

ROYAL HAMILTON AMATEUR DINGHY CLUB

RHADC Anniversary Regatta 2026

Saturday, October 10, 2026 | SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

CLASSES Optimist • 420 • RS Feva • ILCA 4/6/7	VENUE RHADC	FIRST WARNING 1000
RACE AREAS Hamilton Harbour • Granaway Deep • Great Sound	FORMAT 5 races • triangle	LAST WARNING 1500

Notation [NP] denotes a rule for which a boat may not protest another boat. This changes RRS 60.1. [DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the Bermuda Sailing Association and the applicable Optimist, International 420, RS Feva and ILCA class rules apply.
- 1.3 RRS 40.1 applies at all times while afloat. Each competitor shall wear a personal flotation device, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board before 0830 on the day it takes effect, except that a change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it takes effect.
- 2.2 Oral changes may be made on the water in accordance with RRS 90.2(c). The Race Committee will display flag L and communicate the change to each affected boat before her warning signal.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 The Official Notice Board (ONB) is located at <https://www.rhadc.bm/sailing/regattas/>.
- 3.2 The Race Office is at RHADC.
- 3.3 Coach and support vessels shall monitor VHF channel 73. Failure to hear a courtesy broadcast will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).
- 3.4 [DP] Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from regatta officials and shall handle equipment supplied by the Organising Authority with care and in accordance with instructions.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the RHADC flagstaff.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" in Race Signals AP is replaced by "not less than 45 minutes."

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

Date	Time	Activity
Saturday, October 10	0830	Competitor briefing at RHADC
Saturday, October 10	1000	First warning signal
Saturday, October 10	1500	No warning signal after this time
Saturday, October 10	After racing	Prize-giving as soon as practicable

- 6.1** Five races are scheduled. No more than five races will be sailed.
- 6.2** To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting-line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 6.3** The target time for each race is 20 minutes.

7 CLASS FLAGS AND STARTING ORDER

Order	Fleet	Class flag
1	ILCA 4, ILCA 6 and ILCA 7	ILCA class flag
2	420	420 class flag
3	RS Feva	RS Feva class flag
4	Optimist	Optimist class flag

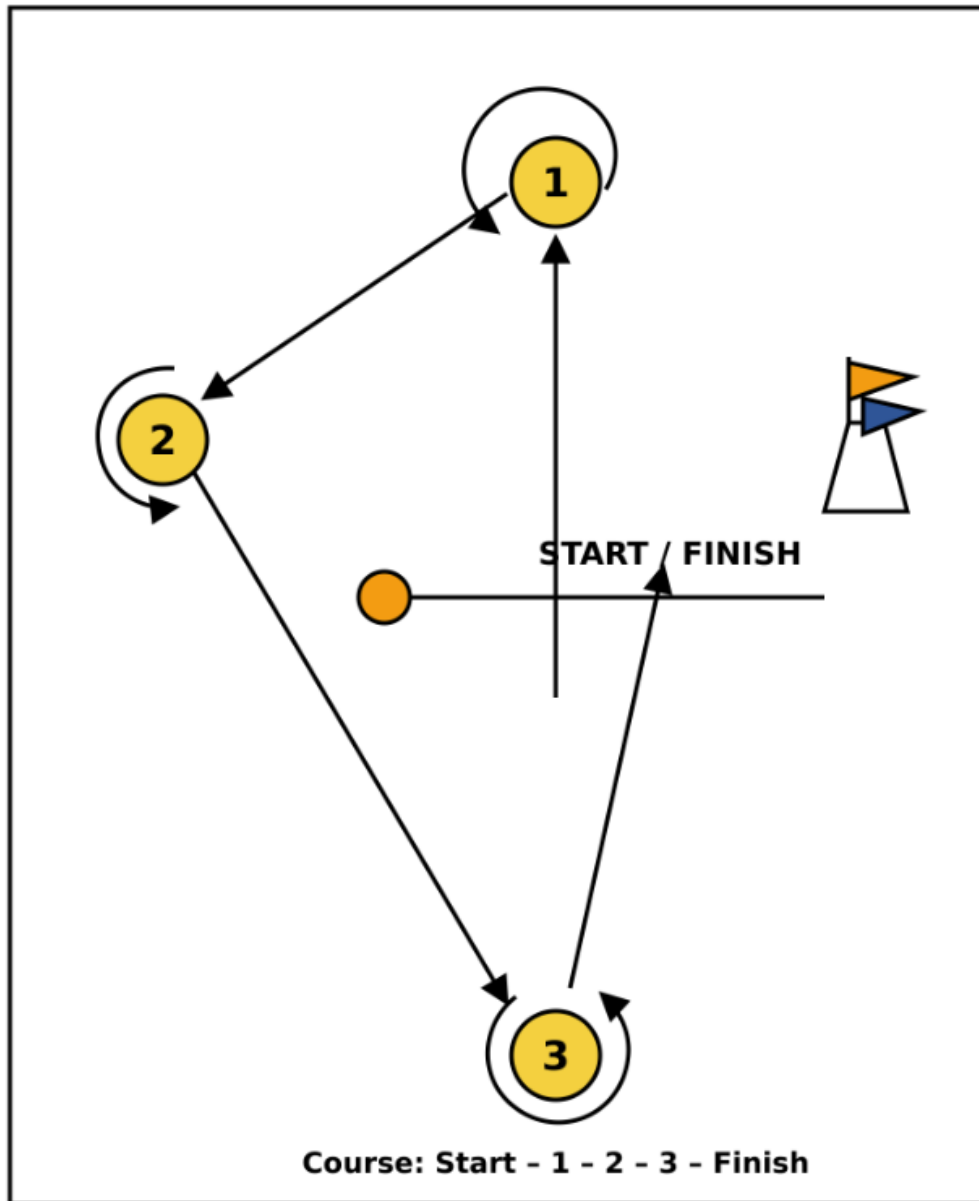
- 7.1** The Race Committee may change the starting order by displaying the class flag for the fleet whose warning signal is being made.
- 7.2** ILCA 4, ILCA 6 and ILCA 7 will start together and be scored separately.

