



Sailing Instructions (SI)

Organizing Authority

Thunersee Yachtclub in cooperation with Swiss Sailing and Swiss Optimist.

Abbreviations

RRS Racing Rules of Sailing | RC Race Committee | SI Sailing Instructions | NOR Notice of Race

[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 RRS 60.1(a).)

[SP] Rules for which standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by

- 1.1 - the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 - the Swiss Sailing Prescriptions to the RRS [LINK](#)
- 1.3 - the IODA class rules.
- 1.4 Rule 40 is changed to read: At all times while afloat, competitors shall wear personal flotation devices, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- 1.5 The official language of this event is German. If there is a conflict between languages, the German text will take precedence.

2. SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP][NP]

- 2.1 Coaches shall notify the race committee of non-competing boats.
- 2.2 If a boat retires from a race, the boat or the responsible coach shall notify a race committee boat or inform the Race Office within the appropriate protest time limit.
- 2.3 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 rule 62.1(a).
- 2.4 When code flag E is displayed on a RC boat (with a long sound signal), all Coach Boats shall stay in the regatta area and support all sailors who need help.
- 2.5 When code flag E is displayed with a sound signal ashore each coach shall provide a list to the race office within 30 minutes after the flag has been displayed, to indicate that all team members (according to his Coach Sheet) have returned to shore. Boats may be penalized by the Jury for each race of the day where the Coach fails to do so. This changes RRS 63.1.
- 2.6 Cooperation in the organizers safety concept is mandatory for all coaches. In emergency situations, it is the duty of each coach and support boat to assist sailors.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official board located in front of the race office.
- 3.2 When a signal is displayed over fleet flag(s), the signal applies only to that fleet(s). This changes the preamble to «Race Signals».
- 3.3 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the mast of the starting boat moored in the harbor.
- 3.4 A warning signal will not be given earlier than 30 minutes after flag AP is lowered ashore.
This is an addition to racing signal AP.
- 3.5 When Flag AP over H is displayed ashore boats shall not leave the harbor. Further informations will be given ashore.
This is an addition to racing signal AP over H. [DP][NP]

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the schedule or the format of races will be posted by 19:30 h on the day before it will take effect.

Other changes to the sailing instructions will be posted not later than 2 h prior to the scheduled warning signal on the day it will take effect.

5. FORMAT OF THE REGATTA

- 5.1 12 races are scheduled (NOR 5.1.)
- 5.2 A maximum of 4 races will be sailed per day.
- 5.3 Boats will be assigned to 2 or 3 fleets (yellow, blue, [red]) of, as nearly as possible, equal size.
The first 12 SUI boats will be allocated according to their ranking in the actual «Bestenliste». All other SUI will be allocated randomly by their sailing number. Foreign boats as far as possible by their national ranking and sailing number. [NP]
- 5.4 Reassignment to new starting groups will take place after the regatta day where all groups have completed at least two races.
Afterwards after each day where at least one race has been completed for all groups.
If all groups have completed the same number of races, re-allocation will be done according to their actual ranking (yellow-blue-[red]-blue-yellow-blue-[red ...]).
If not all groups have completed the same number of races, re-allocation will be done in the same manner but according to

their ranking based on the number of races that all groups completed so far. Missing races will be sailed in this case with the previous colors.

- 5.5 Assignments will be based on the ranking available at 19:30 hrs. that day regardless of protests or requests for redress not yet decided. The new groups will be posted before 21:00 h on the official notice board.
- 5.6 The color ribbons shall be tied with one end at the top of the sprit. [DP][NP][SP]
- 5.7 The ribbons will be provided by the race office (deposit CHF 5.-).
- 5.8 It's in each participants own responsibility to sail in the correct fleet. A boat shall not sail in an incorrect fleet. A boat that breaks this rule will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes rule A5. [NP]
- 5.9 Starting order: yellow - blue - [red]
The RC may change this order after a general recall.

