



CLUB RACE OF 8th JANUARY 2023

NOTICE OF RACE AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024.

2. Notices To Competitors

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board.
- 2.2. Supplementary sailing instructions (called 'the supplement' below) will be posted on the official notice board.

3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1. The Regatta is open to boats which either have an RYA Portsmouth Yardstick (including both the PY Current Base List as well as the Limited Data PY List), or which have Approximated PYs, as per Sec 8.3 of this document.
- 3.2. The Regatta is open to members of Vikings Sailing Club who are familiar with the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024, and are capable of performing a capsized drill upon request. Registration will be available via the Vikings Sailing club website up to 48 hours before the start of the race. Late entrants will be admitted at the Race Committee's discretion.
- 3.3. Places on club boats may be booked subject to availability, and will be available on a first come first served basis upon receipt of Registration and Rental fees.
- 3.4. The Registration fee, and Rental fees for club boats (latter only if available and applicable), are as follows:

Boat	Registration fee	Club Boat Rental fee
Optimist	€10	€20 (1 Racing Opti*)
Toppers	€10	€20 (9 available)
Feva (2 persons)	€20	€30 (3 available)
Laser 16 (3 persons)	€30	€30 (2 available)
Other single-handed boats (eg. Lasers)	€10	N/A
Other double-handed boats (eg. Topazes)	€20	N/A

**Prior authorisation by the Head Coach is needed to rent the club's only Racing Optimist.*



- 3.5. Sailors renting club boats are advised to check the boat and its equipment and to report any visible damage to a committee member **BEFORE** the Competitor's Briefing at 0900. Any damage to the boat upon return to the club that wasn't reported earlier will be repaired at the expense of the renter.
 - 3.6. In case of damage due to collisions with other boats racing, a Protest would have to be lodged and the outcome of the Protest Hearing will be final in determining where the fault lies.
4. **Changes to the Sailing Instructions and Notice of Race**
 - 4.1. Changes to the Sailing instructions and Notice of Race will be posted on the Official Noticeboard or announced in the Briefing. The Official Noticeboard will be the whiteboard and the adjacent corkboard in the Vikings Clubhouse
5. **Signals Made Ashore**
 - 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on a flagpole above the club.
6. **Venue**
 - 6.1. The launching and storing of boats will be at Vikings Sailing Club premises and slipway. Address; Vikings Sailing Club, Xatt it-Tiben, Floriana, Malta.
 - 6.2. The Official Noticeboard will be the whiteboard and the adjacent corkboard in the Vikings Clubhouse
7. **Schedule**
 - 7.1. There will be a competitors' briefing at 0900.
 - 7.2. The First warning signal is scheduled for 0925 am on Sunday the 8th January 2023. There will be a maximum of four races.
 - 7.3. No warning signal shall be made after 1425 on the day of the regatta.
 - 7.4. Changes to this schedule will be posted on the official noticeboard not less than 15 minutes before the first start unless indicated by the AP flag, flown either from the committee boat or the official flagpole onshore.
8. **Classes & Handicaps**
 - 8.1. Competitors will race in one of four classes:
 - 8.1.1. **Optimist** Class, represented by the Optimist flag (Class is restricted to Fibreglass Optimists. Plastic training boats are NOT permitted to race).
 - 8.1.2. **Topper** Class, represented by the Topper Flag, comprising of Topper 5.3's and Topper 4.2's
 - 8.1.3. **Handicap** Class, represented by the Green ILCA flag on the start line, comprising of Lasers, RS Fevas, Topazes and other boats with an official RYA Portsmouth Yardstick rating or which are on list in Section 8.3 below
 - 8.1.4. **Laser 16** Class, represented by the Yellow ILCA Flag. Laser 16s may only be raced with 3 persons on each boat, AND if 2 boats register. If only 1 Laser 16 registers, the Registration & Rental fee will be refunded.
 - 8.2. Please see Appendix B for examples of the flags



