



Burnham Sailing Club



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Corinthian Otters

Burnham Optimist Open Meeting (Part of The Traveller Series)
NOR and Sailing Instructions 2008 issue 1

1. Rules

- 1.1. The Open meeting will be governed by the “rules” as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2005 – 2008, and the Optimist Class Association Rules.
- 1.2. The Open meeting is designated category C.
- 1.3. Competitors and guardians shall have completed the entry, consent forms and paid the race entry.
- 1.4. All boats must be insured third party liability for £2,000,000

2. Communications

- 2.1. Notices and change of sailing instructions will be posted on the RCYC club notice board, BSC window, and advised at the briefing.
- 2.2. Signals ashore will be displayed at the sea wall end of the dinghy parks.

3. Safety

- 3.1. Personal buoyancy must be worn by all competitors whilst afloat at all times.
(This changes RRS 40)
- 3.2. It is the responsibility of the helm and guardians to decide if the conditions are suitable for their ability as per rule 4.
- 3.3. The organising authority's RCYC, BSC and RBYC will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with this regatta.

4. Program

There will be a maximum of 7 races in the series,
Regatta Fleet will launch from the Burnham Sailing Club
Race Fleet will launch from the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club

Saturday 12th July

Registration, 08:45 – 09:45, Regatta fleet at BSC, Race Fleet at RCYC

Competitors briefing 10:15hrs Regatta at BSC, Race fleet at RCYC

Launching 10:45 hrs.

First Race 11:30 hrs. followed by 3 subsequent races back to back.

Evening: Combined fleets social events for competitors and Parents at RCYC

Sunday 13th July

Briefing 09:15 hrs.

Launching 09:30 hrs.

First race of day 10:15 hrs. followed by 2 subsequent races back to back.

Prize Giving and Tea 15:00 hrs at RCYC

5. Discards / Scoring

- 5.1. If 5 or more races are sailed then there will be one discard.
- 5.2. The low points scoring system will be used.

6. Protests

- 6.1. Any intention to protest must be indicated by displaying a protest flag.
- 6.2. We will offer an RYA arbitration service, this is a semi-formal meeting of the parties with a rules advisor, no one will be disqualified, but the boat in the wrong will be asked to accept a 20% of starting places penalty.
- 6.3. The protest time limit is 45 minutes from the last boat coming ashore.

