



MUSSANAH RACE WEEK 2018
11-17 January, Mussanah, OMAN

Sailing Instructions

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Organising authority: OMAN SAILING committee:

[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the Protest Committee and may be less than disqualification.

[NP] denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for protest by boat.

[SP] denotes a rule which a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee without a hearing.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2. OMAN SAILING committee prescriptions will not apply.
- 1.3. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.4. Class Rules of the relevant classes will apply.
- 1.5. The Sailing Instructions shall take precedence over the Notice of Race. This changes RRS 63.7.

2. [DP] [NP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 2.1. The race committee will protest a boat for a breach of these safety regulations.
- 2.2. Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- 2.3. [SP] Check-out and check-in procedure will be established. All competitors (or coaches) must sign:
 - a) before leaving to race on each scheduled day after flag D is displayed ashore.
 - b) within the protest time limit after returning ashore.The check-out and check-in point will be located in front of the registration desk.
- 2.4[SP] Boats not leaving the harbour for the day's races shall notify the regatta office as soon as possible.
- 2.5[SP] A boat that retires from racing shall notify the race committee before leaving the racing area, or if that is not possible, shall notify the regatta office as soon as possible after returning ashore.
- 2.6 Competitors who require assistance shall blow a whistle or wave the paddle or one arm. The Race Committee reserves the right to assist competitors who in their opinion require assistance, regardless of the wishes of the competitor. This will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

3. [DP] CODE OF CONDUCT

- 3.1. Competitors shall comply with any reasonable request from a regatta official.
- 3.2. Competitors shall handle any boats or equipment chartered through the organizing authority with proper care and seamanship, and in compliance with any written instructions.

4. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

4.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the windows of the race office.

4.2. Signals ashore will be displayed at the flagpole near the slipway.

4.3. Changes in the sailing instructions will be posted no later than two hours before the scheduled time of the warning signal for first fleet affected.

4.4. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' in RRS Race Signals AP is replaced with '30 minutes'.

4.5. [SP] Flag D with a sound signal means: 'The warning signals will be made not less than 30 minutes after flag D is displayed or not before the scheduled time, whichever is later. Boats shall not leave their allocated berths until this signal is made.

4.6. Class flags will be as follows:

Optimist – White flag with Optimist insignia

Laser 4.7 - White flag with Laser insignia

Laser Radial - Green flag with Laser insignia

Techno Junior – White flag with W1 insignia

Techno - White flag with W insignia

5. FORMAT OF RACING

5.1. The regatta will consist of a single series.

5.2. 12 (twelve) races are scheduled for each class.

5.3. 3 (three) valid races are required to constitute a series for a class.

6. SCHEDULE AND COURSE ASSIGNMENT

6.1. The diagram in addendum A shows the location of the course areas. Optimist class will sail on course A. Laser Radial, Laser 4.7 and Techno 293 classes will sail on course B.

6.2. Schedule:

Day 1 – 11th January 2018	Registration	09:00-13:00 14:00-17:00
Day 2 – 12th January 2018	Registration	09:00-13:00 14:00-17:00
Day 3 – 13th January 2018	Registration	09:00-13:00 14:00-17:00
Day 4 – 14th January 2018	Races – first warning signal	12:30
Day 5 – 15th January 2018	Races	TBA
Day 6 – 16th January 2018	Races	TBA
Day 7 – 17th January 2018	Races Closing Ceremony	TBA TBA

6.3. Not more than 4 races per class/fleet will be sailed on each day.

6.4. On the last racing day, no warning signal will be made after 1400.

7. THE COURSES

7.1. The courses will be IODA Course for Optimist Class, Outer Trapezoid Course for Laser 4.7 and Laser Radial and Windward/Leeward Course for Techno 293 Class. The diagrams in addendum B show the courses, the course designations, the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.

7.2. The signal of the course to be sailed will be displayed no later than the warning signal.

8. MARKS

8.1. Marks on course A will be yellow inflatable round circular buoys.

8.1. Marks on course B will be yellow inflatable round circular buoys for Laser 4.7 and Laser Radial.

8.3. Marks on course B will be black and yellow inflatable round circular buoys for Techno 293.

8.4. New marks will be orange inflatable round circular buoys.

8.3. The finish marks will be buoys with a staff displaying an orange flag.

8.4. A race committee boat signalling a change of course is a mark as provided in S.I. 10.2.

9. THE START

9.1. The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on race committee vessels.

9.2. [DP] [NP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area. The starting area is defined as a rectangle 50 meters from the starting line and marks in all directions.

