

## 2017 INTERNATIONAL OPTIMIST

### S.A. STATE and OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS  
Wallaroo Sailing Club, SOUTH AUSTRALIA  
April 22 & 23, 2016

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS for the International Optimist 2017 State and Open Championships

### ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The organizing authority of the regatta is the Wallaroo Sailing Club on behalf of the International Optimist Dinghy Association of SA Inc.

#### 1 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (RRS).

1.2 The YA Special regulations Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats and Yachting Australia Prescriptions will apply.

1.3 The rules of the International Optimist Dinghy Association shall apply.

1.4 The Green Fleet will be governed by the Introductory Rules for Racing.

1.5 English shall be the official language for the Regatta.

### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 All notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board.

### 3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Any change to the SI will be posted before 0900 hours on the day it will take effect.

### 4. BOATS

4.1 Competitors sailing in charter boats shall report any damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the organizing authority's representative immediately after securing the boat ashore.

4.2 Failure or loss of chartered equipment shall not be grounds for requesting redress. This amends RRS 62.1.

### 5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the official flagpole.

5.2 When AP flag is displayed ashore, 1 minute is replaced with not less than 15 minutes. This changes Race Signals.

### 6. RACING FORMAT AND START SEQUENCE

6.1 Start Signals and Sequence will be as per RRS 26.

6.2 All Green Fleet boats shall display a green ribbon permanently fixed and free to fly from the top of the sprit. These ribbons will be provided by the organizers.

6.3 All Intermediate Fleet boats shall display a red ribbon permanently fixed and free to fly from the top of the sprit. These ribbons will be provided by the organizers.

6.4 The Warning Signal Flag for the Open Fleet will be a black International Optimist Class Insignia on a white background.

6.5 The Warning Signal Flag for the Intermediate Fleet will be a black International Optimist Class Insignia on a red background.

6.6 The Warning Signal Flag for the Green Fleet will be an International Optimist Class Insignia on a green background.

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#### 7. SCHEDULE OF RACES AND EVENTS

##### 7.1

Date	Event/Course	Time Signal
22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2017	Registration	0900
	Briefing	1000 hrs
	Open Fleet Racing Round 1	1100 hrs
	Green/Intermediate Fleet Racing Round 1	1100 hrs
	Open/Intermediate Fleet Racing Round 2	pm
	Green Fleet Racing Round 2	pm
23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2017	Briefing (Green and intermediate)	0930 hrs
	Open Fleet Racing Round 3	1000 hrs
	Green/Intermediate Fleet Racing Round 3	1030 hrs
	Open/Intermediate Fleet Racing Round 4	pm
	Green Fleet Racing Round 4	pm
	Last possible Warning Signal	1500 hrs
	Presentation	1730 hrs

7.2 A maximum of nine races will be conducted for each fleet.

#### 8. RACING AREA

Racing will be in the waters of the Spencer's Gulf adjacent to Wallaroo Sailing Club.

#### 9. THE COURSE

9.1 The courses for the regatta, 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 are as per the notice board. The course for all Fleets shall be trapezoid.

#### 10. COURSE MARKS

10.1 Open Fleet Marks 1, 2, 3P and 3S will be as per briefing and the regatta notice board.

10.2 Green and Intermediate Fleet Marks 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be as per briefing and the regatta notice board.

#### 11. THE START LINE

11.1 The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the starting marks.

#### 12. THE FINISH LINE

12.1 For the Open Fleet the finishing line will be between staffs displaying blue flags on the finishing marks.

12.2 For the Green and Intermediate Fleet the finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee vessel and a staff displaying an orange flag on the finishing mark.

#### 13. PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 A boat that has taken a penalty under RRS 44.1 shall fill out a penalty acknowledgement form at the Regatta Desk within the protest time limit.

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13.2 Appendix P shall apply.

13.3 Appendix P 2.3 shall be deleted.

13.4 Green Fleet penalty system will be as per ISAF Introductory Rules for Racing.

#### 14. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

14.1 Time limits and target times (in minutes) are as follows:

Race Target time	Mark 1 Target Time	Race Time limits
40 Open Fleet	14	60 Open Fleet
20 Inter/Green Fleet	Open Fleet	40 Inter/Green Fleet

14.2 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 Target Time the race may be abandoned.

