

# ST. MAARTEN BUDGET MARINE OPTIMIST CHAMPIONSHIP

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024
- 1.2 RRS Appendix T will apply.
- 1.3 No national authority prescriptions will apply.
- 1.4 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Notice Board located at the SMYC bar and restaurant.

### 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to these sailing instructions will be posted not less than 1 hour before the warning signal of the first race in which it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2 Changes to these Sailing Instructions may be made verbally by the Race Committee on the water by hailing or displayed by a sign on the committee boat.

### 4 SCHEDULE

#### 4.1 Schedule for ashore


Date	Time	Where	What
Fri 18 Nov	16:00 – 18:00	SMYC Office	Registration
Fri 18 Nov	18:00 – TBD	SMYC Dock	Opening ceremony + optional dinner
Sat 19 Nov	08:00	SMYC Deck	Light breakfast - Sailing School Deck
Sat 19 Nov	08.15	SMYC Deck	Coaches briefing
Sat 19 Nov	08:45	SMYC	All boats go on the water
Sat 19 Nov	09:00	SMYC	Bridge opening
Sat 19 Nov	12:00 – 13:00	Simpson Bay	Lunch (on the water)
Sun 20 Nov	08:00	SMYC Deck	Light breakfast - Sailing School Deck
Sun 20 Nov	08.15	SMYC Deck	Coaches briefing
Sun 20 Nov	08:45	SMYC	All boats go on the water
Sun 20 Nov	09:00	SMYC	Bridge opening
Sun 20 Nov	13:00/ASAP	SMYC Restaurant	Lunch / Prize-giving

#### 4.2 Schedule for races, start area

Date	Approximate Start area	1st Warning	Last warning	Time limit
Sat 19	Simpson Bay	09:30	16.00	10
Sun 20	Simpson Bay	09:30	12:00	10

Boats still racing 10 minutes after the first boat in their class finishes will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) and be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus two points.

#### 4.3 Classes, Class flags, Order of starts

Classes/Fleets	Rating System	Class Flag	Start order	Additional information
<b>Optimist Blue</b>	One-design	Number flag 5 	1	All Optimists may start together but will be scored in fleets.
<b>Optimist Orange</b>	One-design	Optimist Class flag	2	

### 5 COURSES

5.1 The diagrams in Attachment A and B show the courses.

### 6 THE START

6.1 The start line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and a nearby RED budget marine buoy.

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

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

### 7 THE FINISH

7.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the committee boat and a nearby White budget marine buoy.

7.2 A White flag displayed over a class flag with two sounds means that any boat in that class still racing will be scored in the position that they currently hold without completing the course or finishing. They can sail directly back to the start area to prepare for the next start. This changes Rule 28 and Appendix A4

### 8 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

8.1 'A boat intending to protest shall inform the other boat at the first reasonable opportunity. When her protest will concern an incident in the racing area that she was involved in or saw she shall hail 'Protest'. She shall inform the Race Committee at the finishing line immediately after finishing of the boat/s being protested, or as soon as practicable after she retires.'

8.2 To inform the Race Committee of the boat/s being protested, the boat intending to protest shall approach the race committee immediately after finishing and shall hail the protested boat's sail number/s.

8.3 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the Race Committee signal no more racing today, whichever is later.

8.4 Except for breaches of RRS Part 2, the protest committee may apply any penalty that they deem equitable. This changes RRS 64.1.

8.5 The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under Sailing Instruction 8.3 or 9.2 will be 'DPI'.

### 9 PRIZES

9.1 In each class: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.

9.2 Additional prizes may be awarded.

### 10 SUPPORT BOATS

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

### 11 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

11.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing 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.