7. Time Limit

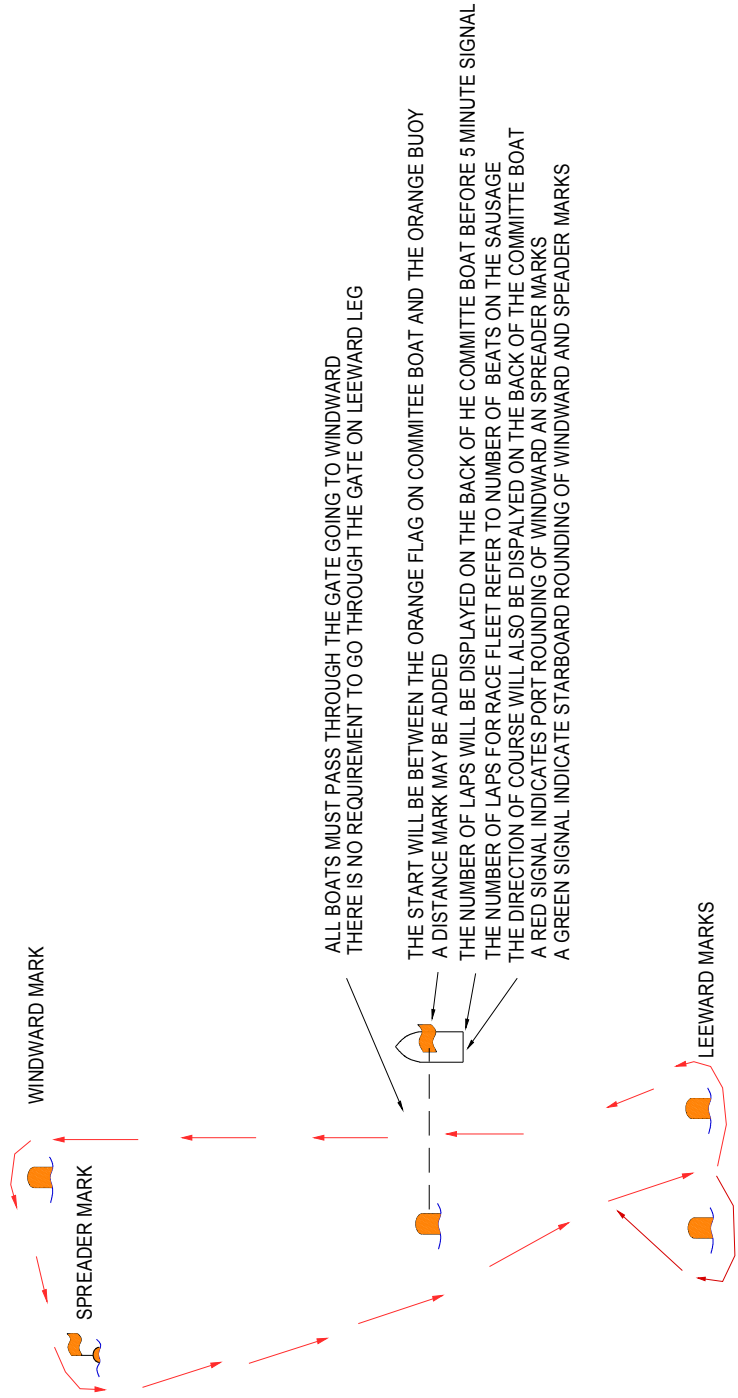
- 7.1. The time limit for the first boat is 75 minutes from the starting signal
- 7.2. Boats that have not finished within 15 minutes of the first boat may be finished in their observed position on the course.

8. Course / Start / Finish

- 8.1. Class Flag for the Race Fleet is “Q” (Plain Yellow) and Regatta “B”(Plain Red)
- 8.2. Race Area for each fleet will be advised at the briefing.
- 8.3. Race Fleet Course will be a Trapezoid when both fleets racing from the same committee boat. When the Race and Regatta are using different committee boats, the course will be windward leeward with a spreader mark, or as advised at briefing.
- 8.4. Regatta Fleet Course is windward leeward with a spreader mark, or as advised at briefing.
- 8.5. The Start will be between the orange flag on the committee boat and the orange buoy at the other end.
- 8.6. Sequence when both fleets are sharing one the same committee boat the Race Fleets start will be the Regatta Fleets 5 minute.
- 8.7. Number of Laps and the Course Direction, (Port or Stbd) will be displayed on the back of the committee boat before the 5 minute signal.
- 8.8. A Distance Mark may be placed on or just by the line close to the committee boat. It will be a small orange buoy and will be classed as a starting mark. All boats must leave this buoy on the opposite side to the committee boat at the start and finish, (i.e. you cannot start between this buoy and the committee boat).
- 8.9. Gate -All boats must pass through the start finish gate on the windward leg. This is not a requirement on the leeward leg.
- 8.10. Leeward Mark – When a second Leeward Mark is laid, then you must sail between the two of them and round either one.
- 8.11. The Finish - Will be as per the start line, except that the orange flag maybe changed for a blue one. After finishing keep clear of the race area and finishing line. If you pass through the finish line and are recorded more than once we may use the higher numbered recorded position.
- 8.12. Shorten Course (Race Fleet Only when both fleets are sharing one committee boat) - If an “S” Flag is displayed by the outer leeward mark, (bottom of the sausage) ,(a whistle sound signal may be used to attract your attention to the flag), then all boats should leave this mark on its correct side and proceed to the finish line via the mark to leeward of the committee boat, (final leeward mark) This adds to rule 32.2

