



OPTIMIST SWISS OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP 2023

Sailing Instructions (SI)

[NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a)..

[DP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee (RC) without a hearing or a discretionary penalty applied by the protest committee (PC) with a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

RC: Race Committee | NOR: Notice of Race | RRS: Racing Rules of Sailing

1 Rules

1.1 See rules listed in NOR 1.

1.2 The first sentence of RRS 40.1 is deleted and replaced by: "Each competitor shall wear a personal flotation device (PFD) according to class rule 4.2 (a), properly secured at all times while on the water except when temporarily adding or removing clothing.

2 Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change to the SI will be posted no later than 2 hours before the first race of the day, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted not later than 19:30 h the day before it will take effect.

3 Communication with Competitors

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the online notice board in Manage2Sail.

3.2 The race office is located in the school building close to the Seeplatz.

4 Code of Conduct

Competitors and support persons shall comply with requests from event officials. [DP] [NP]

5 Signals made ashore

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the mast of the committee boat when it is moored in the harbour.

5.2 The warning signal for the next race will be made not less than 30 minutes after flag AP is lowered ashore.

5.3 When AP/H is displayed ashore, boats shall not leave the harbour. [DP] [NP]

6 Schedule (NOR 8.2)

Thu 28.9. 11:00 Opening ceremony

11:20 Coach Meeting

11:30 Skippers Meeting

12:30 Races

Fri 29.9.. 11:00 Races

Sat 30.9. 11:00 Races

Sun 1.10. 11:00 Races

Maximum number of races: 12

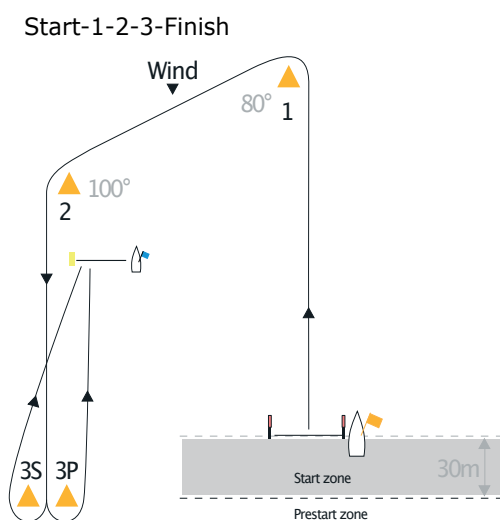
Maximum number of races per day: 4 (NOR 8.3)

7 Fleet assignment [NP]

- 7.1 The participants are equally divided into groups of max. 80 boats.
The 12 leading SUI boats of the current BESTENLISTE will be manually assigned to the fleets, the following boats by sail number, foreign boats as far as possible according to their national ranking.
- 7.2 The first reassignment to new fleets will be made in the evening of the first day where all fleets have completed at least 2 races.
- 7.3 Thereafter reassignments will be made every evening, provided that all fleets have completed at least one race that day.
- 7.4 Reassignments shall be based on the ranking of the races which have been finished by all fleets as follows: 1-2-3-3-2-1-1-2-3-3-2 ... or similar according to the number of groups.
- 7.5 If the fleets have not completed the same number of races by the end of a day, the fleet with fewer races will continue racing the following day. The boats may carry the ribbons of their new fleet.
- 7.6 The new fleet assignment will be based on the ranking available at 19:30h regardless of protests or requests for redress not yet decided.
- 7.7 The boats shall carry the coloured ribbon on the top of the sprit. [DP]
- 7.8 Every boat is solely responsible to race in his assigned fleet. Boats racing in a wrong fleet will be scored DNC without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.1.
- 7.9 Instead of the class flag, the fleet color flag will be used as the warning signal.

8 The Course

The IODA course will be sailed.



9 The Marks

- 9.1 The starting marks are pink floatig tube marks.
- 9.2 The course marks are pyramidal orange Robomarks.
- 9.3 The finishing marks are a committee boat and a yellow cylindrical mark.

