



**ROYAL LAKE OF THE WOODS YACHT CLUB**

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**Richardson Regatta**

**Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**Lake of the Woods, Ontario**

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1 RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RSS) and the Sail Canada Code of Conduct and Prescriptions as at January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

**2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be given at the Skipper's meeting.

**3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1 Any changes to the sailing instructions will be given at the Skipper's meeting.

**4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole above the swim docks.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.
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## 5 ENTRIES

- 5.1 All competitors, including crew, must be members in good standing of a Canadian yacht club or Sail Canada, or their countries' equivalent.
- 5.2 The event will be open to all classes and ages.

## 6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 All classes shall race on Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
- 6.2 Seven (7) races are scheduled with the times noted.

### Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Registration	0830	to 1000
Competitors Meeting	1000	
Warning signal for 1 <sup>st</sup> race of the day	1030	(five or more races will be started, conditions permitting)

Water and lunch will be provided by the Club between races on the water as conditions and time permit.

### Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Warning signal for 1 <sup>st</sup> race of the day	1000	(two or more races will be started, conditions permitting)
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Lunch will be provided in the Club after races.

Awards Ceremony will commence shortly following the last race of the day in the Sailing Centre at the Club.

- 6.3 The Race Committee boat on station at the start/finish line of a race will display code flag "R" if additional races are to follow the five races on Saturday.
- 6.4 On Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023, no warning signal will be made after 1230.

## 7 CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 Class flags will be used to designate classes for the purposes of starting, shortening course, and any other class dependent signals. When no class flags are displayed the signals apply to all classes.
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7.2 Class flags will be:

<u>Class</u>		<u>Flag/Pennant</u>
Class 1**:	Scows	Numeral One
Class 2**:	Lasers and Double-Handed	Numeral Two
Class 3:	Optimist/BIC	Numeral Three

\*\* Class 2 will start first, however; Class 1 and Class 2 may have simultaneous starts as determined by the Primary Race Officer and depending on the size of the fleet(s).

## 8 RACING AREA

8.1 Races will be held on Lake of the Woods in the vicinity of the Royal Lake of the Woods Yacht Club.

## 9 THE COURSES

9.1 The courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, are illustrated in Appendix A of the Sailing Instructions.

9.2 Optimists/BICS will sail on their own course.

9.3 The approximate distance between the windward and leeward marks will be 0.5 to 0.75 miles on the open course.

9.4 All course marks shall be left to port.

## 10 MARKS

10.1 All course marks will be orange or yellow marks, except that if required, marks for the separate Optimist course may be smaller orange spherical marks.

## 11 START

11.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the addition that there shall be an "attention signal" of multiple horn blasts at least one minute before the "Warning Signal" for each set of races.

11.2 The starting line shall be between that point on the Race Committee boat displaying an "RC" flag (or an all blue flag) at the starboard end of the line and a mark (as described in Instruction 10.1.1) at the port end of the line.

11.3 Classes will start with Class 2, followed by Class 1, with 5 minute repeating starts, unless they are started together. Optimists/BICs will have their own start and course.

11.4 Boats whose signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.

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- 11.5 A boat starting later than three (3) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This changes rule RRS A4.1.

## **12 RECALLS**

### 12.1 Individual Recalls

- .1 Rule 29.1 will apply for Individual Recalls.
- .2 The Race Committee may attempt to notify boats over early by hailing the sail number of each. Delay or failure by the Race Committee to notify OCS boats shall not be used for grounds for redress. This changes Rule 41.

### 12.2 General Recall:

- .1 The 'First Substitute' will be displayed with two (2) sound signals.
- .2 A new warning signal for class recalled shall be made as soon as possible and the starting sequence for the other classes will follow and not change.

## **13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 13.1 There will be no changes in the courses after the starting signal for each race.

## **14 THE FINISH**

- 14.1 The finishing line shall be between that point on the Race Committee boat displaying an "RC" flag (or an all blue flag) and a mark at the starboard end of the line. The finish will be downwind as shown in Schedule 'A'.

## **15 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 15.1 Appendix P will apply as changed by instructions 15.2. As per Rule 44.1, competitors are encouraged to take a one turns penalty for breaking a rule or a one turns penalty for tracking a mark. This alters Rule 44.1
- 15.2 RRS P2.2 and P2.3 will not apply.

