

**JOLLY ROGER SAILING CLUB  
THURSDAY NIGHT RIVER RACING  
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2020**

1. **Rules:** This series of races will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing of the United States Sailing Association, and by these Sailing Instructions. Prescriptions 60.3, 63.2 and 63.4 will not apply.
2. **Entries:** All Optis, Lasers, Interlakes, and Catalina 22's shall sail in the appropriate one design class. Boats without measurements will sail in the Open Class and will be assigned a rating. If there are insufficient boats to constitute a class, all boats without a class (for that series) will be scored using the Portsmouth Yardstick handicapping system, or any other system as selected by the Race Committee. At least one completed race constitutes a series.
3. **Covid-19 Pandemic Requirements:** While on JRSC property (yard, clubhouse, bulkhead, and docks) all competitors must wear a face mask and adhere to CDC social distancing recommendations. These requirements are in effect while preparing your boat for racing. These requirements are in effect both before and after racing. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in disqualification.
4. **Notices to Competitors:** Notices will be posted on the on the bulkhead or sent out via email. The Race Committee will hail competitors on Channel 71 or verbally from the end of the JRSC "T" Dock. Please note that for 2020, racing will begin at 6:30 PM.
5. **Schedule:** A warning signal will be sounded at approximately 6:25 PM. All classes (except Optis) will start at the same time. The Race Committee will attempt to notify you of any changes to the starting sequence by broadcast on Channel 71 or by hail. The Opti Class will always have its own start and will not participate in an "all class start".
6. **Classes:**

Catalina 22	(Class flag to be determined)
Interlake	(Class flag to be determined)
Laser	(Class flag to be determined)
Open Class	(Class flag to be determined)
Opti Class	(Class flag to be determined)

7. **Start and Finish:** The Start and Finish lines will be between the tall pennant pole at the end of JRSC “T” Dock and the temporary flag floating approximately 150 to 200 feet off the end of the dock. Should the temporary flag not be present, the Start and Finish line will be between the tall pennant pole at the end of JRSC “T” Dock and the residential US Flag Pole on the opposite side of the river, directly across from the JRSC Docks.
8. **Recalls:** Recalls will be made in accordance with Rule 29.2. The Race Committee will attempt to hail boats that break RRS 29.1 on Channel 71 and verbally. Failure to hear this hail is not grounds for redress. No “X” flag will be flown. If the Race Committee hails “all clear”, you may assume that no boat was OCS (“on course side”). If there are a substantial number of boats OCS, the Race Committee may choose to restart the entire fleet/class by issuing a General Recall (hail, and three rapid horn blasts).
9. **Upriver (Green) Course:** If the Race Committee displays a Green Pennant on the tall “T” Dock pole – Start on the downriver side of the start / finish line. Head upriver to the navigational “no wake” buoy closest to the Summit Street Bridge and round this mark to starboard. Proceed downriver to the navigational “no wake” buoy closest to the Webbers Restaurant docks and round this mark to starboard. The start / finish line is closed while heading downriver. After rounding the downriver mark, proceed upriver to the finish line. (The start / finish line is never closed if the RC is using the residential US Flag Pole on the opposite side of the river as part of the start / finish line.)
10. **Downriver (Red) Course:** If the Race Committee displays a Red Pennant on the tall “T” Dock pole – Start on the upriver side of the start / finish line. Head downriver to the navigational buoy closest to the Webbers Restaurant docks and round this mark to port. Proceed upriver to the navigational “no wake” buoy closest to the Summit Street Bridge and round this mark to port. The start / finish line is closed while heading upriver. After rounding the upriver mark, proceed downriver to the finish line. (The start / finish line is never closed if the RC is using the residential US Flag Pole on the opposite side of the river as part of the start / finish line.)
11. **Opti Course:** The course for Optis will be set by the JRSC Junior Sailing Crash Boat using a “Red Tomato” as the windward mark. Regardless of course flag, Optis will start at the main start / finish line off of the JRSC “T” dock, proceed to the “Red Tomato” mark, rounding it to port, and then proceed to the finish line. **Boats in other classes should treat all Optis as if they have “right of way”, regardless of heading or wind direction.** Other

class boats should avoid the Opti turning mark, and if practicable, avoid the start / finish line as Optis are finishing.

12. **Shorten Course:** Should conditions warrant, the Race Committee MAY shorten course and will notify boats by hailing “Shorten Course” verbally, repeating the same on Channel 71, and accompanying the hails by two long horn signals. If a boat has passed the first mark, it should proceed directly to the finish line, crossing in the direction of its current course. If a boat has not passed the first mark, it should proceed to that mark, round it, and then proceed directly to the finish line, crossing in the direction of its current course.
13. **Multiple Races:** If conditions warrant, multiple races may be run. After finishing, the Race Committee will hail competitors indicating if there will be another race. Competitors should sail close to the JRSC “T” Dock, or monitor Channel 71, to receive instructions from the RC. Subsequent starts are normally done by class and will not normally include the entire fleet. No racing will begin after 9:00 pm.
14. **Scoring:** The low point system of Appendix A of the Racing Rules will apply. Any boat not finishing within thirty (30) minutes of the first place boat in their class, will be scored as “Did Not Finish” (DNF). Any race not completed within 1.5 hours will be deemed abandoned. Should conditions deteriorate, the Race Committee may deem a race abandoned.
15. **Decision to Race:** It is the sole responsibility of the skipper and crew of each boat to decide whether to start, continue, and/or finish racing. The Race Committee, Jolly Roger Sailing Club, its officers, or any individual so associated, is not liable for accident, damage, illness, or injury resulting from participation in these races.

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