



**OPTIMIST WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 2012**  
**BOCA CHICA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**  
**July 15 to 26, 2012**

**ORGANISING AUTHORITY**

The IODA World Sailing Championship is organised by the Asociación Dominicana de Optimist in conjunction with the Club Náutico Santo Domingo with the endorsement of the Federación Dominicana de Vela, under the authority of the International Optimist Dinghy Association (IODA).

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1 RULES**

- 1.1 The Championship will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 No national authority prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3 Rule 61.1 'Informing the Protestee' is changed as follows:
  - (a) Add to rule 61.1(a) 'The protesting boat shall inform the race committee of the boat/s being protested at the finishing line immediately after finishing.'
- 1.4 Rule 40 and the preamble to Part 4 are changed as follows:
  - (a) The first sentence of rule 40 is deleted and replaced by: "Each competitor shall wear a personal flotation device (PFD) according to class rule 4.2 (a), properly secured at all times while on the water except when temporarily adding or removing clothing."
  - (b) Add to the preamble of Part 4, after 'racing': ", except rule 40 as amended by SI 1.5.a."
- 1.5 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

**2 CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT**

- 2.1 Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the organising authority. Information from this equipment shall not be used by a boat as evidence in a hearing. This changes rule 63.6.
- 2.2 The equipment provided, once placed on the boat as instructed by the organising authority, shall not be manipulated by the competitor or the coach in any way, except when so required by the organising authority.

**3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

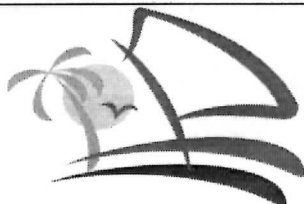
Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Race Office, close to the swimming pool at the Club Nautico Santa Domingo.

**4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the SI will be posted before 0900 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

**5 BOATS**

- 5.1 Charter boats are mandatory. Competitors shall use the boats according to paragraph 16 of the Notice of Race. Except for the foils, spars, fittings and running rigging, all equipment provided with the charter boats for sailing purposes shall be on the boat while afloat.
- 5.2 Competitors shall report any damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the Organising Authority's representative immediately after securing the boat ashore.
- 5.3 Failure or loss of chartered equipment will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).



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#### 6 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the official flagpole located close to the boat ramp.
- 6.2 Flag D displayed with one sound means: 'the warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after flag D is displayed.' Boats shall not leave their berthing places until this signal is made.
- 6.3 Flag B displayed means 'SI 20.3 applies'.

#### 7 FORMAT OF RACING

- 7.1 For the practice race the fleet will be divided into two fleets as follows:

START	FLEETS	CLASS FLAG
1 <sup>st</sup> start	Boats with an odd sail number (ending in 1, 3, 5, 7, 9)	Yellow
2 <sup>nd</sup> start	Boats with an even sail number (ending in 0, 2, 4, 6, 8)	Blue

- 7.2 For the championship races boats will be assigned to fleets Yellow, Red, Green and Blue of, as nearly as possible, equal size. The target fleet size is between 55 and 60. Initial assignments will be made by the organising authority according to SI 7.3 and will be posted by 0900 on July 17.

- 7.3 For the initial assignment to fleets, boats will be sorted by alphabetical order of national letters and then by numerical order of sail number. Boats in the sorted list will be allocated to fleets according to the pattern shown in the table in SI 7.5(a).

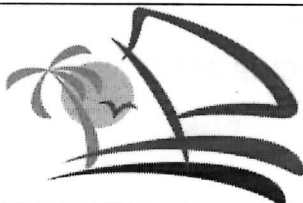
- 7.4 The initial assignment will be done on July 16 upon completion of the registration.

