

2017 Northland O'pen Cup

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

Refer NoR 1. A flowchart summarising the O'pen BIC Addendum Q is over the page. Flag H with two sound signals, indicates that boats are requested stay ashore until this signal is removed. The warning signal will be made not less than 15 mins after flag H is removed. (with 1 sound signal).

2. FORMAT

2.1. **Fleets.** The NZOBA regattas have provision for up to three fleets (Bronze, Silver and Gold) depending on entry numbers. Where the entry number are less than 40, Gold and Silver will be provisioned. For in excess of 40 entries, **Gold, Silver and Bronze** fleets will be provisioned.

2.2. **Gold and Silver Fleets.** Multiple fleets will be accommodated depending on numbers of entries into the event. Less than 20 sailors: a single Gold fleet. Between 20 and 40 sailors, a Gold and Silver fleet will be accommodated, in excess of 40 sailors, a Bronze fleet will also be accommodated.

All competitors will decide which fleet they want to sail in, the organisers will work to fit the numbers across the fleets to make for manageability considerations. The gold fleet will be made up of the more experienced sailors that have raced before. The silver fleet will be made up of sailors new to racing who will have a similar, but shortened, course with coaching assistance throughout racing. **Where appropriate a Bronze fleet may be accommodated.**

(a) Once a competitor's decision has been made to sail in either the gold or silver fleets they cannot change and shall continue in that fleet for the duration of the regatta, unless stated by both the Organising Authority and Race Committee.

2.3. **Point-to-point / long distance races;** These races will be longer distance and **Will not count towards the overall points score** 1st 2nd and 3rd place prizes will be awarded

2.4. **Adventure and Combined Races.** These events may include but are not limited to an adventure race and other non-scoring races that may involve two-up (two person) sailing. **THESE RACES DO NOT COUNT TOWARDS THE OVERALL POINT SCORE,** but there will be spot prizes awarded courtesy of our sponsors. These races will also be made up of all fleets sailing together.

3. COMMUNICATION

3.1. The official noticeboard will be located in the Taipa Sailing Club Clubrooms on the first floor. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag pole at Club.

3.2. Changes to the Sailing Instructions ashore will be posted before 0900 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. SIGN-OUT AND SIGN-IN

- 4.1 At Registration each skipper will be allocated a ID Card on a lanyard with a number on it that shall be worn at all times ashore.
- 4.2 To Sign-Out when going out to sail each skipper shall hang his/her ID Card on the corresponding number on the board located next to the ramp. To Sign-In when returning each skipper shall within 30 minutes pick up his/her ID Card and continue to wear it.
- 4.3 Failure to sign out shall result in a ten point penalty for the next race completed. Failure to Sign In shall result in a ten point penalty for the last race completed. Both penalty scores shall be awarded without hearing and shall not worsen a boats score by more than the score of DSQ.


5. THE START –

5.1. Races will be started using the following signals. This amends the table in RRS 26.

<i>Minutes before starting signal</i>	<i>Visual Signal</i>	<i>Sound Signal</i>	<i>Means</i>
3	Class Flag	One	Warning Signal
• 2	Preparatory flag	One	Preparatory signal
1	Preparatory flag removed	One long	One minute
0	Class Flag removed	One	Starting signal



5.2. The Class Flags will be:

Class	Flag
Gold	White flag with O'pen BIC insignia
Silver	Pink flag with O'pen BIC insignia
Bronze	A Laser class flag will be used 

5.3. 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. Time Limit

6.1. Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes may be scored according to their recorded position at the last turning mark rounded. This changes RRS 35, A4, and A5.

7. Marks

7.1. The starting line and finishing line will be between the orange flag on the committee boat and the pink teardrop mark.

7.2. The Windward mark and Leeward Gate marks will be red AON sailing marks.

7.3. Other marks will be pink teardrop or yellow cylindrical marks.

8. SCHEDULE Refer NoR 5 for the schedule of events.



9. PRIZES

9.1. Prizes will be awarded as follows:

- Overall - 1st, 2nd, 3rd
- U19's – 1st, 2nd, 3rd
- U16's – 1st, 2nd, 3rd
- U13's – 1st, 2nd, 3rd
- Silver Fleet - 1st, 2nd, 3rd
- Bronze Fleet (if sailed)- 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority (OA).

