



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

WESMEX INTERNATIONAL SMALL BOAT REGATTA

For Optimist, CLUB 420, 29er and ILCA 7, 6, 4 Classes

Vallarta Yacht Club, Nuevo Nayarit, Nayarit, Mexico

February 21 to 25, 2024

The notation '[NP]' indicates that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a)

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules defined in the Yacht Racing Rules.
- 1.2. In case of discrepancy between languages, the English text will prevail.

2. 2. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any changes to the sailing instructions will be published before 10:30 a.m. on the day they come into effect, except that any changes to the regatta schedule will be published before 7:00 p.m. on the day before they come into effect.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be published on the official notice board (ONB) located at <https://www.wesmexregatta.org>.
- 3.2. The regatta office is located at the Vallarta Yacht Club.
- 3.3. [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat will not make voice or data transmissions and will not receive voice or data communications that are not available to all boats.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1. DP][NP] Competitors and support persons must comply with the reasonable requests of the race officials.
- 4.2. Competitors and support persons will place the advertising provided by the organizing authority with care and skill, in accordance with the instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. The signals made on land will be displayed on a mast near the launch ramp.
- 5.2. [DP] Flag D with a sound displayed ashore means that the warning signal will be given not less than 60 minutes after hoisting this signal". No boat shall leave the beach until this signal is given.

6. RACE SCHEDULE

- 6.1. Regatta days:

Date	All Classes	Time of First Warning
Feb. 22	Practice Race	14:00
Feb. 23	Races	12:00
Feb. 24	Optimist Team Race Optimis Individual Racing ILCA, C420, 29er Individual Races	12:00

Feb. 25	Races	12:00
	Awards at Paradise Village Beach	18:00

6.2. Number of Races:

Classes	Total Number of Races	Races Per Day	Maximum Number of Races Per Day
Optimist, Club 420, 29er, ILCA 7,6,4	9	3	4

6.3. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange flag at the start line will be displayed with a sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is given.

6.4. On the last scheduled day of racing, no attention signal will be given after 3:30 p.m.

7. CLASS FLAGS

7.1. The class flags are:

Optimist		ILCA 7	
Optimist Beginners		ILCA 6	
Club 420		ILCA 4	
29er	29er		

8. COURSES

- 8.1. The diagrams in Annex A show the courses, including the approximate angles between the legs, the order in which the marks must be passed and the side on which each mark must be left.
- 8.2. In the absence of one of the gate marks, the remaining mark shall be left on the port side.

9. MARKS AND RACING AREAS

- 9.1. Marks and courses are described en Appendix A - Courses
- 9.2. Paradise Course - OPTIMIST. Flamingos Course - ILCA 7, 6, 4, C420, 29er.
- 9.3. Marks for Optimist classes: course marks orange, start - pin boat, finish red. ILCA, C420 & 29er: course marks yellow, start pin boat, ILCA/C420 finish red, 29er finish green, 29er weather mark orange.

10. STARTS

- 10.1. The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee signal boat at the starboard end and a staff displaying an orange flag on a pin boat on the port end or an inflatable pin start buoy at the port end.
- 10.2. [NP][DP]Boats whose warning signal has not been given will avoid the starting area during the starting sequence of other racers.
- 10.3. A boat that does not start within four (4) minutes of her starting signal will be scored DNS (Did Not Start) without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

11. THE FINISH

- 11.1. The finish line is between a staff showing a blue flag on a committee boat at one end and a staff showing a blue flag on a committee boat at the other end or the side of the course of an inflatable finish pin (or between the course side of the buoys at both ends, when both are inflatable buoys).

12. PENALTY SYSTEMS

- 12.1. According to Notice of Regatta 1.2, Appendix P of the RRS will apply.

13. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 13.1. The time limits and target times are as follows:

Class	Time Limit	Time Limit to Mark 1	Time Limit Goal
Optimist	75 minutes	25 minutes	45 minutes
Opti Beginner	50 minutes	30 minutes	30 minutes
Club 420	75 minutes	25 minutes	45 minutes
ILCA 7,6,4	75 minutes	25 minutes	45 minutes

29er	75 minutes	25 minutes	45 minutes
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- 13.2. If no boat has passed the first mark within the mark 1 time limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 13.3. The finish time range for all classes will be 15 minutes. The finish time range is the time boats finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats that do not finish within the finish range, and are not subsequently retired, penalized or repaired, will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35 and A5.1.
- 13.4. Failure to meet the target finish time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

14. REQUEST FOR HEARING

- 14.1. For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat of that class finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals that there will be no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official bulletin board.
- 14.2. The hearing requests will be presented at the Vallarta Yacht Club and will be published on the official notice board. The official notice board will be located next to the Vallarta Yacht Club signal pole.
- 14.3. Notices will be posted on the Online Bulletin Board (OBB) at <https://www.wesmexregatta.org> no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. The hearings will take place in the protest room, located in the VALLARTA YACHT CLUB.
- 14.4. A list of boats that have been penalized for infringing RRS 42 as per Appendix P will be posted on the official notice board.

15. [NP][DP] SCORING

- 15.1. See Notice of Race 11
- 15.2. To request the correction of an alleged error in the published results of a race or series, a competitor will need to complete an online scoring inquiry. In exceptional circumstances, paper versions will be accepted at the Race Office.
- 15.3. To request a review of their starting penalty or alleged incorrect finishing position, a competitor will need to submit an online scoring inquiry to schedule a meeting with the race officials who made the call.

16. [NP][DP] SAFETY

- 16.1. Departure and arrival control: before going out into the water, each participant must place their identification credential on the board placed for this purpose next to the ramp. Upon returning to land and before the end of the protest time limit, each participant must collect their identification from the board.
- 16.2. A competitor that withdraws from a race must notify the race committee as soon as possible.

17. [DP] CHANGE OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 17.1. In case of damage, boats and equipment may only be substituted with the permission of the race committee, except as in SI17.2. The Equipment Replacement request is available on the official notice board, located at the VALLARTA YACHT CLUB.
- 17.2. If the damage occurs less than 2 hours before the first scheduled start on a race day, and before the start of the last race of the day, provisional verbal permission must be obtained from the race committee before using the equipment in a race. The substitution permit must be requested before the protest period ends at the end of the day on which the substitution takes place.

18. EQUIPMENT CHECKS AND MEASUREMENTS

- 18.1. A boat or team may be inspected at any time to verify compliance with the class rules, the notice of race and the sailing instructions.
- 18.2. On the water, a member of the race committee or technical committee may direct a boat to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection. On land, equipment can be inspected or measured from 08:00 until 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

19. [DP] SUPPORT BOATS

- 19.1. Team leaders, coaches and other support persons must remain outside the areas where the boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general withdrawal or abandonment.
- 19.2. The trainer and other support boats are required to display their assigned flag at all times while on the water.