7.5

- (a) Boats will be reassigned to fleets after each day of racing, except if on the first day only one race is completed. If all fleets have completed the same number of races, boats will be reassigned on the basis of their ranks in the series. If all fleets have not completed the same number of races, the series scores for reassignment will be calculated for those races, numbered in order of completion, completed by all fleets. Reassignments will be made as follows:

Rank in series	Fleet Assignment
First	Yellow
Second	Blue
Third	Red
Fourth	Green
Fifth	Green
Sixth	Red
Seventh	Blue
Eighth	Yellow
And so on	

- (b) If two or more boats have the same rank, they will be entered in the left column in the order of fleets in SI 7.3.
- (c) Assignments will be based on the ranking available at 2100 that day regardless of protests or requests for redress not yet decided.
- (d) If all fleets have not completed the same number of races by the end of a day, the fleets with fewer races will continue racing the following day until all fleets



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have completed the same number of races. All boats will thereafter race in the new fleets.

- 7.6 Boats shall display a coloured ribbon corresponding to the colour of her fleet, permanently fixed during the day's races and free to fly from the top of the sprit. The ribbons will be provided by the Race Office.

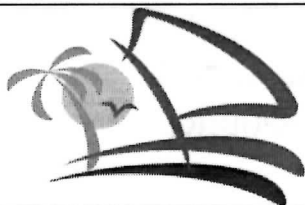
**8 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

8.1 Programme

DATE	SCHEDULE
Sunday, July 15	Official Arrival Day Registration and Measurement
Monday, July 16	Registration and Measurement Team Leader's meeting Practice Race
Tuesday, July 17	Registration and Measurement Coaches meeting IWC, Races
Wednesday, July 18	Coaches meeting IWC, Races
Thursday, July 19	Coaches meeting IWC, Races
Friday, July 20	Coaches meeting IWC, Races
Saturday, July 21	Coaches meeting TRWC, Races
Sunday, July 22	Coaches meeting TRWC, Races
Monday, July 23	Spare day
Tuesday, July 24	Coaches meeting IWC, Races
Wednesday, July 25	Coaches meeting IWC, Races
Thursday, July 26	Official Departure Day

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- 8.2 ~~15~~ races are scheduled, with up to 3 races to be sailed each day.
- 8.3 The scheduled time for team leader's meeting on July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012 is 1100hours. It will take place in the main building on the terrace, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor (stairs next to the race office). The scheduled time of the coaches meeting each day is 0930 hours. Meetings will take place in the Commodores Restaurant.
- 8.4 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1200 hours, except that the warning signal for the practice race will be at 1400 hours.
- 8.5 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange flag defining the starboard end of the starting line will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is displayed.
- 8.6 On the last day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1500 hours.



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#### **9 CLASS FLAGS**

For each start, the Class Flag will be a rectangle with the colour of the fleet to be started.

#### **10 RACING AREA**

SI Attachment 1 shows the location of the racing area.

#### **11 THE COURSE**

The diagram in SI Attachment 2 shows the course, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

#### **12 MARKS**

- 12.1 Mark 1, 2, 3S and 3P will be Orange Tetrahedrons.
- 12.2 New marks, as provided in SI 14.1, will be Yellow Tetrahedrons.
- 12.3 The starting and finishing marks will be race committee boats.
- 12.4 A race committee boat signalling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in SI 14.2.

#### **13 THE START**

- 13.1 The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the starting marks.
- 13.2 When the warning signal for the first fleet has been made, boats from other fleets shall be in the waiting area. Boats may approach the starting line after the starting signal of the previous fleet and, in case of an individual recall, after the X flag has been removed.
- 13.3 Boats that have finished shall return directly to the waiting area or ashore, keeping well clear of all boats racing and of all boats whose warning signal has been made.
- 13.4 The waiting area windward boundary will be designated by red spherical buoys.
- 13.5 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

#### **14 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

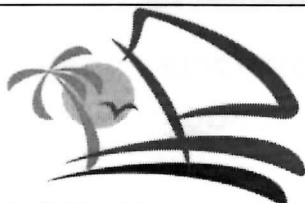
- 14.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.
- 14.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signalling the change of course and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes rule 28.1.