10. RESPONSIBILITIES

10.1. All those taking part in the regatta do so at their own risk and responsibility. Specific attention is drawn to RRS 4, which states; "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".

10.2. The OA (Organising Authority), sponsors, New Zealand International O'pen BIC Class Association and the race committee are not responsible for any damage or injury either afloat or ashore.

10.3. **Risk Warning:** The OA advises competitors, legal guardians and anyone who participates in yachting events conducted by the OA that participation in the sport of yachting, whether racing or otherwise, can be dangerous and can result in harm, personal injury and property damage. The OA is not responsible for any harm or injury suffered by any person in any yachting event conducted by the OA of whatever nature. All participants (and their legal guardians) acknowledge that competing in yachting events may be dangerous and may result in harm or personal injury and participate in such events aware of such dangers and voluntarily accept any risk of harm.

11. **INSURANCE** The MOU signed with the host club identifies that the host club will carry sufficient insurance for the event.

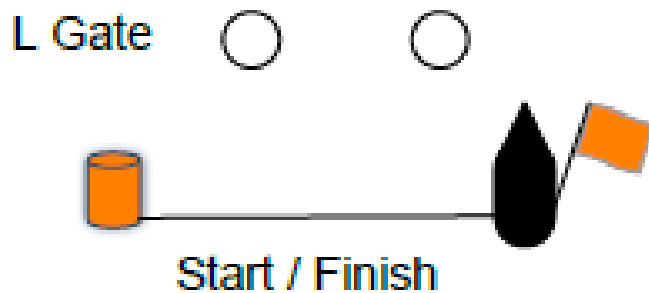
12. **SUPPORT VESSELS** Will be coordinated by the host club



13. Courses – Race lengths are targeted to be 25 minutes long (for the first finishers in Gold fleet) – Where breeze drops and race length target is significantly threatened, the race committee may decide to shorten the course at a gate. This will be discussed at briefing, specific signals will be used to notify sailors of these changes.

***Note** – These courses are only guidelines and can be changed at any time by the race committee. If courses are changed, they will be explained at the daily briefing.

13.1. Course One – Gold only



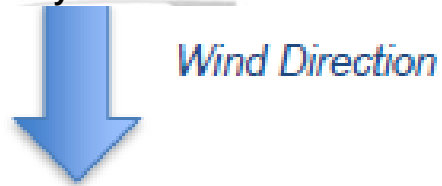
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13.2. Course Two – Gold only



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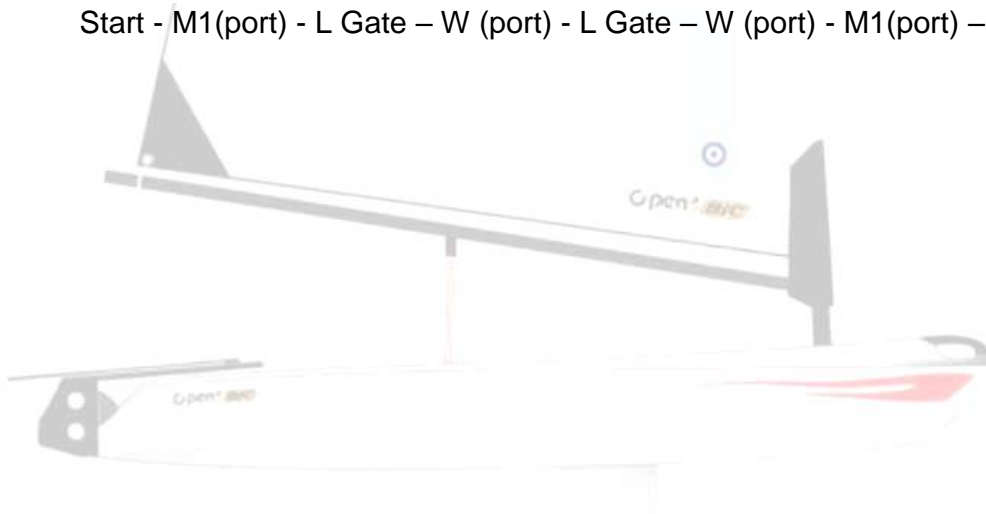
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Start / Finish

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Start - M1(port) - L Gate – W (port) - L Gate – W (port) - M1(port) – Finish.