14.3 The Race Committee will set a course that will take approximately 40 minutes for the Open and approximately 20 minutes for the Intermediate and Green Fleet. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

14.4 Open Fleet Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing.

14.5 Intermediate Fleet Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing.

14.6 Green Fleet Boats failing to finish within a reasonable time after the first boat sails the course and finishes may be given an "On Course Finish".

#### 15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 To inform the Race Committee of the boat/s being protested, the protesting boat shall approach the Race Committee boat at the finishing line and shall hail the protested boat's sail number/s and wait for acknowledgement.

15.2 Protest forms are available at the Regatta Desk. Protests and request for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

15.3 The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the Day.

15.4 All protests arising from participation in the regatta shall be subject to mediation.

The mediation hearing will be conducted for protests lodged in accordance with RRS 60.1(a) which allege an infringement of a rule of RRS Part 2. Such hearings shall be held subsequent to the protest being lodged and prior to the protest hearing.

One representative of each yacht shall attend and no witnesses will be allowed.

The mediator shall decide the manner in which the testimony is given.

Should the protest proceed to a protest hearing then the mediator may be a member of that protest committee.

After taking testimony at the mediation hearing, the mediator shall make one of the following conclusions:

(a) The protest does not comply with RRS 60 and the protestor may withdraw the protest.

(b) The matter shall proceed to a protest hearing. This may be because rules other than Part 2 are involved, or because the evidence is too complex or divergent to reach a reasonable and timely conclusion, or due to the apparent severity of the alleged infringement, or for any other reason decided by the mediator.

(c) There was no infringement and the protestor may withdraw the protest.

(d) There has been an infringement by one or more of the yachts involved; the infringing yacht(s) may accept a scoring penalty as assigned by the mediator up to 50% of the penalty that would result from a disqualification, and if so accepted, the protestor shall withdraw the protest.

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15.5 Notice of protest hearing time and place will be placed on official notice board no later than 30 minutes after protest time limit ends.

15.6 Notices of protests by the race committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

15.7 A list of boats that have been penalized for breaking rule 42 will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at the Regatta Desk.

15.8 For the purpose of measurement rule protests (rule 64.3 (b)) the 'authority responsible' will be the appointed IODASA Measurer.

15.9 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision. This changes RRS 66.

#### 16. SCORING

16.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.

(a) Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

(b) When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(c) When 6 to 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

(d) When 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

16.2 To request correction of an alleged error in posted races or series results, a boat shall complete a Score Enquiry form available at the Regatta Desk.

#### 17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 All competitors shall wear personal flotation devices that are in good condition and are in accordance with the specifications issued or approved by a national authority or standards organization and branded in the country of origin or manufacture and in accordance with Class Rule 4.2 (a), properly secured at all times while on the water except when temporarily adding or removing clothing.

17.2 Attention is drawn to RRS Rule 1.2 and Rule 4

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible and shall fill in the relevant form available at the Regatta Desk.

17.3 For each Round of competition all boats intending to race that day must sign on at the Regatta Desk before leaving shore and sign off at the Regatta Desk when returned to shore.

17.4 Competitors who require assistance should blow a whistle or wave the paddle or one arm. The Race Committee reserves the right to assist competitors who, in its opinion require assistance, regardless of the wishes of the competitor. This will not be grounds for seeking redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

17.5 Discretionary penalties will apply to RRS 41 'Outside Help'. Actions of the Race Committee in retrieving crews from the water and returning them to their boats may not be penalized.

#### 18. REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

18.1 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved in writing by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

18.2 Substitution of damaged equipment may be permitted provided that the relevant form has been filled in at the Regatta Desk and both the damaged and the substituting equipment have been inspected by the Measurement Sub-Committee.

18.3 If the substitution was made on the water between races, both the damaged and the substituting equipment shall be presented to the Measurement Sub-Committee after the end of the day's racing. In this case, the substitution is subject to the approval of the Race Committee given retrospectively.

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#### 19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

19.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules, the NOR and the SI.