## **16 TIME LIMIT**

- 16.1 If no boat properly rounds the first mark of the course within 20 minutes of her start, the race will be abandoned.
- 16.2 If no boat properly finishes the course within 40 minutes of her start, the race will be abandoned.
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- 16.3 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes of the first boat to properly finish the course of the same class will be scored in the approximate position they are in at that 15 minute time limit.

## 17 PROTESTS

- 17.1 Penalties for breaches of the ER, rules in the Notice of Race, class rules and Sailing Instructions marked (DP) are at the discretion of the protest committee. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction is DPI.
- 17.2 Penalties for breaches of Sailing Instructions marked (NP) will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 17.3 Protest forms will be available in the Sailing office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the Race Office within the protest time limit.
- 17.4 For each class, the protest time limit is 45 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.
- 17.5 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. Hearings may be scheduled to begin up to 30 minutes before the end of protest time limit. Hearings will be held in the Clubhouse. **We encourage all boats to eliminate protests by doing their penalty turns.** (Only one turn required to exonerate yourself.)
- 17.6 Notices of protests by the race committee or jury will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 17.7 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 RRS 62.2.
- 17.8 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day; no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.

## 18 SCORING

- 18.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply. Each fleet will be scored separately.
- 18.2 For the Richardson Regatta overall scoring, a boat's placement and subsequent score in a race will be based on her corrected finishing time using the time-on-time 2019 or later wind adjusted Portsmouth Handicapping System. A boat's corrected finishing time shall be calculated as follows:

$$CT = ET \times 100 / HC$$

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Where:

- CT* = Corrected Finishing Time  
*ET* = Elapsed Time (i.e., the time between the boat's class starting time and the boat's actual finish time)  
*HC* = The boat's published Basic Portsmouth Number (D-PN)

- 18.3 The boat with the shortest corrected finishing time will place first, the boat with the next shortest corrected finishing time will place second, and for each place thereafter add one position. Boats with equal corrected finishing times, to a precision of 1 second, will be tied.
- 18.4 Classes 1 and 2 will be scored together as one (1) fleet for the Richardson Regatta trophy. The Optimist/BIC Class will be scored as a separate fleet.
- 18.5 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series. Each boat's total series score shall be calculated as follows:
- .1 if fewer than five (5) races have been completed, each boat's series score will be the sum of her scores for all races;
  - .2 if between five (5) and seven (7) race have been completed, each boat's series score will be the sum of her scores for all races excluding her worst score.

## **19 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 19.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 19.2 For safety and towing, each boat must have a 5 metre long by 7 mm buoyant tow rope attached to its mast or an approved bow attachment at all times.
- 19.3 All competitors shall wear a Canadian Coast Guard-approved or Transport Canada-approved personal flotation device (PFD) of appropriate size and fit at all times while afloat. The PFD may be temporarily removed while adjusting clothing. This revises RRS 40.

## **20 SUPPORT BOATS**

- 20.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall, except when asked to assist by the Race Committee, 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 the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment, except that for the Optimist Class, coaches may occasionally offer verbal coaching assistance to last place boats. This changes Rule 41.
- 20.2 All team leaders, coach and other support boats shall they keep well clear of all boats racing and be cognizant of their boat wake at all times.
- 20.3 These conditions are waived if any competitor safety concerns are seen.
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## **21 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 21.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio or cell phone transmissions while racing nor receive radio or cell phone communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile cellular telephones.