#### **15 THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the finishing marks.

#### **16 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 16.1 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired according to rule 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the Race Office within the protest time limit.
- 16.2 The penalty for breaches of Class Rules, Sailing Instructions 2, 5.1, 5.2, 6.2, 7.6, 13.2, 13.3, 16.1, 20.1, 20.5, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26 and Notice of Race 16.3 may be less than disqualification if the jury so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.
- 16.3 Appendix P will apply.



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**17 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

17.1 Time limits and target times are as follows:

TIME LIMIT	MARK 1 TIME LIMIT	TARGET TIME
90 minutes	30 minutes	60 minutes

- 17.2 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 17.3 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

**18 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 18.1 To inform the race committee of the boat/s being protested, the boat intending to protest shall approach the race committee boat at the starboard end of the finishing line immediately after finishing and shall hail the protested boat's sail number/s while sailing along her starboard side.
- 18.2 Protest forms are available at the Race Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 18.3 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 18.4 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Except on the last racing day unless instructed by the international jury hearings will be held in the jury room, located at the Belle Vue Dominican ay Hotel. No protest hearing will start after 2130 hours.
- 18.5 Notices of protests by the race committee or jury will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 18.6 A list of boats that under SI 16.3, have been penalized for breaking rule 42 will be posted.
- 18.7 For the purpose of measurement protests as per rule 64.3 (b), the 'authority responsible' is the IODA Technical Committee representative.
- 18.8 Breaches of Sailing Instructions 2, 6.2, 7.6, 16.1, 20.1, 20.5, 22, 24, 25, 26 and 29 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a).
- 18.9 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
- (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
  - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.
- This changes rule 66.
- 18.10 Decisions of the jury are final as provided in rule 70.5.

**19 SCORING**

- 19.1 Race scores
- (a) Rule A4.2 is changed so that the scores are based on the number of boats assigned to the largest fleet.





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- (b) If at the end of the last day of races some boats have more race scores than others, scores for the most recent races will be excluded so that all boats have the same number of race scores.
- 19.2 Series scores
  - (a) 5 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
  - (b) When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
  - (c) When 6 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 19.3 To request correction of an alleged error in the posted races or series results, a boat shall complete a scoring enquiry form available at the Race Office.

### 20 SAFETY REGULATIONS

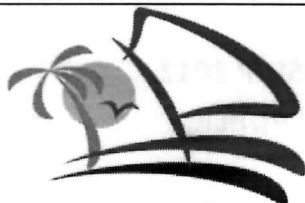
- 20.1 A boat retiring from a race shall notify a race committee or safety boat before leaving the course and shall complete the relevant form available at the Race Office.
- 20.2 Each day of competition the Coaches or Team Leaders shall notify the Race Office before D flag is displayed, of the boats not intending to race that day.
- 20.3 When code flag B is displayed ashore each Coach or Team Leader shall sign a checklist adjacent to registration room within 60 minutes after the flag has been displayed, to indicate that all team members have returned to shore. Flag B will be displayed when the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race is abandoned. All team members may be penalised at the discretion of the jury for each race of the day on which the Coach or Team Leader failed to comply with this instruction. This changes rule 63.1.
- 20.4 Competitors who require assistance shall blow a whistle or wave the paddle or one arm. The race committee reserves the right to assist competitors who in their opinion require assistance, regardless of the wishes of the competitor. This will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 20.5 Competitors shall navigate within the boundaries of the sailing corridor when going to and returning from the racing area. The corridor is described in SI Attachment 3.

### 21 REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

- 21.1 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved in writing by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 21.2 Substitution of damaged equipment may be permitted provided that the relevant form has been completed at the Race Office and both the damaged and the substituting equipment has been inspected by the Measurement Sub-Committee.
- 21.3 If the substitution was made on the water between races, both the damaged and the substituting equipment shall be presented to the Measurement Sub-Committee after the end of the day's racing. The substitution is subject to the approval of the race committee given retrospectively.