#### 20. OFFICIAL AND ACCREDITED BOATS

20.1 Official boats will be marked as follows:

Race Committee boats	WSC Pennant
Safety Boats	WSC Pennant
Coach boats	Numbered Flag provided by the organizing authority

20.2 All coach boats shall sign on at registration and will be issued with a flag to be affixed to a staff on the boat. For the Open Fleet only, Coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the warning signal for a division's race until all boats in all divisions have finished or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. Race Committee vessels may indicate to a coach or support boat to move further from the course area, in which case the mentioned boat shall do so immediately. Attention is drawn to paragraph 11 in the Notice of Race.

#### 21. RUBBISH DISPOSAL

Boats shall not put rubbish in the water.

#### 22. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded as per NOR 16.

#### 23. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

23.1 Competitors participate in the championship entirely at their own risk and responsibility. See RRS 4, Decision to Race.

23.2 The Organizing Authority and any other party involved in the organization of the Championship will accept no liability whatsoever for any injury, damage, loss or claim, whether personal or material, incurred by or inflicted to participants before, during or after the Regatta.

#### 24. INSURANCE

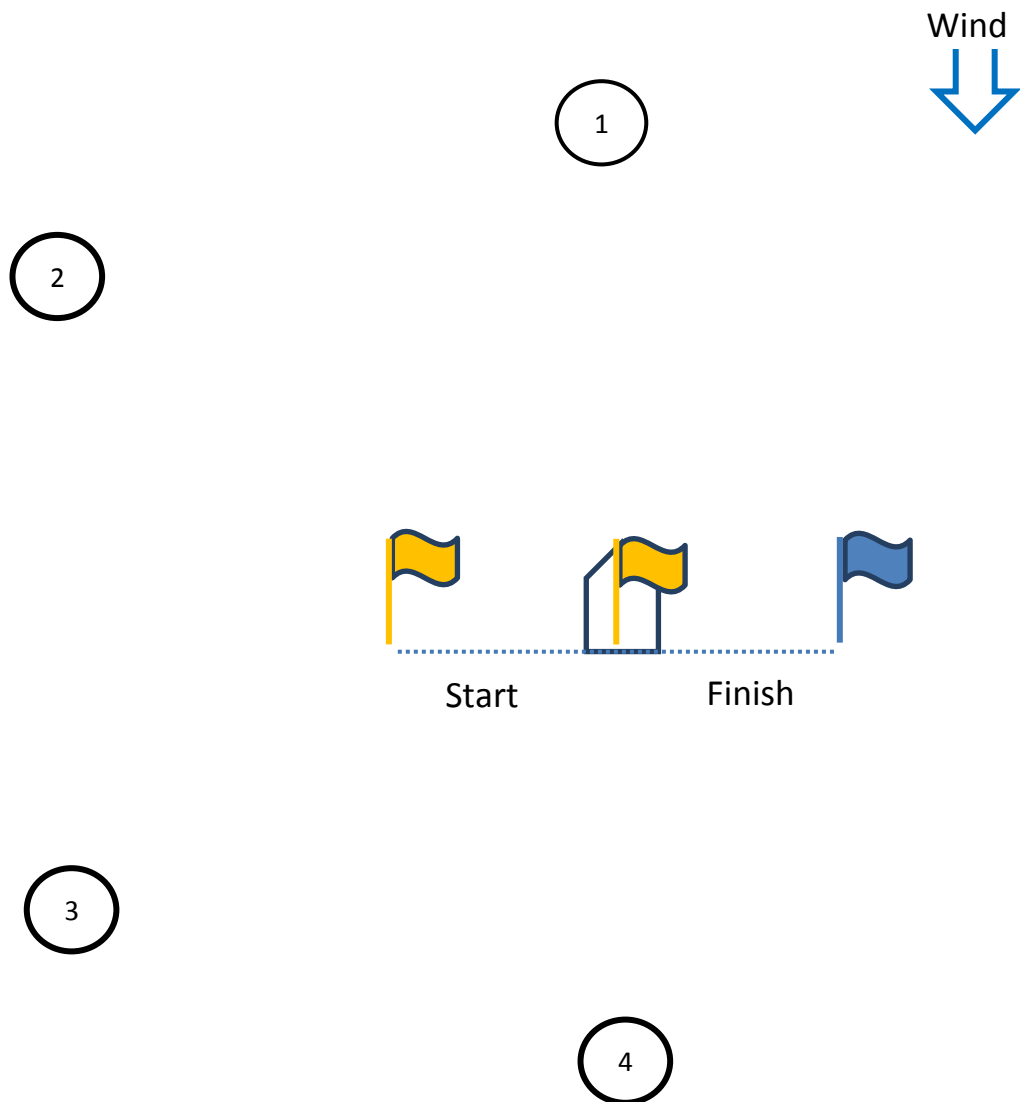
All boats shall have third party insurance cover of not less than \$AUD 5,000,000. (Recommended \$AUD 10,000,000 or the equivalent thereof in any other convertible currency) for any accident. All owners / competitors who sign the entry forms are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover. Owners / competitors not holding this cover shall withdraw their entry. The skipper of each boat must be able to display proof of cover if requested to do so.

