



OPTIMIST FM ESF

6 - 9. 8. 2015

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 regatta will be governed by the national rules for Finnish Championship for Optimist Dinghy.
- 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 immediately after finishing about its intention to protest as well as the Protestee.
- 1.5 If there is a conflict between languages in Sailing Instructions 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 EQUIPMENT SUPPLIED BY THE ORGANISER

3.1 The organizer may supply or install an electronic positioning device and the boat shall keep it installed in the boat during the races according to the instructions from the organizer.

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1 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 will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at Amiralshamnen.

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

5.3 When 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.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 The racing will take place during 7 - 9.8. 2015

6.2 The amount of races per day will be 3. One extra race per day may be sailed, the change is made according to instruction 4. No more than 9 races will be sailed.

6.3 The boats will be divided into 4 as equal as possible groups. The groups will have to race equal amount of races. The groups will be set by Finnish Optimist association based on ranking series results to Blue, Green, Red and White groups. Foreign boats will be divided equally into the groups. All boats will be given a color ribbon that the sailor has to tie to the top of the sprit.

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

6.4 On Friday and Saturday in every race, there will be sailing two groups. All groups will sail against all groups.

6.5 If more than 3 races are sailed before Sunday the boats will be rearranged into two groups equally sized, the better half to Gold (yellow) and the latter half to Silver (white). If the number of sailors is unequal, the gold fleet will be the larger one. No changes to the groups will be made after the decision, except for possibly granted redress, when a sailor can be included in the Gold group, but will not replace anybody. The Sailors are to change the ribbon at the top of the sprit by themselves.

6.6 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is on Friday 7th at 11.55, Saturday 8th at 10.55 and Sunday 9th at 10.55. No warning signal will be made Sunday after 15.55.

7 CLASS FLAGS

7.1 The class flag will be G. The groups for each start will be displayed at committee boat by hoisting two flags colored according to the groups. These flags will be hoisted about 4 min before the warning signal. For example when red and white groups will sail, a red and a white flag will be hoisted approximately four minutes before class flag G is hoisted.

8 THE COURSES

8.1 In the regatta IODA recommended CUP VM course is used. The diagram in Attachment 1, show the course, including the approximate angles between legs, the rounding order and the side on which each mark is to be left.

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

9 MARKS

9.1 Racing marks will be orange red buoys.

9.2 Finishing and starting marks are committee boats except port side finishing mark, which is a flag buoy.

10 START

10.1 The starting line will be between a staff with red flag on port side committee boat and a staff displaying orange flag on the starboard committee boat.

10.2 After a longer delay or postponement between races the attention of sailors that a race will start will be made an orange flag will be hoisted with a sound at least 5 minutes before the warning signal.

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

10.4 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4 and A5.

10.5 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 score UFD (scored as DSQ) without a hearing but not if the race is restarted or re-sailed or postponed or abandoned before the starting signal. This changes rule 26, A5, A11 and 63.1.

11 THE FINISH

11.1 The finishing line will be between staffs displaying blue flags on the finishing marks.

12 CHANGE OF THE COURSE

12.1 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 there will not be given any compass bearing, direction of the change nor distance to the next mark. This will change rule 33(a1,2) and (b).

13 TIME LIMITS

13.1 The time limit is 80 minutes

13.2 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.

13.3 The target time is 50 minutes.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 Appendix P will apply with these changes. Changed item 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 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 score shall be no worse than the score for DNF, DSQ.

14.2 A boat scoring a OCS, BFD, DNF, DNS, DSQ will get the score of the bigger fleet +1

14.3 A breach against SI 3.1, 5.3, 10.3, 17.2, 18.3, 19, 20 and rule 55 are not ground for boat's protests. This changes rule 60.1(a). They can result in penalty less than DSQ if the protest committee so decides.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests shall be delivered to the race office during the protest time.

15.2 Protest time starts at the finish of the last race for the day, and closes 90 minutes later.

15.3 Notices of protest hearings 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, location informed at the notice board.

15.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to the notice board 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 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 race scores.

16.2 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.

16.3 If the boats have uneven number of races at the end of racing on Saturday, but all have enough for division according to 6.5, the last races will be abandoned so that all have same number of races. The same will apply if division of boats into Gold and Silver fleet has not been done and the regatta will continue with the original groups on Sunday.

16.4 The final rank of the boat is according to points, and within the Gold and Silver fleet according to 6.5 so that the Silver fleet will get place after the Gold fleet.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 A team leader, a coach or other responsible person shall inform race office each day if a sailor does not compete.

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

18 COMMITTEE, JURY AND SUPPORT BOATS

18.1 Race committee boats will show a white RC flag.

18.2 Jury boats will show a white JURY flag.

18.3 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 class to start until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. All those boats related to the support boat breaking this rule, can be penalized.

19 EVENT ADVERTISING

19.1 Boats shall display advertising supplied by the organizing authority.

20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

20.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time on the water or at shore for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

20.2 Every sailor is obligated to deliver the equipment declaration form at the measurement point.

20.3 Change of the equipment has to be requested immediately at the race office in Amiralshamnen or to the Jury boat or to the committee boat.

20.4 Breach of the rule above may be penalized DPI according to the 14.3.

21 PRICES

21.1 Prices will be given according to recommendations from Finnish Optimist Dinghy Association.

21.2 The Finnish Championship can only be won by sailor with Finnish license.

22 MEDIA MATERIAL

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation for the purpose of news reporting, regatta documentary, advertising to promote the regatta, the national or the international class association or sailing training.



APPENDIX 1.