6. SCHEDULE (= NOR 6)

Wed 5 Sept	Registration/Measurement	12 - 18 h
Thu 6 Sept	Registration/Measurement	8 - 10.30 h
	Opening Ceremony and Skippermeeting	11.00 h
	Coach Meeting	11.30 h
	First scheduled warning signal	12.30 h
Fri 7 Sept	Coach Meeting in the tent	8.00 h
	First scheduled warning signal	9.00 h
Sat 8 Sept	Coach Meeting in the tent	8.00 h
	First scheduled warning signal	9.00 h
Sun 9 Sept	Coach Meeting in the tent	8.00 h
	First scheduled warning signal	9.00 h
	No warning signal after this time (see 6.2)	15.30 h

- 6.1 The warning signal for a subsequent race will not be made earlier than 5 minutes after the completion of the previous race.
- 6.2 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 15:30 h. for the first fleet. The warning signal for the following fleets may be given after that time.
Warning signals for the first fleet may also be given after 15:30 h if one or more general recalls occur as long as the first warning signal had been given before that time.

These exceptions don't take effect if the race is postponed or canceled.

7. RACING AREA

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8. COURSE

The course is an 'outer-loop trapezoid' with the finish line at the end of the second windward leg. See **Addendum A**

Boats coming from mark 2 shall pass from this direction between the marks of the gate.

The course will not be shortened.

9. MARKS

- 9.1 Marks 1, 2, 3S and 3P are orange cylindrical buoys.
- 9.2 The starting marks are pink, drifting buoys.
- 9.3 The finishing marks are yellow cylindrical buoys.

10. OBSTRUCTIONS [DP][NP]

Except when finishing, the finishing line ranks as an obstruction and a boat shall not cross it.

Sailing the downwind course, the finishing line shall be left to port.

11. THE START

- 11.1 An orange flag will be displayed (with one sound signal) at the Race Committee Signal boat for at least 5 minutes before a warning signal is made. It will be removed after the last successful start of each race without a sound signal.
- 11.2 The starting line will be between two pink drifting buoys.
- 11.3 Boats shall stay to leeward of the starting zone while other fleets are in the starting sequence. [DP]
- 11.4 The class flag will be replaced by the coloured flag of the corresponding fleet. This changes RRS 26.
- 11.5 The warning signal for the following fleet may be given at any time after the start of the previous fleet.
- 11.6 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes rule A4.1 und A5.
- 11.7 Addition to RRS 30.3 (BlackFlag) [DP] [NP]:
After a general recall the sailnumbers of the disqualified boats will be displayed on the starting boat announced with flag L with one sound signal. Disqualified boats shall leave the starting area immediately before the new preparatory signal.
- 11.8 Individual recall will be displayed according to RRS 29.1 except that flag X may be removed 2 minutes after the starting signal. This changes rule 29.1.

12. CHANGES OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 The RC may change a leg in accordance with RRS 33.
- 12.2 The RC may move a mark or the finishing line up to 100 m without making a signal. This changes RRS 33.

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between two yellow marks.
- 13.2 After crossing the finishing line boats shall keep clear of the finishing area and of all boats who have not yet finished the race. [DP]

14. PENALTY SYSTEM FOR RRS 42 AND 44

- RRS Appendix P, special procedures for rule 42, will apply and change as follows:
- 14.1 RRS P2.3 will not apply.
- 14.2 RRS P2.2 is changed to: When a boat is penalized a second or subsequent time during the regatta, her penalty shall be to promptly retire from the race. If she fails to do so her penalty shall be DNE without a hearing.
- 14.3 RRS P3 will not apply.
- 14.4 Addition to RRS P2.1: If a penalty is signaled after a boat has finished, the boat will be given a scoring penalty of 6 points without a hearing, although her score will not be worse than the score for a DSQ.

15. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 15.1 The target time for a race is 40 minutes [NP]
- 15.2 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat of the fleet, will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 RRS 61.1 (Informing the Protestee) is changed as follows:
 - Addition to RRS 61.1(a): To inform the race committee of the boat/s being protested, the boat intending to protest shall approach the race committee boat immediately after finishing and shall indicate the protested boat's sail number. (NOR 1.4)
If this can't be done, the protest has to be announced at a RC boat or in the race office.
- 16.2 Protest forms are available at the race office and shall be delivered within the protest time limit. Only protests that have been announced according to SI 16.1 are accepted.
- 16.3 Protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
The protest time limit will be posted on the notice board.
- 16.4 Information about protests will be posted on the notice board no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit. Hearings will be held in the protest room.
No hearing will begin later than 21:00 h
- 16.5 A list of boats that have been penalized according to App. P for infringing rule 42 or a [SP] will be posted on the notice board.
- 16.6 The RC may apply a standard penalty without a hearing for breaches of rules marked with [SP]. However the RC may protest a boat if a [SP] is not appropriate.
- 16.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered ...
 - 16.7.1 ...within the protest time limit if the party requesting was informed of the decision on the previous day.
 - 16.7.2 ...no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.
- 16.8 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress from a jury decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