APPENDIX 1: COURSES - REFER ATTACHED and/or REGATTA NOTICE BOARD

FURTHER INFORMATION: Sam Sanderson 0419 810 691 [sam.sanderson@sa.gov.au](mailto:sam.sanderson@sa.gov.au)

ANY AMMENDMENTS, ADDITIONS OR ALTERATIONS PRIOR TO THE EVENT WILL BE POSTED ON [www.optisa.org.au](http://www.optisa.org.au) AND ON THE REGATTA NOTICE BOARD.

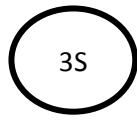
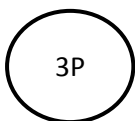
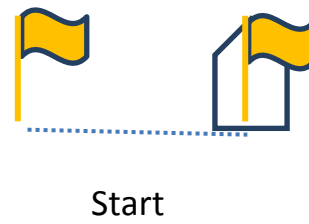
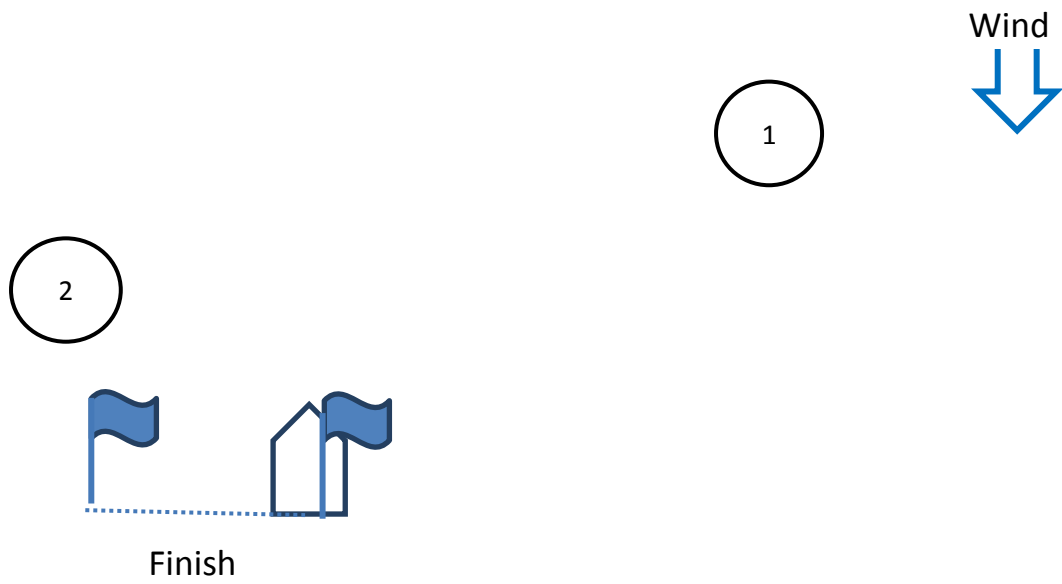
# Intermediate/Green Fleet Course



Intermediate Fleet Course  
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Green Fleet Course  
S-1-2-3-4-F

# Open Fleet Course



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Course 1: S-1-2-3P/3S-F