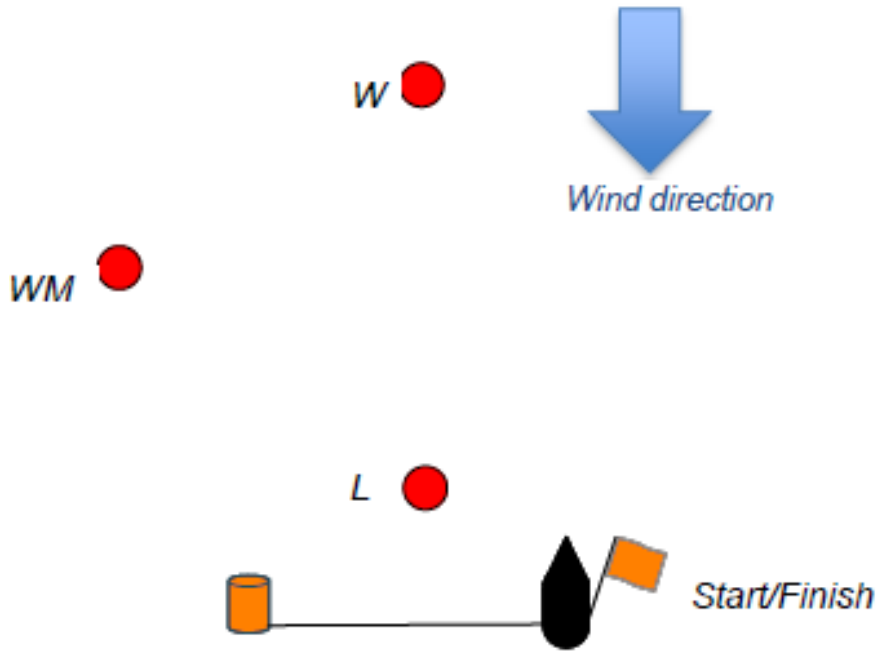
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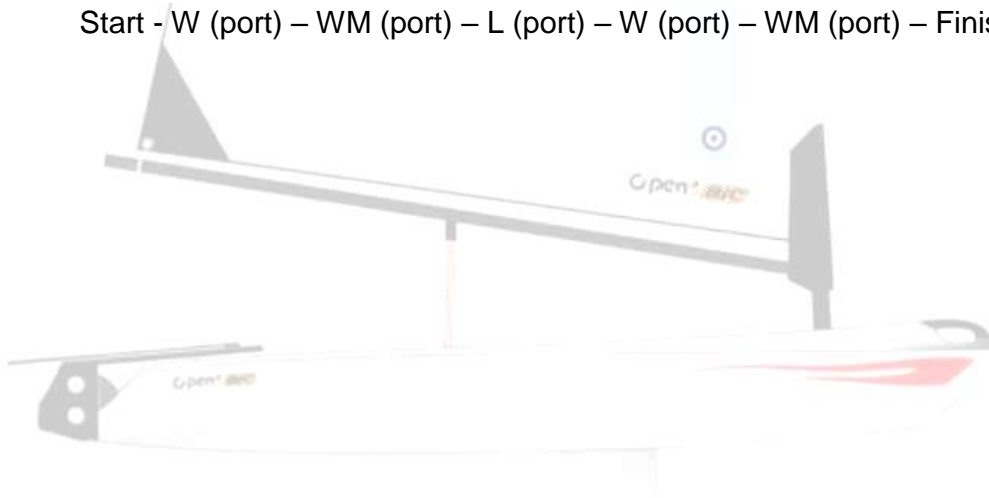
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13.3. Course 3 (Gold and Silver): _____



