



Otter Week 2023

Corinthian Otters

Royal Corinthian Yacht Club

5th to 10th August 2023

Burnham on Crouch Essex

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 RRS 62.1(a) is changed as follows: If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress for request. This changes RRS 62.1

RRS A5.1 and A5.2 is changed as follows A boat that does not start within four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
- 1.3 RRS 35 is changed so that after the first boat has finished, boats may be finished based on their observed position on the course by signalling with flag W
- 1.4 Rule 44.1 is changed as follows. For the class (all Classes) RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two Turns Penalty is replaced by the One Turn Penalty. This changes RRS 44.1.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at Otter Room.
- 3.2 The race office is located at the RCYC clubhouse, telephone *01621782105*.
- 3.3 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 4.2 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall place advertising provided by the organizing authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the RCYC Race box.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Optimist Class Race Fleet and Regatta Fleet

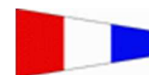
Flag O



Saturday 5th	Launch 11:15	Return 16:45	3 races	11:55 First Warning Signal
Sunday 6th	Launch 09:30	Return 13:00	2 races	10:15 First Warning Signal
Monday 7th	Launch 09:30	Return 12:00	2 races	10:15 First Warning Signal
Tuesday 8	Launch 09:30	Return 16.00	Long Distance race	10:15 First Warning signal
Wednesday 9th	Launch 09:30	Return 13:00	2 races	10:15 First Warning Signal
Thursday 10th	Launch 09:30	Return 13:00	2 Races	10:15 First Warning Signal

Slow Handicap

Pennant 3



Saturday 5th	Launch 11:15	Return 16:45	3 races	12.00 Warning Signal
Sunday 6th	Launch 09:30	Return 13:00	2 races	10:20 Warning Signal
Monday 7th	Launch 09:30	Return 13:00	2 races	10:20 Warning Signal
Tuesday 8th	Launch 09:30	Return 16:00	Long Distance Race	10:20 Warning signal
Wednesday 9th	Launch 09:30	Return 12:00	2 Races	10:20 Warning Signal
Thursday 10th	Launch 09:30	Return 13:00	2 Races	10:20 Warning Signal

Fast Handicap

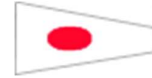
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Saturday 5th	Launch 11:15	Return 16:45	3 races	12.05 Warning Signal
Sunday 6th	Launch 09:30	Return 13:00	2 races	10:25 Warning Signal
Monday 7th	Launch 09:30	Return 13:00	2 races	10:25 Warning Signal
Tuesday 8th	Launch 09:30	Return 16:00	Long distance race	10:25 Warning signal
Wednesday 9th	Launch 09:30	Return 12:00	2 Races	10:25 Warning Signal
Thursday 10th	Launch 09:30	Return 13:00	2 Races	10:25 Warning Signal

Laser

Pennant 1



Saturday 5th	Launch 11:15	Return 16:45	3 races	12.10 Warning Signal
Sunday 6th	Launch 09:30	Return 13:00	2 races	10:30 Warning Signal
Monday 7th	Launch 09:30	Return 13:00	2 races	10:30 Warning Signal
Tuesday 8th	Launch 09:30	16:00 Return	Long Distance race	10:30 Warning signal
Wednesday 9th	Launch 09:30	Return 12:00	2 Races	10:30 Warning Signal
Thursday 10th	Launch 09:30	Return 13:00	2 Races	10:30 Warning Signal


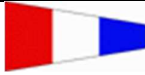


- 6.2 Two extra races per day may be sailed, provided that no class becomes more than two races ahead of schedule and the change is made according to SI 2.1.
- 6.3 In the event of a race being recalled, restarted, re-sailed or abandoned the next race sailed will be that race with subsequent races being sailed thereafter in their scheduled order.
- 6.4 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is.

Saturday 5th	11:55 First Warning Signal
Sunday 6th	10:15 First Warning Signal
Monday 7th	10:15 First Warning Signal
Tuesday 8th	10:15 First Warning Signal
Wednesday 9th	10:15 First Warning Signal
Thursday 10th	10:15 First Warning Signal

- 6.5 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.
- 6.6 On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 13:00

7 CLASS FLAGS

7.1 The class flags are:

Optimist	Flag O	
Slow Handicap	Pennant 3	
Fast Handicap	Pennant 2	
Laser	Pennant 1	

8 RACING AREA

8.1 The racing area is Rivers Crouch and Roach

9 COURSES

9.1 The diagram(s) in NofR Appendix 1, 2 and 3 show(s) the course(s),

9.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the course.

10 MARKS

10.1 Mark(s) are Orange Buoys

11 OBSTRUCTIONS

11.1 The following object(s), area(s) are designated as an obstruction(s): Barges East of Rice and Cole moorings.

12 THE START

12.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

12.2 The starting line is between staffs displaying orange flags on the committee boat and the start line pin end buoy.

12.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

12.5 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress for request. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

12.6 A boat that does not start within four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark or the finishing line to a new position.

14 THE FINISH

14.1 The finishing line is between staffs displaying blue flags on the committee boat and the finish line pin end buoy.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

15.1 For the class (all Classes) RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two Turns Penalty is replaced by the One Turn Penalty.

16 TIME LIMITS

16.1 The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
30	60	15

16.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.

16.3 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window and not subsequently retiring, penalised or given redress will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

16.4 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

16.5 RRS 35, A4 and A5 will be changed in that when flag 'W' is displayed with two sound signals, boats still racing may be scored by the race committee boat.

