

Masons Island Yacht Club Opti Regatta August 1, 2017

1. Rules

This regatta will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020, unless modified by the US Sailing prescriptions and the rules of the USODA, or unless modified by these instructions.

2. Changes to the Sailing Instructions

The race committee reserves the right to make verbal changes to these sailing instructions at the skipper's meeting.

3. Schedule For Tuesday August 1, 2017

(Racers may leave their boats in the parking lot south of the dumpster at MIYC the night before. Please bring reusable water bottles on regatta day. Bottles may be refilled at lunch on shore.)

8:00- 9:30 a.m.	Registration
9:30 a.m.	Skipper's Meeting RWB @the flag pole
9:45 a.m.	Skipper's Meeting Green @the flag pole
9:45 a.m.	Harbor Start RWB
10:00 a.m.	Harbor Start Green
10:15 a.m.	First Race (One race shall constitute a regatta) RWB
10:30 a.m.	First Race (One race shall constitute a regatta) Green
12:00 p.m. (approx)	Lunch Break - Famous Masons Island Barbecue on shore

3:30 p.m.

No race will be held after this time

4. Eligibility

Eligible sailors must be eighteen years or younger as of December 31, 2017. RWB Fleets age eligibility see USODA. Green see USODA.

5. Racing Areas

Unless otherwise specified, all races will be sailed in the waters east of Masons Island.

6. The Courses

The course will be either a **modified triangle (T)**, or a **windward/leeward (W/L)** both with the start and finish in the middle of the upwind beat. The course type will be displayed on the race committee boat prior to the start.

Sailing Instructions

7.1 Marks RWB

The marks will be large yellow inflatables.

7.2 Marks GREEN

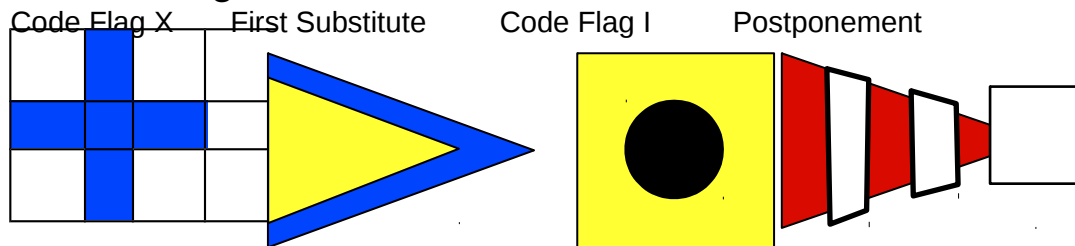
The marks will be orange balls.

8. The Start

The sequence will be three-minute dinghy starts. The starting line will be between the race committee flag on the committee boat and the windward edge of the starting pin.

9. Recalls

Individual recalls will be signaled by use of the **code flag X**. The committee boat will make every attempt to hail the sail numbers that are over early, however, failure to hear a hailed number will not be grounds for redress. **General recalls** will be signaled with multiple horn blasts and/or whistles and with the use of the **First Substitute** signal flag. After a General Recall, the I Flag may be displayed. A boat over early (with the I-Flag raised) must round an end of the starting line to clear itself.



10. Penalties

A boat may take a Two-Turns Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 of RRS – when two boats meet - in an incident while racing. She may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken rule 31 – touching a mark.

11. Protests

Protest flags are not required. Any sailor wishing to protest must inform, to the best of their ability, the boat in which they are protesting as well as the committee boat of his or her intent immediately upon finishing. Protest forms must be turned in to race committee no later than 30 minutes after the race committee has docked. Hearings will be held as soon as possible following the last race. Protests will not be accepted

12. Scoring

The low point scoring system will be used. For every six (6) races completed there will be one (1) throw out.

13. Safety

All sailors must wear properly fitted USCG approved personal floatation devices while on the water.

14. Support Craft-Spectator boats shall stay clear of the race area(s) at all times. Coaching may occur only between races, up to the warning signal. The Race Committee may remove coaches or spectators that are impeding fair competition, or operating in an unsafe manner.

All coaches are expected to help any sailor in distress, regardless of club affiliation.

The Masons Island Yacht Club Race Committee and Instructor Staff appreciates your cooperation and wishes all sailors the best of luck in this year's regatta.