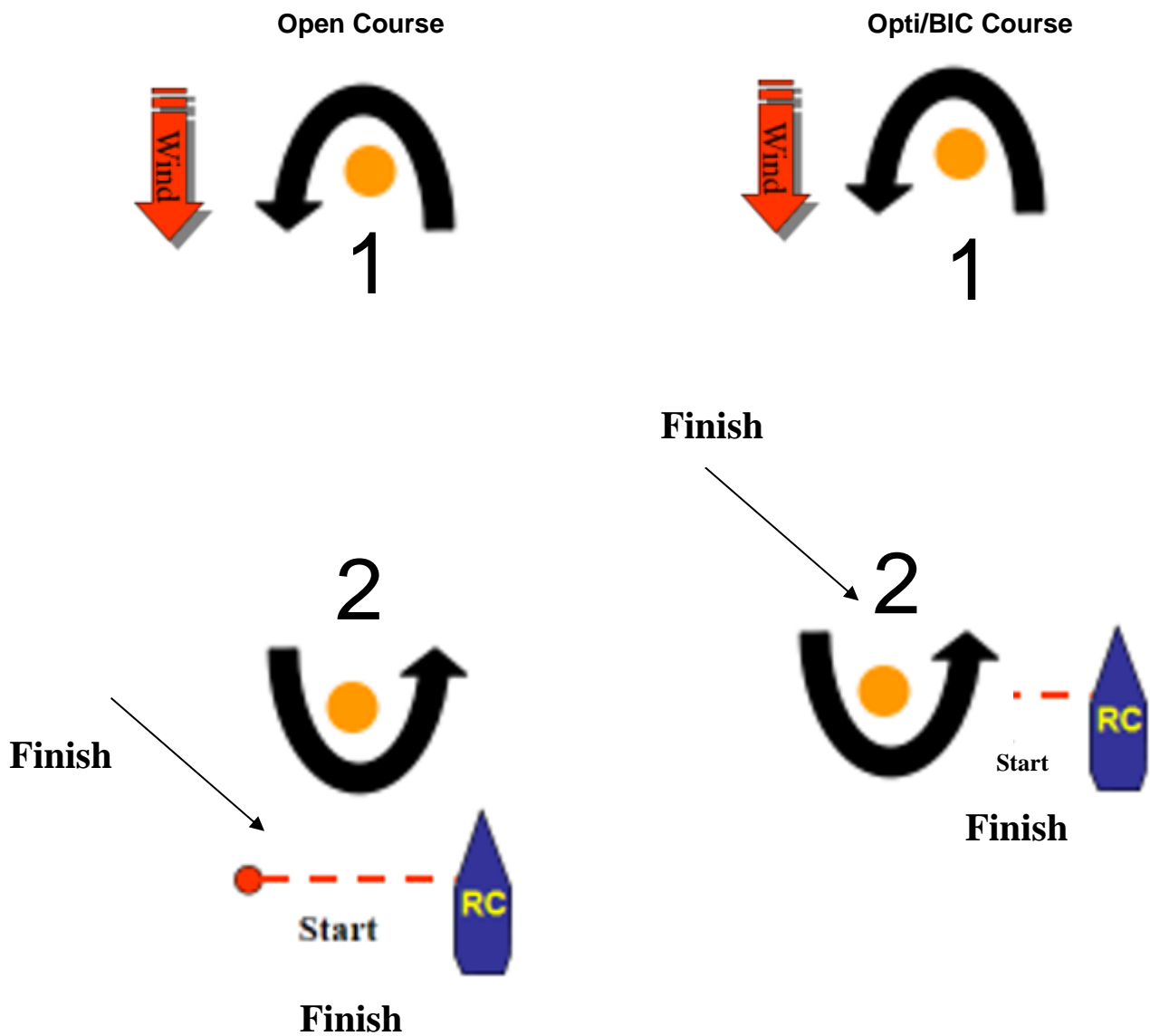
## **22 PRIZES**

- 22.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top three (3) positions of each class (top 5 in Optimist and BIC) where there are at least five (5) participants. Prizes will be awarded to the top five (5) positions overall in the open class of the Richardson Regatta.

## **23 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 23.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, *Decision to Race*.
- 23.2 Prior to competing, competitors shall agree in writing to hold harmless and keep indemnified the Royal Lake of the Woods Yacht Club (RLWYC), Sail Manitoba and Sail Canada, their sponsors, their organizers and their respective agents, officials, servants, and representatives, from and against all claims, actions, costs, expenses, and demands in respect to death, injury, loss or damage to the Competitor's property, however caused, arising out of or in connection with Competitor's taking part in the event, notwithstanding that the same may have been contributed to or occasioned by the negligence of the same bodies, or any of them or their agents, officials, servants, or representatives. Competitors shall further understand and agree that this Release is binding upon them, their crews, their heirs, executors and assigns.
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**Appendix 'A'**  
Course Diagram:



**Open Course:**

- Start
- 1 to port
- 2 to port
- 1 to port
- Finish downwind

**Opti/BIC Course:**

- Start
- 1 to port
- 2 to port
- 1 to port
- Finish downwind