17 HEARING REQUESTS

17.1 For Otter Week 2023, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.

17.2 Hearing request forms are available from the race office at RCYC

17.3 Notices will be posted no later than 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 the protest room, located at back of the rib storage area beginning at the time posted time.

18 SCORING

18.1 The scoring system is as follows: Low point system.

18.2 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

18.3 A boat's series score is the total of her race scores.

18.4 (a) When Five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores, excluding her one worst score.

(b) When Eight or more races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores, excluding her two worst scores.

(c) When twelve or more races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores, excluding her three worst scores.

18.5 Rule A5.3 applies.

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

19.1 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

20.1 [DP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior approval of the Race Committee

20.2 [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorised by the Race committee Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

21.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.

22 SUPPLIED BOATS n/a

23 OFFICIAL VESSELS

23.1 Official vessels will be identified as follows: Otter Ribs.

24 [DP] SUPPORT TEAMS

24.1 Support teams, including all support persons and support person vessels, shall comply with the support team regulations.

24.2 Team leaders, coaches and other support persons shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

24.3 Support person vessels shall be identified with "Otter Support."

25 TRASH DISPOSAL

25.1 Trash may be placed aboard official vessels or support person vessels.

26 BERTHING n/a

27 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS n/a

28 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS n/a

29 PRIZES

29.1 Prizes will be given for:

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OPTIMIST POND GROUP

	Do Not sail with the main fleet	
Best All-Rounder	President's Cup	Discretionary
Endeavour	Corinthian Otters Tankard	Discretionary
Endeavour	Pewter Goblet	Discretionary
Team Spirit	Otter Pup Cup	Discretionary
Team Spirit	Rachel's Otter	Discretionary
Capsizing	Tiny Pewter Goblet	Discretionary

OPTIMIST RIVER 1

	Do Not sail with the main fleet (fun racing)	
1st	Chip's Cup	Discretionary
2nd	Alex's Cup	Discretionary
3rd	Otter Optimist Silver Cup	Discretionary
Endeavour	Yellow Group Plaque Team Spirit	Discretionary
1 st Long Distance Race	Edwards Cup	Long Distance
Upwind Sailing Prize	HRSC 1959 Pewter Tankard	Discretionary

OPTIMIST REGATTA FLEET

	Main Fleet	
1st	George's Shield	OW Series
2nd	Andrew's Shield	OW Series
3rd	Kate's Shield	OW Series
Endeavour	Silver Cup	Discretionary
Most Improved	Small Silver Cup	Discretionary
Youngest Long Distance	Half Pint Silver Tankard	Discretionary
1st Long Distance	Silver Cup	Long Distance

OPTIMIST RACE FLEET

	Main Fleet	
1st	Fairways Cup	OW Series
2nd	Hughes Trophy	OW Series
3rd	Otter Salver	OW Series
1st Long Distance	Shadow Trophy	Long Distance

TERA FLEET

1 st	Boat	OW Series
2 nd	Boat	OW Series
3 rd	Corinthian Otters Tera Salver	OW Series
Endeavour	Glassware	Discretionary
Most Improved	Glassware	Discretionary
1 st Long Distance	KYC Kieler Woche 1967	Long Distance

FEVA FLEET

1 st	Christo Rose Bowl	OW Series
2 nd	Glassware	OW Series
3 rd	Glassware	OW Series
1 st Long Distance	Harden Trophy	Long Distance
Endeavour	Duncan's Otter	Discretionary

CADETS

1 st	Otter Cadet Trophy	OW Series
2 nd	Jeremy's Cup	OW Series
Youngest Helm	Petticrows' Propeller	Discretionary
Youngest Crew	Caroline's Cup	Discretionary
1 st Long Distance	The Hardy Trophy	Long Distance

LASERS

1 st Radial	Sparks Trophy	OW Series
2 nd Radial	Otter Week Point Laser Tankard	OW Series
3 rd Radial	KSS Laser Runner-up Trophy	OW Series
1 st 4.7	Golden Cup	OW Series
2 nd 4.7	Laser Tall Half Pint Tankard	OW Series
3 rd 4.7	Corinthian Otter Tankard	OW Series
1 st Radial Long Distance	Tom's Trophy	Long Distance
1 st 4.7 Long Distance	Roy Mitchell Tankard	Long Distance

RS200

1 st	420 1 st Helm Cup	OW Series
2 nd	420 1 st Crew Cup	OW Series
1 st Long Distance	Dominica's Goblet	Long Distance

COMMODORE'S CUP CHALLENGE (rowing competition)

1 st Junior	Pewter Tankard	Discretionary
1 st Senior Girl	Merlin Rockets Trophy	Discretionary
1 st Senior Boy	Red Star Flag Bowl	Discretionary
1 st Lady	Silver Flower Encrusted Bowl	Discretionary
1 st Gentleman	BCYC Tankard 1960	Discretionary

Youngest Entrant	Chairman's Cup 1st	Discretionary
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INDIVIDUAL TROPHIES

Best cared for Junior Boat	Terry Trophy	Discretionary
Best Cared for Senior Boat	Commodore's Cup	Discretionary
Youngest OW Sailor	Anniversary Trophy	Discretionary
Oldest OW Sailor	Ship in Bottle	Discretionary
Otter Week Spirit	Dabchicks Shield	Discretionary
Mum to All	Otter Family Ornament	Discretionary
Fancy Dress	President's Otter	Discretionary

30 RISK STATEMENT

30.1 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.**

31 INSURANCE

31.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 3 million sterling per incident or the equivalent.