

# Clearwater Yacht Club

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: Clark Mills & Florida State Championship Optimist Green Fleet March 20 & 21, 2010**

### **1 Rules**

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

1.2 The organizing authority is the Clearwater Yacht Club (CYC). This event will be held at the Clearwater Community Sailing Center (CCSC).

### **2 Eligibility and Entry**

All competitors must meet the eligibility requirements as stated in the Notice of Race and have filed valid entries in accordance with the Notice of Race.

### **3 Designated Adult**

3.1 Each competitor shall indicate in writing a parent or adult representative that shall be responsible for the competitor throughout the event.

3.2 It is the competitor's designated adults decision to enter the regatta and to start or continue any race. The designated adult is ultimately responsible for the risks involved in competing in this event.

3.3 The designated adult will accept full responsibility for all actions of the competitor during any activity related to the event. This includes on-shore activities before, during, and after the regatta.

### **4 Notices To Competitors**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board at the Sailing Center.

### **5 Changes In Sailing Instructions**

Changes in the sailing instructions will be posted no later than 15 minutes before the scheduled harbor start on the day it will take effect, except any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 hours on the day before it will take effect. In addition, oral instructions may be given by the race committee on the water following the hoisting of code flag "L" accompanied by a sound signal.

### **6 Signals Made Ashore**

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Sailing Center flagpole.

Code flag "AP" (answering pennant) with two sound signals means "The race is postponed. Do not leave the harbor." The new time of the first warning signal will be posted prior to lowering the "AP".

## **7 Schedule Of Events**

7.1 Registration will be held at the CCSC on Saturday, March 20 from 0800 - 0930.

7.2 A Competitor's Meeting will be held at the CCSC on Saturday, March 20 at 1000.

7.3 Races:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Harbor Start</i>	<i>1st Warning Signal</i>
Saturday, March 20	1030	1100 (Races to Follow)
Sunday, March 21	0930	1000 (Races to Follow)

7.4 No warning signal will be made after 1400 on Sunday.

7.5 A minimum of one race must be completed to constitute a regatta.

## **8 Safety Procedures**

8.1 Each competitor shall follow all instructions given by any designated safety or race committee boat.

8.2 Competitors will be issued a numbered identification safety bracelet which shall be visible at all times while afloat, except temporarily while changing clothes. Before launching the safety bracelet shall be collected from the Safety Committee table. On returning from racing the bracelet shall be promptly returned to the Safety Committee table.

8.3 A competitor that withdraws from a race or intends not to start a race shall inform the nearest race committee boat as soon as possible. In the event this is impossible, then immediately after arriving ashore, the competitor shall notify a regatta representative and follow the same procedure as in paragraph 8.2

8.4 Each competitor will wear a personal flotation device (PFD) at all times while afloat, except temporarily while changing clothes. This changes RRS 40. A safety whistle, to be used for emergency purposes only, shall be attached to the PFD.

## **9 Racing Area**

The racing area will be inside Clearwater Harbor to the south east of the Sailing Center.

## **10 Courses**

10.1 The diagrams in Appendix A show the courses. The start/finish line must not be crossed in either direction unless starting or finishing a race.

10.2 The course designation letter ('T' or 'O') will be displayed on a whiteboard from the RC signal boat no later than the warning signal for each start.

## **11 Marks**

11.1 Marks 1, 2 and 3 will be will be orange tetrahedrons.

11.2 The start/finish mark will be a round orange ball.

## **12 Check In**

Before the warning signal of the first race of each day, each boat shall sail past the stern of the race committee signal boat on starboard tack and hail her sail number, until it is acknowledged by the race committee.

## **13 The Start**

13.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.

13.2 The Class Flag will be a green flag.

13.3 A boat shall not start later than 5 minutes after her starting signal. Such boat will be scored DNS.

13.4 The starting line will be between a staff displaying the orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and the course side of the pin-end mark.

## **14 Recalls**

Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.2 amended as follows;

The Race Committee will endeavor to hail each boats sail number, and then inform them when they have returned to the pre-start side of the line. Failure to hear a hail will not be grounds for redress.

## **15 The Finish**

The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee Boat and the course side of the pin-end mark.

## **16 Time Limit**

At the discretion of the race committee, boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat finishes may be scored in place. This changes RRS 35.

## **17 Scoring**

The Low Point Scoring System as described in RRS Appendix A, rule A2, will apply amended as follows;

If five or more races are completed, a boat's worst score shall be excluded, if nine or more races are completed an additional discard will apply.

## **18 Protests**

18.1 For protests involving an alleged breach of a rule of Part 2, a binding arbitration hearing will be held. This hearing is intended to be educational in nature and will be considered by one judge who will make one of three decisions.

1. No boat broke a rule.
2. One or more boats broke a rule.
3. It is impossible to make a decision from what is known.

If a boat(s) acknowledges breaking a rule, she may be given a 40% scoring penalty. This changes Part 5, Section B of the RRS.

18.2 Competitors intending to protest shall inform the Race Committee immediately after finishing and before communicating with coaches or spectators.

18.3 Protests forms will be available at the sailing center office and should be lodged there within 30 minutes after the time the Race Committee Finish Boat docks. The Race Committee will post the docking time on the official notice board as soon as practical after docking.

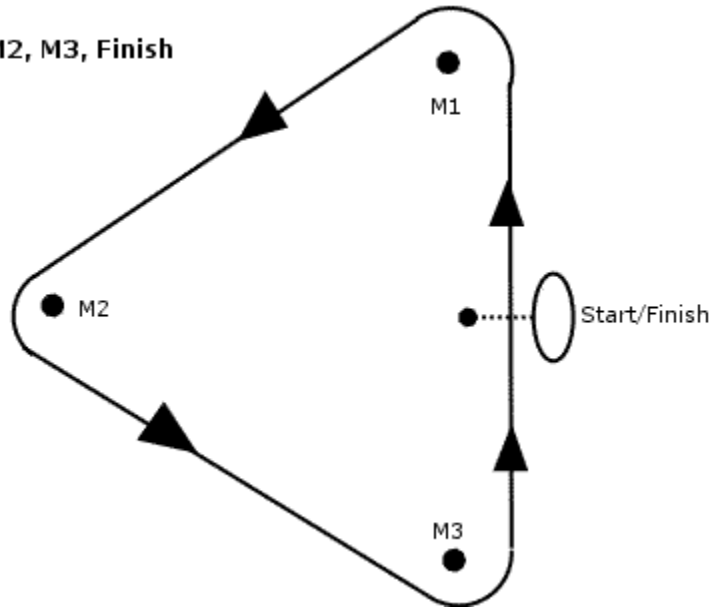
18.4 The Arbitrator will hear protests as soon as practical after they have been filed. The schedule of hearings will be posted on the official notice board shortly after the time limit for filing.

## **19 Coaching**

Coaching of green fleet competitors while racing is permitted, however coaching shall be limited to skippers in the bottom half of the fleet in any given race. Coach boats shall neither create wakes nor otherwise interfere with any other competitors. Violation of this instruction may result in any penalty which the jury deems appropriate, up to and including the disqualification of the coached skipper from the regatta.

Appendix A

**Course 'T'**  
Start, M1, M2, M3, Finish



**Course 'O'**  
Start, M1, M2, M3, M1, M3, Finish