### 22 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 22.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules, the Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions. The top ten finishing boats of every race shall sail to the Equipment Inspector boat at the starboard side of the finishing line. No adjustments shall be made on the boat before the measurement inspection.



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- 22.2 Sails measuring to the maximum limits while scrutineered during the measurement days may be scrutineered again on the spare day.

### 23 OFFICIAL AND ACCREDITED BOATS

- 23.1 Official boats will be identified as follows:

BOAT	FLAG
Race committee signals vessel	Yellow flag with a red anchor and white 'RC'
Race committee boats	Yellow flag with a red anchor and white 'RC'
Jury Boats	White flag with black 'Jury'
Rescue Boats	Yellow flag
Equipment Inspector Boats	White flag with black 'M'
Support boats	White flag with black National Letters

- 23.2 Accredited boats will be identified as follows:

Press	Green flag
Spectators and VIP boats	Pink flag

### 24 SUPPORT BOATS

- 24.1 Team Leaders, Coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are or will be racing from the time the orange flag is displayed until all boats of all divisions in that race have finished or the race committee signals a postponement or abandonment. To observe a race, support boats may move from leeward to windward through the port side of the course keeping well clear of the exclusion boundary, approximately 100 metres from the course area. Support boats may, after the last start of a race, move between the waiting and the finishing areas through the centre channel. (See drawing in SI Attachment 2). When a race committee or jury member indicates a support boat to move further from the course area, the mentioned boat shall do so immediately.
- 24.2 All boats associated with the infringing support boat may be penalised at the discretion of the jury for the race on which the support personnel failed to comply with Notice of Race 15 and/or with this instruction. This changes rule 63.1
- 24.3 Competitors shall not approach any boat other than an official boat (see SI 23.1) from their first warning signal of the day until they finish their last race for the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 24.4 Coaches are encouraged to carry a working VHF radio.

### 25 TRASH DISPOSAL

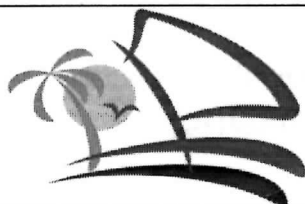
Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

### 26 BERTHING

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the boat park.

### 27 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded in accordance with the Notice of Race.



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#### **28 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk and responsibility. See rule 4, 'Decision to Race'. The Organising Authority and any other party involved in the organisation of the Championship will accept no liability whatsoever for any injury, damage, loss or claim, whether personal or material, incurred by or inflicted to participants before, during or after the Championship.

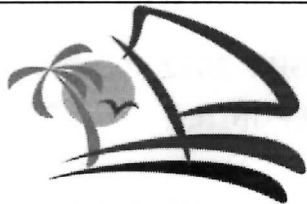
#### **29 INSURANCE**

The purchase of third-party liability event insurance from IODA is mandatory. The purchase will be arranged through the IODA at a cost of USD 14 per competitor and per coach, payable to the organisers upon arrival, before registration is completed. Details of this insurance can be found at: <http://optiworld.org/documents/thirdParty>.

#### **30 RIGHT TO USE NAMES AND LIKENESS**

In participating in this championship, a competitor automatically grants to the organising authority, the IODA and the sponsors of the championship the right in perpetuity to make, use and show at their discretion any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him or her during the championship, and of all of his or her material related to the championship, without compensation.



