

Hoover Sailing Club Junior Regatta
Hoover Sailing Club
4250 Smothers Rd, Westerville Ohio
June 11, 2011

Sailing Instructions

- 1 RULES** - The regatta will be governed by 'rules' as defined by the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), the rules of the Optimist, Laser, Laser Radial, 420, & Thistle classes, except as any of these are changed by these sailing instructions, and by these sailing instructions.
- 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS** - Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Hoover Sailing Club House.
- 3 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** - Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1015 on the day it will take effect.
- 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**
 - 4.1 Signals made ashore will be in accordance with Race Signals and displayed on the HSC Committee Boat.
 - 4.2 Flag AP with two sound signals, (one sound signal when lowered) means, "The race is postponed. The warning signal will be made not less than 15 minutes after AP is lowered."
- 5 SPECIAL SIGNALS** - The display of Flag "A" at the finish of any race means, "Racing has ended for the day."
- 6 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

Saturday June 11, 1055 Warning Signal for Race 1 (multiple races may follow)
- 7 CLASS FLAGS**

Class Optimist Green - **Orange Flag**
Class Optimist Gold - **Yellow Flag**
Class Laser - **Code Flag 1**
Class Laser Radial - **Code Flag 2**
Class 420 - **Code Flag 3**
Thistle - **Code Flag 4**
- 8 THE COURSE & MARKS**
 - 8.1 The courses will either be triangular, windward/leeward or some combination of both. Courses will be designated on the side of the Committee Boat on the large course. Verbal hails will take precedence on the Opti course.
 - 8.2 There will be one course for the Laser, Laser Radial, 420 and Thistle with separate starts. Every attempt will be made to keep the fleets separate.
 - 8.3 A minimum of 3 boats are required for a separate start. Fleets with less than 3 boats will be combined with like boats and started together, but scored separately. Thistles will always have their own start, regardless of fleet size.
- 9 THE START**
 - 9.1 Races will be started in accordance with Appendix S with the following modification: The Class flag will accompany the 3 minute signal, the P flag will accompany the 2 minute signal, the P flag will drop at the 1 minute signal, and the Class flag will drop at the start. Subsequent sequences will start no sooner than 1 minute after the preceding start.
 - 9.2 The starting line for Course Laser/Laser Radial/420/Thistle will be between the staff from which the Blue RC flag is displayed on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
 - 9.3 The starting line for Course Optimist will be between the staff from which the HSC Burgee is displayed on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
 - 9.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose warning signal has been made.
 - 9.5 A boat shall not start later than 2 minutes after her starting signal.
 - 9.6 The Start/Finish Line shall rank as an obstruction except when boats are preparing to start, starting, and finishing (i.e. the line is closed unless starting or finishing)
- 10 RECALLS** - The Race Committee will hail the sail numbers of OCS boats. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, the hail of some but not all OCS boats, the untimely hail of some or all OCS boats, or failure to hail any or all boats shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1.
- 11 THE FINISH** - The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a Blue RC flag on a race committee boat and the course side of the nearby finishing mark.

- 12 TIME LIMIT** - There is no time limit. Boats lagging significantly behind may, at the discretion of the RC, be finished on the course and awarded a finishing place determined by the RC so as to facilitate the start of the next race.
- 13 PROTESTS**
- 13.1 Protests shall be written on forms available at the regatta desk and delivered there within 30 minutes after the time of the docking of the race committee signal boat for that competitor's course.
- 13.2 Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.
- 13.3 Protest notices will be posted within 15 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a hearing or named as witnesses. This posting shall constitute the notification required by RRS 63.2 and RRS 61.1(b).
- 14 SCORING** - The Low-Point Scoring System, Appendix A of the racing rules, will apply for all classes with the following modification: A minimum of 1 race shall be sailed to constitute a series. If 5 or more races are sailed, a boat's worst score shall be discarded.
- 15 DISPOSAL OF TRASH** - Boats shall not discharge trash into the water. The penalty for breaking this rule will be at the discretion of the jury and may include adding points to a boat's score in the race or the series.
- 16 SUPPORT BOATS**
- 16.1 Except as noted in SI 16.2, team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall not be in the racing area 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. The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement may result in disqualification of all boats associated with the support personnel who do so.
- 16.2 Optimist Green Fleet: Coaching is encouraged during the starting sequence, around marks, and for staying generally "on course." Green Fleet support boats must identify themselves to the Race Committee and be careful not to interfere with any racing boats. Safety is paramount.
- 16.3 All coach boats and other support boats/support personnel must aid any competitor in distress or requesting assistance of any sort.
- 16.4 All coach or support boats must check in with the Race Committee boat on the course they will be monitoring, and have VHF capabilities while on the water.