

Open Finnish Optimist Championship 5-8.8 2010

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Sailing Instruction

1 RULES

1.1 The Finnish open Optimist championships will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the class rules of the Finnish Optimist Dinghy Association regulation for Finnish Championship in Optimist.

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

1.3 The Appendix P will be applied.

1.4 The Rule 61.1 (a) (2) is changed as follows: Rule 61.1(a)(2) is deleted. Red flag must be displayed.

Immediately after finishing a protesting boat is required to inform the race committee of the identity of the protestee.

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

2 NOTICES TO THE COMPETITORS

Notices to the competitors will be posted on the official notice boards in Amiralshamnen.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the notice boards before 0900 on the day they 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 the flag mast next to official notice board.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in the AP.

4.3 When V flag is displayed ashore no boat is allowed to leave the harbour. This instruction ceases to apply when the signals are lowered with two sounds.

5 FORMAT OF RACING

All the races will be sailed in one fleet.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Dates of racing: Friday 6.8 racing

Saturday 7.8 racing

Sunday 8.8 racing

6.2 The scheduled number of races:

Total 9 Per day 3

The number of races per day may exceptionally be exceeded by one. If so, a service pause shall be held not later than after the third race of the day.

6.3 The scheduled time of the first warning signal on Friday 6 is 1055, on Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 it is 0955.

6.4 After a long postponement, to alert boats that a race or a sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound for at least four minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

6.5 On the last day of the regatta on Sunday 8 no warning signal will be made after 1555.

7 CLASS FLAGS

Class flag is flag D

8 RACING AREAS

Racing area is north of island Kytö. Spare course area will be Björköfjärden. The area used each day will be displayed on the notice board before 0800 each day

9 THE COURSES

The diagrams in Attachment 1 and show the courses, the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

10 MARKS

10.1 The marks will be orange buoys.

10.2 The starting marks will be the race committee signal boat, at the starboard end and a flag buoy with a red flag at the port end.

10.3: The finishing marks will be a committee boat at the port end and flag buoy with a yellow flag at the starboard end.

11 THE START

11.1 The starting line will be between pole displaying yellow flag on the committee boat and flag buoy with red flag.

11.2 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after the starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position. Compass bearings to the new mark will not be shown, neither will the change of direction nor length of the new leg be signalled. This changes A4 and A5.

13 THE FINISH

13.1 The finishing line will be between pole displaying a blue flag at the port end on the committee boat and a yellow flag at the starboard end of the finishing line.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

As provided in rule 67, the protest committee may, without hearing, penalize a boat that has broken rule 42.

15 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

15.1 The time limit is 80 min.

15.2 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. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

15.3 The target time is 50 minutes

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESSES

16.1 Protest forms are available at the race offices. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

16.2 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

16.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform the competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, the location of which is informed on the notice board.

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

16.5 A list of boats that, under instruction 14 have been penalized for breaking rule 42, will be posted.

16.6 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.

17 SCORING

17.1 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

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

17.3 When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races scores excluding her worst score.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1 A boat that breaks instruction 4.3 will be scored points as provided in rule 44.3(c) without hearing. The penalty will be 3 points added to the final result. This changes rule A5.

18.2 Boats moving to and from the racing area will be supervised by safety boats.

18.3 The responsible coach shall inform the office of any sailors not participating every morning of the race.

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

19 ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising supplied by the organizing authority.

20 OFFICIAL BOATS

20.1 Official boats will display a yellow flag.

20.2 Protest committee boats will display an orange flag.

20.3 Safety boats will display a white red pendant.

21 SUPPORT BOATS

21.1 Support boats shall register at the race office and give their telephone number.

21.2 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until all boats have finished or retired, or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

21.3 Support boats may be requested by an official boat to give support in situations of emergency. This changes instruction 21.2 for the boat in question.

22 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmission while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.

23 PRIZES

23.1 Championship medals will be awarded to Finnish boats.

23.2 Additional prizes may be given.