

The Santa Barbara Yacht Club presents:

Optimist Goblin Regatta

October 28-29, 2023

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organizing Authority for the 2023 Optimist Goblin Regatta will be:
The Santa Barbara Yacht Club (SBYC) - 130 Harbor Way, Santa Barbara, CA 93109



1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2 US Sailing prescriptions to rule 63.2 will not apply.

2. PERSONAL FLOTATION

Competitors shall wear UCSG approved Type III personal flotation at all times while on the water.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board which is located at <https://sbyc.org/goblin-optimist-regatta>.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1045 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be announced to competitors from the registration area.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 **Friday, October 27, 2023**

1200 Competitor briefing will be sent out via pre-recorded video. Questions about the briefing or related to the regatta may be submitted via text, or email to: Brad Schaupter – racings@sbyc.org / (310) 850-5213. Answers to questions may be shared with all registrants via email as appropriate.

Saturday, October 28, 2023

0945 Check-in opens at the launch ramp
1020 Check-in closes
1030 Competitor meeting on beach next to launch area
1045 Daily Sign-In <https://forms.gle/pY7fFBK6HNMEp59u6>
1230 Warning signal for first race
1730 Hot Dog Beach Party at SBYC

Sunday, October 29, 2023

1030 Report Time & Costume Contest Judging
1045 Daily Sign-In <https://forms.gle/pY7fFBK6HNMEp59u6>
1215 Warning signal for first race
1515 No warning signal after this time
Post Racing Snacks at launch ramp & Awards presentation at the Launch Ramp

- 6.2 Eight (8) races total are scheduled with no more than five (5) races to be sailed on any one day.

7. CLASS FLAGS

Championship Fleet (Red, Blue, and White Fleets) – White flag with a blue Optimist class symbol.

8. RACING AREAS

The Green Fleet race area will be announced at the green fleet competitor meeting. The Championship Fleet will sail outside the harbor in the Santa Barbara Channel.

9. COURSES

The diagram in 'Attachment C – Course Chart' show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The race committee may move marks to maintain course configuration without a signal. This changes rule 33(a) and 33(b). The Race Committee (RC) will announce the course verbally and display numbers on red and white placards.

10. MARKS

10.1 Marks for the Green Fleet course will be orange, red, or yellow balls.

10.2 Marks for the Championship Fleet course will be consistent with Attachment C – 'Course Chart'.

11. START & FINISH

11.1 The Championship Fleet starts will be signaled in accordance with Rule 26, with the warning given 5 minutes before the start. The Championship Fleet start/finish line will be between the course side of an orange inflatable tetrahedron and an orange flag on the RC Signal boat.

11.2 The Green Fleet starts will be signaled in accordance with the Appendix U (Audible Signal Racing System), with the warning given 3 minutes before the start. The Green Fleet start/finish line will be between an orange round ball and an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal boat.

12. TIME LIMIT

Boats whose place in the race has been established may be finished as is by the Race Committee in order to expedite the next start.

13. PROTESTS

Protesting boats shall inform the Race Committee of the boat being protested immediately after finishing. In accordance with Optimist Class rules, a protest flag must be flown by the protesting boat. This instruction changes Rule 61.1(a). Protests may be filed online via the form at <https://forms.gle/HZ94kKmvazCAG3ie6> within one hour of the last boat's finish on that day. Hearing order will be sent out via email. Location of the protest hearings will be announced via the online notice board at the end of racing each day.

14. SCORING

14.1 The low-point scoring system of Appendix A will apply, except that a boat's series score shall be the total of all her scores when fewer than six races have been sailed.

14.2 Two (2) races are required to be completed to constitute a regatta.

15. SAFETY REGULATIONS

15.1 Coaches are expected to keep track of each of their sailors. If a sailor does not have a coach, there must be a competitor representative that is responsible for keeping track of the sailor on and off the water until back in the care of their custodian. Should a competitor not leave the dock after checking in online, the coach or competitor must inform the Principal Race Officer, Brad Schaupeter, as soon as possible via text message to (310) 850-5213, with the name and sail number of the competitor.

15.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. Notification via a coach or secondary source is acceptable.

16. TRASH DISPOSAL

Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed on support and Race Committee boats.

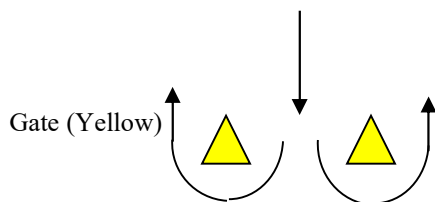
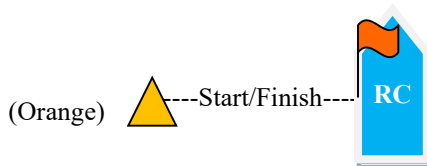
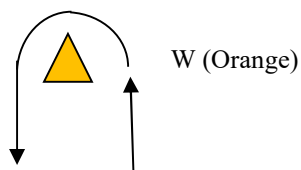
17. TROPHIES

Trophies will be awarded to the top finishers in each fleet, top overall finishers, and to the top female skipper. Participation awards will be given to Green fleet skippers.

18. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform, and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

Attachment C - Course Chart



Course 1: Start – W – Gt – Finish

Course 2: Start – W – Gt – W – Finish

Course 3: Start – W – Gt – W – Gt - Finish