

Bruce Watters Regatta St Petersburg Yacht Club September 14-15, 2024 Sailing Instructions

1 Organization

- 1.1 The regatta will be organized by the St. Petersburg Yacht Club.
- 1.2 The regatta will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing. If there is any conflict between these Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race, these Sailing Instructions will take precedence.

2 Eligibility

- 2.1 Sailors must not turn 16 during the 2024 calendar year.
- 2.2 Sailors must meet all requirements as outlined in the USODA green fleet policy.

3 Changes in Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Any changes in the SI's and other notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, located inside the garage of the sailing center at least 20 minutes before the launch signal on the day it will take effect except that a change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

4 Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the official flag pole located by the launch ramps at the sailing center.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, 1 minute is replaced with not less than 45 minutes.
- 4.3 Sailors may not leave the launch area until flag D is flown. Flag D with one sound signal means Sailors may leave the launching area and proceed to the racing area.

5 Schedule

Saturday September 16th

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| 0800-0900 | Registration |
| 0900 | Skipper's Meeting |
| 1000 | First warning, races to follow |
| | Pizza Snack at SPSC following sailing |

Sunday September 17th

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| 08:30 | Skipper's Meeting |
| 09:30 | First Race, other races to follow |
| 1200 | No warning signal will be made after this time. |

6 Racing Area

- 6.1 The racing area will be chosen based on the strength and direction of the wind. Racing will take place either inside the outer basin of the St Pete Marina or in the vicinity of the St Pete Pier.

7 Course/Starting Area

- 7.1 Before the first warning signal of the first race each day, each boat intending to race shall **Check In** by sailing on starboard tack past the stern of the Race Committee (hereafter known as R/C) Boat and hailing her sail number until acknowledged by the R/C.
- 7.2 The race course will be a modified triangle, once around, with the start/finish line in the middle.

8 Course Marks

- 8.1 The course marks are orange inflatable buoys. The start/finish line buoy will be a yellow cylinder.
- 8.2 All course marks are to be left to port.

9 The Start

- 9.1 The starting line will be a line between an orange flag on the Committee Boat and yellow buoy at the other end of the line.
- 9.2 The Optimist Green Fleet class flag will be a green flag.
- 9.2 Any boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start.

10 The Finish

- 10.1 The finishing line will be a line between a staff displaying a blue flag on the R/C boat and a yellow buoy.

11 Time Limit

- 11.1 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course will be 45 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes of the first boat will be scored in place.

12 Scoring

- 12.1 The low point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 12.2 After five races have been completed each sailor's worst score will be dropped.
- 12.3 One Race will constitute a series.

13 Safety

- 14.1 Coast Guard approved personal floatation devices must be worn at all times while on the water.
- 14.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the R/C as soon as possible.
- 14.3 Competitors who require assistance should so signify by blowing a whistle or waving one arm. The R/C reserves the right to assist competitors who, in the opinion of the R/C, require assistance, regardless of the wishes of the competitor.

15 Support Boats

- 15.1 All support boats shall comply with instructions coming from the R/C. The RC will monitor channel 63.
- 15.2 As per the USODA Green Fleet Guidelines, coaching of the bottom half of the green fleet will be permitted.

16 Liability

- 16.1 Participants compete entirely at their own risk and responsibility.
- 16.2 The Organizing Authority and any other party involved in the organizing of the regatta, accept no liability whatsoever for any injury, damage, loss or claim, whether personal or material, incurred by participants before, during or after the regatta. Competitors must carry property and liability insurance covering all risks.

