



2019 QUEENSLAND OPTIMIST STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS



2019 QUEENSLAND OPTIMIST CHAMPIONSHIPS 12th – 14th APRIL 2019 **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**



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[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the Protest Committee.

[NP] denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

[SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Open and Intermediate fleets will be governed by:
 - a) The rules of the International Optimist Dinghy Association (IODA).
 - b) The rules as defined in the [Racing Rules of Sailing \(RRS\)](#), and the [Special Regulations of Australian Sailing \(AS\) – Part 2](#).
- 1.2 Green Fleet racing will be conducted under the [World Sailing Introductory Rules for Racing](#) and the [Special Regulations of Australian Sailing \(AS\) - Part 2](#).
- 1.3 These Sailing Instructions shall take precedence in any conflicts between race documents.
- 1.4 RRS Appendix T (arbitration) shall apply.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

All notices to competitors shall be posted on the Official Notice Board located adjacent to the southern fence line in the vicinity of the Regatta Office, and may be posted on the [RQYS online notice board](#).

3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI)

Any change to the SI shall be posted no later than 90 minutes before the earliest warning signal on the day it shall take effect, except for any change to the schedule of races shall be posted by 1900 hours on the day before it shall take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed on the flagpole at the top of the gangway to the Bill Kirby VIP docks.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 4.3 When a signal is displayed over a division flag (Green Fleet, Intermediate Fleet, Open Fleet) it shall apply to that division only.

5. FORMAT OF RACING

- 5.1 The regatta shall consist of up to eleven (11) races for Open and Intermediate Fleets, and eight (8) races for Green Fleet.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 The schedule is as per the following table:

Date	Event	Time
Friday 12 April 2019	Registration	0800 to 0930 hrs
	Briefing in the Boardwalk Cafe	0930 hrs
	Up to four (4) races (Open & Intermediate)	First Warning 1100 hrs
	Up to three (3) races (Green Fleet)	
Saturday 13 April 2019	Up to four (4) races (Open & Intermediate)	First Warning 1100 hrs
	Up to three (3) races (Green Fleet)	
	QIODA AGM in the RQYS Girdis Room	1 Hour after the Protest Time Limit
Sunday 14 April 2019	Up to three (3) races (Open & Intermediate)	First Warning 0930 hrs
	Up to two (2) races (Green Fleet)	
	Prize Presentations on the Tackers Lawn	30 Minutes after the Protest Time Limit

- 6.2 Additional races may be sailed each day providing that racing does not become more than two (2) races ahead of schedule.
- 6.3 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 6.4 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1400 hrs.

7. DIVISIONAL FLAGS



- 7.1 Open division flag will be a White flag with the Black Optimist class symbol.
- 7.2 Intermediate division flag will be a Blue flag with the White Optimist class symbol.
- 7.3 Green Fleet division flag will be a Green flag with a white Optimist class symbol.

8. RACING AREA

Attachment 1 shows the location of the racing areas.

9. THE COURSE

The diagram in Attachment 2 shows the course the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.

10. MARKS

The marks are described in Attachment 2.

11. THE START

- 11.1 The starting line shall be between staff displaying orange flag on the start boat and the course side of the port end starting mark.
- 11.2 Once a starting sequence has commenced, all boats not racing shall stay clear of the start area. Boats may approach the starting line only after the starting signal of the previous fleet has been made and no individual or general recall has been signalled. Boats not complying with SI 11.2 may receive a 2 point penalty without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1. [SP] [NP]
- 11.3 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee may move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

13. THE FINISH

The finish shall be set-up as a 'Hollywood Finish', with the finishing line being between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finish boat at the starboard end, and the course side of the port end finishing mark.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

The penalty for breaches of Class Rules may be less than disqualification.

15. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 15.1 Time limits and target times (in minutes) are as follows:
- 15.2 . Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

Fleet	Time Limit	Target Time
Open	80	50
Intermediate	65	40
Green	40	25

- 15.3 Open and Intermediate Division boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat in their division sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Boats intending to protest shall inform the Race Committee immediately after finishing by approaching the starboard side of the Race Committee boat at the Finish line, after finishing, and hailing the protested boat's sail number. This changes RRS 61.1.
- 16.2 Protest forms are available at the Regatta Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 16.3 The Protest Time Limit shall be sixty (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, for each division.
- 16.4 Notices shall be posted no later than thirty (30) minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in a



room which will be specified in on the protest hearing schedule. No protest hearing will be started after 2100 hrs.

- 16.5 Notices of protests by the Race Committee shall be posted on the Official Notice Board to inform competitors as per RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.6 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.

17. ARBITRATION

- 17.1 RRS Appendix T shall apply.

18. SCORING

- 18.1 For the Open and Intermediate divisions, the series shall consist of up to eleven (11) races, five (5) of which are required to be completed to constitute a series. For the Green Fleet division, the series shall consist of eight (8) races, three (3) of which are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.2 When less than five (5) races are completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores;
 - (b) When from six (6) to eight (8) races are completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score;
 - (c) When nine (9) or more races are completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores, excluding her two (2) worst scores.
- 18.3 Failure to **sign on** will result in that boat being penalized three (3) points for the first race of the session (but not worse than DNF). Failure to **sign off** shall result in that boat being penalized three (3) points for the last race of the session (but not worse than DNF). Penalties will be applied without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1. [SP] [NP]
- 18.4 Allocated place determination for the Green Fleet Division: Boats may be scored using their current standing at a position on the course determined by the Race Committee. The scoring abbreviation for allocated place determination is SRS (Still Racing Score).

