



**2016 International Optimist Dinghy
Victorian Open, Intermediate & Green Fleet Championships**
12, 13 & 14 March 2016

The Organising Authority is the Sandringham Yacht Club (SYC)

**OPEN & INTERMEDIATE FLEET
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Championship shall be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 YA Special Regulations, Addendum "A" Part 2 (off the beach boats) shall apply.
- 1.3 RRS Appendix P shall be changed as follows: P2.3 is deleted and the words 'or subsequent' are added after the word 'second' in P2.2.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board located at the Training Auditorium.

3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 2 hours before the scheduled time for the first race on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800hrs on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from flagpole located at the Off The Beach Centre.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in the race signal AP. This changes Race Signal AP.

5. FORMAT OF RACING

- 5.1 The regatta shall consist of up to nine (9) races, with three (3) races required to constitute a series.
- 5.2 If the Optimist Open or Intermediate Fleet is split into flights, the Opening Series will be divided into a Qualifying Series and a Final Series. A Finals Series may not be conducted if there are insufficient qualifying races.
- 5.3 Boats sailing in the Open or Intermediate Fleets may be divided into two (2) coloured divisions when total entries in each fleet exceed 80 boats.
- 5.4 Qualifying Series:
 - (a) VIODA will carry out the initial allocation into divisions by before 1800 on 11th March.
 - (b) For subsequent daily reallocations, boats will be reassigned to fleets after each day of racing. The series scores for reassignment will be calculated for those races completed by all fleets. Assignments will be based on the ranking available at 1900 that day regardless of protests or requests for redress not yet decided.
 - (c) Reassignments will be made as follows:

Rank in Series	Fleet Assignment
1 st	1
2 nd	2
3 rd	2
4 th	1
5 th	1



6 th	2
7 th	2
8 th	1
9 th	1
And so on	

5.5 Final Series:

- (a) Allocation of Open and Intermediate Division boats for the Final series will be based on the results of the Qualifying Series.
- (b) The Final Series fleets will be, as nearly as possible, of equal size but so that the Silver fleet shall not be larger than the Gold fleet and the Bronze fleet (if required) shall not be larger than the Silver fleet.
- (c) Any recalculation of Qualifying Series ranking after boats have been assigned to Finals Series fleets will not affect the assignments except that a redress decision may promote a boat to a higher fleet.

5.6 When fleets are split, all boats shall display a coloured ribbon, corresponding to the colour of their fleet flag, permanently fixed and free to fly from the top of the sprit. These ribbons are issued by the Organising Authority.

6. **SCHEDULE OF RACES**

Friday March 11	Early Registration	1800hrs to 2000hrs
Saturday March 12	Registration Information Session Racing Session 1 Opti Muster VIODA Sausage Sizzle	0800hrs to 1000hrs 1030hrs 1200hrs After racing After racing
Sunday March 13	Racing Session 2 Opti Muster VIODA AGM VIODA Sausage Sizzle	1030hrs After racing 1730hrs After racing
Monday March 14	Racing Session 3 Presentation	1030hrs After racing

- 6.1 There will be a maximum of 4 races per day.
- 6.2 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 displayed.
- 6.3 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1600 hrs.

7. **CLASS FLAGS**

Open Fleet	White flag with the Optimist class logo
Intermediate Fleet	Blue Flag with the Optimist class logo

8. RACING AREA

8.1 Attachment A shows the location of the racing areas.

Fleet	Course Allocation		
	Saturday 12 th March	Sunday 13 th March	Monday 14 th March
Open (White)	Course A	Course B	Course A
Intermediate (Blue)	Course B	Course A	Course B

9. THE COURSE

9.1 The diagram in Attachments B shows the courses including the approximate angles between the legs and the order in which marks are to be passed.

9.2 All marks will be left to port, except where gates are used.

10. MARKS

10.1 Refer to Attachment B

11. THE START

11.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boats at each end.

11.2 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This changes rules A4 and A5.

11.3 If flag U has been displayed as the preparatory signal, no part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing but not if the race is restarted or resailed or postponed or abandoned before the starting signal. This changes RRS 26. The scoring abbreviation for a flag U penalty is UFD. This changes RRS A11.

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practical.

