



Autumn Regatta
8th & 9th October, 2022
Marsamxett, Malta



Sailing instructions

ORGANISING AUTHORITY.

The Organising Authority for this event is the VIKINGS SAILING CLUB

Abbreviations

SP	Rules for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing.
DP	Rules for which the penalties are at the discretion of the Protest committee.
NP	Rules that are not ground for protest by a boat. This changes Racing Rule of Sailing 60.1 (a)

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (RRS).
- 1.2 No national authority prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3 [DP] [NP] Adequate personal floatation devices shall be worn at all times whilst afloat. ***This alters RRS 40.*** Wet suits & dry suits are not personal floatation devices.
- 1.4 Rule 61.1 'Informing the Protestee' is changed as follows: Add to rule 61.1 (a) 'The protesting boat shall inform the Race Committee, of the boat/s being protested, at the finishing line immediately after finishing. If the boat retired before finishing, she shall inform the Race Committee via the Course boat closest to her at the same time as advising that she has Retired'.
- 1.5 **RRS Appendix T** will apply.
- 1.6. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board 'ONB' and the VSC Regatta WhatsApp chat (<https://chat.whatsapp.com/CsBelorDSfoL1xKsnv1BXL>). The Race Office is located within the Vikings Sailing Club Clubhouse. Note that the chat group WILL NOT replace the 'ONB'.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted not later than 09:30 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the Schedule of Races will be posted by not later than 21:30 of the day before it is to take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole at the launching site, at the side of the slipway opposite the Vikings Sailing Club Clubhouse.
- 4.2 Flag **D** with one sound means 'The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after flag D is displayed. To indicate that only individual Classes may launch, **Flag D** will be displayed under the respective Class Flag. Boats shall not launch until this this signal is made.' [NP][DP]

5 ADDITIONAL IDENTIFICATION - OPTIMIST BEGINNERS DIVISION

Each competitor in the Optimist **Novice Division** is required, for the duration of the event, to display a **Green** ribbon permanently fixed and free to fly from the top of the sprit. This ribbon is supplied by the Race Office. [NP] [DP]

6 NOT USED

7 FORMAT OF RACING

The regatta will consist of a single series of races.

8 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 8.1 The Schedule for the duration of the event is as follows:

Date	Time	Description
08/10/22	09:00	Coach Briefing
08/10/22	11:00	First Warning Signal
09/10/22	10:00	First Warning Signal
09/10/22	18:00	Prize Giving

- 8.2 The number of races on each day may vary depending on the weather conditions and may be reduced or cancelled altogether.
- 8.3 Six races are planned, see 8.1 above. One additional race per day may be sailed so as to make up for races not sailed or anticipate for adverse weather.
- 8.4 So as to inform sailors that a fourth race shall be sailed that day, the Committee Boat at the finish shall **display code flag 'L' under the Blue flag**.

- 8.4** On the 8/10/22, no warning signal will be made after 16:30 hours
8.5 On the 09/10/22, no warning signal will be made after 15:30 hours

9 CLASS FLAGS

9.1 OPTIMIST CLASSES:

Novices Class –
Senior and Cadet Class –

IC flag '**Romeo**'
White with **Blue Opti Logo**.

9.2 ILCA CLASSES:

ILCA4
ILCA6

Yellow Flag bearing a **red** ILCA Class Logo
Green Flag bearing a **red** ILCA Class Logo

9.3 RS FEVA XL and Topper Classes:

Black Flag bearing Topper Logo

9.4 SB 20 Class

IC flag 'Whiskey'

9.5 J Boat Classes

IC flag 'Foxtrot'

10 RACING AREAS

10.1 Classes 9.1 to 9.3 will sail outside Sliema/Tigne seafront.

10.2 Classes 9.4 to 9.5 will sail outside Smart City, Xghajra.

11 COURSES

11.1 The diagram in SI Appendix 1, show the course(s), including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

11.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the appropriate course to be sailed.

11.3 Courses will not be shortened. This changes RRS 32.

11.4 Legs of the course will not be changed after the preparatory signal. This changes RRS 33.

11.5 Sport Boat and J Boat courses will be windward/leeward as communicated by the Race Committee on the day.

12 MARKS

12.1 Marks are Orange cylindrical inflatable marks for classes 9.1 to 9.3 and Blue marks for classes 9.4 to 9.5. See diagrams in Appendix 1.

13 THE START

- 13.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made five (5) minutes before the starting signal.
- 13.2 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the start committee boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end start boat with a staff displaying an orange flag
- 13.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. [NP] [SP]
- 13.4 A boat that does not start within FOUR minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

14 THE FINISH

- 14.1 **ILCA/Topper.** The finishing line will be between a blue pencil mark on the starboard end and a staff displaying a blue flag on the committee vessel at the port end. See diagrams in Appendix 1
- 14.2 **For Optimist only:** The finishing marks will between a blue pencil mark on the port end and a staff displaying a blue flag on the committee vessel at the starboard end.
- 14.3 Boats that have finished racing shall sail to the waiting area well clear of the race course, without interfering with boats still racing [NP] [SP].

