NoR and SI Templates User Guide

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Objectives

❑ Provide support for race committees and event organizers to create race documents more easily

❑ Encourage consistency among JSALIS regattas for sailors

The templates provide suggested and proven approaches, but each RC and OA is responsible for choosing how to run races at their venue.

Where to find the templates and supporting documents

❑ Download the Word documents from
https://jsalis.org/regatta-management

❑ There are now separate templates for Optimist and C420/ILCA/Feva events

❑ Refer to RRS Appendix J to ensure you've met the requirements

❑ For additional help, look to the World Sailing templates found within Appendix LG and KG

How to use the templates

- ❑ The templates are Microsoft Word documents

- ❑ Edit as you would any other Word doc

- ❑ We've worked to make the editing easier than in the past

- ❑ We've simplified the templates by reducing the number of options in the template

Yellow highlights indicate local info needed or areas where the RC should make a choice

5   SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1   Signals made ashore will be displayed from location.

5.2   When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

5.3   [DP] Flag D with one sound means 'Boats shall not leave the dock until this signal is made. The warning signal will not be made before the scheduled time or less than 45 minutes after flag D is displayed.'

Appendix T

> ❑ **Include Appendix T?** Arbitration before a protest hearing
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> ❑ Need an experienced arbitrator
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> ❑ Arbitrator can't sit on jury, but can be a witness

1   **RULES**

1.1   The regatta is governed by:

    a.   the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Saling*

    b.   the Optimist Class Rules

    c.   the Rules for JSA Events

    d.   the JSA Code of Conduct

    e.   the US Sailing Athlete Safety Handbook

    f.   RRS Appendix V1 Penalty at the Time of an Incident, and Appendix V2, Penalty Taken After a Race, will apply.

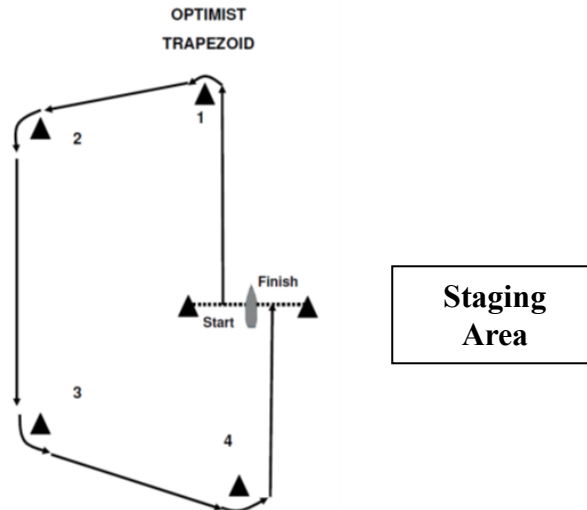   g.   RRS Appendix T, Arbitration will apply

Optimist Courses

- ❑ Optimist Trapezoid is the default in the templates

- ❑ Optimist Triangle is also a good option, but less tactical

- ❑ Windward/Leward is another option, but increases traffic in the starting area and a closed line makes for a large obstruction on short Opti courses

9   COURSES

9.1   The course to be sailed will be an Optimist Trapezoid as described in the Sailing Instructions.

OPTIMIST
TRAPEZOID

Course diagram from the Opti Sailing Instructions

Staging Area

Notes:
- Leg length of 0.2nm from Committee to weather mark works well (0.15 behind)

- More, shorter races limits laggards and are more fun than a few long ones

- Keep the reaches short, just need to clear the starting line on the run

- Defining the staging area keeps boats from gathering above the finish line after finishing
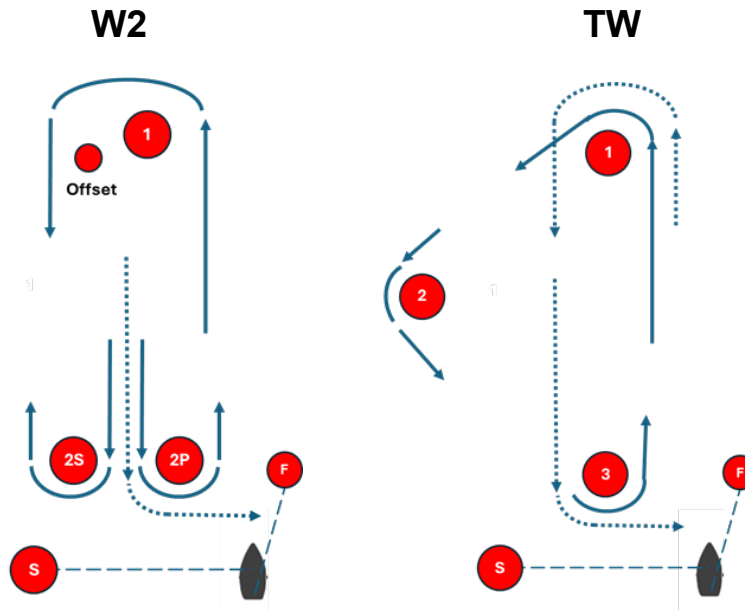
ILCA, C420, Feva Courses

- ❑ Finishing boats on a reach makes seeing sail numbers much easier (beware finishing ILCAs by the lee on a run!)

