



**WESTERN AUSTRALIAN
INTERNATIONAL OPTIMIST DINGHY ASSOCIATION
2011 STATE AND OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Friday 4 March, 2011

to

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**SAILING
INSTRUCTIONS**

Organizing Authority



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1 RULES

- 1.1** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2** The Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Yachting Australia will apply.
- 1.3** Racing rule RRS 61.1 "Informing the Protestee" is amended so that in addition to immediately hailing protest, any boat wishing to protest, must conspicuously display a red flag at the first reasonable opportunity. See Sailing Instruction 14.1
- 1.4** Competitors in the "Silver" Fleet are required to fly a colour streamer attached to the top of their sprit. The streamer will be supplied by the organising authority.
- 1.5** Whilst racing, boats are not required to observe navigation marks, except Applecross Spit (39) and Heathcote Spit (22) which shall be passed on the deepwater side. See attachment A
- 1.6** Except when starting, finishing or correcting an error in compliance with rule 28.1, boats shall not sail through the Start or Finish line in either direction while the Committee Boat is displaying an orange or blue flag. Boats failing to comply with SI 1.6 will be scored a 5 point penalty for that race. This changes rule 63.1.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located outside the centreboard clubhouse.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted 60 minutes prior to the first race affected by the change. 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 on the flagpole in front of the Centreboard Section.
- 4.2** When flag AP is displayed ashore "1 minute" is replaced by "not less than 30 minutes" in the race signal AP

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1** It is intended to complete up to 15 races.

Event	Date	Time / Warning Signal
Registration, Measurement and Inspection	Friday 4 th April	1700-2000 hrs
Welcome and Competitors Meeting	Saturday 5 th April	0900 hrs
Championship Heats	Saturday 5 th April	1000 hrs
Championship Heats	Sunday 6 th April	0930 hrs
Championship Heats Presentation Dinner	Monday 7 th April	0930 hrs 1700 hrs

- 5.2** On the last day of the regatta, no warning signal will be made after 15.00 hrs.

6 CLASS FLAGS

Class Flags will be:

- Optimist Gold Fleet - Blue Optimist Symbol on White Background
- Optimist Silver Fleet - Black Optimist Symbol on Green Background

7 RACING AREAS

The races will be conducted on the Swan River on the waters known as Melville Water East (MWE) as shown in Attachment A.

8 THE COURSES

The diagrams in Attachment B, C and D show the courses including the approximate angles between the legs, the order in which the marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left. The Course to be sailed will be signalled by the Numeral Pennant no later than the warning signal.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 Marks 1, 2, 3P and 3S will be large yellow inflatable buoys.
- 9.2 Marks 1A and 4 will be Green inflatable buoys.
- 9.3 The starting marks will be the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and a black & white chequered inflatable buoy at the port end.
- 9.4 For **Gold Fleet Course 1** the finishing marks will be the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and a red & black striped inflatable buoy at the port end.
- 9.5 For all other courses including **Gold Fleet Course 2** the finishing marks will be the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and a black & white chequered inflatable buoy at the port end.

10 THE START

- 10.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the start boat at the starboard end of the line and the port end starting mark.
- 10.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for the other fleet.
- 10.3 A boat starting later than five minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes rule A4.
- 10.4 Boats shall keep clear of the starting area until their Warning Signal has been made.

11 THE FINISH

- 11.1 The finish line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the finish boat at the starboard end and the port end finishing mark. (Note: for Course 1 the Gold and silver fleets have separate Finishing Lines)
- 11.2 Boats that have finished racing shall proceed to **and remain within** the holding area without interfering with competitors still racing **until all competitors have finished or timed out.**

12 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

12.1 Fleet	Time Limit
Gold	60 mins
Silver	40 mins

- 12.2 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

13 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 13.1 Any boat intending to protest must approach the starboard side of the finishing boat immediately upon finishing, gain the attention of the Race Officer and hail the sail number of the protested yacht. This changes rule 61.1

- 13.2** Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 13.3** For both Gold and Silver fleets, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat of the respective fleet has finished for the last race of that session.
- 13.4** 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. The venue will be advised at this time.
- 13.5** Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b)
- 13.6** Breaches of instructions 10.3, 11.3, 16, 19, 20 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1 (a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.
- 13.7** On the last scheduled day of racing a request to reopen a hearing shall be delivered
- a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting the reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting the reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.
- 13.8** On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

14 MEDIATION

Protests arising from this regatta may be subject to mediation.

A mediation hearing may be conducted for all protests lodged in accordance with SI 14.1 which allege an infringement of a rule of Part 2 or 4. Such hearings will be held subsequent to the protest being lodged and prior to the protest hearing.

The time and place of the mediation hearing will be decided by the mediator and such advice may be given verbally. One representative of each boat should attend the mediation hearing and no witnesses shall be allowed. The mediator may allow observers to attend.