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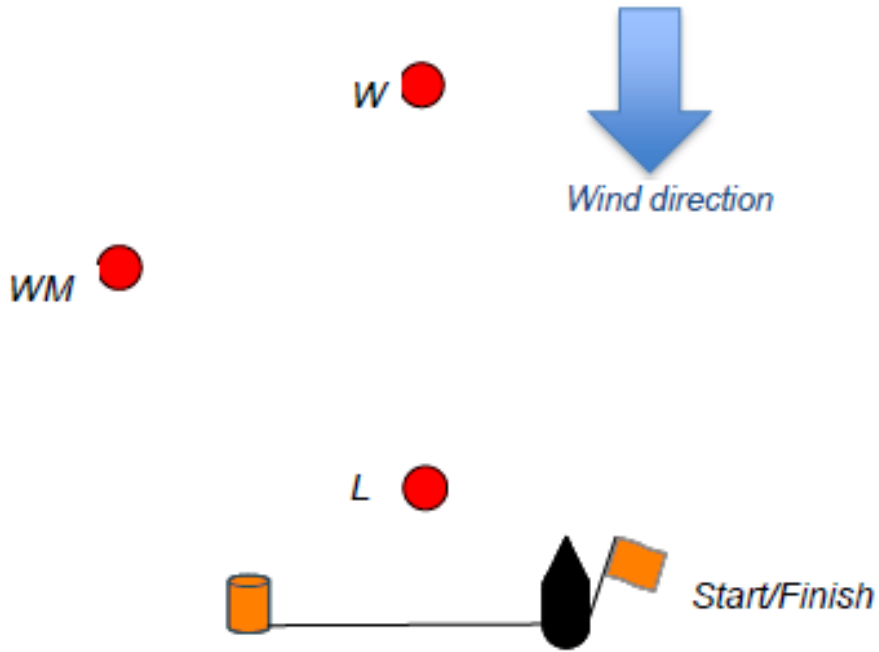
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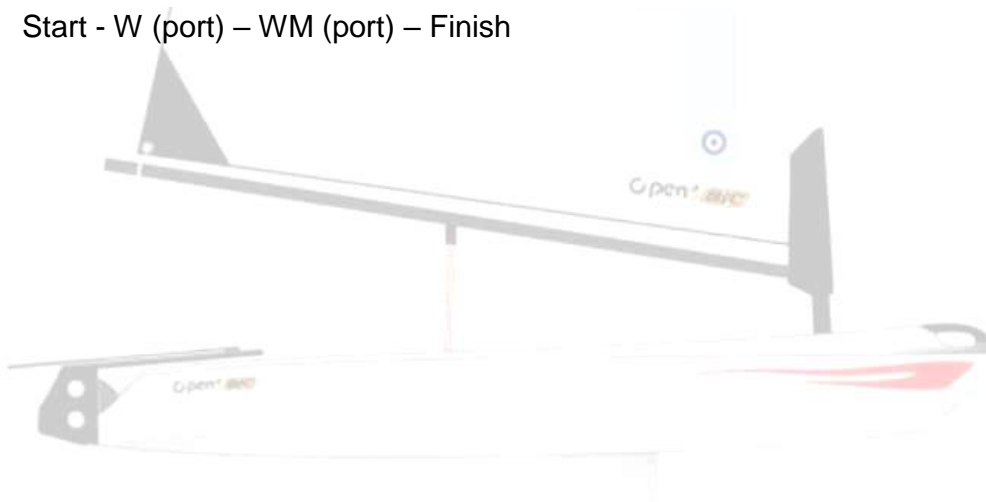
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13.4. Course 3 (Silver and Bronze): Single Triangle