- ❑ Modified Olympic (TW) to get the C420s and Fevas planing if there's enough breeze

- ❑ Triangle a good option for ILCAs in very big air, otherwise a parade

9   COURSES

9.1   The courses to be sailed will be <mark>windward/leeward, triangle, or triangle/windward/leeward</mark> as described in the Sailing Instructions.

W2

TW

Courses W2 and TW from the ILCA/C420 Sailing Instructions

Notes:

- Leg length of 0.5-0.6nm from Committee to weather mark works well

- W1 if light, W2 usually

- Position gate just above the line (~20 yards) or you'll get ILCAs finishing by the lee

- Staging area to leeward of the starting line

- If you have the luxury of a separate finishing boat, move gate up and finish clear of course

Optimist division grouping

❑ Red is the smallest age group and is typically sailed with the Blue age group to increase competition and speed races

❑ Sail White with Red/Blue if you prefer a Championship vibe with 80-90 boats on one starting line (Champs)

❑ Sail White separately if you'd like to make starting (and winning races) easier for this younger group with more diverse abilities

10.3 The Red and Blue age groups will start together and be scored overall. The White age group will start and be scored separately.

OR

10.3 All three age groups (Red, Blue, and White) will start together and be scored overall.

Notes:

- If fleets start together, always score overall (e.g., their finish in the combined fleet is their age group score)
  - ✓ If start together and score separately, one boat can win in the combined fleet and not win age group
- Ensure the Clubspot setup enables overall scoring, but reporting results by age group/"division"
- Giving trophies for overall and age group is nice, but overall winners will likely win their age group too

5-minute starts or 3-minute with countdown

- While adults (and RCs) are used to 5-minute starts with watches, kids are more used to 3-minute starts with horns counting them down

- With multiple divisions, 3-minute starts get them off faster, but the fleet separation is less

- Net, we believe kids prefer getting races off and sailing without needing a watch, but it's your decision

11.1 Races will be started using Appendix U, "Audible-Signal Racing System", with the following additions and changes:
a) The class flag(s) of the class(es) to start will be hoisted before the warning signal and will be dropped at the start.
b) A series of short horn blasts and hoisting of class flag(s) indicates a warning signal is forthcoming and competitors for the indicated division(s) should proceed immediately to the starting area.
c) If RRS 30.1 (the "I flag rule"), RRS 30.2 (the "Z flag rule"), RRS 30.3 (the "U flag rule"), or RRS 30.4 (the "black flag rule") is in effect, the appropriate flag(s) will be displayed with the warning signal and will be dropped one minute before the start.
d) If either RRS 29.1 (Individual Recall) or RRS 29.2 (General Recall) is in effect, the appropriate flag will be displayed with its corresponding sound signal.
e) This changes Appendix U1 and RRS 26.
OR
11.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.

Pin boat or starting mark/mark bot

- ❑ Multiple general recalls are frustrating for both sailors and RC

- ❑ With large fleets and long lines, seeing boats over at the pin is hard and savvy sailors know if their number is covered, they're safe

- ❑ In our experience, using an anchored pin boat calling from the pin significantly reduces recalls if the line is roughly square

- ❑ While mark bots make changing the line very easy and fast, you still need an anchored boat to call OCS boats from the pin

10.2 The starting line is between an orange flag displayed on the signal vessel at the starboard end, and an orange flag displayed on a race committee pin boat anchored at the port end.

OR

10.2 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end, and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

Notes:

- To anchor a pin boat accurately, we've had success putting the pin boat in position, then dropping a large anchor to the bottom and letting out just a little scope without backing down

- To protect the pin boat, place a tetrahedron on the line side of the pin boat (pulled tight) with the course side of the tet roughly aligned with the flag on the pin boat, as well as a keep-away hoppity hop floating a few feet behind the boat

- We've had success having the pin boat hail OCS boats from the pin immediately after RC has signaled individual recall, having a second person aboard the pin boat to record OCS boats and those who have cleared, then communicating with RC (on a secure channel) after the dust has settled

Scoring Inquiry

- ❑ Scoring is among the hardest RC jobs at large regattas

- ❑ Challenges to posted scores are relatively common

- ❑ Typically, competitors ask the RC, then would like look over the harried scorer's shoulder while they check

- ❑ Many RCs have found using a "scoring inquiry" form makes this process more manageable

15   HEARING REQUESTS

15.1   Protest and scoring inquiry forms are available location.

15.2   if a competitor believes their posted score is incorrect, they may file a scoring inquiry and/or request redress. The RC will post responses to scoring inquiries on the official notice board.

Notes:

- Scoring inquiries are not part of the Racing Rules, but are widely used at major regattas

- If the outcome of the scoring inquiry does not satisfy the competitor, and they would like to request redress after the protest time limit has expired, PCs should not disallow redress based on protest time limit expiration.

Sample: Scoring Inquiry Form

Request for Scoring Review

Day: _____   Date: _____   Course: _____

Class: _____   Sail #: _____   Race #: _____

Name: _____   Mobile Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Posted Score: _____

I believe that my score in the posted results is incorrect for the following reason:

To be completed by RC:

Received by: _____   Time Received: _____

RC Comments:

RC Signature: _____   RC Name: _____

Date: _____   Time: _____

Thank You