9.3. To alert boats that a race or sequence or races will begin soon, the orange starting line flags will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

9.4. The warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable.

10. CHANGE OF THE POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK

10.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will:

(a) lay a new mark;

(b) move the finish line; or

(c) move the leeward gate.

When a new mark is laid, the original mark will be removed as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

10.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signalling the change of course and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes RRS 28.1.

10.3 In case of a missing mark at a gate the remaining mark should be rounded, leaving the mark to port. This changes RRS 28.1.

11. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the race committee finishing vessel and the nearby finishing mark.

12. TIME LIMIT AND TARGET TIMES

11.1. Time limits and target times for all classes are as follows:

Class	Time Limit	Mark 1 Time Limit	Finish Window	Race Target Time
Optimist	65 min	25 min	15 min	40 min
Laser 4.7 / Radial	65 min	25 min	15 min	40 min
Techno	30 min	15 min	15 min	20 min

- 12.2. If no boat has passed mark 1 within the mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned.
- 12.3. Boats failing to finish within the time stated in the Finish Window after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 12.4 Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 Appendix P, Special Procedures for RRS 42, will apply.
- 13.2 RRS P2.3 will not apply and RRS P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one.
- 13.2 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the race office within the protest time limit.

14. SCORING

- 12.1. The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 14.2. When fewer than three races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When three or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 14.3. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 14.4. To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat may complete a scoring enquiry form available at the race office.
- 14.5. The RRS B8.A8 is deleted.

15. [DP] EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 15.1. A boat or equipment may be checked at any time for compliance with the rules.
- 15.2. On the water, a boat can be instructed by an equipment inspector to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

16. [DP] 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 fleet to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

17. [DP] [NP] IDENTIFICATION AND ADVERTISING

- 17.1. When provided by the organizing authority, boats or competitors shall carry, display or wear the following:
- 17.1.1. Bibs for all competitors
 - 17.1.2. Coloured bibs for event leaders
 - 17.1.3. Coloured stickers on the mainsail for event leaders
 - 17.1.4. Event advertising
 - 17.1.5. Cameras and sound equipment
 - 17.1.6. Tracking and timing system equipment
- 17.2. Information from this equipment shall not be used by a boat as evidence in a hearing. This changes RRS 63.6.

18. PROTEST COMMITTEE, PROTESTS, PENALTIES AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 18.1. Protest forms are available at the Jury office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 18.2. For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or racing has been postponed or abandoned for the day.
- 18.3. Notices will be posted at the Jury notice board within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the jury room, located next to the race office, beginning at the time posted. Hearings may be scheduled to begin up to 30 minutes before the end of the protest time.
- 18.4. Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 18.5. A list of boats that have been penalized under Appendix P for breaking RRS 42 will be posted.
- 18.6. Penalties for breaches of class rules, RRS 55 or rules in the Sis marked [DP], are at the discretion of the protest committee.
- 18.7. Breaches of rules in the Sis marked [NP] will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 18.8. For breaches of the SIs marked [SP] the race committee may apply a standard penalty without a hearing. A list of these breaches and the associated standard penalties will be posted on the Official Notice Board. However, the race committee may protest a boat when they consider the standard penalty to be inappropriate. A boat that has been penalised with a standard penalty can neither be protested for the same incident by another boat nor can another boat request redress for this race committee action. This changes RRS 60.1, 63.1 and Appendix A5.
- 18.9. 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

19. [DP] [NP] TRASH DISPOSAL

Further to RRS 55, competitors shall not at any time intentionally put trash outside the allocated containers. Trash may be placed on support and race committee boats.

20. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded as per the notice of race.

21. RISK STATEMENT

Competitors and support team participate in the Championships entirely at their own risk and they are reminded of the provisions of RRS 4, Decision to Race. Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- 21.1 They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- 21.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- 21.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- 21.4 By participating in any race, they are satisfied that their boat is in good order, equipped to sail

in the event and they are fit to participate;

21.5 The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;

21.6 The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

22. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

By participating in this championship competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority and their sponsors the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the athlete during the championship, and of all of his or her material related to the championship, without compensation.