20. GARBAGE DISPOSAL

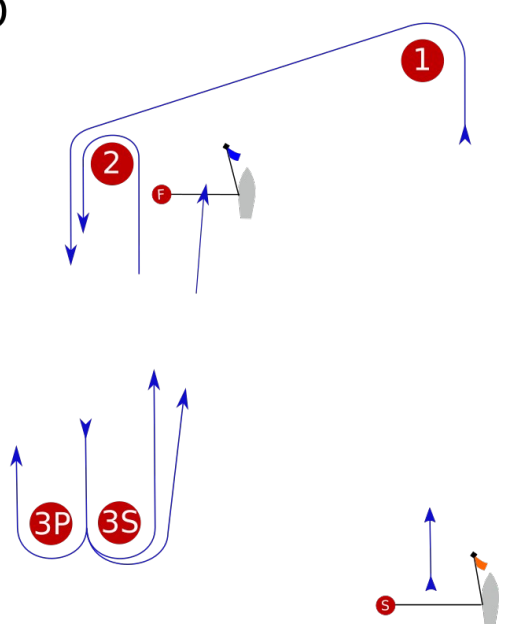
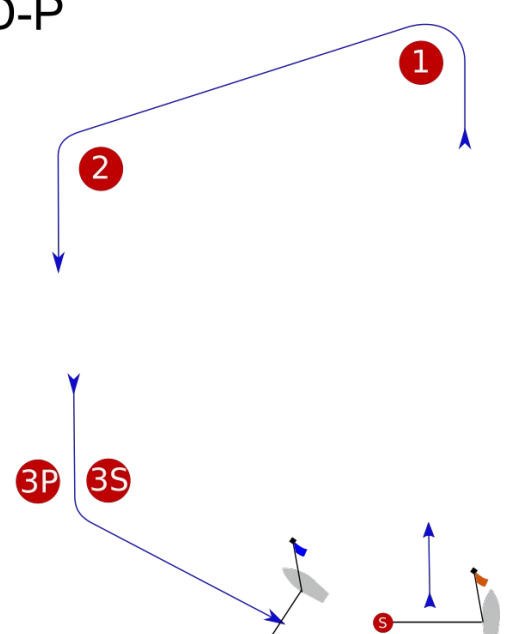
- 20.1. Garbage can be placed aboard official vessels or support persons.