Start - W (port) – WM (port) – Finish



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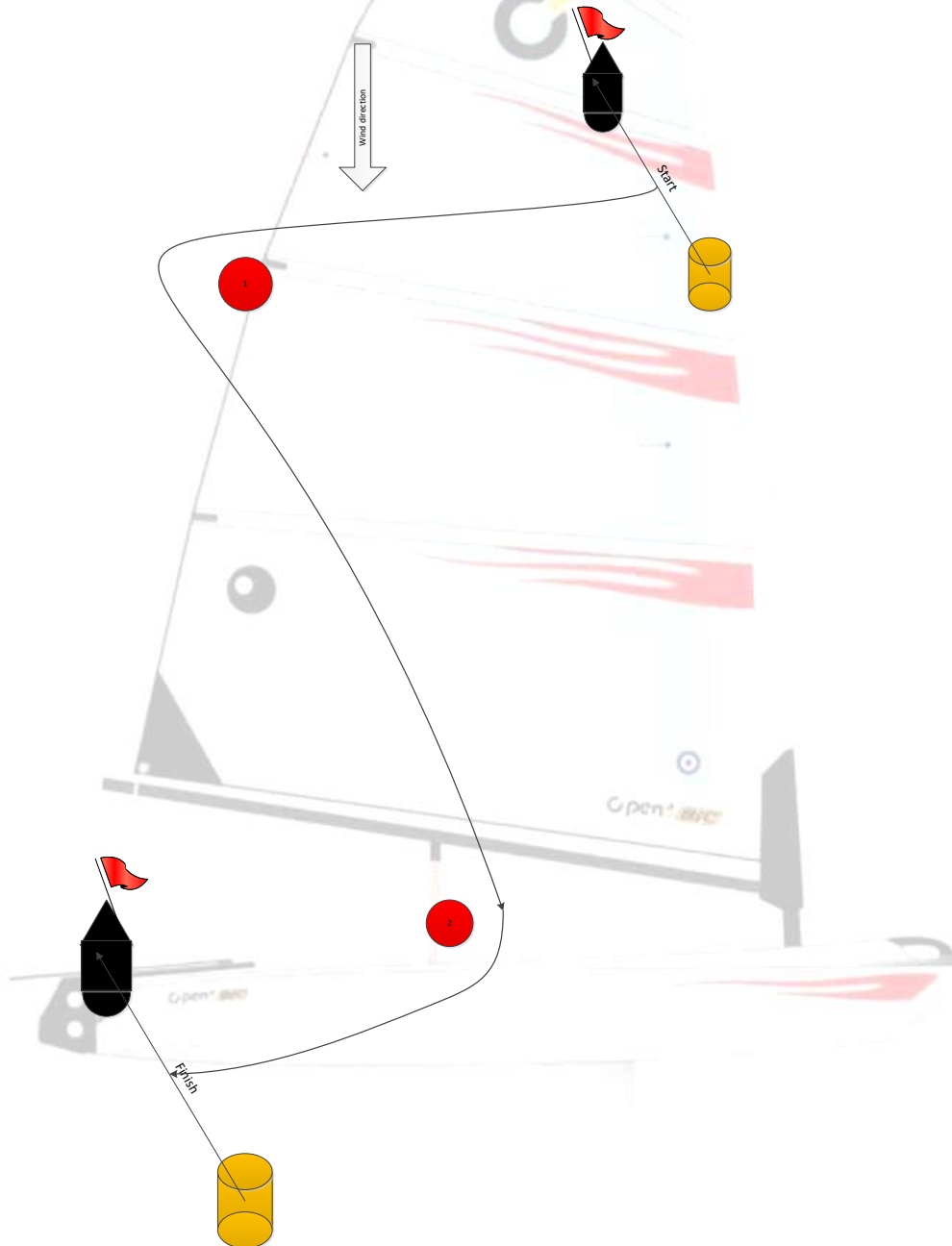


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13.5. Course 4 (Gold & Silver Fleet) - Points scoring Long Distance Race - 'Down-wind blast'

