



# GLSS DINGHYFEST

## Optimist Sailing Instructions

August 12-13, 2020

1250 S. Lake Shore Dr., Fontana, WI



Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (the organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor, or in the case of minors, each competitor's parent or guardian agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

### 1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing.

### 2. ENTRIES

The regatta is open to Optimist White (10 and under) Blue (11-12) and Red (13-15) divisions. No Optimist competitor shall reach the age of 16 before the end of the regatta.

### 3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at Regatta Headquarters and sent electronically.

### 4. COMPETITORS' BRIEFING MEETING

The competitors' briefing will begin at 8:45am on Wednesday August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

### 5. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted no later than 90 minutes before the first warning signal on the day it will take effect. Except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

### 6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed by the Flagship Signal Boat.

6.2 When the Answering Pennant ("AP") is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes in the Race Signals AP'.

6.3 Approximately one hour prior to the scheduled warning signal of the first race of the day, the signal boat will fire a gun, or make another sound signal.

### 7. NOT USED

### 8. NUMBER AND SCHEDULE OF RACES

8.1 Six races are scheduled for the championship event

8.2 Warning signal for first race on Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup> is 10:10am; four races are scheduled however this schedule may be changed without notice based on wind conditions.

8.3 Warning signal for first race on Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup> is at 10:10am. Two races are scheduled, however if 3 or less races were sailed on the first day of the event, additional race(s) may be sailed. No warning signal for a race will be made after 1p.m. on Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup>.

### 9. CLASS FLAG

The Optimist Class flag will be a yellow flag with the Class logo.

### 10. RACING AREA

The racing area will be the navigable waters of Geneva Lake near the Buddy Melges Sailing Center.

### 11. THE COURSE

11.1 The courses and their designations are shown as COURSE ILLUSTRATIONS.

11.2 Optimist RWB fleet will use the IOD course.

11.3 When there is a gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark. If only one mark of the gate is present, it should be rounded, leaving it to port.

### 12. MARKS

All marks will be large orange balls.

### 13. THE START

13.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26.

13.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat at the starboard end of the line and a staff displaying an orange flag on a RC boat or an orange mark at the port end or the starting line.

**14. NOT USED**

**15. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

15.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will either move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position, or the RC will lay a new mark and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.

15.2 The RC may adjust gate marks without further signaling to maintain the appropriate course configuration.

**16. THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee boat on starboard end and an orange mark at the port end of the line.

**17. NOT USED**

**18. TIME LIMIT**

18.1 The time limit will be 60 minutes.

18.2 Boats still racing 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored the position of the last boat to finish plus 2. This changes RRS 35 and A4.1.

**19. PROTEST AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

19.1 A boat intending to protest about an incident that occurs in the racing area shall notify the RC finish boat of her intention, including the sail number of the boat (s) being protested. This changes RRS 61.1 (a).

19.2 Protests shall be written on forms available in the Geneva Lake Sailing School building and delivered there within the protest time, which will end one hour after the signal boat docks. The docking time will be posted.

19.3 Notices of protests and requests for redress will be posted within 20 minutes of the expiration of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at a location at Regatta Headquarters.

19.4 Notice of a request for redress including the nature of the request and the grounds on which it is filed shall be considered to fulfill the requirements of the prescription to RRS 63.2

**20. SCORING**

The Low Point System in Appendix A of the RRS will apply. If 1-5 races are finished, boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores. If 6 races are finished, each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. One race shall constitute a regatta.

**21. DISPOSAL OF TRASH**

Boats observed purposefully discharging trash into the water will either be disqualified from all races sailed on the day the infraction is observed or be subject to other suitable disciplinary action or both.

**22. SAFETY**

22.1 Each competitor, including skipper and crew, his parent or legal guardian, is ultimately responsible for such competitor's safety.

22.2 All competitors shall wear, while on the water, a properly fastened U.S. Coast Guard approved PFD.

22.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify a RC boat before leaving the racing area, or, if that is not possible, notify a regatta official at Regatta Headquarters immediately upon arrival on shore.

22.4 Boats that are not leaving the harbor to race shall inform Regatta Headquarters or a regatta official prior to the start of the first race of the day.

**23. SUPPORT AND COACH BOATS**

Except when rendering assistance to a boat believed to be in distress, support and coach boats shall stay outside of the area where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until the boats have finished and are well clear of the course and finish line, or until the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall, or abandonment. Coach boats can enter the corridor between the start and finish line to assist finished boats. While doing so the coach boats must stay clear of all boats that are still racing. The penalty for failing to comply with these requirements or the verbal instructions of the Race Committee will be at the discretion of the Chief Judge. The penalty may be applied to any or all boats associated with the support or coach boat.

**24. MEDIA RIGHTS**

Competitors give absolute right and permission for video footage or photographs of themselves or their boat generated during the event to be published in any media for press, editorial or advertising purposes.

# COURSE ILLUSTRATIONS

Trapezoid Course

Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - Finish