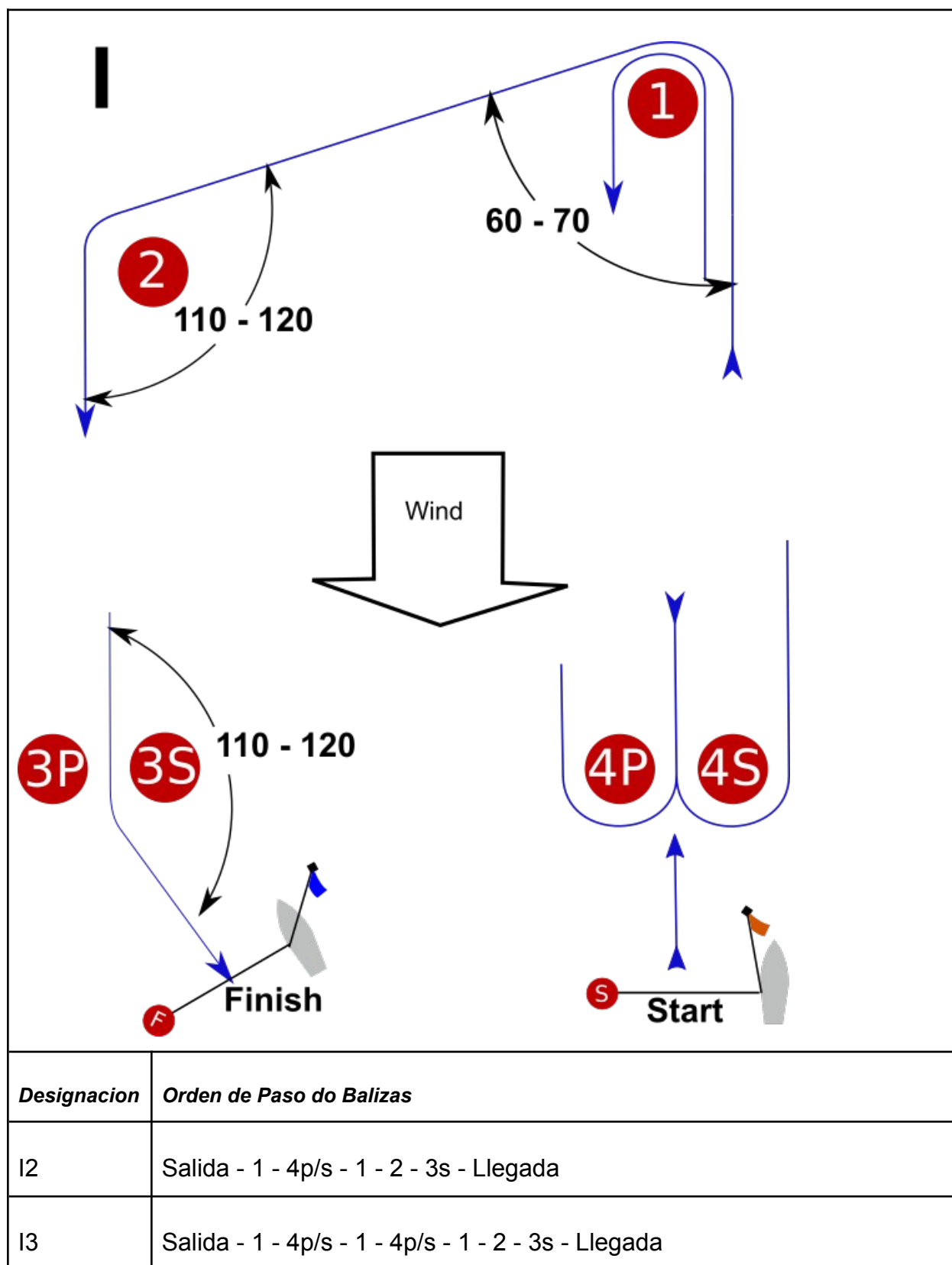
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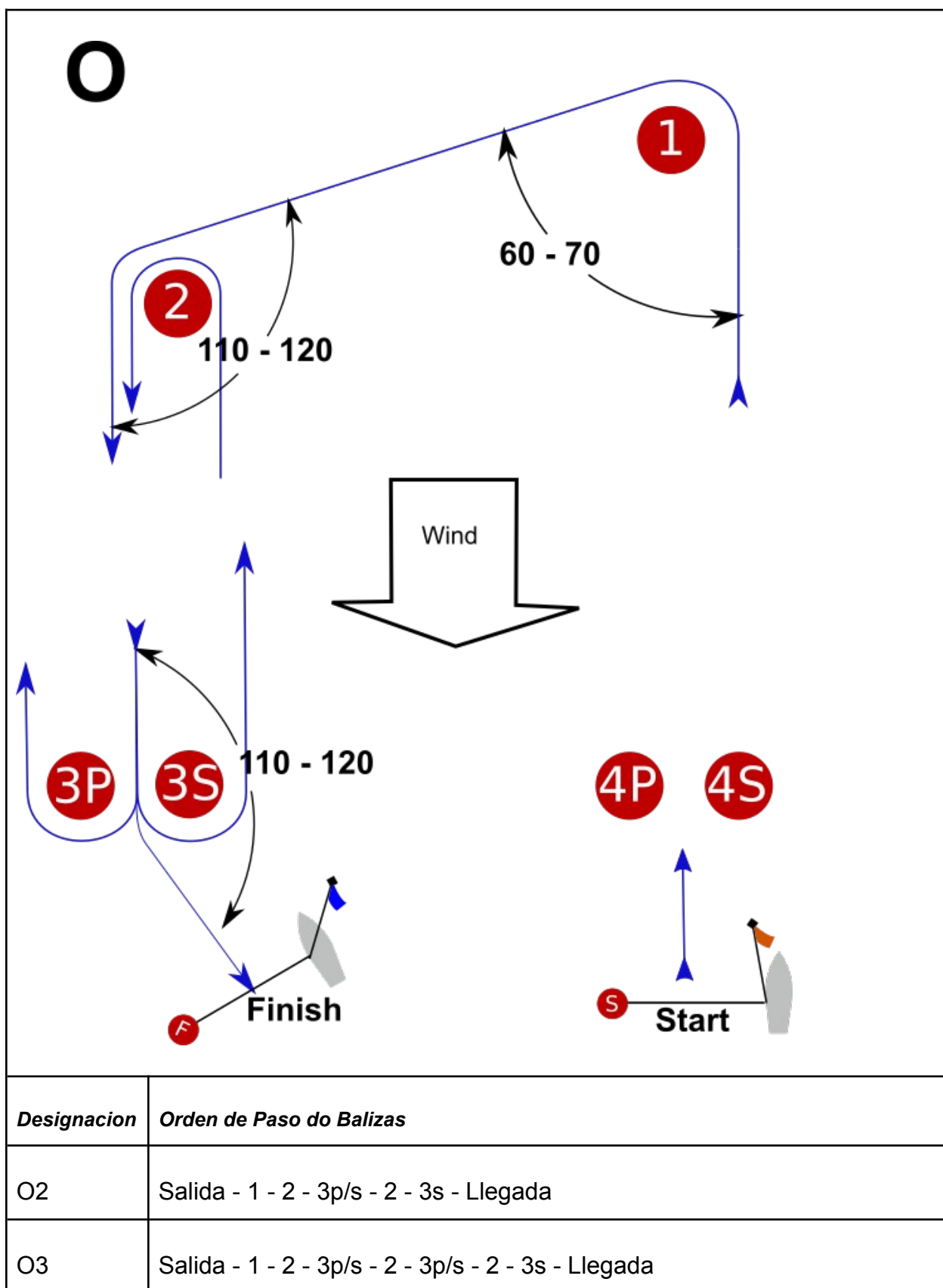
- 21.1. Competitors take part in the regatta at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Compete. The organizing authority does not accept responsibility for property damage, bodily injury or death in connection with, or before, during or after the regatta.