Course for both fleets when they are using different Committee Boats (or as advised at briefing)

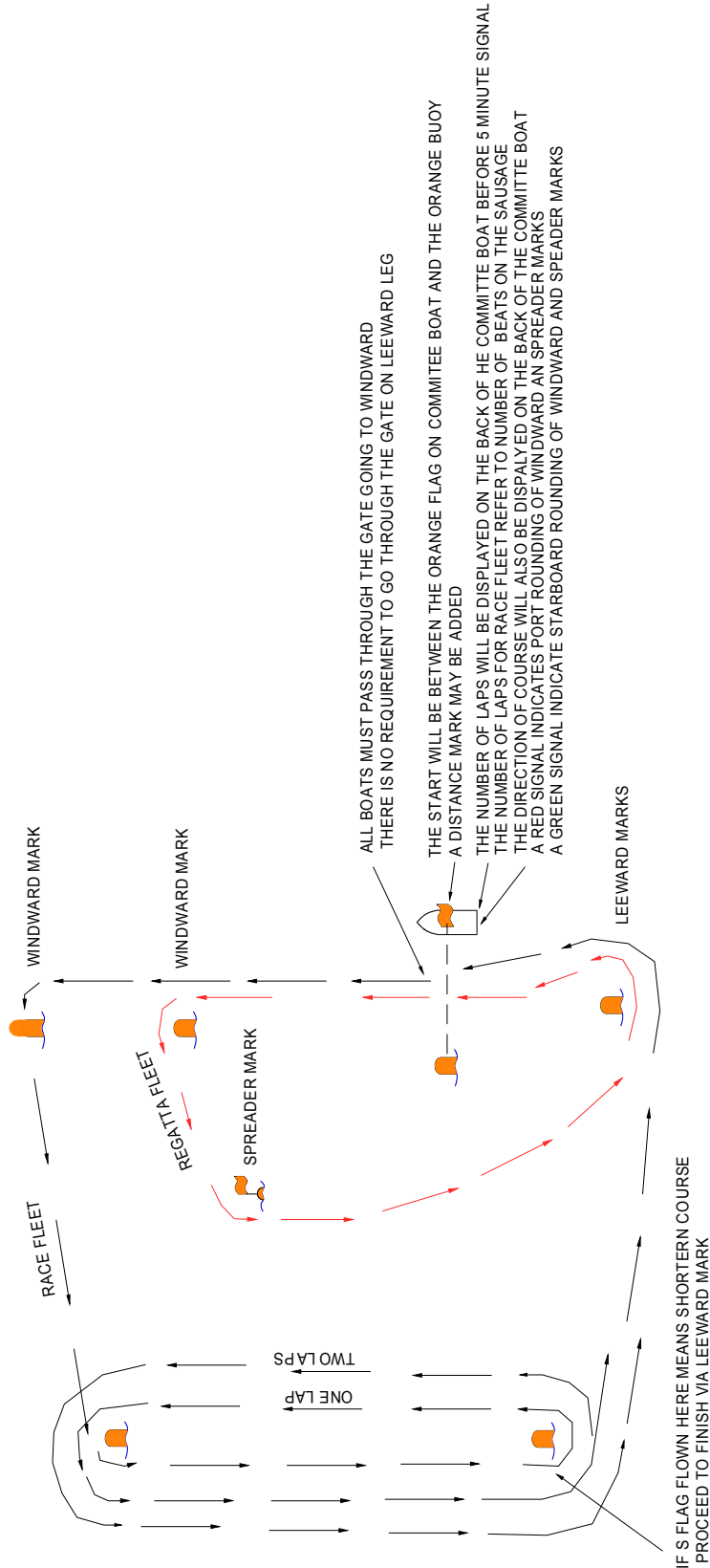
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IF A SECONDED LEEWARD MARK IS LAYED HERE THEN YOU MUST SAIL BETWEEN THEM AND YOU MAY ROUND EITHER ONE

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Race Signal Flags

