

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 Section 8 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 may 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)
Other single-handed boats (eg. Lasers)	€10	N/A
Other double-handed boats (Topaz/Hobie12/Laser400)	€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.
- 3.7. All participants, whether using own boat or renting a club boat, are personally responsible for any damage caused to the boat being used as well as to third party boats, as per the determination of fault by a Protest Hearing.

4. Amendments to the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions

- 4.1. Amendments to the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions 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 2nd April. 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. Pursuit Race Format - Classes & Handicaps

- 8.1 Races will be held using the **Pursuit Race Format**.
- 8.2 Boats of different speeds start at different times based on their RYA Portsmouth Number (PN). All boats are finished at the same time which for this Carnival Pursuit Race



is 45 minutes after the base time/ start. The boat that is in front at that time will be declared the winner.

- 8.3 Every boat is subject to its class rules.
- 8.4 For Optimists, the IODA Class Rules apply meaning that the class is restricted to Fibreglass or Wood Optimists. Plastic training boats are NOT permitted to race.

9. Marks

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

10. Starting Format

- 10.1. The Start 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.
- 10.2. Each class will start at the allocated time as indicated in Section 11.3 . The order of starts will be as follows:

- Optimist Class
- Topper 4.2
- Topper 5.3
- RS Feva & Hobie12
- ILCA4 & Topaz
- ILCA6
- Laser 4000

in that order.



10.3. In accordance with rule 26, the Starting Signals shall be as follows:

Minutes before starting signal	Visual signal	Sound signal	Class Start	Meaning
5	Optimist Flag raised	One	Optimist	Warning signal
4	I Flag raised	One		Preparatory signal
1	I Flag lowered	One long		One minute signal
0	Optimist Flag lowered	One		Starting signal for Optimist Class – Race Timer Started
5	R- Romeo Flag raised (for Topper 4.2)	One	Topper 4.2	One Minute signal
6	R Flag lowered (for Topper 4.2)	One		Starting signal for Topper 4.2 Class
7	Topper Flag raised	One		One Minute signal
8	Topper Flag lowered	One	Topper 5.3	Starting signal for Topper 5.3 Class
10	F - Foxtrot Flag raised (Feva/Hobie)	One	Feva/Hobie	One Minute signal
11	F - Flag lowered (Feva)	One		Starting signal for Feva/Hobie12
11	ILCA4 - Yellow Flag raised	One	ILCA4/Topaz	One Minute signal
12	ILCA4 Flag lowered	One		Starting signal for ILCA4 Class
13	ILCA6 – Green Flag raised	One	ILCA6	One Minute signal
14	ILCA6 Flag lowered	One		Starting signal for ILCA6 Class
19	Pennant Flag No 2 raised (Laser4000)	One		One Minute signal

20	No 2 Flag lowered	One	Laser 4000	Starting signal for Laser 4000 Class
45	D – Delta Flag Raised	Two		Signal for Finish of Race

- 10.4. A whistle will be blown at 1 minute intervals following the start of the Optimist Class, except for the above signals which will be Air Horn signals.
- 10.5. A whiteboard will be displayed on the Committee boat and will indicate the time elapsed and the next starting class.
- 10.6. Boats that fail to cross the Start Line within 4 minutes of their Starting Signal shall be deemed DNS.
- 10.7. The duration of the Race will be 45 minutes from the start of the Optimist Class.

11. Courses

- 11.1. The course will be a Windward/Leeward Course, as shown in Appendix A.
- 11.2. Any changes to the course 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.
- 11.3. The number of laps is dictated by the target time defined in 12.1 and the ability of the craft to make distance.
- 11.4. The order in which marks are to be passed is as follows,
Start – Windward Mark 1 – Leeward Mark 2 – Gate – Windward Mark 1 – Leeward Mark 2 – Gate – Windward Mark 1 – And continue with course until the target time has elapsed.
- 11.5. A Gate will be formed between the Committee Boat and a buoy to Starboard of the boat. All boats sailing from the Leeward Mark 2 to Windward Mark 1 MUST sail through the Gate. The Race office will take note of the order in which boats cross through the Gate.

