



The Santa Barbara Yacht Club presents:

Optimist Goblin Regatta

October 18-19, 2025

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organizing Authority for the 2025 Optimist Goblin Regatta will be:
The Santa Barbara Yacht Club (SBYC) - 130 Harbor Way, Santa Barbara, CA 93109



1. RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2 The notation [DP] in a *rule* means that the penalty for a breach of a *rule* may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.
- 1.3 The notation [NP] in a *rule* means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that *rule*. This changes RRS 60.1.
- 1.4 The notation [SP] in a *rule* means that a standard scoring penalty will be added to a boat's score without a hearing for breaking the *rule*.
- 1.5 On the water protests shall be indicated to the Race Committee with a red flag, displayed while crossing the finish line. It is the competitor's responsibility to get a verbal verification from the committee boat that they are filing a protest.
- 1.6 US Sailing prescriptions to rules 63.2 will not apply.
- 1.7 Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: '(2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or'.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board which is located at <https://sbyc.org/goblin-optimist-regatta>.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1045 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be verbally announced to competitors from the registration area.
- 4.2 When the code flag 'AP' is displayed, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signal 'AP'.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 **Friday, October 17, 2025**

1200 Competitor briefing will be sent out via pre-recorded video. Questions about the briefing or related to the regatta may be submitted via text, or email to: Brad Schaupeter – racing@sbyc.org / (310) 850-5213. Answers to questions may be shared with all registrants via email as appropriate.

Saturday, October 18, 2025

0900 Check-in opens at the launch ramp
1000 Check-in closes
1015 Competitor meeting on beach next to launch area.
1045 Daily Sign-In <https://forms.gle/ruBWABTPLbW9qBTy7>
1200 Warning signal for first race

1700 BBQ Beach Party at SBYC. Live music and hosted dinner for competitors.
Saturday dinner tickets available for purchase for additional guests.

Sunday, October 19, 2025

1030 Report Time & Costume Contest Judging

1045 Daily Sign-In <https://forms.gle/ruBWABTPLbW9qBTy7>

1200 Warning signal for first race

1600 No warning signal after this time

Post Racing Snacks at launch ramp & Awards presentation at the Launch Ramp

5.2 For Champ Fleet, seven (7) races total are scheduled with no more than four (4) races to be sailed on any one day.

5.3 For Green Fleet, as many race as possible will be sailed.

6. CLASS FLAGS

6.1 The class flag for the Championship Fleet (Red, Blue, and White Fleets) will be a white flag with a blue Optimist class insignia.

6.2 The class flag for the Green Fleet will be a green flag with a white Optimist class insignia.

7. RACING AREAS

The racing areas will be as shown in 'Attachment B – Racing Area'.

8. COURSES

8.1 The diagrams in 'Attachment C – Course Chart (Championship Fleet)' and 'Attachment D – Course Chart (Green Fleet) show the courses, 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 race committee may move marks to maintain course configuration without a signal. This changes rule 33(a) and 33(b). The Race Committee (RC) will announce the course verbally and display numbers on red and white placards.

8.2 Championship Fleet and Green Fleet will sail on different courses. The anticipated location of the courses is shown in 'Attachment B – Racing Area'.

9. MARKS

9.1 Marks for the Championship Fleet course will be as shown in 'Attachment C – Course Chart (Championship Fleet)'.

9.2 Marks for the Green Fleet course will be as shown in 'Attachment D – Course Chart (Green Fleet)'

10. START & FINISH

10.1 The start for Championship and Green fleets will be signaled in accordance with Rule 26, with the warning given 5 minutes before the start.

10.2 The start line for both Championship and Green Fleet courses will be between the course side of an orange inflatable tetrahedron and a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal boat.

10.3 The finishing line for the Championship Fleet will be between the course side of an orange inflatable tetrahedron and a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Boat.

10.4 The finishing line for the Green Fleet will be between the course side of a yellow inflatable tetrahedron and a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Boat.

10.5 For the Green Fleet, the following Appendix U rules will apply – U1, U2, U4, and U5. U3 will not apply and starting signals for Green Fleet will be as detailed in SI 10.1.

11. TIME LIMIT

Boats whose place in the race has been established may be finished as is by the Race Committee in order to expedite the next start.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

The penalty system will be as described in RRS 44.

13. HEARING REQUESTS

Protesting boats shall inform the Race Committee of the boat being protested immediately after finishing. In accordance with Optimist Class rules, a protest flag must be flown by the protesting boat. This instruction changes Rule 60.2(a(1)). Protests may be filed online via the hear request form at <https://forms.gle/HZ94kKmvazCAG3ie6> within one hour of the last boat's finish on that day. Hearing order, time, and location will be posted at <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1a6CJDDyhd8L3KO9ldxq0AuEbQbLDA4vEkfOaDm8-nK4/edit?usp=sharing> and on the notice board.

14. SCORING

- 14.1 The low-point scoring system of Appendix A will apply, except that a boat's series score shall be the total of all her scores when fewer than six races have been sailed.
- 14.2 Two (2) races are required to be completed to constitute a regatta.

15. SAFETY REGULATIONS AND ADULT RESPONSIBILITY [DP]

- 15.1 An adult (parent, guardian or designated adult/coach) is responsible for the safety of each of their sailors. It is the responsibility solely of this adult to decide if the sailor should sail in the weather and sea conditions that might arise during the event. The adults supervising the competitors are ultimately responsible for the risks. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. [NP]
- 15.2 Parents not personally attending any part of the event must ensure that another adult is authorized and designated to make these decisions for their sailor, and each competitor shall indicate in writing the parent or adult representative that shall be responsible for the competitor throughout the event. [NP]
- 15.3 The designated adult will accept full responsibility for all actions of the competitor during any activity related to the event. This includes on-shore activities before, during, and after the regatta. [NP]
- 15.4 Should a competitor not leave the dock after checking in online, the coach or competitor must inform the Principal Race Officer, Brad Schaupeter, as soon as possible via text message to (310) 850-5213, with the name and sail number of the competitor. [NP]
- 15.5 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. Notification via a coach or secondary source is acceptable.
- 15.6 Competitors shall wear UCSG approved Type III personal flotation at all times while on the water except for briefly to remove or add clothing.
- 15.7 Each competitor must have a whistle attached to their PFD at all times while on the water.
- 15.8 Each boat must have a bow line with a secure loop in the end of it.
- 15.9 Each boat must have a bailer.
- 15.10 Items in SI 15.6, 15.7, 15.8, and 15.9 will be checked at the launch ramp and may be checked on the water. Any sailor that does not have these items may not be permitted to leave land and may have a standard penalty of 10 points per item missing added to their regatta score. [SP]

16. TRASH DISPOSAL [DP]

Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed on support and Race Committee boats.

17. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the top five finishers in each division (Red / White / Blue), top 10 overall Championship Fleet finishers, and to the top female skipper. Participation awards will be given to Green Fleet skippers.

18. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform, and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**