REQUESTS

1. General
 1. Protest and scoring review forms are available at the protest committee desk located near the official notice board. Protests, requests for redress or reopening, and requests for scoring review shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
 2. The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the race committee signal vessel docks. The protest time limit (filing deadline) will be posted on the official notice board as soon as practical.
 3. The protest notices required by RRS 63.2, and the notification of protests by the race committee or protest committee required by RRS 61.1(b), will be posted on the official notice board as soon as possible after a protest has been delivered, but not later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit.



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4. A breach of SI 3.4, 5.3, 5.4, 11.4, 12.2, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This change is added to RRS 60.1(a).
 5. Hearings will be held in the assigned protest room. The helmsman shall represent the boat. This change is added to the first sentence of RRS 63.3(a). Representatives of boats who are parties to a hearing and their witnesses shall report to the protest committee desk at the scheduled hearing time and remain there until called for their hearing.
2. Redress Requests
 1. Requests for scoring reviews for possible scoring errors are considered requests for redress per RRS 62.1. They shall be filed with the protest committee, on forms provided, within the time limit and will initially be reviewed by the race committee. If resolved by the race committee, no hearing will be scheduled. If not resolved by the race committee, the competitor will request a hearing and the protest committee will proceed under RRS 63.1. See World Sailing July Policies 4.1 and 4.1 for guidance
 2. If the race committee posts a list of boats scored OCS, UFD or BFD on the official notice board before the time limit in SI 15.2, a request for redress based on such a posted score shall be made no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit. This change is added to RRS 62.2.
 3. Requests for redress relating to an OCS or starting penalty shall state the procedural error the competitor believes the race committee may have made. Further, the competitor will be expected to establish that he or she started properly. This change is added to RRS 62.2. See World Sailing Case 136 for guidance.
 4. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This change is added as the last sentence to RRS 62.2.

15. SCORING

1. The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply except as amended in SI 15.3 below.
2. One (1) completed race shall constitute the regatta
3. Scoring based on number of races completed: This changes RRS A2.1
 1. When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all of her race scores.
 2. When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

16. SAFETY AND CHECK-OUT/CHECK-IN PROCEDURES

1. Prior to launching each day, competitors shall check-out at the Safety Check-Out/In table located at Regatta Park Zone 1 indicating their departure to the race course. A competitor who will not be racing that day shall notify a volunteer at the Safety Check-Out/In table before the Harbor Launch.

2. Immediately upon returning to shore, but not later than 30 minutes after the race committee signal vessel docks, competitors shall check-in at the Safety Check-Out/In table located at Regatta Park Zone 1, indicating their return to the venue.
3. A competitor retiring from a race or intending not to start a race shall notify a race committee vessel or safety vessel before leaving the course, or if that is not possible, notify a Coconut Grove Sailing Club official immediately upon returning to shore.
4. A boat with multiple infractions of SI 16.1, 16.2 or 16.3, Safety Check-Out / Check-In Procedures, may be protested by the race committee and the penalty will be at the discretion of the protest committee.
5. A condition of entry and participation in this regatta is the wearing of a U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD), or for international or for international competitors only, an appropriately sized PFD/buoyancy aid as approved for use in the competitors country of origin. International competitors may be required to self-certify their PFD/buoyancy aid meets the requirements of this section. All PFDs/buoyancy aids shall be properly secured at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while removing or adding clothing. All PFDs must be suitable for the competitor's weight. Wet suits, dry suits, and inflatable PFDs are not approved nor permitted as PFDs. Failure to wear a proper PFD will result in a penalty up to and including disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee. These changes are added to RRS 40, and the Preamble to Part 4 will not apply to RRS 40.
6. Competitors shall have a whistle attached to their PFD at all times while on the water.
7. Each boat shall have a secure loop in the end of its painter.

17. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT

1. Measurement may be made of boats at any time during the regatta at the direction of the race committee.

18. SUPPORT PERSON REGULATIONS

1. Coaches are expected to be good role models for young sailors and conduct themselves accordingly ashore and on the water.
2. Parents (spectators) who are on the water either in support or coach vessels are considered coaches for the purpose of SI 19. Those parents who serve on race committee vessels (including patrol and safety vessels) may not communicate in any way with their sailors or their coaches from the time the orange starting line flags are displayed until their sailor has finished his or her race (the "No Communication Period"). The only exception to this rule is when directed by the Principal Race Officer or they are involved with safety and rescue. During periods of time when communication with coaches and/or sailors is permissible, these parents shall not transfer any strategic or tactical information (including audio or video recordings) gained due to their advantageous location on the race course or their access to race committee communications, unless such information is made available to all sailors, coaches and other parents/supporters. Communications of a personal nature (e.g., 'great race', 'get



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something to drink', 'go see your coach', etc.) are always permissible outside the "No Communication Period".

3. General support (coach and spectator) vessel requirements:
 1. Support vessels shall display a numbered flag provided by the organizing authority at all times while on the water. All support vessels shall carry a VHF radio and monitor the race committee channel, VHF 79.
 2. No 'team' flags, private signal flags, or any object that might be construed as a signal shall be flown from coach or support vessels while racing is underway.
 3. Support vessels shall follow the instructions of race committee, patrol, safety, protest committee, and other race management vessels at all times.
 4. No support vessels shall tie up to or congregate around any aid to navigation, such as buoys or channel markers, or tie up to any fixed fishing gear or fishing floats.
4. Restrictions:
 1. All support vessels shall stay out of the racing area while boats are racing and at least 100 yards away from any racing boat, and move slowly with minimal wake, except where permitted in this instruction.
 2. Certain support vessels may be designated as rescue craft by the Principal Race Officer or Safety Officer and given permission to enter the racing area for the purposes of rescue operations only.
 3. When the race committee hoists (or is displaying) its orange starting line flags, all support vessels in the starting area shall proceed immediately to the waiting area and shall remain there until the race committee lowers the orange starting line flags, except that, after first and subsequent start(s) of a race, coach and support vessels may exit the waiting area and proceed slowly with minimal wake to the weather mark, only on the starboard side of the course. The race committee may close the starboard side of the course to support vessels.
 4. There shall be no anchoring inside the course or in the vicinity of the finish line.
5. There shall be no unapproved unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) drone flight permitted above the racing area, waiting area, coach/spectator boat zones, start line or finish line.
6. Penalties: (a)
7. Competitors affiliated with any coach, parent, or spectator vessel that breaks SI 18 may be protested and penalized under RRS 41, Outside Help, in which case the Preamble to Part 4 will not apply. This change is added to RRS 41.
8. Coaches, parents, or spectators that repeatedly and/or intentionally break SI 18 may be subject to disciplinary actions up to and including exclusion from the venue.

19. ENVIRONMENT

1. Competitors and coaches are expected to comply with RRS 55. Trash may be placed aboard race committee and support vessels.

20. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS



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1. Boats are required to display advertising, if any, chosen, supplied, and as instructed by the organizing authority.

21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors participate in the Regatta entirely at their own risk. STUDIOMILANO, Miami Sailing Week, Organizing Authority, Sponsors, Support Facilities, Volunteers, Agents, Employees and Service providers, the PRO and the Committee will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the Regatta for both on the water and on land activities. By participating in this event, each competitor (owners, skippers, and crews) agrees to release the race organizers and all persons and groups listed above from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

22. PRIZES

1. Prizes to be awarded are described in the Notice of Race Appendix A. Subsequent prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Authority (OA).

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SI ADDENDUM 1 – RACE COURSE AND RESTRICTIONS