12. Finish

- 12.1. The duration of the Race will be 45 minutes from the start of the Optimist Class.
- 12.2. Two (2) Air Horn Blasts will signal the end of the race.
- 12.3. A Blue Flag will be displayed on the Committee Boat.
- 12.4. All boats will continue sailing, holding their position and may not overtake another boat, until finished by a committee boat at a finish line or by a committee boat travelling down the fleet.
- 12.5. Final Boat Positions will be recorded by the Race Officer. The Decision of the Race Officer is Final.

13. Protests, Requests for Redress and Penalties

- 13.1. 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.
- 13.2. 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.
- 13.3. Protest forms will be available from the Clubhouse.
- 13.4. 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.

14. Scoring

- 14.1. Finishing Positions will be recorded by the Race Officer at the end of each race.
- 14.2. Scoring will be calculated following the High Points Scoring system.
- 14.3. Points will be assigned as follows

1 st Position	– 12 Points
2 nd Position	– 10 Points
3 rd Position	– 8 Points
4 th Position	– 7 Points
5 th Position	– 6 Points
6 th Position	– 5 Points
7 th Position	– 4 Points
8 th Position	– 3 Points
9 th Position	– 2 Points
10 th Position	– 1 Points
- 14.4. A minimum of one race must be sailed to constitute a series.
- 14.5. After one to three races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 14.6. After four or more races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst result.

15. Prizes

- 15.1. Prizes will be awarded to the first 6 placed boats.

16. Rights to use Names and Likenesses

- 16.1. 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.

17. Safety Regulations

- 17.1. 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.

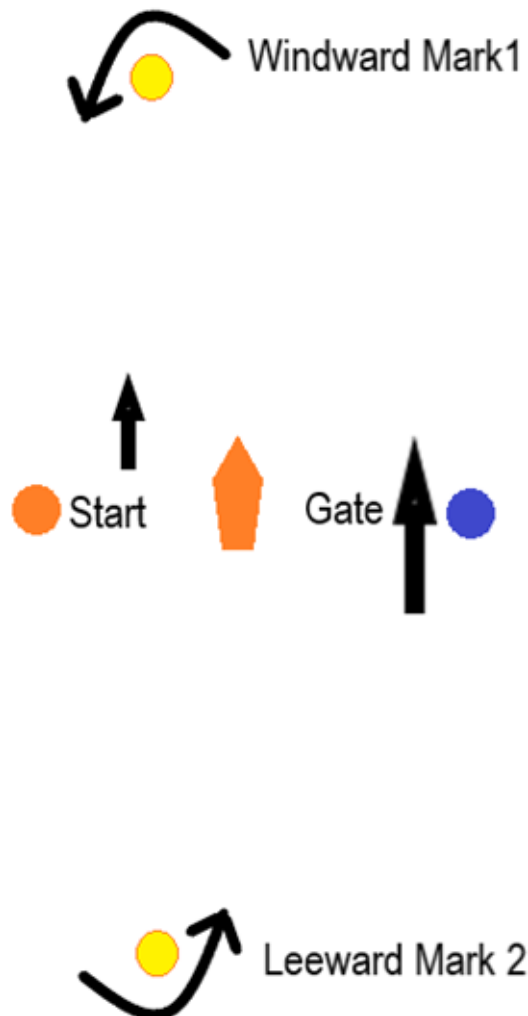
18. Disclaimer of Liability

- 18.1. 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





Appendix B Flags

1. Class Flags

- 1.1. Optimist flag



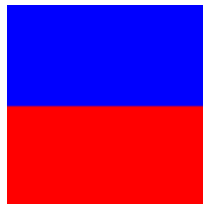
- 1.2. Topper 4.2 flag – Romeo



- 1.3. Topper flag



- 1.4. Feva - Foxtrot flag



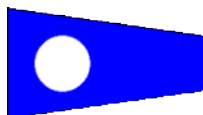
- 1.5. ILCA4 – Yellow flag



- 1.6. ILCA6 – Green flag



- 1.7. Laser 4000 - Pennant No2





1. Signal Flags & Associated Sound Signals

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



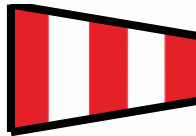
1.2. Xray
Individual Recall
Sound signal: ↑•



1.3. First Substitute
General Recall
Sound signal: ↑••↓•



1.4. Answering Pennant
Races not started are postponed
Sound signal: ↑••↓•



1.5. Delta –
Signals Race Finish / End of 45
minute Race.
Sound signal: ↑••



1.6. Other signals, as defined in rule 27.3.