

**2004 USODA Atlantic Coast Championship
October 9 - 10, 2004
Fishing Bay Yacht Club, Deltaville, VA, USA**

Championship Fleet

Sailing Instructions

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be hosted by the Fishing Bay Yacht Club, Deltaville, VA, and the United States Optimist Dinghy Association (USODA).
- 1.2 The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.3 Advertising will be restricted to Category A in accordance with Appendix 1 - ISAF Advertising Code.
- 1.4 Where there is discord or ambiguity, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence over the Notice of Race.

2 FORMAT OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP

- 2.1 The entire fleet will be divided into 4 or 6 divisions.
- 2.2 The dividing of the boats into the divisions will be done by the St. Pete Scorer program at random.
- 2.3 The division flags shall be displayed in place of Class Flags.

Division 1: Red
Division 2: Blue
Division 3: Green
Division 4: Yellow
Division 5: Black
Division 6: White

All boats will display a colored ribbon (corresponding with the color of their divisions) attached securely to the top of the sprit. These ribbons will be provided by the Race Office as soon as possible after registration is closed. If only four divisions are sailed, divisions 5 and 6 will be deleted.

- 2.4 Appendix 2 to these SI shows the schedule of starts for races 1 - 7. No more than five races will be sailed on any given day.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the case on the Junior Shed.

4 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Any change to the 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

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole located on the Fishing Bay dock.

5.2 When flag D is displayed with one sound signal, "Boats may leave the launching area and proceed directly to the race area."

5.3 When flag AP is displayed, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in race signal AP

5.4 All signals on shore may be displayed with the class flags.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Up to Seven races are scheduled with the warning signal scheduled each day as follows:

Saturday, October 9 Warning Signal 1100 for first race of the day;
Additional races to follow depending on sailing conditions.

Sunday, October 10 Warning Signal 0945 for first race of the day;
Additional races to follow depending on sailing conditions.

6.4 The warning for the first start of a race will not be signaled after 1430 on Sunday, October 10.

6.5 Should conditions make it impossible to complete the scheduled number of races, the regatta will be terminated and the results based on the races completed and scored.

7 RACING AREA

7.1 The racing area will be in the mouth of the Piankatank River in the vicinity of Fishing Bay, Godfrey Bay or Hills Bay, as shown on Appendix 3.

8 THE COURSE

8.1 The diagram in Appendix 1, Race Course, of the 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 will be based on the sailing conditions.

9 MARKS

9.1 Marks 1, 2, and 3G will be yellow cylinders with West Marine logos.

9.2 New marks as provided in instruction 11.2 will be orange tetrahedron marks.

10 THE START

10.1 Races will be started using rule 26.

10.2 The table in Appendix 2, Starting Schedule, of the Sailing Instructions show the division pairings for races.

10.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat at the port end.

10.4 When more than one race or sequence of races will be held on the same day, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that another race or sequence of races will begin soon, the numeral pennant 4 will be displayed on the race committee signal boat for not less than four minutes followed by the warning signal.

10.5 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area by staying to leeward of the three orange balls set about 150 feet from the starting line.

10.6 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 63.1.

10.7 The warning signal for each succeeding start may be displayed with or after the starting signal of the preceding start.

11 CHANGE OF THE POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK

11.1 During the race, marks may be repositioned without signal for minor changes in course. This changes RRS 33.

11.2 To make a significant change in the position of the next mark, the Race Committee will lay a new mark and remove the original mark as soon as practical. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the mark may not be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated without further signaling to maintain the original course configuration. When in a subsequent change of course a new mark is replaced it will be replaced with an original mark.

11.3 A red flag will be displayed if the new mark is to port of the original mark and a green flag will be displayed if the new mark is to starboard of the original mark. This changes RRS 33.

12 THE FINISH

12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee finish boat at the starboard end and a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat at the port end.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 Appendix N will apply.

13.2 The Jury will observe racing, making one sound signal when a racing rule has been broken by one or more boats, and may protest the boat(s) when penalty turns are not completed. Sail numbers will not be hailed.

13.3 The Jury boats will fly a blue flag with a white number.

14 TIME LIMITS

14.1 The time limit will be 30 minutes for the first boat in each start to complete the first leg of the course.

14.2 The time limit will be 90 minutes for the first boat in each division to finish. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in its division finishes, will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rules 35 and A5 and 63.1

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 A boat intending to protest shall display a red flag. This changes rule 61.1(a).

15.2 Boats intending to protest an incident occurring in the racing area shall notify the race committee measurement boat displaying a purple flag at the completion of the pertinent race of her intention to protest, including the sail number of the boat(s) being protested. The RC measurement boat will be located to starboard of the finish line.