13. THE FINISH

13.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the committee boat and the finishing mark.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 The penalty for breaches of Class Rules, Sailing Instructions 19 and 23 may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

15. TIME LIMIT

15.1 Time limits and target times (in minutes) are as follows:

Fleet	Time Limit	Mark 1 Target Time	Target Time
Open	60	20	40
Intermediate	60	20	30



- 15.2 If no boat has passed mark 1 within 20 minutes, the race may be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a)
- 15.3 Open Fleet Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.
- 15.4 Intermediate Fleet Boats failing to finish 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, will be scored an Allocated Place. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 A boat intending to protest must inform the finish boat within two (2) minutes of crossing the finish line.
- 16.2 Protest forms are available at the Regatta Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the time limit.
- 16.3 The protest time limit is 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.
- 16.4 Notices shall 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. The location of hearings will be stated on the notice. No protest hearing will be started after 2100 hours.
- 16.5 Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted in the Official Notice Board to inform competitors according to rule 61.1(b).
- 16.6 A list of boats that have been penalised for breaking rule 42 will be posted on the official notice board.
- 16.7 For the purpose of measurement rule protests (rule 64.3 (b)) the 'authority responsible' is the VIODA Event Measurer.
- 16.8 Breaches of Sailing Instructions, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24 and 28 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 16.9. At the end of the qualifying series or on the last scheduled day of racing, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
 - (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - (b) no later than 15 minutes after the party reopening was informed of the decision on that day.This changes RRS 66.
- 16.9 On Monday 14th March a request for redress based on a protest committee's decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

17 Arbitration

- 17.1 An arbitration hearing will be conducted, at the discretion of the jury, for all protests which allege an infringement of a rule of Part 2, Part 4 or RRS 31. Such hearings will be held subsequent to the protest being lodged and prior to the protest hearing.
- 17.2 The time and place of arbitration will be decided by the arbitrator and such advice may be given verbally. One representative of each boat shall attend the arbitration hearing and no witnesses will be called. The arbitrator will decide the manner in which testimony is given.
- 17.3 After taking testimony at the arbitration hearing the arbitrator will make one of the following conclusions:



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(a) The protest is not valid and the protestor may withdraw the protest.

(b) The matter shall proceed to a protest hearing. This may be because the rules other than Part 2 or rule 31, or because the evidence is too complex or divergent to reach a reasonable and timely conclusion, or due to the apparent severity of the alleged infringement, or for any other reason decided by the Arbitrator.

(c) No rule was broken and the protestor may withdraw the protest.

(d) A rule was broken by one or more of the boats involved, the infringing boat(s) may accept a scoring penalty. A boat that accepts fault at arbitration hearing will be penalised by having her race score increased by 30% of the difference between the boats finishing score and the score for DSQ in her division or class, rounded to the nearest whole number. All other boats scores will remain the same. Once accepted, this decision is not subject to reopening or appeal. This alters RRS 63, 64.1(a), 66 and Appendix A.

17.4 Should the arbitration hearing proceed to a protest hearing then the Arbitrator may be a member of the Protest Committee. Any evidence given by an arbitrator during a protest hearing shall be given only in the presence of the parties to the hearing.

18. SCORING

18.1 Single Fleet

A maximum of 9 races are scheduled, of which a minimum of three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

- (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When from five to eight races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- (c) When nine races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores

18.2 Split Fleet

A maximum of 9 races are scheduled, of which a minimum of three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series. There shall be a maximum of six qualifying races.

- (a) When fewer than 5 opening series races have been completed in the qualifying series, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When five or more races have been completed in the qualifying series, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- (c) When three races have been completed in the final series, a boat's final series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst final series score
- (d) Where there is an uneven number in the fleet splits, a DNC/DNF/DSQ etc. will be the total of the larger fleet plus 1.

18.2.1 If at the end of the qualifying series some boats have more race scores than others, scores for the most recent races will be excluded so that all boats have the same number of race scores.

18.2.2 Qualification series score, excluding any drops if applicable, shall be carried forward and included in the final series score with no further adjustments to the qualifying score. Any further drops shall be excluded from the final series score.

18.3 To request the correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat shall complete a Scoring Enquiry Form available at the Regatta Office.

18.4 Failure to sign-on will result in that boat being penalized five (5) points for the first race of the session (but not worse than DNF). Failure to sign-off shall result in that boat being penalized five (5) points for the last race of the session (but not worse than DNF). Penalties will be applied without a



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hearing. This changes RRS 63.1. Where there is only one race sailed in a session, the penalty will only be applied once.