The mediator will decide the manner in which testimony is given. After taking testimony at a mediation hearing the mediator will make one of the following conclusions:

- a) The matter will proceed to a protest hearing.
- b) No rule was broken and the protestor may withdraw the protest.
- c) A rule was broken by one or more of the boats involved, the infringing boat(s) may accept scoring points equal to a finishing place mid-way between the boat's actual finishing place and a disqualification, and if so accepted the protestor shall withdraw the protest. (Half points shall be disregarded and the points of other boats shall not be adjusted.)

A mediation hearing shall not be re-opened.

Should the protest proceed to a protest hearing then the mediator may be a member of the protest committee. Any evidence given by a mediator during a protest hearing shall be given only in the presence of the parties to the hearing.

15 SCORING

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

- 15.2**
- (a) When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - (b) When from six 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 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1** All sailors are required to "Sign On" prior to each race session, on the sign on sheet at the Centreboard Section.
- 16.2** All sailors are required to "Sign Off" on the sign off sheet at the Centreboard Section, prior to the end of the protest time limit.
- 16.3** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

17 REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

Substitution of damaged or lost measured equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the Race Committee. Request for substitution shall be made to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

18 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

19 SUPPORT BOATS

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.

20 LITTER DISPOSAL

Boats shall not put litter in the water. Litter may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

21 PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows:

Western Australian State Champion, First three places (Open and State)

First non-WA participant (if not eligible for State Championship)

Silver Fleet – Silver Fleet State Champion, First three places

Bronze Fleet – Improvement and Encouragement Awards

1st Girl Gold fleet

1st Girl Silver fleet

Age division 8,9,10,11,12

Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority

22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

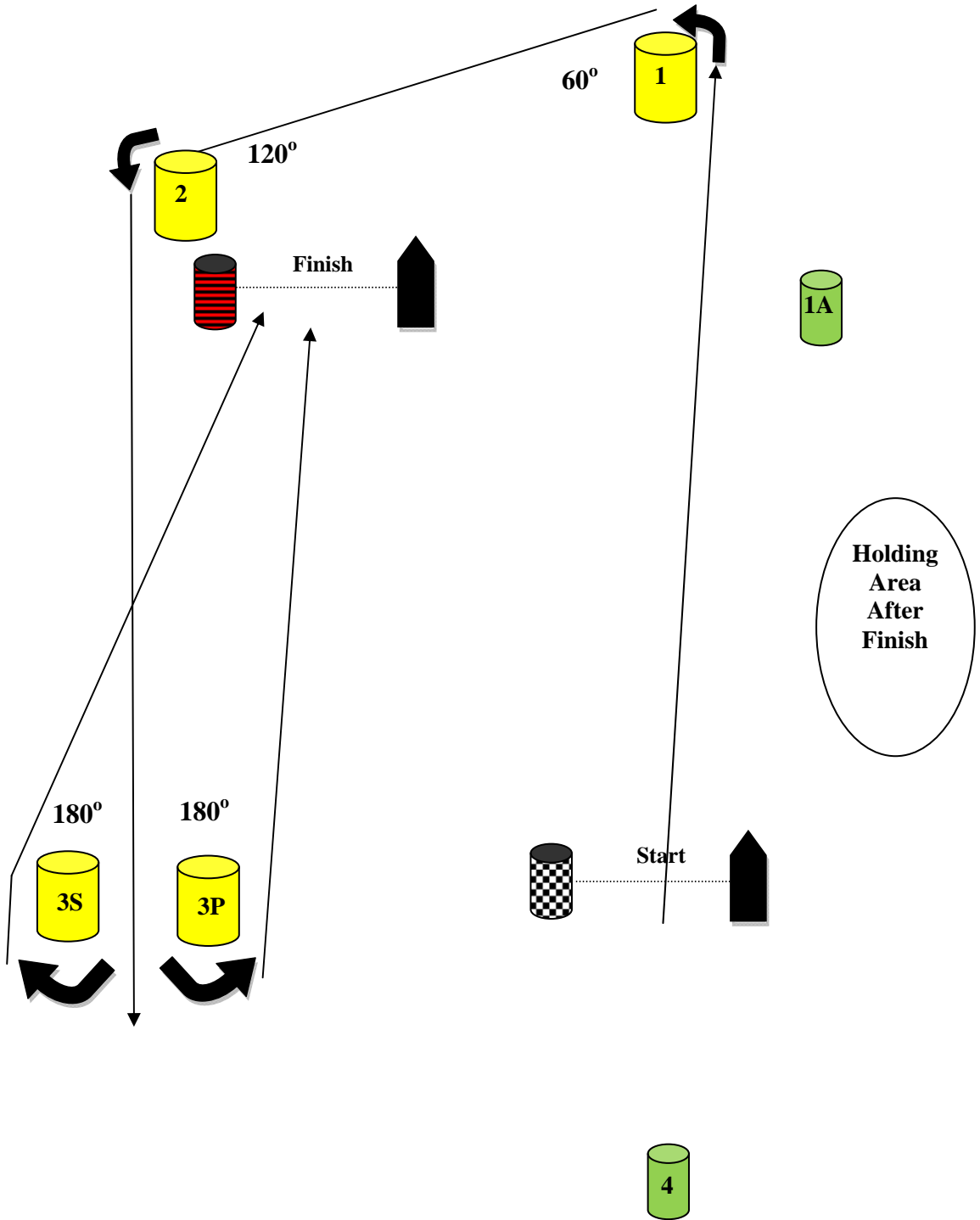
Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

23 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$A10 million.