23. INSURANCE

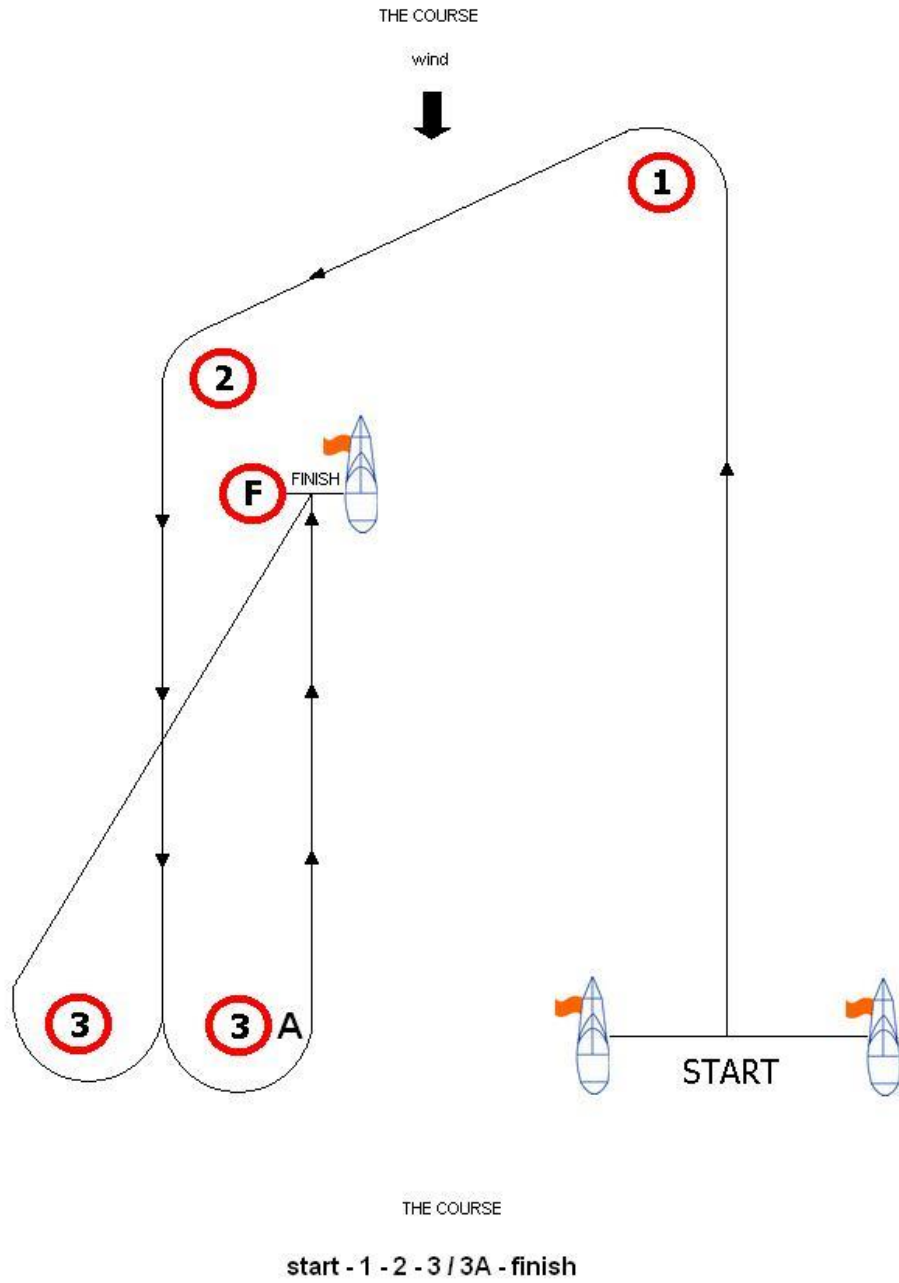
Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 1,500,000 US \$ per incident or the equivalent. The Organizing Authority is not responsible for verifying the status or validity of certificates.