17. SCORING

- 17.1 In accordance with rule A4.1, Low Point System, boats will be scored points based on their finishing position in their fleet.
One discard if 5 or more races have been completed, second discard if 10 or more races have been completed. This changes RRS A2. (NOR 13.3)
- 17.2 Rule A4.2 is changed so that the scores are based on the number of boats assigned to the largest fleet.
- 17.3 If at the end of the last day of races some fleets have more race scores than others, scores for the most recent races will be excluded so that all fleets have the same number of race scores. This changes RRS 32.1.
- 17.4 Four races are required to be completed by each fleet to constitute a championship. Otherwise the regatta will only count as a Championship of Points.

18. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT [DP] [NP]

- 18.1 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment shall not be allowed unless approved in writing by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 18.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will be allowed when approved in writing by the Race Committee and if the damaged as well as the new equipment is presented to and approved by the committee.
- 18.3 If some equipment is exchanged between races, the damaged as well as the new equipment shall be presented to the RC after the last race of the day. Substitution will be approved retroactively.
- 18.4 The registered sail number shall only be changed with written permission of the RC. A boat that sails a race with a wrong sail number shall be scored DNC by the Race Committee without a hearing. This changes rule A5. [SP]
- 18.5 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. Afloat, a boat shall comply with any instruction from an Equipment Inspector or Measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection. [NP]

19. OFFICIAL BOATS AND ACCREDITED BOATS [DP] [NP]

- 19.1 Identification:

Race Committee	Yellow Flag "RC"
Jury	Yellow Flag "J"
Rescue	White Flag "R"
Measurement	White Flag "M"
Press	Green Flag
Coach- / Supportboat	Numbered Sticker

- 19.2 Coaches, Team Leaders and other support (subsequently referred to as «Coaches») shall to carry the identification flag on their boat which are provided from the RC.
- 19.3 Coaches shall complete the Coach Sheet at registration and place the stickers representing the sailors they are responsible for. Sailors with no coach may be allocated to a coach by the RC.
- 19.4 Coachboats shall stay outside areas (>50m) where boats are or will be racing from the time the orange flag is displayed until all boats of all divisions in that race have finished or the Race Committee signal a postponement or abandonment.
Not included in this distance requirement are those involved in assisting a boat due to capsizing or mishaps, as long as that boat or the RC requests such action.
- 19.5 All boats associated with the infringing support boat may be penalised at the discretion of the Protest Committee for the race on which the coach failed to comply with SI 19.4. This changes RRS 64.4.
- 19.6 Support boats must be driven carefully in order to avoid waves.

20. ORDER [DP] [NP]

- 20.1 Boats, Trailers and vehicles shall be kept in their assigned areas.
- 20.2 Boats shall be placed in the sectors assigned at registration.
- 20.3 Trash shall not be disposed into the water (RRS 55). Ashore waste shall only be disposed of in the appropriate containers.
- 20.4 The RC may set flag T (Trashflag) in case of untidy club terrain and postpone the start until it is cleaned up.

21. RADIO COMMUNICATION [DP]

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

22. PRIZES (= NOR II)

Will be awarded to

- 22.1 the first three boats
- 22.2 the first three girls
- 22.3 the first three Opti B (under 12 years)
- 22.4 Souvenir for each competitor

23. LIABILITY AND INSURANCE (= NOR 18)

- 23.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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.
- 23.2 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of CHF 1'500'000 per incident or the equivalent and regatta sailing has to be included explicitly. The proof must be presented on request of the organizer.

24. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

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Start-1-2-3-Finish