15.3 The helmsman shall represent the boat. This changes rule 63.3(a).

15.4 Protests shall be in writing and delivered to the Regatta Secretary at the protest desk, located on the second floor of the main clubhouse, within protest time which begins when the race committee finish boat docks and signals with one sound signal and ends 30 minutes later. Protest forms are available from the Regatta Secretary.

15.5 The Race Committee will post the time of the Race Committee finish boat docking on the official notice board as soon as practical after docking.

15.6 Notices will be posted on the official notice board within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or

named as witnesses. Hearings will be held upstairs in the main clubhouse. This posting constitutes the notification required in rules 63.2.

15.7 Notices of protests by the race committee or Jury will be posted on the official notice board to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

15.8 Protests will be heard in approximately the order posted as soon as possible.

15.9 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 on the previous day;

(b) No later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.

15.10 Sailing instructions 17, 19, and 20 can not be protested by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for upheld protests under SI 17, 19, or 20 may be less than disqualification at the discretion of the jury.

16 SCORING

16.1 The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply.

16.2 Each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with her worst score excluded when six races have been completed. This changes rule A2.

16.3 Seven races are scheduled of which one race shall be required to be completed to constitute a series.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 A boat retiring from a race shall notify a Race Committee boat or safety boat displaying a yellow flag before leaving the course, or notify the Race Committee immediately upon returning to shore.

17.2 All competitors must at all times on the water wear a safety tag provided to the competitor at the Safety Check Point at the launching area. When arriving back after the end of racing all competitors must return the safety tag immediately upon exiting the launching area. This must be done before the end of protest time. Competitors failing to return the safety tag before the end of protest time, may be protested by the Race Committee. The protest may result in any penalty the Jury sees reasonable, up to disqualification for all races on the day the incident happened.

17.3 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. Failure to wear the PFD as required will result in disqualification. This changes RRS 40.

18 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

18.1 Competitors shall use only one hull, dagger board, rudder, tiller and extension, mast, boom, sprit and sail.

18.2 Substitution of damaged equipment shall only be accepted with the approval of the Race Committee. Damaged equipment shall be presented to the Race Committee at the first opportunity.

18.3 All substituted equipment shall immediately upon returning to shore be presented to the Race Committee for measurement. If the equipment fails to measure in, the penalty may be up to disqualification for all races where the equipment was used, at the discretion of the Jury.

18.4 Measurements may be made of boats at anytime during the regatta by the race committee.

18.5 As boats finish a race, the first ten finishers shall report to the measurer's boat, which is displaying a purple flag and is anchored to starboard of the finishing line, and be randomly selected for measurement. Adjustments to the boat shall not be made prior to measurement, and competitors in doubt that they finished in the first ten finishers should report to the measurer's boat located to starboard of the finish line.

19 SUPPORT BOATS

19.1 Coach boats will fly a white flag with a number. All other team support boats shall stay clear of the race area.

19.2 Prior to the warning signal for a race, support boats are permitted in the racing area. At the warning signal of a race, all support boats shall vacate the area, remaining 100 meters from any boat racing.

19.3 In the event of a general recall, coach boats may enter the racing area and vacate it before the preparatory signal is displayed.

20 ENVIRONMENT

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

21 PRIZES

21.1 Prizes will be awarded according to the Notice of Race.

22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

22.1 Competitors participate in the regatta at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race.

22.2 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.

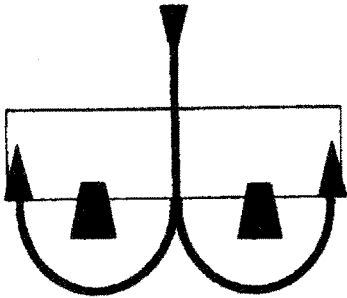
23 LAUNCHING

All boats shall launch and pull out using only the assigned areas. Red, Blue and Black Divisions (not fleets) shall use the plywood ramp. Green, Yellow and White Divisions shall use the concrete ramp.