Appendix A – Courses

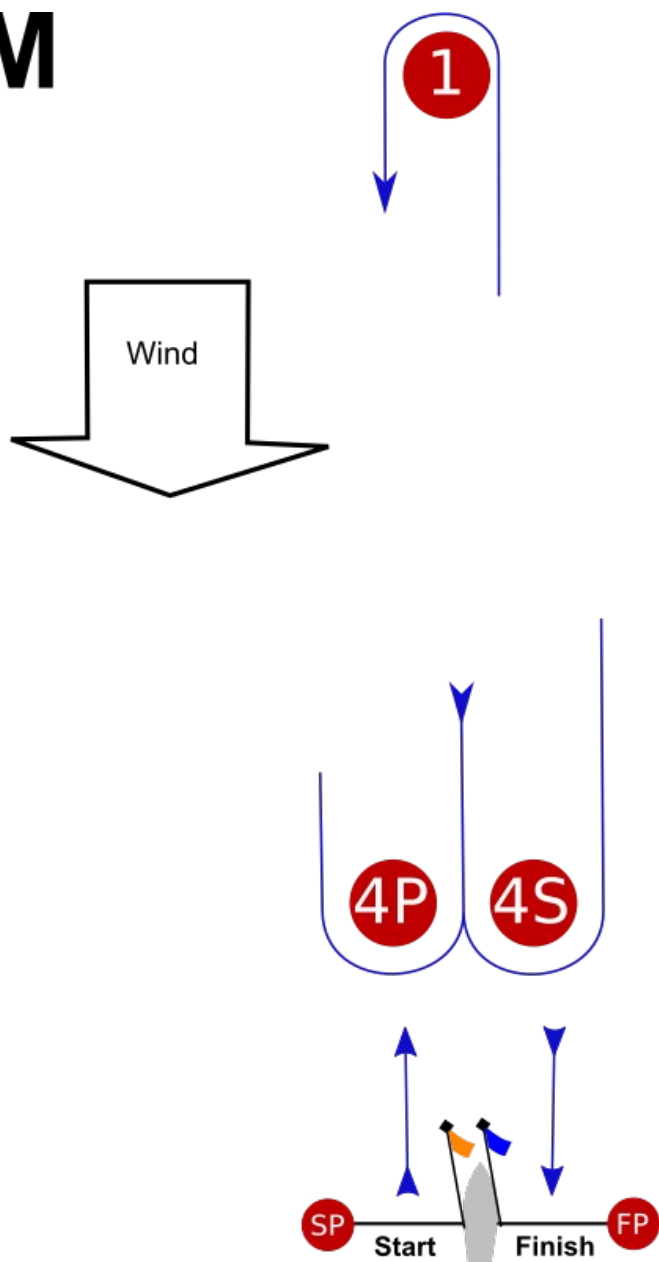
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<div>IOD</div> 		<div>IOD-P</div> 	
<i>Designacion</i>	<i>Orden de Paso do Balizas</i>	<i>Designacion</i>	<i>Orden de Paso do Balizas</i>
IOD	Salida - 1 - 2- 3p/s - 2 - 3p/s - Llegada	IOD-P	Salida - 1 - 2- 3s - Llegada