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1 Each competitor shall wear a properly secured personal flotation device (PFD) outside all clothing at all times while on the water except when temporarily adding or removing clothing. The only exception is a singlet style lycra racing bib.
- 19.2 Each competitor shall sign-on before leaving the shore and shall sign-off within one hour of the finish of the last boat in the last race of the session upon returning to the shore. Sign-on and sign-off will be corresponding to a boat's sail number.
- 19.3 Failure to Sign-on or Sign-off will result in a penalty as described in SI 18.4.
- 19.4 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

20. EQUIPMENT MEASUREMENT AND REPLACEMENT

- 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, the damaged equipment has been checked by the Event Measurer and the substituting equipment has been inspected by the Event Measurer.
- 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 Measurer after the end of the day's racing. In this case, the substitution is subject to the approval of the Race Committee given retrospectively.*
- 20.4 The race committee reserves the right to check for safety, or measure any boat, sail, spars or equipment at any time during the series. On the water, a boat can be instructed by the race committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection

21. RACE COMMITTEE BOATS

Race committee boats will display a coloured flag that matches the course they are assigned to.

22. ADVERTISING

The Organising Authority may require boats to display event sponsors advertising in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20. If required, decals and instructions for affixing to boats will be provided at registration.

23. SUPPORT BOATS

- 23.1. SYC & VIODA welcomes all support boats and spectators. To ensure a safe regatta for all participants we require that you:
 - Confirm registration at the regatta office prior to racing and pay a \$50 refundable deposit for the issue of a registered support boat flag;
 - Display the support boat flag supplied by the regatta office at all times while afloat;
 - Carry a VHF Radio and monitor the fleet channels as advised by the Organising Authority;
 - Sign on and off by radio to the SYC Tower each day and declare the number of persons onboard;
 - Hold a current power boat operators license;
 - Restrict speed to 5 knots within 100m of any competitor; and
 - Assist the organising authority with safety matters when requested.
 - Carry a minimum of two (2) people on board if the forecast is over 18 knots.
- 23.2 When the race committee displays flag V with repetitive sounds, all official and support boats shall monitor the race committee radio channel for search and rescue instructions, remaining in the vicinity of the course and rendering all assistance requested by the Race Committee until code flag V is lowered.



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- 23.3 All support personnel shall keep to leeward and more than 100 metres clear of any competitor or mark of the courses between the preparatory signal and expiration of race time, except when asked to assist by the Race Committee. Failure to comply may result in protest of boats associated with the infringing vessel.

24. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 24.1 A competing boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones and other means of electronic communication.

25. PRIZES

All prizes will be awarded per the Notice of Race.

26. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 26.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk and responsibility. See rule 4, *Decision to Race*.
- 26.2 The Organising Authority, VIODA, regatta officials, volunteers and sponsors will not accept any liability for material damage, or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

27. MEDIA RIGHTS

By participating in these races, competitors automatically grant to Sandringham Yacht Club, VIODA and its sponsors, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any photographs, motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the competitor during the period of the races without compensation.

28. INSURANCE

All boats shall have third party insurance cover of not less than \$AUD5,000,000 (recommend \$AUD10,000,000 or equivalent thereof in any other currency) for any accident. All owners/competitors who sign the entry forms are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover. Owner/competitors not holding this cover shall withdraw their entry.