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8.3. The following PY ratings, as extracted from the RYA Portsmouth Yardstick Scheme Current Base List, Limited Data List and also Approximations from other sources when official numbers are not available, shall apply:

Boat	PY	Boat	PY
Laser Standard	1100	Laser 4000	917
RS Vision	1137	Topaz Omega	1075
RS Vision - No spi	1144	Topaz Race X (spi)	1170
Laser Radial	1147	Topaz Race + (jib)	1186
Laser 4.7	1208	Topaz Race(Mylar)	1190
RS Feva XL	1244	Topaz Duo (+ jib)	1190
RS Feva - No spi	1280	Topaz Uno (no jib)	1251
Topper 5.3	1365	Pico2 (2 pers + jib)	1265
Topper 4.2	1409	Pico (1 pers no jib)	1300
Optimist	1642	Laser 16	N/A

8.4. Any requests for rating corrections, and/or any requests for a boat from a class other than the above to race, shall be made one week prior to the start of the race and the decision will be up to the discretion of the Race Committee.

9. Courses

- 9.1. The courses may be a Windward/Leeward or Olympic, as shown in Appendix A.
- 9.2. According to the prevailing weather conditions, the Race Committee may also set an Alternative Course to the above.
- 9.3. The selected course and/or any changes to courses will be announced in the Briefing and displayed on the Club's Whiteboard, OR verbally communicated to all participating boats on the water prior to the Class's Warning Signal.
- 9.4. Different Classes of boats may be requested to sail different courses.

10. Marks

- 10.1. All marks will be announced in the briefing.

11. Starting and Classes

- 11.1. The Start/Finish line will be formed by a flag staff displaying an Orange flag on a boat and a buoy moored to the port side of the boat, unless otherwise stated in the Briefing.
- 11.2. In accordance with Rule 23.1, Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall stay clear of the racing fleet in the starting area.
- 11.3. The start sequence will be as follows:
 - A. Optimist Class
 - B. Topper Class
 - C. Handicap Class
 - D. Laser 16 Class.



- 11.4. If the starting sequence needs to be changed, it shall be at the discretion of the Race Committee, and shall be clearly marked by the displayment of the class flag.
- 11.5. In accordance with rule 26, the Starting Signals shall be as follows:

Minutes before starting signal	Visual signal	Sound signal	Meaning
5	Class Flag raised	One	Warning signal
4	India Flag raised	One	Preparatory signal
1	India Flag lowered	One long	One minute signal
0	Class Flag lowered	One	Starting signal

- 11.6. The Starting signal shall form the warning signal of the following class.
- 11.7. The replacement of the India Flag with an alternative Preparatory Flag such as the Papa or Uniform or Black Flag shall be at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 11.8. Boats that fail to cross the Start Line within 4 minutes of their class' Starting Signal shall be deemed DNS.
- 11.9. Boats whose Corrected Time, or projected Corrected Time, is greater than 25% of the Corrected Time of the Line Honours vessel of their class shall be deemed DNF.
- 11.10. In accordance with Rule 35, any race not completed during the time limit shall be abandoned, such time limit, if applicable, will be announced during the pre-race briefing to account for weather conditions.

12. Protests, Requests for Redress and Penalties

- 12.1. To inform the Race Committee of a boat being protested, the boat intending to protest shall approach the Race Committee boat at the finish line immediately after finishing, clearly indicating which boat is being protested.
- 12.2. Protest forms and requests for redress that have not been decided afloat shall be filled in and handed in at the Race Office within 45 minutes of the final boat finishing. Notices will be posted within 10 minutes of the expiry of the protest time limit.
- 12.3. Protest forms will be available from the Clubhouse.
- 12.4. Protests will be held approximately in the order of receipt, it is the responsibility of the Protestor, Protestee and Witnesses to make themselves available for the hearing.