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 Appendix P will apply as changed hereafter.
- 15.2 RRS P2.3 will not apply and RRS P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one.
- 15.3 **Optimist:** the penalty for breaches of Class Rules will be Standard Penalties [SP] which changes rule RRS 63.1 and may also be less than disqualification.
- 15.4 The penalty for breaches of Sailing Instructions marked [DP] or [SP] may be less than disqualification if the Protest Committee so decides.

16 TARGET TIMES

- 15.1 Target Time for all Races is 45 Minutes.
- 15.2 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 15.3 Race Time Limit for all races is 75 minutes.
- 15.4 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 To inform the Race Committee of the boat/s being protested, the boat intending to protest shall approach the race committee boat at the starboard end of the finishing line **IMMEDIATELY** after finishing and shall hail her sail number and the protested

boat's sail number/s, while sailing along her starboard side.

- 16.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat, in that class, finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 16.3 Hearing request forms are available from the race office at VSC Race office.
- 16.4 Notices 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, located at VSC, beginning at the time posted.
- 16.5 A list of boats that have been penalized for breaking RRS 42 under Appendix P will be posted.
- 16.6 RRS 62.2(a) and 66.2(a) do not apply.
- 16.7 On the last day of the regatta a request for redress based on a PC decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 17.2 No boats are to be launched without the approval of the Beach master, see SI 4. "SIGNALS MADE ASHORE". [NP] [DP]

18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 18.1 [DP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.
- 18.2 [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.
- 18.3 A boat retiring from a race shall notify a race committee or safety boat before leaving the course.
- 18.4 On every day of competition, Coaches or Team Leaders shall notify the Race Office, **before D flag** is displayed of the boats not intending to race that day.
- 18.5 Competitors who require assistance shall blow a whistle or wave the paddle or one arm. The Race Committee reserves the right to assist competitors who in their opinion require assistance, regardless of the wishes of the competitor. This will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a)

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 19.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.
- 19.2 [DP] When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

20 [DP] SUPPORT TEAMS

- 20.1 Support persons (Team leaders, coaches, parents, guardians and other support personnel), intending to use support boats, shall obtain accreditation from the Race

Office, all support boats must be uniquely identified and **carry a functioning VHF radio, Ch 72 will be used.**

- 20.2** Sailors under the responsibility of coaches (as per sheet signed by coaches on Saturday morning) without a functioning VHF will not be allowed to race.
- 20.3** All support boats are obliged to render assistance in safety cover if called upon to do so by the race committee.
- 20.4** Support Boats shall not interfere, guide or communicate in any form or manner with boats racing. Support boats are to keep well clear, 100mts away on upwind legs and 50mts away on downwind legs, 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.
- 20.5** All boats associated with the infringing support boat may be penalized at the discretion of the Jury, for the race on which the support personnel failed to comply with this instruction. [DP] This changes RRS 63.1.
- 20.6** Competitors shall not approach any boat other than an official boat or registered support boat from their first warning signal of the day until they finish their last race for the day or the Race Committee signal no more racing today, whichever is later

21 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 21.1** A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats.

22 TALLY SYSTEM

The requirements of this SI are specified for the safety of competitors.

- 22.1** Each sailor shall be issued with a tally number at registration. A numbered Tally Board shall be sited near the launch site.
- 22.2** All coaches are to collect the #BEACTIVE numbered tally bands from the race office on both days of racing.
- 22.3** Each sailor is required before launching to wear the tally band conspicuously on their wrist before launching and while sailing. It must be returned immediately on returning to shore.
- 22.4** The scoring penalty for sailors who fail to tally out or in correctly shall be of **3 penalty points per race sailed on that day.**

23 BOAT STORAGE

- 23.1** [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the boat park. See Appendix 2.

24 PRIZES

- 24.1** Prizes will be awarded in accordance with the Notice of Race.

25 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

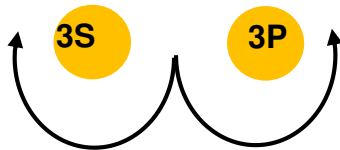
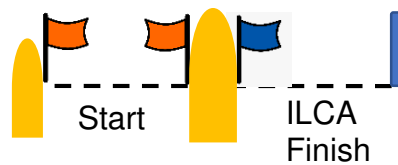
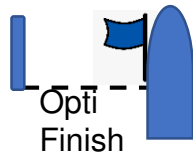
- 25.1** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk and responsibility. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

APPENDIX 1

Optimist Novices	Optimist Senior & Cadet
Course 1. Start-1-2-3S/3P-Finish	Course 1. Start-1-2-3S/3P-Finish Course 2. Start-1-2-3S/3P -2-3S/3P - Finish
ILCA	Topper
Course 1. Start-1-2-3P-4-Finish Course 2. Start-1-2-3P-4-1A-4-Finish	Course 1. Start-1-2-3P-4-Finish Course 2. Start-1-2-3P-4-1A-4-Finish

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APPENDIX 2 Boat Storage Area

Dinghies can be brought on Friday 7/10/2022 between 5.30 and 8pm. A security will be present in the area after 8pm. **No VSC staff will be present after 8pm.**

Any ribs to be launched from the slipway are to be in the slipway area **BEFORE** 8am on Saturday 8/10/22. The road **will be closed** after 8am. Ideally ribs are brought on Friday evening before 8pm. Berthing spaces are available on the RMYC Pontoons. Please inform VSC if you will be needing a berthing space.