Attachment A

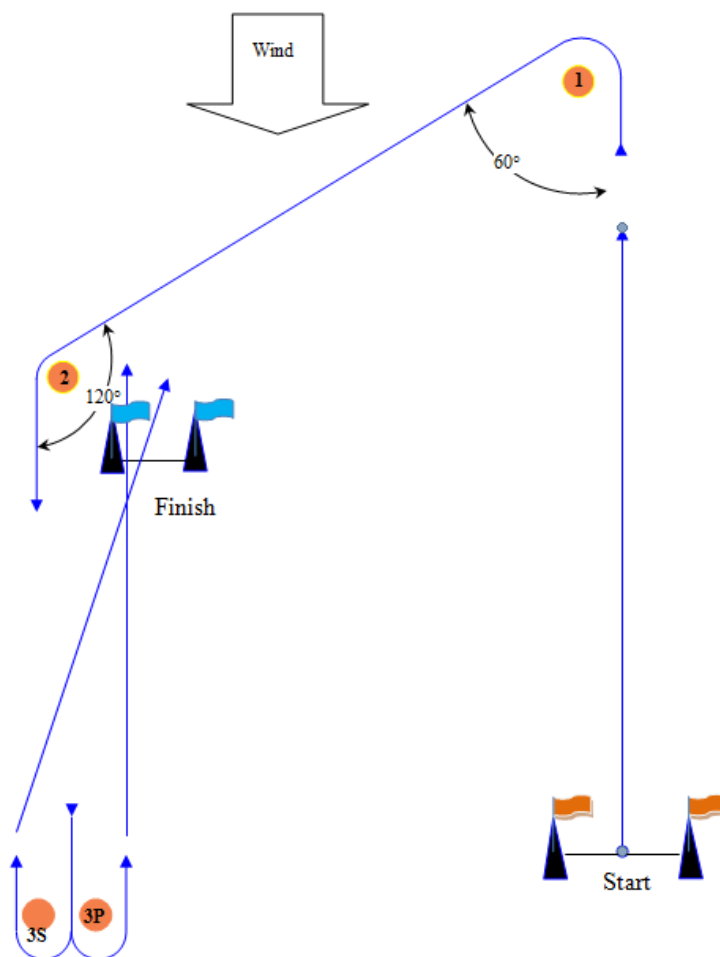
Course Area



Attachment B Open Fleet - Course Diagram

Drawing is not to scale and angles are approximate.

Open Course: Start – 1 – 2 – GATE 3S/3P – Finish

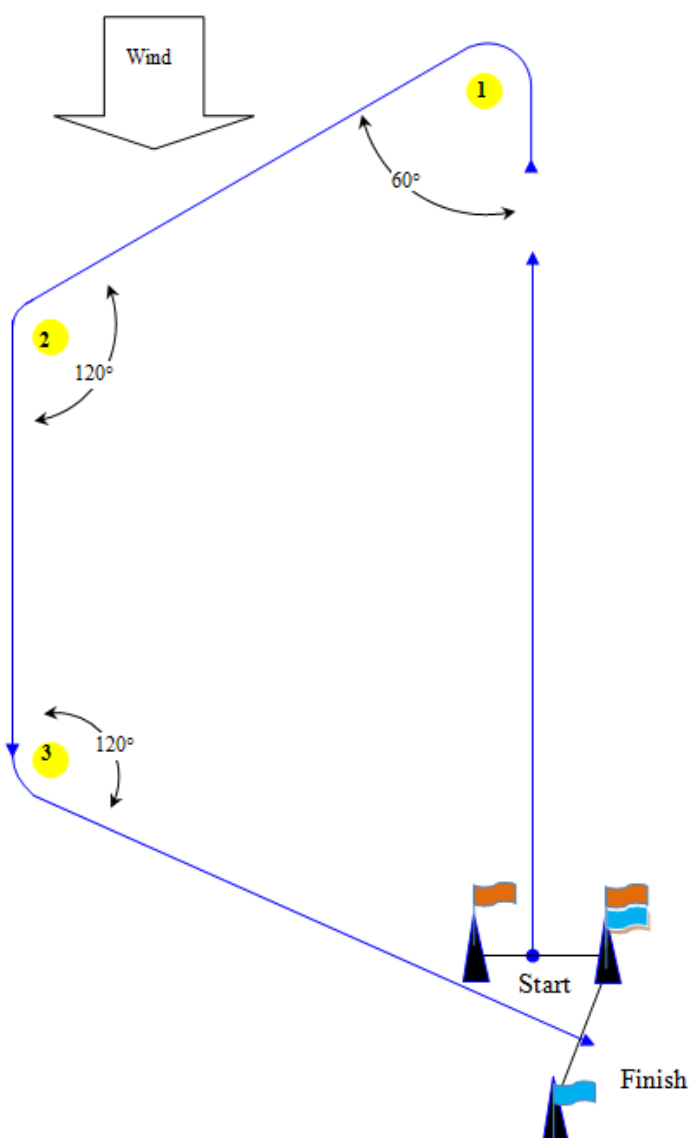


<u>Mark</u>	<u>Colour</u>
Marks 1, 2, 3S, 3P	Orange inflatable buoys
Change of course mark	Orange with a black band
Start Marks	The mast flying an orange flag on the race committee vessel at either end of the start line.
Finish Marks	The mast flying a blue flag on the race committee vessel at the starboard end and a blue flag at the port end.

Attachment B Intermediate Fleet - Course Diagram

Drawing is not to scale and angles are approximate.

Intermediate Course: Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – Finish



<u>Mark</u>	<u>Colour</u>
Marks 1, 2, 3	Yellow inflatable buoys
Change of course mark	Yellow with a black band
Start Marks	The mast flying an orange flag on the race committee vessel at either end of the start line.
Finish Marks	The mast flying a blue flag on the race committee vessel at the starboard end and a blue flag at the port end.



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