



# Octoberfest Regatta

September 16-17, 2017

## Sailing Instructions

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined by the current Racing Rules of Sailing, as modified by the NWYRC Notice of Series, the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 Class rules shall be observed and enforced by the competitors, except that competitors may use a “club sail” in place of a class legal sail, provided it is of the same dimensions and provides no added advantage.
- 1.3 In the event of a protest, boats are exempted from displaying a red flag (this modifies Opti Class rules).
- 1.4 A boat intending to protest about an incident that occurs in the racing area shall notify the race committee finish boat of her intention as soon as possible after finishing, including the sail number of the boat(s) being protested. This adds to RRS 61.1(a).

### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the window of the main office

### 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted an hour prior to the scheduled first warning on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the racing times shall be posted 12 hours before any change shall take effect.

### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag pole on the pier.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, the warning signal for Alpha and Bravo Courses will be made not less than 20 minutes after AP is taken down.

### 5 SCHEDULE

Saturday, Sept. 16		Sunday, Sept. 17	
0930-1100	Registration /Rigging / Launch	0800	Doors/Docks Unlocked
1100	Competitors Meeting (Mandatory)	1000	First Warning
1200	First Warning	1500	No Starts After This Time
1800 (approx.)	Dinner	1600	Regatta Awards Ceremony
		1615	NWYRC Awards Ceremony

### 6 RACING AREA

- 6.1 Alpha Course (29er, FJs, Lasers) will be located near just north of SSP adjacent to Mathews Beach.
- 6.2 Bravo Course (Opti Champ & Opti Green) immediately in front of SSP.

## **7 NUMBER OF RACES**

- 7.1 For all classes, except Opti Green fleet, 12 races are scheduled during the two-day regatta, conditions and time permitting. This number shall not be exceeded.
- 7.2 A minimum of one race shall constitute a regatta.

## **8 STARTS and RACE TIME LIMITS**

- 8.1 Starts shall be conducted in accordance with Rule 26 (5 Minute Sequence), except that Opti Green Fleet shall use a 3-minute start as described in Appendix U.
- 8.2 The Race Committee will attempt to hail boats that are over early. This is only a courtesy and will not be grounds for redress. The order, promptness, and/or volume of individual recalls shall not be grounds for redress.
- 8.3 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat finishes shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. However, if there is a clear order among boats that fail to finish within the time limit, then those remaining boats may be finished in place by the Race Committee. This changes Rule 35.

## **9 COURSES ASSIGNMENTS AND STARTING ORDER**

### **9.1 Alpha Course**

29er

Lasers (Standard, Radial, 4.7- Start together, scored separately)

FJ

### **9.2 Bravo Course**

Opti Champ Fleet

Opti Green Fleet

- 9.3 Race Committee may change the above starting order for any reason; this need not be announced prior to raising the class flag at the warning signal.

## **10 COURSES**

- 10.1 See attached course descriptions for Alpha and Bravo Courses.
- 10.2 Courses shall be signaled with a numeral pennant which shall be displayed from the start boat prior to the preparatory signal.
- 10.3 The target race length for all fleets, except for Opti Green Fleet, is approximately 35 minutes. A race which runs significantly longer or shorter than the target times shall not be grounds for redress.

## **11 START/FINISH LINES**

- 11.1 Alpha and Bravo courses will both use a split start/finish line. The start line will be to port of the committee boat, between the orange flag and an orange buoy. The finish line shall be to starboard of the committee boat between the orange flag and a white buoy.
- 11.2 All start and finish lines shall be restricted to boats either starting or finishing.

## **12 PROTESTS AND APPEALS**

- 12.1 Protest forms are available at the registration table. Completed protest forms shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 12.2 The protest time limit is 30 mins after race committee arrives back at the dock after each day's racing.

- 12.3 Notices will be posted within 10 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the SSP Main Office.

### **13 SCORING & PENALTY SYSTEMS**

- 13.1 The Low-Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.
- 13.1(a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's overall score will be the total of her race scores.
  - 13.1(b) When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's overall score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
  - 13.1(c) When 10 or more races have been completed, a boat's overall score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst two scores.
  - 13.1(d) If a competitor is disqualified, they may discard that score, provided they were not disqualified for poor sportsmanship (Rule 69) and they did not gain significant advantage by breaking a rule (Rule 2). Only in cases where one of these rules was broken shall their next worse score be excluded instead. This modifies Rule 90.3(b)
- 13.2 Results of this regatta will count toward the NWYRC Summer Series overall standings.

### **14 COACHING**

- 14.1 Coaching on the water is permitted between races. After the warning signal for a given race, all coaching shall cease until a competitor has finished that race. To avoid any interference with boats still racing, competitors shall be required to sail to an area at least 75 feet away from the start/finish line when meeting with coach/support boats between races.
- 14.2 Coaching while racing is permitted in cases where novice racers are slowing the progress of the regatta. Coaches shall only coach the back "10%" of the fleet if this is the case.
- 14.3 The only coaching rule that applies to Opti Green Fleet is that coaches must be willing to assist any competitor who seeks their help or advice.

### **15 SUPPORT & SPECTATOR BOATS**

- 15.1 Except in the case of emergencies or in accordance with SI 14.2, support and spectator boats must remain 75 feet from competitors while racing, and shall not cause significant wake in the racing area.
- 15.2 Coach, support, and spectator boats are required to carry a working VHF radio. They shall monitor either VHF Channel 69 (Alpha Course) or VHF Channel 72 (Bravo Course) at all times.

### **16 SAFETY & OTHER REQUIREMENTS WHILE RACING**

- 16.1 Competitors shall wear a US Coast Guard (USCG) approved personal flotation device (PFD) while on the water other than for brief periods while adding or removing clothing.
- 16.2 All competitors shall carry a towline appropriate for their class of boat.
- 16.3 A competitor who intends to retire shall promptly notify a coach or race committee official.
- 16.4 Opti Green Fleet sailors shall display a green streamer from the top of their sprit pole.

### **17 BOAT STORAGE**

- 17.1 Competitors may store their boats overnight on the paved area south of the SSP boat ramp.

### **18. AWARDS**

- 18.1 Competitors are requested to stay for the awards ceremony after racing. This will take place as soon as final scores are determined. Regatta and series prizes will be given out during this time.

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## Attachment A – Alpha Course (29er, FJ, & Lasers)



Start, WM, FL, Finish



Start, WM, CL, WM, Finish  
(Downwind)



Start, WM, CL, WM, FL,  
Finish



Start, WM, CL, WM, CL,  
WM, Finish (Downwind)



Windward Mark + Offset (WM)



Close Leeward (CL)



Start Line



Finish



### Notes:

\*Except for Leeward Gates,  
all marks rounded to port

\*FL may be a gate

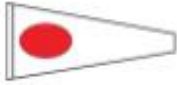
\*Start/Finish Lines Restricted

\*Diagram not drawn to scale,  
all angles approximate.



Far Leeward (FL)

## Attachment B – Bravo Course (Opti Champ & Opti Green Fleet)



**Course 1:** Start, WM, LM,  
Finish (Upwind)



● Windward (WM)



**Course 2:** Start, WM, LM, WM,  
LM, Finish



**Course 3:** Start, WM, RM, LM,  
WM, LM Finish



Reach Mark (RM)



### Notes:

\*All marks rounded to port

\*Start/Finish Lines Restricted

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angles approximate.

\*Green Fleet will always do  
Course One

● Leeward (LM)