



CYC Optimist Open Meeting 2011

11th September 2011

Organising Authority: Chichester Yacht Club.
Event Location: Chichester Yacht Club, West Sussex.
Sailing Instructions

1 Rules

The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009 - 2012*.

Competitors should note that Chichester Yacht Club:

- Implements the RYA Racing Charter and expects competitors to sail in compliance with the charter.
- Expects competitors to sail in accordance with the Chichester Harbour Code of Conduct for Racing.

2 Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the Sloop at Chichester Yacht Club.

3 Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least one hour before the warning signal of the race it affects.

4 Signals Made Ashore

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the mast situated between the two slipways.

4.2 Postponement Signals Ashore: When the AP is displayed ashore the time "1 minute" shall be replaced with the time "not less than 20 minutes". This changes the RRS Race Signals.

4.3 Launch Control: When, before a race, a fleet's class flag is displayed ashore no boat in that fleet shall launch until their class flag is removed. The boat may rig and approach the beach while their class flag is displayed ashore.

5 Fleet Designation and Class Flags

Main fleet designation: Optimist Main Fleet.

Main fleet class flag: International code flag O.

Regatta fleet designation: Optimist Regatta Fleet.

Regatta fleet class flag: International code flag T.

Competitors in the Regatta fleet shall fit a blue ribbon as supplied by CYC to the aft end of their sprits.

6 Racing Schedule

The CYC Optimist Open Meeting 2011 will be held on Sunday 11th September 2011.

Registration will take place at CYC in the Sloop from 09:00.

A briefing will be held at CYC in the Sloop at 10:00.

Scheduled time of Main fleet race warning signals: Race 1: 10:55, races 2 & 3 are to be announced.

Scheduled time of Regatta fleet race warning signals: Race 1: 11:10, races 2 & 3 are to be announced.

Subsequent races shall follow immediately after the preceding races.

The total number of races planned is 3 for each fleet.

High water details: 12:10 4.6m.

7 Racing Area

Courses will be set and races will be held on the waters of Chichester Harbour in the area known as Chichester Lake.

8 Courses

8.1 The race course for each fleet, including start and finish line details, will be displayed on the official notice board at least 30 minutes before the warning signal of the race.

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

9 Marks

9.1 Racing marks shall be either large orange cylindrical buoys, bearing the initials CYC and an identification number, or small spherical buoys coloured green, orange, yellow, pink or red, or any of the fixed yellow Chichester Harbour racing marks. The approximate positions of the Chichester Harbour racing marks are shown on the charts in the Sloop at Chichester Yacht Club. The aim is that the Main fleet will use the large orange cylindrical buoys, while the Regatta fleet will use the small coloured spherical buoys.

9.2 Starting and finishing marks are defined in instruction 10: The Start.

10 The Start

10.1 The starting line shall be defined on the official notice board at least 30 minutes before the warning signal of the race and will be one of following:

- Cyclone start: the starting line marks shall be the CYC committee boat Cyclone and the large orange cylindrical buoy with the identification mark CYC 0. Cyclone shall be the starboard end starting mark and CYC 0 shall be the port end starting mark. The starting line shall be between a staff on Cyclone displaying an orange flag and CYC 0.
- Jaffa start: the starting line marks shall be the CYC patrol boat Jaffa and a small spherical yellow mark. Jaffa shall be the starboard end starting mark and the small spherical yellow mark shall be the port end starting mark. The starting line shall be between a staff on Jaffa displaying an orange flag and the small spherical yellow mark.

The aim is that the Main fleet will use Cyclone as its committee boat while the Regatta fleet will use Jaffa as its committee boat.

10.2 Limit marks may be laid adjacent to any starting mark and they shall be small spherical buoys. If used, limit marks are marks of the course and no boat shall pass between a limit mark and the starting mark it guards after her warning signal.

10.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence of other races.

10.4 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

11 The Finish and Finishing

11.1 The finish line shall be defined on the official notice board at least 30 minutes before the warning signal of the race and will be one of the lines as defined in instruction 10: The Start.

11.2 The race committee may shorten the course in accordance with RRS 32.

12 Time Limits

The time limit for the leading boat shall be 70 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes of the leading boat may be scored as Did Not Finish, however to minimise delays between races the Race Officer may award finishing positions to boats that are still racing, to help ensure competitors have an enjoyable and successful competition. The Race Officer's finishing position decisions are final and will not be grounds for a competitor to seek redress. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

13 Scoring

13.1 One race is to be completed to constitute a series.

13.2 When 1 or 2 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

13.3 When 3 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores but excluding her worst score.

13.4 Scoring shall be in accordance with the low point scoring system as defined RRS A4.

14 Protests, Rule Disputes and Requests for Redress

14.1 The Exoneration Penalty, Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available during this event. See the official notice board for details.

14.2 A competitor intending to request an advisory hearing or lodge a protest must advise the race committee, but preferably the race officer, of their proposed action as soon as possible after finishing the race concerned and before leaving the race area and coming ashore.

14.3 Protest forms are available in the Sloop at Chichester Yacht Club. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

14.4 For each fleet, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

14.5 Notices will be posted on the official notice board no later than 20 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

14.6 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted on the official notice board to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

14.7 Breaches of instructions 4.3, 10.3, 15.1, 16.1, 17.1 and 17.2 and Notice of Race paragraph 2 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction shall be DPI.

14.8 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered either within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day or no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.

14.9 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

15 Radio Communication

15.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions while racing. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

16 Safety Regulations

16.1 Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices adequate for the conditions at all times while racing. International code flag Y will not be displayed. Wet suits and dry suits shall not be considered as adequate personal flotation devices. Also junior competitors shall wear adequate personal flotation devices when on the pontoons. This instruction changes RRS 40. Parents, guardians and those acting in loco parentis are solely responsible for ensuring that young competitors in their care comply with this instruction.

16.2 The helm of every boat intending to race must sign on before going afloat and sign off after returning to the shore. By signing off the helm is indicating that the correct courses have been sailed and the rules obeyed for all races sailed and that all of the boat's crew have returned safely to the shore. A helm shall indicate that he has retired from a race by signing off with the code RTD, DNF or RAF. Helms shall sign off within 60 minutes of finishing the last race of the day.

17 Local Variations

17.1 Competitors are warned that cruisers in the approach channels to the Chichester Marina and Birdham Pool cannot necessarily manoeuvre freely or navigate outside the confines of the channels and hence can not be expected to give right of way to boats racing. Competitors are requested to keep clear of all boats in these channels and are reminded that the International Rules for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea apply between vessels that are racing and those that are not racing.

17.2 Competitors are asked to keep well clear of fishermen's lines whether cast from the bank or from moored boats.

17.3 Competitors are warned that the mud bank known as Monkey Island, situated between the Club Line and the Monkey racing mark, has shallow patches and dries out well before low water.

18 Prizes

Prizes may be awarded at the event organiser's discretion and depending on the number of entries.