



Open Finnish Optimist Championship 2-5.8 2012 Esbo Segelförening, Esbo, Finland Sailing Instructions

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:

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

1.5 If there is a conflict between languages the Finnish 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 20.00 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 3.8 racing

Saturday 4.8 racing

Sunday 5.8 racing

6.2 The scheduled number of races:

Total 9 Per day 3

The number of races per day may be exceeded by one. If so, a service pause shall be held not later than after the third race of the day. When finishing the flag H is displayed on the committee vessel if no more races will be sailed the same day.

6.3 The scheduled time of the first warning signal on Friday 3 is 11.55, on Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 it is 10.55.

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 5 no warning signal will be made after 1555.

7 CLASS FLAGS

Class flag is flag D

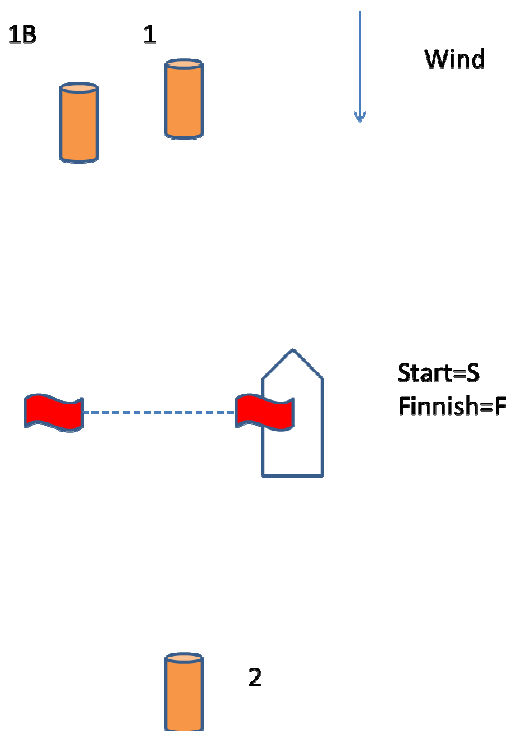
8 RACING AREAS

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 0830 each day

9 THE COURSES

The course is a windward – leeward course and the rounding order is the following S-1-1b-2-1-1b-2-F

Buoys are to be left to BB



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 boat with a red flag at the port end.

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

11 THE START

11.1 The starting line will be between pole displaying orange flag on the committee boat and the pole with red flag in the boat at port end.

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 rule 35, A4 and A5.

13 THE FINISH

13.1 The finishing line will be between pole displaying an orange flag at the starboard end on the committee boat and a pole with red flag flag at the port end of the finishing line.

14 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

14.1 The time limit is 80 min.

14.2 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.

14.3 The target time is 50 minutes

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESSES

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

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

15.3 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.

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

15.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest or race committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

16 SCORING

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

16.2 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.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 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.

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

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

18 ADVERTISING

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

19 OFFICIAL BOATS

19.1 Official boats will display a white red pendant.

19.2 Protest committee boats will display an orange flag.

19.3 Safety boats will display a yellow flag.

20 SUPPORT BOATS

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

20.2 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.

20.3 Support boats may be requested by an official boat to give support in situations of emergency. This changes instruction 20.2 for the boat in question.

21 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.

22 PRIZES

22.1 Championship medals will be awarded to Finnish boats.

22.2 Additional prizes may be given.