13. Scoring

- 13.1. For the purposes of this event a class of boats shall be considered as three or more single handed boats of the same design (i.e. all the Toppers are one class), or two or more of all boats of the same design sailed by more than one person.
- 13.2. Scoring will be calculated following the low Points system as detailed in Appendix A of the Racing Rules 2021-2024.
- 13.3. A minimum of one race must be sailed to constitute a series.
- 13.4. After one to three races have been completed a boats series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 13.5. After four or more races have been completed a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst result.

14. Prizes

- 14.1. If a class of boats crewed by more than one person contains two or more boats, first place will be awarded to the boat with the fewest points.
- 14.2. If a class of single-handed boats contains three boats, first place will be awarded. If a class of single-handed boats contains four boats, first and second place will be awarded and if a class of single-handed boats contains five or more boats, then first, second and third place will be awarded.

15. Rights to use Names and Likenesses

- 15.1. Competitors automatically grant to the organising authority without payment the right in perpetuity to take, to use and to show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed footage of or relating to the event.

16. Safety Regulations

- 16.1. In accordance with rule 40, competitors shall wear a personal flotation device at all times when afloat, except briefly when changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wetsuits and drysuits are not considered personal flotation devices. This replaces rule 27.1.

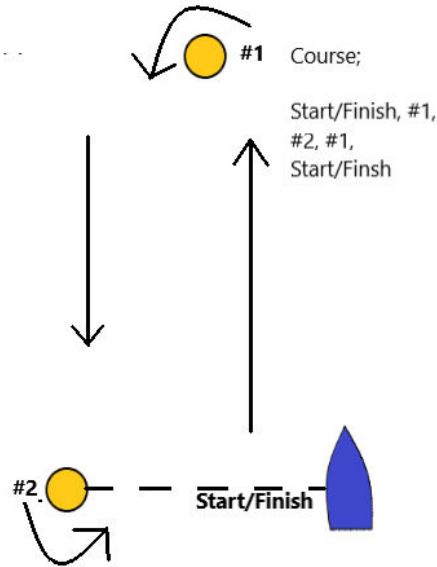
17. Disclaimer of Liability

- 17.1. Competitors participate entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, decision to race. The organising 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.

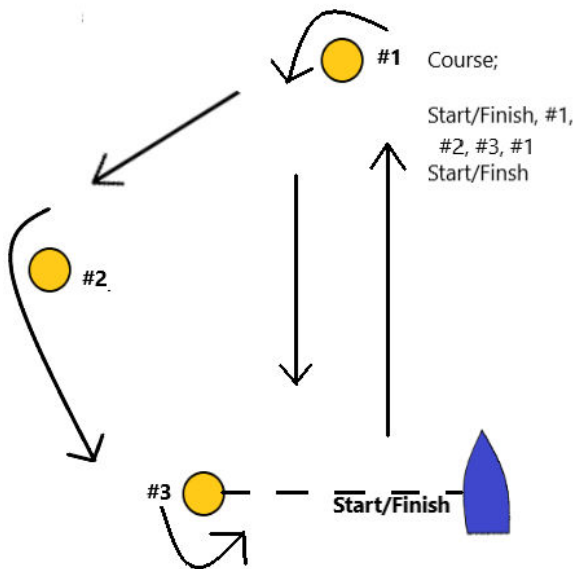


Appendix A Courses

1. Windward/Leeward Course



2. Olympic Course





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Appendix B Flags

1. Class Flags

1.1. Optimist class



1.2. Topper Class



1.3. Handicap Class



1.4. Laser 16 Class



2. Signal Flags & Associated Sound Signals

2.1. India
Rule 30.1 in effect
Sound signal: ↑•



2.2. Xray
Individual Recall
Sound signal: ↑•





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2.3. First Substitute
General Recall

Sound signal: ↑••↓•



2.4. Answering Pennant
Races not started are postponed

Sound signal: ↑••↓•



2.5. Other signals, as defined in rule 27.3.