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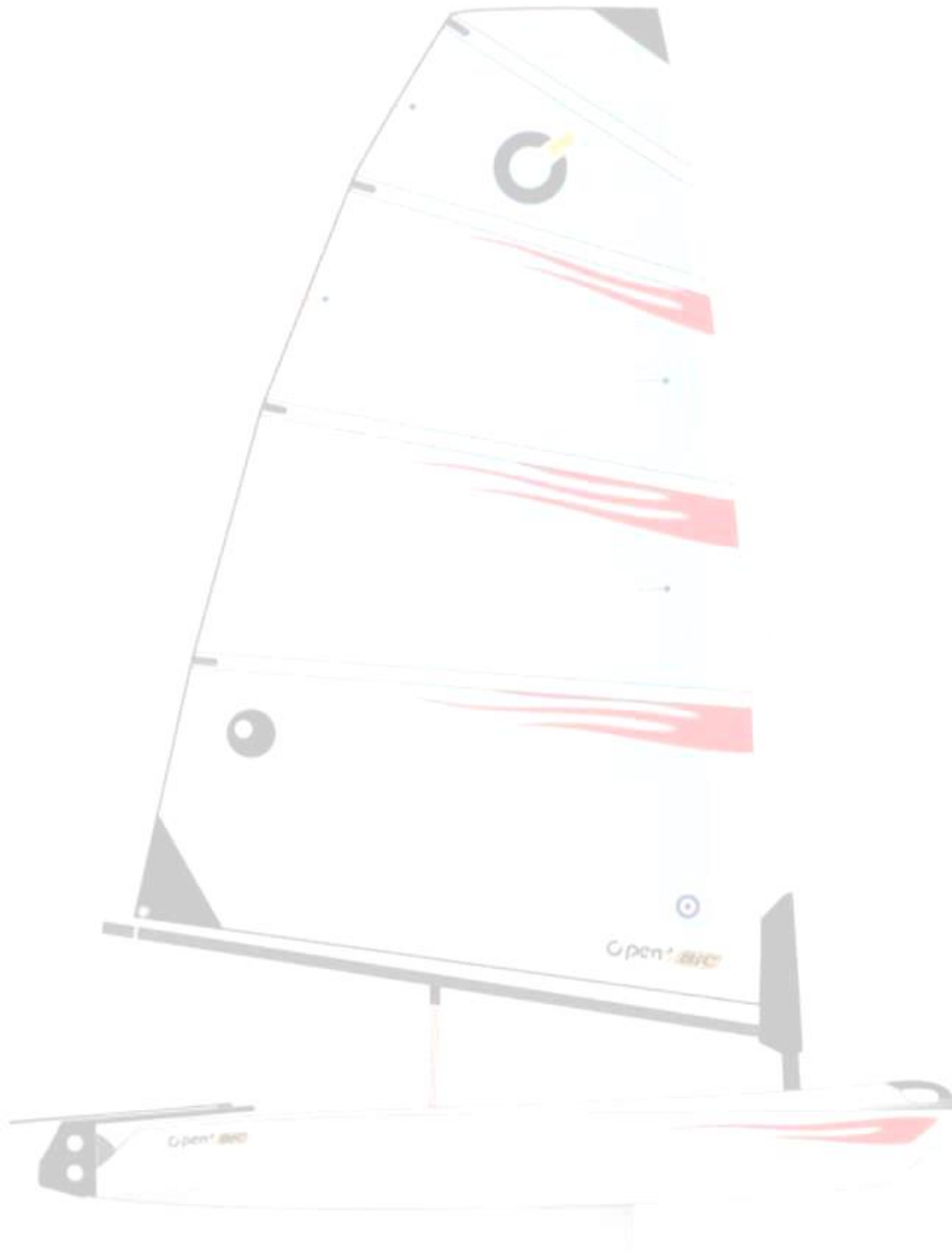


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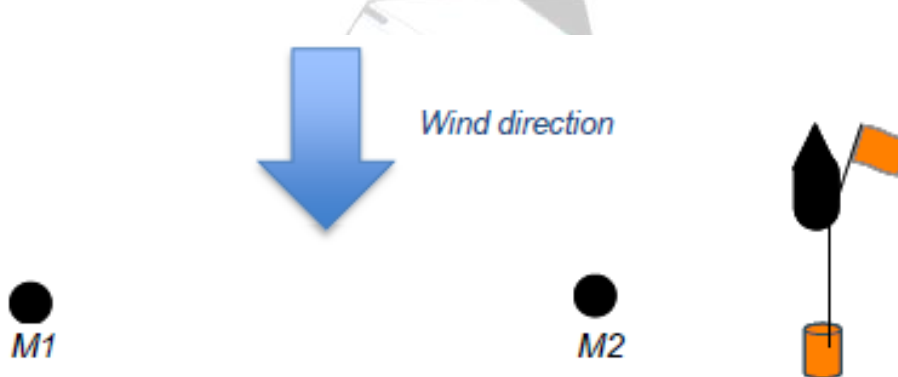
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13.6. Course 5 (Bronze fleet only):