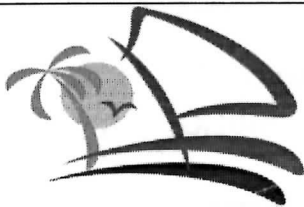


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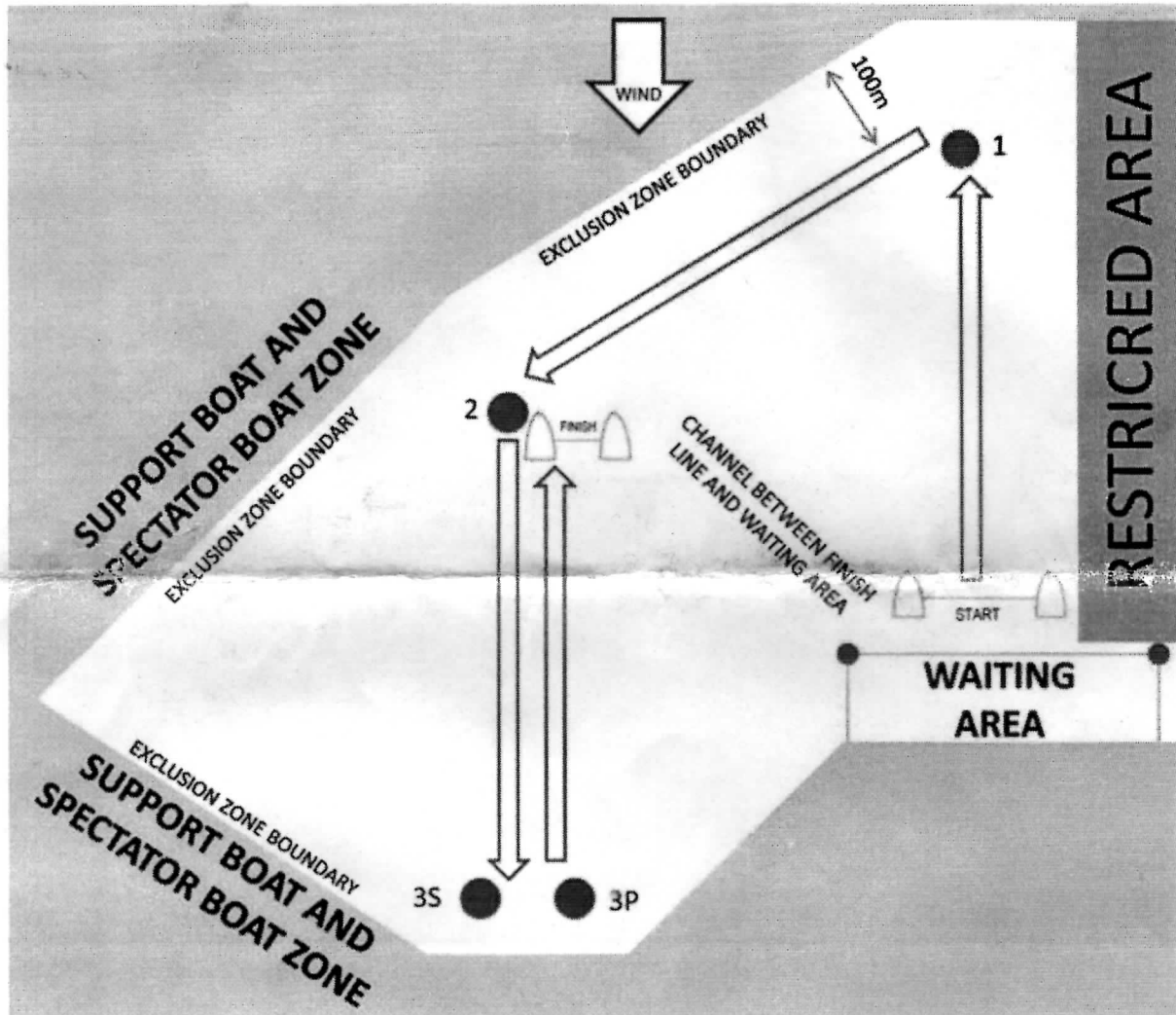