10 Obstructions

Except while finishing a boat shall not cross the finishing line. It ranks as obstruction.
A boat that breaks this rule shall be scored DSQ by the RC without a hearing. This changes A5.1

11 The Start

- 11.1 The starting line is between two pink floating tube marks.
- 11.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of race will begin soon, the orange flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 11.3 Boats that are not the next to start shall stay at least 30m behind the starting line and their extensions. [DP] [NP]
- 11.4 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

12 The Finish

The finishing line is between the flag pole with the blue flag on the committee boat and the yellow cylindrical mark.

13 Penalty System

13.1 RRS Appendix P applies.

13.2 The races will be umpired as follows:

- 13.2.1 RRS 44.1 applies. A boat may take a Two-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while racing.
- 13.2.2 Following a protest, an umpire may penalise any boat that has not taken an appropriate penalty (signalled by identifying the boat, and displaying a red flag with a sound signal), or may signal that no boat is penalised (by displaying a green-and-white flag with a sound signal). When an umpire makes such a signal, the protesting boat is not entitled to a hearing. This changes rule 63.1.
- 13.2.3 A boat penalised with a red flag shall take a Two-Turn Penalty. However, when the umpires decide the boat has committed a breach of sportsmanship or gained advantage by her breach, the umpire may further penalise the boat with another red flag signalled at the end of the penalty. A boat that knows she has broken a rule and is not exonerated, and does not take a penalty, commits a breach of sportsmanship.
- 13.2.4 An umpire may also signal a red flag penalty on a boat for a breach of rule 31 (Touching a Mark), or rule 2 (Sportsmanship), and for failure to take an umpire-signalled penalty or gaining advantage despite taking a penalty. No protest is required.
- 13.2.5 If a boat protests, and either no umpire makes a signal, or an umpire signals with a white flag to indicate "no umpire decision", the boat is entitled to a hearing according to SI 15.1.
- 13.2.6 No proceedings of any kind may be taken in relation to any action or non-action of an umpire.

14 Time Limits

- 14.1 The target time for a race is 40 to 45 minutes [NP]
- 14.2 Boats who do not finish within 15 minutes after the first boat of the fleet finishes shall be scored TLE without a hearing. This changes RRS A4, A5.1 and A5.2.

15 Hearing requests

- 15.1 Add to RRS 61.1(a): Boats intending to protest shall inform the race committee immediately after finishing and specify the sailnumber of the protestee. (NOR 1.3)
If this is not possible for a valid reason, the protest can be registered at a committee boat or ashore.
- 15.2 For each fleet, the 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 is 30 minutes if AP/A is displayed ashore.
The time will be posted on the online notice board.
- 15.3 Hearing requests shall be entered within the protest time on the forms available from the race office.
- 15.4 Hearing notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit. Hearings will be held in the jury room and shall not begin after 21h.
- 15.5 A list of boats that have been penalized for breaking RRS 42 under Appendix P will be posted.

16 Scoring

- 16.1 4 races are required to be completed for all fleets to constitute the championship..
- 16.2 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 16.3 When 5 to 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 16.4 When 10 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her 2 worst scores.
- 16.5 Only races that have been finished by all fleets are taken into account for the final ranking. This changes RRS A2.1.
- 16.6 RRS A5.2 is changed so that the score is the number of boats in the largest fleet plus 1 (DNC, DNS, DSQ, TLE etc.)

17 Safety [DP] [NP]

- 17.1 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.
- 17.2 Before leaving the harbor, coaches or sailors shall inform the race office about boats not competing.
- 17.3 Boats who retire from a race shall notify a race committee boat or inform the Race Office as soon as possible.
- 17.4 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).

- 17.5 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.
- 17.6 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. and 64.5(b).
- 17.7 Safety of steamboats. If two orange buoys are set in front of the Oberhofen landing stage, boats entering or leaving the harbor must sail between these buoys. If a committee boat shows a red flag, the boats on the lake side of the line formed by these buoys must wait until the committee boat lowers the flag. [DP] [NP] See appendix.

18 Replacement of crew or equipment

- 18.1 A boat shall not substitute damaged or lost equipment unless authorized in writing by the RC. Requests for substitution shall be made to the RC at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race. [DP]
- 18.2 A boat shall not use a different sail number to the one entered in the online entry unless she has made a written request which has been approved by the RC. A boat that breaks this rule shall be scored DNC without a hearing. This changes RRS A4, A5.1 and A5.2.