Start – M1 (starboard) – M2 (port) – M1 (starboard) - Finish

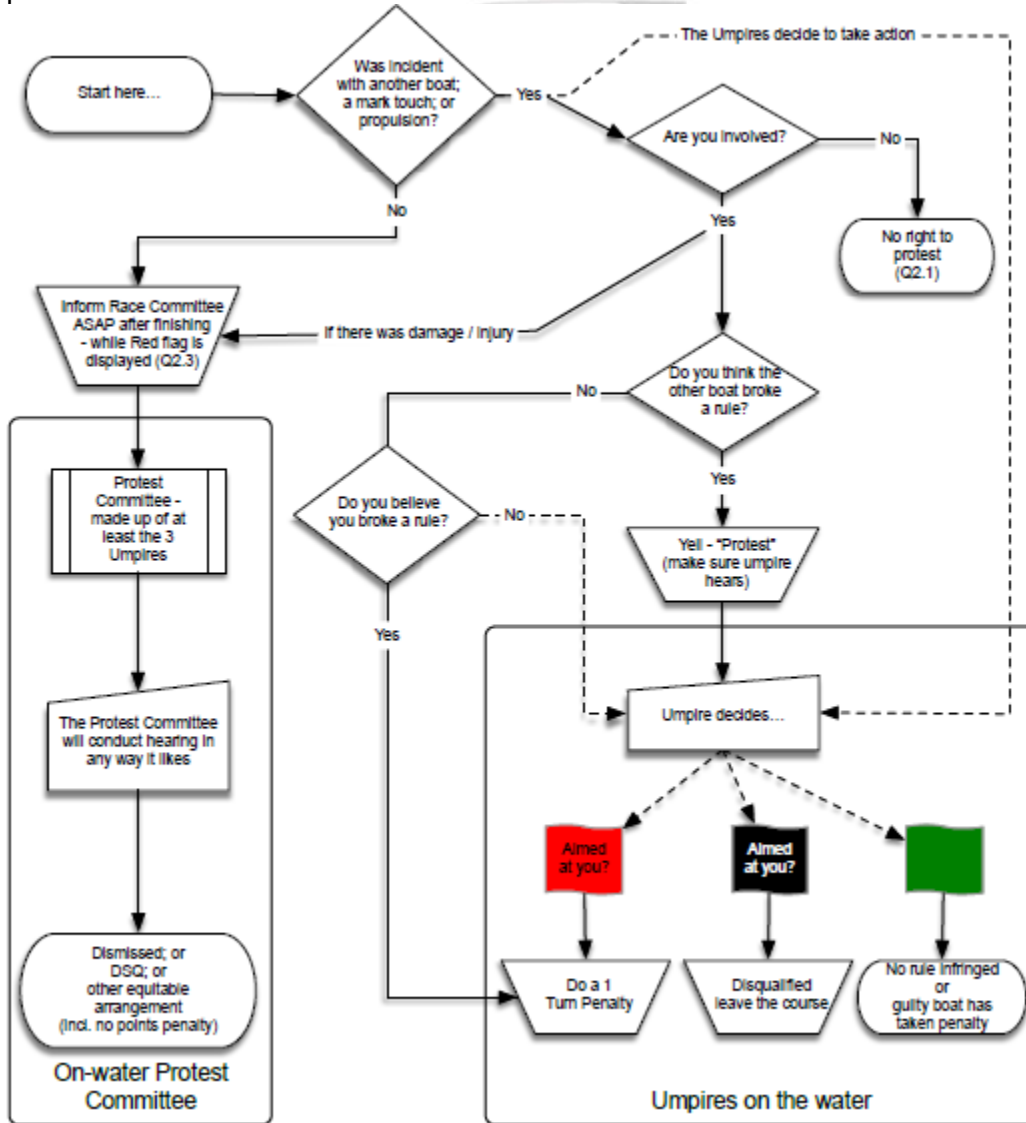
14. Should the Race Committee determine it appropriate to shorten a course for whatever reason, it shall fly code flag S. This will be discussed at the briefing. If the race committee changes a course it will post it on the notice board.

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15. Should the
Abbreviations
Wind direction
WM
L
Start/Finish



O'pen BIC Addendum Q Flowchart



16. SCORING

- 16.1. The low point Scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply
- 16.2. One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.3.
- (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - (b) When from 5 to 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - (c) When 10 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