APPENDIX '1' RACE COURSE

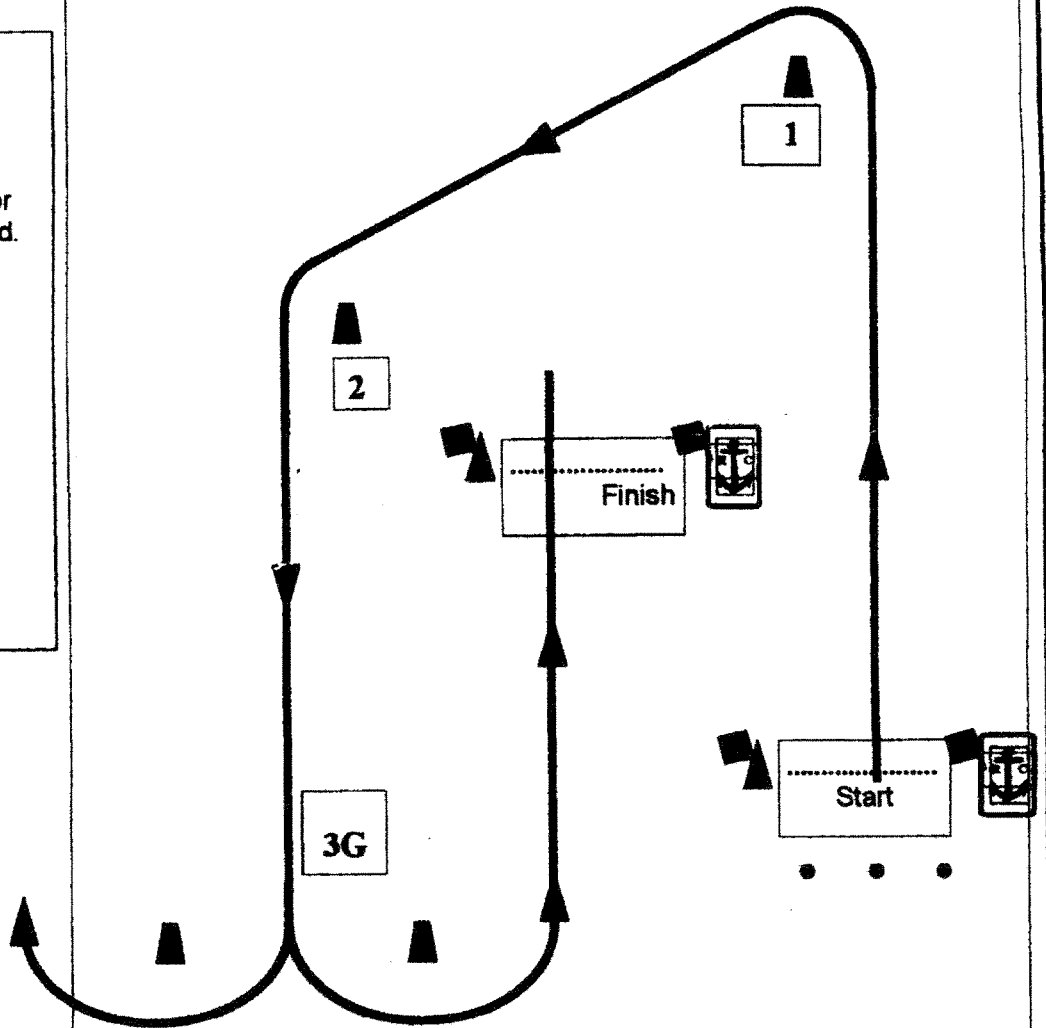
Gate Note

Boats must pass between the two marks of the gate in the direction from the last mark. Leaving the port gate to port or the starboard gate to starboard.



Legend

-  Port End Line
-  Marks
-  Change Marks
-  Direction
-  Signal/
Finish
Boat



Marks
Trapezoid Course
Start - 1 - 2 - 3G - Finish

Interior Angles of Marks		
1	2	3G
60°	120°	180°

APPENDIX 2A - STARTING SCHEDULE FOR FOUR DIVISIONS

Race 1

Flight A

Red Division

Blue Division

Flight B

Green Division

Yellow Division

Race 2

Flight A

Red Division

Yellow Division

Flight B

Blue Division

Green Division

Race 3

Flight A

Blue Division

Yellow Division

Flight B

Green Division

Red Division

Race 4

Flight A

Green Division

Yellow Division

Flight B

Red Division

Blue Division

Race 5

Flight A

Blue Division

Green Division

Flight B

Red Division

Yellow Division

Race 6

Flight A

Green Division

Red Division

Flight B

Blue Division

Yellow Division

Race 7

Flight A

Red Division

Blue Division

Flight B

Green Division

Yellow Division

APPENDIX 2B - STARTING SCHEDULE FOR SIX DIVISIONS

Race 1

Flight A

Red Division
Blue Division
Flight B Green Division
Yellow Division

Flight C

Black Division
White Division

Race 2

Flight A

Red Division
Yellow Division

Flight B

Blue Division
Black Division

Flight C

Green Division
White Division

Race 3

Flight A

Blue Division
Yellow Division

Flight B

Green Division
Black Division

Flight C

Red Division
White Division

Race 4

Flight A

Blue Division
Green Division

Flight B

Yellow Division
White Division

Flight C

Red Division
Black Division

Race 5

Flight A

Blue Division
White Division

Flight B

Red Division
Green Division

Flight C

Yellow Division
Black Division