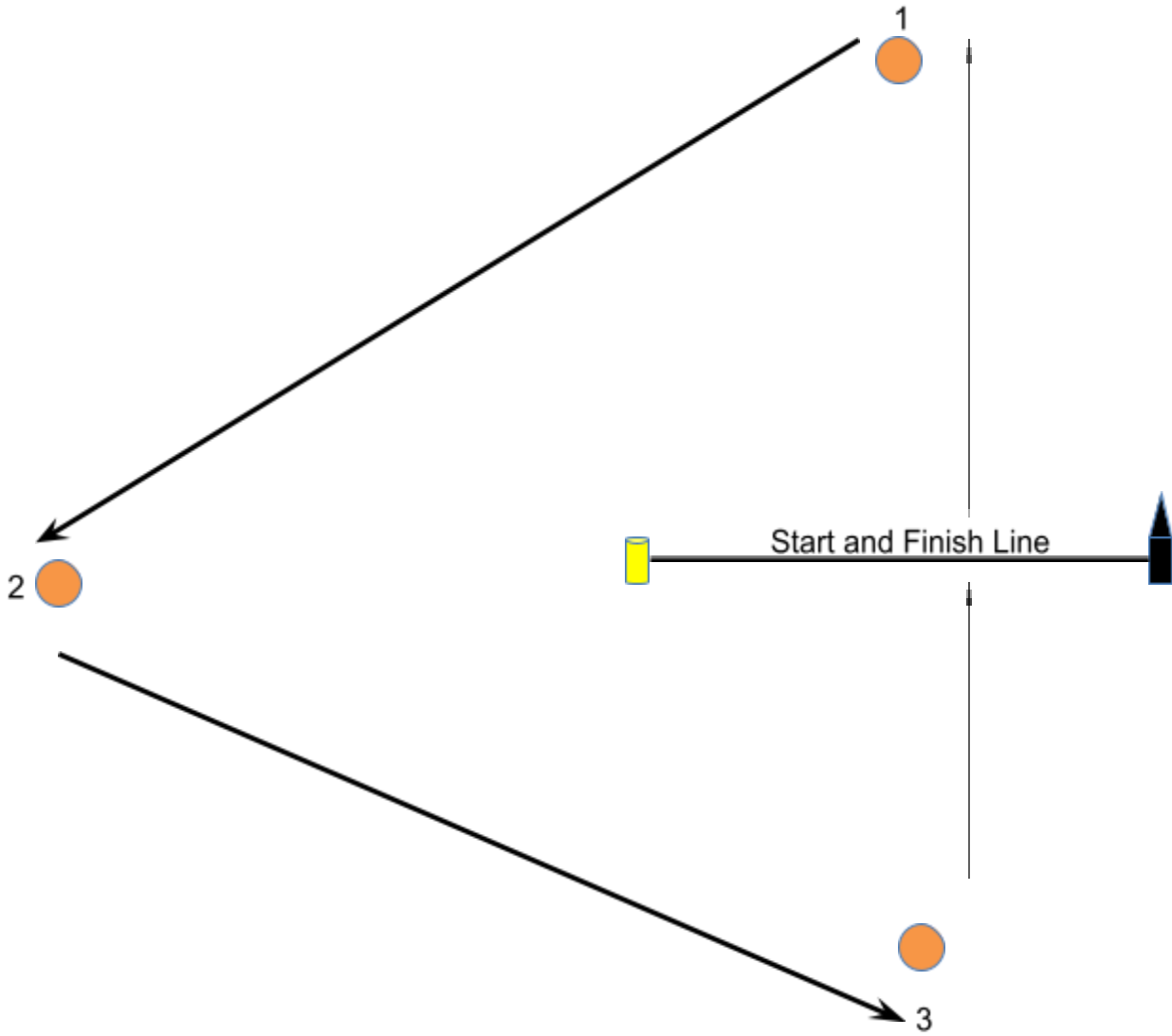
17 Protests

- 17.1 Since the Bruce Watters Regatta is strictly a green fleet regatta, if rules are broken we will hold a mock protest for learning purposes only. If this situation occurs neither sailor will be disqualified from the race in question based on the decision of the protest committee. All competitors are expected to maintain the highest level of sportsmanship throughout the entire event.
- 17.2 All mock protest hearing will be heard by a group of coaches selected at the skipper's meeting.

18 Prizes

Prizes will be awarded to those finishing first through tenth and top girl.

**Bruce Watters Regatta
Course Diagram**



Start-1p-2p-3p-Finish