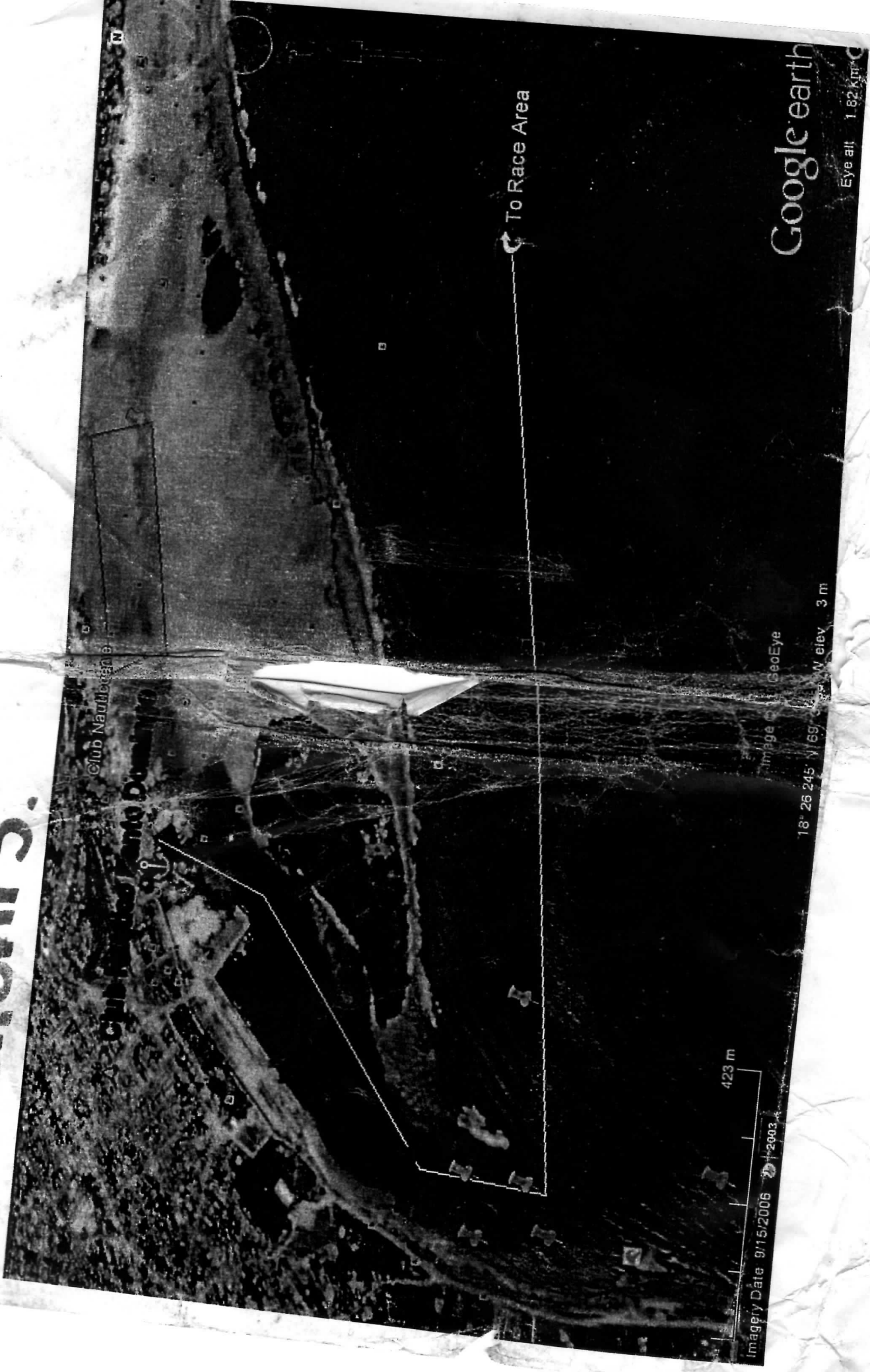
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ATTACHMENT 2: THE COURSE



# Attachment 3:



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18° 26' 24.5" N 159° 05' 16.9" W elev 3 m

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