LM



<i>Designacion</i>	<i>Orden de Paso do Balizas</i>
LM2	Salida - 1 - 4p/s - 1 - Llegada
LM3	Salida - 1 - 4p/s - 1 - 4p/s - 1 - Llegada

These instructions only apply to team events. In the event of a conflict with other instructions, the rules in this Exhibit C will take precedence.

1. TEAM REGISTRATION

- 1.1. The team events will be run in the Optimist class only and will be scored separately from the fleet events.
- 1.2. Each team will consist of 4 boats. Up to 4 helmspeople will participate in each race, but the team may have 1 more in reserve. The teams will be identified with colored ribbons tied to the end of the boom.
- 1.3. Each team that intends to participate must notify the race committee no later than the coaches' meeting on February 23. At that time, each team will provide the race committee with a referee and a boat for it.
- 1.4. No later than 11:00 on February 24, the race committee will publish the list of registered teams and the competition format to be used. The race committee will use the following criteria to determine the teams whose entry will be accepted:
 - (a) individual score in the fleet race,
 - (b) gender equality and geographic origin,
 - (c) team entry order,
 - (d) compliance with IR C1.3, and
 - (e) logistical capacity to carry out the regatta.The race committee's determination will be final and will not be grounds for a boat to request redress. This modifies RRS 60.1(b).

2. RULES

- 2.1. The races will be refereed.
- 2.2. The referees may use hand signals or voices instead of the flags. This modifies RRS D2.4.
- 2.3. When a boat that starts and finishes does not navigate the course in accordance with RRS 28.1, it will receive a 6 point penalty without redress. This modifies RRS A5.
- 2.4. The red protest flag will be attached to the competitor, to his clothing or to his vest. It can be deployed at arm's length. To protest, the competitor will pass the flag from a concealment position to where clearly visible to the referees and the contestant being protested. This adds to RRS 61.1(a).

3. RACE PROGRAM

- 3.1. The races will start when the race committee so determines, displaying a T flag. This means: "Fleet races that have not started are postponed. More signals will be given on land. The first warning signal for team events will be given as soon as practicable."

4. COURSE AND MARKS

- 4.1. The route for the team events will be N.
- 4.2. The races will be sailed in the Pista Paradise Area.
- 4.3. The race committee will have as a goal that the course be sailed in 8 minutes. If this time is not met, it will not be reason for redress. This modifies RRS 60.1(b).
- 4.4. The marks will be the following:

Mark	Description
Start Inflatable	Red Tetrahedron
1, 2, 3 y 4	Orange Tetrahedrons
Finish Inflatable	Red Tetrahedron

5. START

- 5.1. The start will be given according to RRS 26 except that the warning signal will be 3 minutes before the start and the preparatory signal 2 minutes before the start.
- 5.2. The race committee will identify the teams that will take part in the next race before the warning signal.
- 5.3. In case of an individual recall, the race committee will keep flag X displayed for up to 1 minute. This modifies RRS 29.1.

6. ACTIONS OF THE RACE COMMITTEE

- 6.1. The race committee may cancel a race for any reason. This modifies RRS 32. This cancellation may be indicated verbally. This modifies RRS 32 and the Race Signals.

7. REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 7.1. To file protests and requests for redress other than protests under a rule listed in RRS D2.2, competitors will notify the jury or race committee at the first reasonable opportunity after finishing. When appropriate, the protest committee will hold the hearing on the water and report its decision orally.
- 7.2. The time limit to protest will be 2 minutes after finishing, for the competitors, and 60 minutes for the race or protest committee.
- 7.3. Penalties for breaking class rules will be at the discretion of the protest committee.