



**OPTIMIST FM ESF**

**7 - 10. 8. 2014**

**Esbo Segelförening rf**

**Esbo, Finland**

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

### **1 RULES**

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016*.

1.2 The class rules of the Finnish Optimist Dinghy Association

1.3 The International class rules will apply unless changed in these Sailing Instructions.

1.4 The RRS 61.1(a)(2) is amended by following text: Protesting boat shall inform Race Committee about its intention to protest immediately after finishing.

1.5 If there is a conflict between languages the Swedish text will take precedence.

### **2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at Amiralshamnen.

2.2 The race office will be at Amiralshamnen.

### **3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect

#### **4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at Amiralshammen.

4.2 If flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP

4.3 If flag V is displayed ashore, it means no boat is to leave the harbor, this rule do not apply after two signals and the flag has been removed.

#### **5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

5.1 The racing will take place during 8-10.8. 2014

5.2 The amount of races per day will be 3. One extra race per day may be sailed, the change is made according to instruction 3. No more than 9 races will be sailed.

5.3 The boats will be divided into 4 as equal as possible groups. The groups will have to race an equal amount of races. The seeding will be done in accordance to national ranking by national association into blue, green , red and white groups. Foreign boats will be divided evenly in the groups. All boats shall be provided with a color ribbon of their group which they shall attach to the top of their sprit. Ribbons can be collected at the Race Office.

Blue-group ranking standing 1, 8, 9, 16, 17, 24,... blue flag

Green-group ranking standing 2, 7, 10, 15, 18, 23,.... green flag

Red-group ranking standing 3, 6, 11, 14, 19, 22,.... red flag

White-group ranking standing 4, 5, 12, 13, 20, 21,.... white flag

5.4 On Friday and Saturday two groups shall sail in each race

5. 5 If 3 or more races are sailed after Saturday the boats will be seeded into two groups of as even size as possible, Gold final (yellow) and silver final (white) based on the results at 21:00on Saturday. In case of odd number of boats, the gold fleet will be bigger. No changes to group assignments except in the case redress. The sailors shall change the ribbon at the top of their sprits by themselves.

5.6 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is on Friday 8.8. at 11.55, Saturday 9.8. at 10.55 and Sunday 10.8 at 10.55. No warning signal will be made Sunday after 15.55.

## **6 CLASS FLAGS**

6.1 The class flag will be G. The start groups for each start will be displayed at committee boat by hoisting two flags. These flags will be hoisted about 2min before the warning signal. For example a red and a white flag will be hoisted when red and white groups will start.

## **7 THE COURSES**

7.1 The diagrams in Attachment 1, show the courses, 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.

7.2 The race area will be at Kytöfjärden but Björköfjärden can be used as reserve area.

## **8 MARKS**

8.1 The rounding marks will be red/orange buoys.

8.2 The starting marks will be race committee boats

8.3 The finishing marks will be a race committee boat at starboard end and a flag staff at port end

## **9 START**

9.1 The starting line will be between a staff flying an orange flag on the starting boat at starboard end and a staff flying a red flag on a race committee boat on port end.

9.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange flag will be displayed with one sound at least four minutes before a warning signal is made.

9.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

9.4 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This is changing rules A4 and A5.

9.5 If flag U has been displayed as the preparatory signal, no part of a boat's hull, crew, or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be scored UFD without a hearing but not if the race is restarted or resailed or postponed or abandoned before the starting signal. This changes rule 26, A5, A11, 63.1.

## **10 THE FINISH**

10.1 The finishing line is defined by a blue flag to the port of finishing line vessel and a staff flying a blue flag on the finishing vessel.

## **11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position. At the change of legs no compass bearing nor distance to the next mark will be given. This will change rule 33(a1,2) and (b).

## **12 TIMELIMITS**

12.1 The time limit is 80 minutes

12.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

12.3 The target time is 50 minutes.

## **13 PENALTY SYSTEM**

13.1 Appendix P will apply with the following changes. The changed P2 is as follows

### **P2.1 First Penalty**

When a boat is first penalized under rule P1 her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty under rule 44.2. If she fails to take it she shall be disqualified without a hearing.

### **P2.2 Second and more penalty**

When a boat is penalized a second or any time after that time during the regatta, her penalty shall be to promptly retire from the race. If she fails to take it she shall be disqualified without a hearing and her score shall not be excluded.

### **P2.3 First penalty after finishing**

If a penalty is signaled after a boat has finished and it is her first penalty, the boat will be given a scoring penalty of 8 points without a hearing but the score shall not be worse than the score for DNF

13.2 A boat scoring a DNF, DNS etc. will get the score of the bigger fleet +1

13.3 A breach against rules SI 4.3, 9.2, 16.2, 18, 19 and RRS 55 are not ground for a protest by a boat. This changes rule RRS 601(a). The penalty given for breaches against these rules can be less than disqualification if protest committee so decides.

## **14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

14.1 Protest forms are available at the race office, located at Amiralshamnen. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

14.2 Protest time about 30-60 min after finish

14.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at Amiralshamnen.

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

14.5 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 changes rule 62.2.

## **15 SCORING**

15.1 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores

15.2 When 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 REGULATIONS**

16.1 Coaches and/or the team management have to inform the race office immediately if a sailor will not race.

16.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

## **17 COMMITTEE AND JURY BOATS**

17.1 Race committee boats will show a white RC flag.

17.2 Jury boats will show a white JURY flag.

## **18 EVENT ADVERTISING**

18.1 Boats shall display event advertising supplied by the organizing authority

## **19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

19.1 A boat or its equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

19.2 All sailors will have to present an Equipment Declaration Form when register.

19.3 A change of equipment has to be applied / informed to the race committee or Jury asap on the water.

19.4 Sailors who do not do so will be given a DPI under rule 13.3.

ATTACHMENT 1.