19 Equipment and Measurement Checks

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, the NoR and SI.

20 Official Vessels

Kennzeichnung:

Race Committee	white flag "RC"
Jury	yellow flag "J"
Press	green flag



21 Support boats (NOR 14)

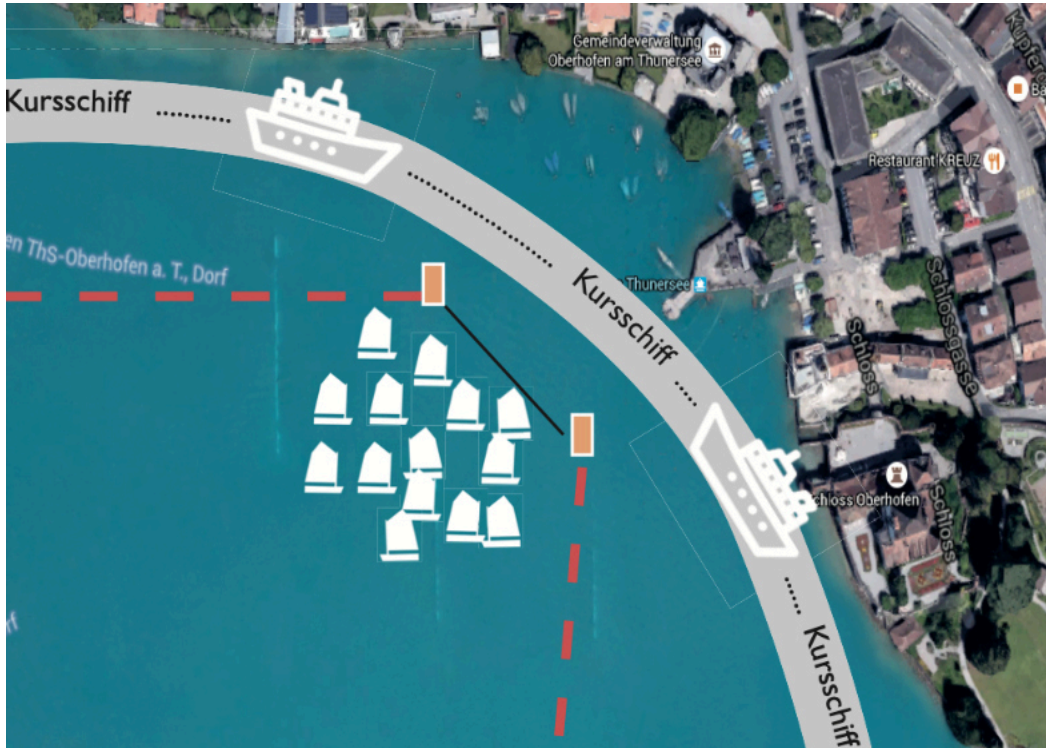
- 21.1 Coaches and other support boats (hereafter grouped under Coaches) shall display the numbered flags provided by the organizer clearly visible on their boats.
- 21.2 Coaches shall complete the Coach Sheet at registration and place the stickers of the boats they are coaching on it. Boats that do not have a coach on the water can be assigned to a coach by the committee.
- 21.3 Coach boats must stay outside the racing area or in the pre-start zone from the time the orange flag is set until all boats have finished their races or the committee signals postponement or abandonment of the race.
A distance of not less than 50m from the racing area must be maintained.
Exempt from these distance obligations are operations for salvage in case of capsizing or damage of a boat, if the boat or the RC requests help.
- 21.4 The penalty for failure to comply with this instruction may be disqualification of all boats for which offending coaches are responsible. This changes rule A5 and 64.5(b).
- 21.5 The boats must be driven in a way that there is no disturbing wave action.

22 ORDER [DP] [NP]

- 22.1 Boats, Trailers and vehicles shall be kept in their assigned areas.
- 22.2 Trash shall not be disposed into the water (RRS 55). Ashore waste shall only be disposed of in the appropriate containers.



Sicherheit Kursschiffe zu SI 17.7



If two orange buoys are set in front of the Oberhofen landing stage, boats entering or leaving the harbor shall sail between these buoys. If a committee boat shows a red flag, the boats on the lake side of the line formed by these buoys shall wait until the committee boat lowers the flag.