ADDENDUM A – COURSE AREAS

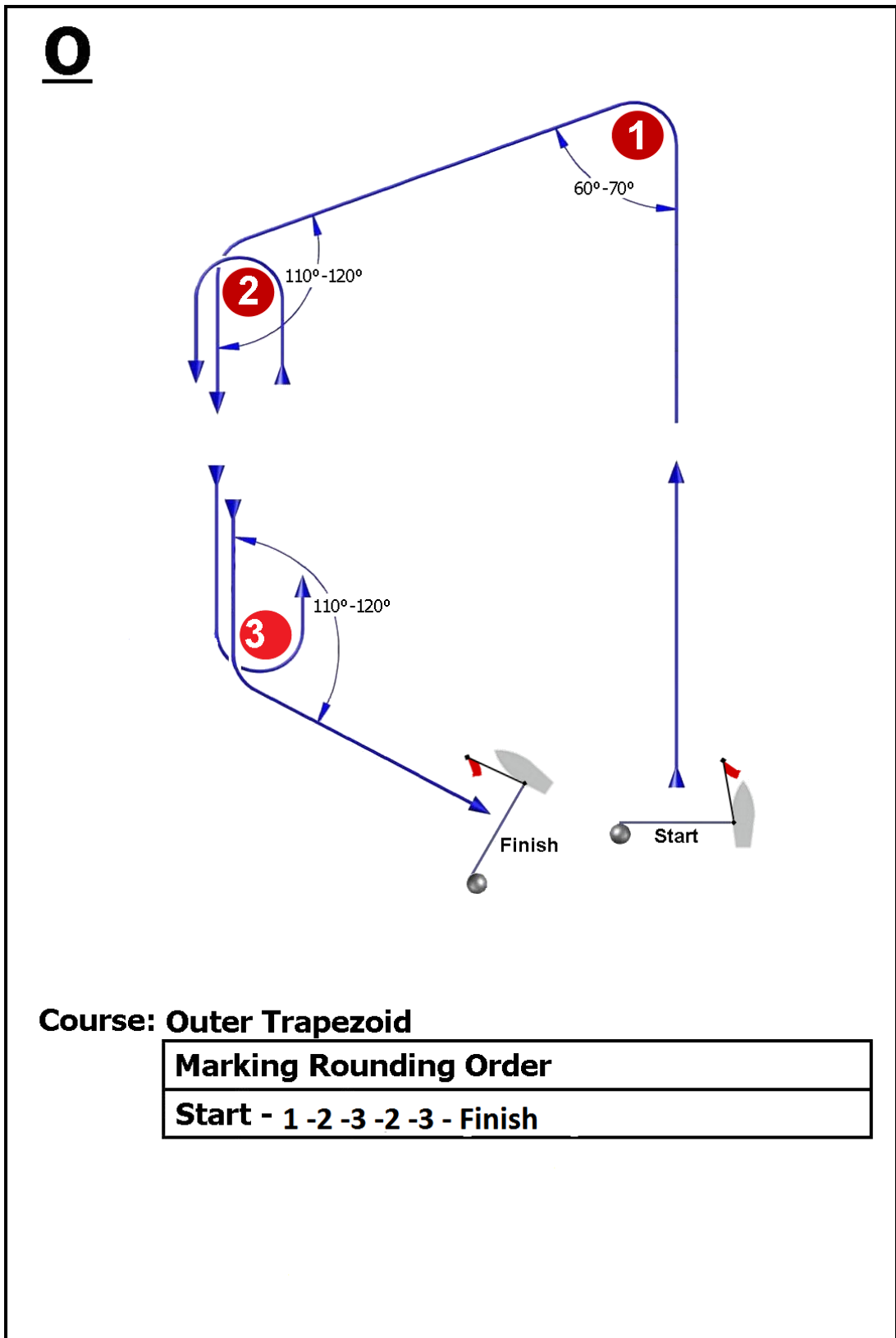


ADDENDUM B – COURSES

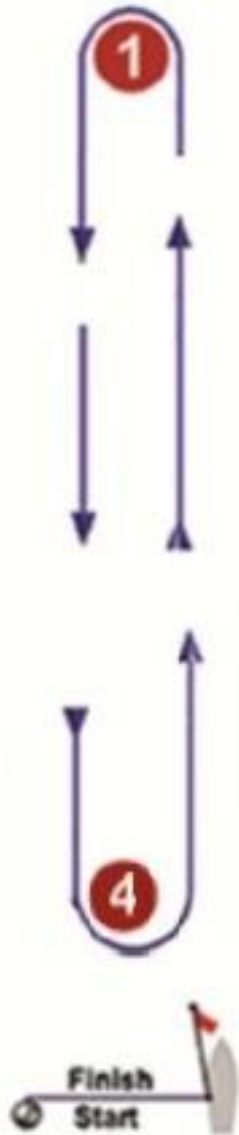
OPTIMIST CLASS – IODA COURSE



LASER 4.7 AND LASER RADIAL – OUTER TRAPEZOID COURSE



TECHNO 293 – WINDWARD/LEEWARD COURSE



	Mark Rounding Order
Techno 293 - Junior	Start – 1 – Finish
Techno 293	Start – 1 – 4 – 1 – Finish