Course 1 – Gold Fleet

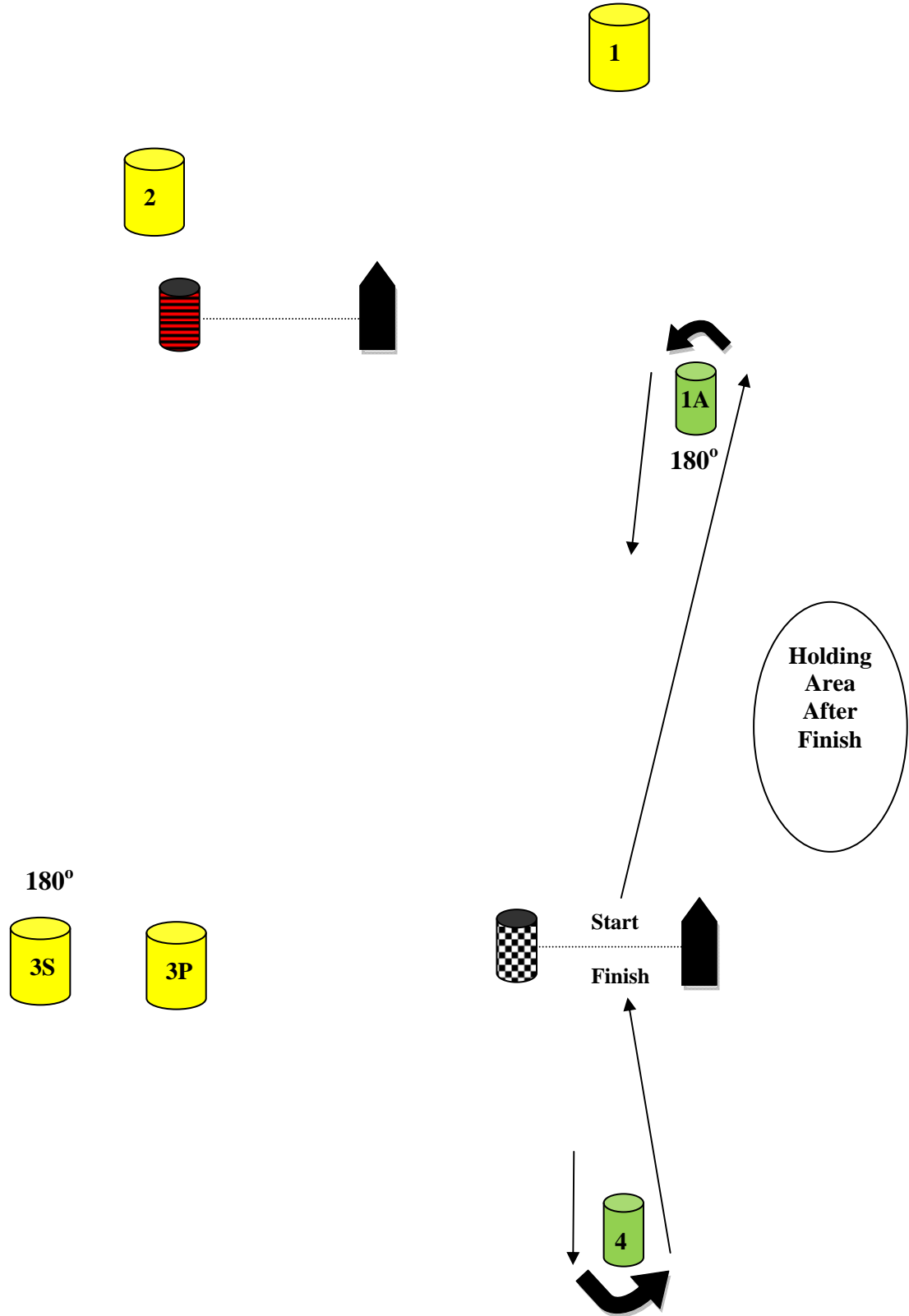
Start, 1(Port), 2(Port), 3S or 3P (Gate), Finish.



Attachment C

Course 1 – Silver Fleet

Start, 1A(Port), 4(Port), Finish



Attachment D

Course 2 – Gold and Silver Fleet

Silver Fleet Course: Start, 1(Port), 2S or 2P (Gate), Finish

Gold Fleet Course: Start, 1(Port), 2S or 2P (Gate), 1(Port), 2S or 2P (Gate), Finish