8 RACING AREA

- 8.1** The racing area will be Hamilton Harbour, Granaway Deep or the Great Sound. One race area will be selected for all classes and announced on the ONB and/or at the competitor briefing before racing.

9 THE COURSE

- 9.1** The course is a triangle. The course sequence is Start - Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Mark 3 - Finish. All course marks shall be rounded to port.
- 9.2** The diagram below shows the course, including 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. The diagram is not to scale.



10 MARKS

10.1 Marks 1, 2 and 3 will be yellow marks.

10.2 The starting/finish mark will be orange.

11 THE START

- 11.1** Races will be started using RRS 26. The warning signal will be made five minutes before the starting signal. Preparatory signals available under RRS 26 and RRS 30 may be used at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 11.2** The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the orange starting mark at the port end.
- 11.3** The warning signal for a succeeding fleet may be made with or after the starting signal of the preceding fleet.
- 11.4** [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other fleets.
- 11.5** A boat that does not start within four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

12 THE FINISH

- 12.1** The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee finishing vessel and the course side of the orange finishing mark.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1** RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

14 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

Mark 1 time limit	Race time limit	Finishing window	Target time
10 minutes	35 minutes	10 minutes	20 minutes

- 14.1** If no boat in a class passes Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit, the race for that class will be abandoned.
- 14.2** The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat in their class sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.
- 14.3** Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).

15 HEARING REQUESTS

- 15.1** The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the Race Committee signal vessel docks after the final race of the day. The docking time and protest time limit will be posted on the ONB.
- 15.2** Hearing request forms are available from the Race Office and may also be available on the ONB. Completed forms shall be delivered to the Race Office within the applicable time limit.
- 15.3** 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 will be held at RHADC as soon as practicable.

16 SCORING

- 16.1** The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A applies.
- 16.2** One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.3** When four or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 16.4** When five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 16.5** ILCA 4, ILCA 6 and ILCA 7 will be scored separately.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1** [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

17.2 RRS 40.1 applies at all times while afloat. Personal flotation devices shall be properly secured and shall comply with applicable class rules.

17.3 When flag V is displayed with repetitive sounds, all boats and support vessels shall, if possible, monitor the Race Committee VHF channel for search-and-rescue instructions. This is consistent with RRS 37.

18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

18.1 [DP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.

18.2 [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized by the Race Committee. Requests shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity.

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

19.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions. When instructed by a race official, a boat shall proceed promptly to the designated inspection area.

20 OFFICIAL VESSELS

20.1 Official vessels will be identified at the competitor briefing. Actions by official vessels will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).

21 SUPPORT TEAMS

21.1 Coach and support vessels shall register with the Organising Authority before the competitor briefing and identify the boats or teams they support.

21.2 [NP][DP] From the first warning signal until all boats have finished or retired, coach and support vessels shall remain outside the areas where boats are racing, except when directed by the Race Committee or when providing assistance in an emergency.

21.3 [NP][DP] Drivers shall use a functioning engine kill cord whenever the engine is running and the vessel is in gear.

22 TRASH DISPOSAL

22.1 Trash may be placed aboard official or support vessels. RRS 47 applies.

23 RISK STATEMENT

23.1 RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." Competitors participate entirely at their own risk and accept the inherent risks of sailing, including the possibility of serious injury or death.

24 INSURANCE

24.1 [NP] Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with minimum cover of BMD\$500,000 per incident or the equivalent.

25 PRIZES

25.1 Prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place in each scored class: Optimist, 420, RS Feva, ILCA 4, ILCA 6 and ILCA 7.

26 FURTHER INFORMATION

26.1 Contact the RHADC Sailing Director at sailing@rhadc.bm.