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS [NP]

- 19.1 Before leaving shore and up to the warning signal of the race session, each boat shall sign on. All helmspersons shall do this prior to going afloat for racing in any session. [SP]
- 19.2 Sign off shall be completed within the protest time limit. [SP]
- 19.3 Failure to Sign on or Sign off will result in a penalty as described in SI 18.3. [SP]
- 19.4 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible and shall also fill in the Retired Declaration Register at the Regatta Office (the old Sailing Office / current Sailing Academy Classroom). [DP]
- 19.5 Competitors who require assistance should blow a whistle or wave the paddle or one arm. The Race Committee reserves the right to assist competitors who in its opinion require assistance, regardless of the wishes of the competitor. This will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a). The penalty for receiving Outside Help in these circumstances will be at the discretion of the protest committee. [DP]

20. REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT [DP]

- 20.1 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will 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.
- 20.2 Substitution of damaged equipment may be permitted providing that the relevant form has been filled in at the Regatta Office.
- 20.3 If the substitution was made on the water between races, both the damaged and the substituting pieces of equipment shall be presented to the Race Committee after the end of the day's racing. In this case, the substitution is subject to the approval of the Race Committee given retrospectively.

21. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 21.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules, the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions.

22. OFFICIAL AND ACCREDITED BOATS [NP]

- 22.1 Official boats will be marked with lettering, prominently displayed on a flag or sticker:



Race Committee	'RC' in black letters on a white background
Media Boat	'Media' in black letters on a white background

23. SUPPORT BOATS [NP]

- 23.1 For the purposes of these Sailing Instructions, spectator boats shall be classified as support boats.
- 23.2 All support boats and coach boats shall be registered with the Organising Authority. All boats shall be marked with a number available at registration upon the completion of the Online Support/Coach boat registration. The number must be clearly displayed by all boats at all times whilst afloat.
- 23.3 Each coach/support boat is required to have \$10,000,000 third-party current insurance for their vessel and the support boat driver must have a current RMDL. The boat shall also carry all safety equipment required to comply with local QLD Maritime regulations, be equipped with a working VHF Radio with accessibility to VHF77 an accessible serrated knife and a whistle or horn.
- 23.4 Team Leaders, Coaches and other support personnel shall stay 100 m outside the course area where boats are racing from the time of the warning signal for a division's race until all boats in all divisions have finished or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. Race Committee vessels may request a support or coach boat to move further from the course area, in which case the mentioned boat shall do so immediately.
- 23.5 When the wind is less than 10 knots, all team leaders, coaches, and other support vessels shall not exceed 5 knots within 500m of the area where boats are racing. Additionally, coach and support boats shall not exceed 5 knots and shall not create wake at any time when they are within 100m of the starting area.
- 23.6 When Code Flag W (with a long sound signal) is displayed on a committee vessel all support boats are required to remain afloat and assist all sailors until Code Flag W is lowered.
- 23.7 The penalty for failing to comply with SI 23 may result in the disqualification (from the race/s in which the infringement took place) of all boats associated with the infringing boat or other penalty at the discretion of the Protest Committee.
- 23.8 Support and coach boats must display their allocated number at all times whilst afloat and/or in RQYS berthing.

24. RUBBISH DISPOSAL [DP]

Rubbish may be placed aboard support and Race Committee boats as per RRS 55.

25. BERTHING [NP]

- 25.1 All support boats must berth, if not pulled out of the water daily, on the shore-side of A/B row which is directly in front of the Marine Sports / Marina Office, to the East of the Elliott dock.
- 25.2 As boat trolleys may be shared during the regatta, all trolleys must be in good and serviceable condition.

26. PRIZES

- 26.1 Refer to Notice of Race.
- 26.2 More prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

27. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 27.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4 of the RRS '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. In addition to this the following clauses are applicable:
- 27.2 A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility. In this paragraph and the following paragraphs, wherever the context so permits, 'boat' includes the helm and their parents or guardians.
- 27.3 It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and that her helm is competent to sail and compete in them.
- 27.4 Nothing done or omitted to be done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing or other parts of the event. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the events and their associated activities, afloat or ashore and include the Organising Authority, the Race committee, the race officers, safety and



support boats and beach masters.

27.5 The provision of safety boats does not relieve the boat of its responsibilities.

27.6 The fact that the Race Committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of the boat set out in these conditions.

27.7 The Race Committee may hold a boat ashore, or require a boat to go ashore at any time when afloat, whether racing or not, if it considers that (a) The boat, the equipment or the clothing of the helm, or (b) the physical condition of the helm is not adequate for the conditions.

28. INSURANCE

28.1 All boats shall have third party insurance cover of not less than AUD\$10,000,000.00 (recommend AUD\$10,000,000.00 or the equivalent thereof in any other convertible currency) for any accident. All owners/competitors who sign the entry forms are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover. Owners/competitors not holding this cover shall withdraw their entry. The skipper of each boat must be able to display proof of cover if requested to do so.



ATTACHMENT 2: COURSES

CODE	COURSE	MARKS DESCRIPTION
12A	Start – 1a – 4s/4p – 1a – 2a – 3p – Finish	Marks 1a & 2a Purple Inflatables Marks 1 and 2 Yellow Inflatables Pin-end of Start and Finish lines, 3s/3p & 4s/4p Orange Teardrops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start Vessel at the Starboard side of the Starting Line Finish Vessel at the Starboard side of the Finishing Line Marks 1 & 2 shall only be laid on Saturday
I3A	Start – 1a – 4s/4p – 1a – 4s/4p – 1a – 2a – 3p – Finish	
O1A	Start – 1a – 2a – 3p – Finish	
O2A	Start – 1a – 2a – 3s/3p – 2a – 3p – Finish	
O3A	Start – 1a – 2a – 3s/3p – 2a – 3s/3p – 2a – 3p – Finish	
T1A	Start – 1a – 3p – Finish	
T1	Start – 1 – 3p – Finish	

