



Ala Eh! Oz Goose National Championship

25-26 February 2023

A Philippine Sailing Association Sanctioned event.

Taal Lake Yacht Club, Talisay, Batangas, Philippines

Sailing Instructions

Organising Authority is PHBYC with assistance of TLYC

Amendments to the Notice of Race

1. Saturday briefing is brought forward to 09:30
2. Last race on Saturday will start no later than 17:30
3. Any changes to the schedule of Sunday racing will be announced at the evening meal on Saturday
4. Suspension of Racing- see Appendix E
5. Strong Wind Status, mandatory reefing- See Appendix D
6. Criteria for B-Fleet eligibility can be found in Appendix C, B-Fleet Supplement
7. Most Improved Sailor (MIS) will be awarded by comparing the average of the last 3 races sailed to the average of the first 3 races sailed in the series. If any of the first 3 races are not completed, or a sailor is one of the top 3 in the Open Fleet final result, then the competitor is ineligible for the MIS award.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*
- 1.2 National Authority prescriptions will not apply
- 1.3 Oz Goose class rules
- 1.4 The Notice of Race
- 1.5 These Sailing Instructions
- 1.6 If there is a conflict succeeding rules take precedence

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located at the TLYC Training Tent.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted one hour before the scheduled warning signal on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2200 on Friday and at the evening meal Saturday.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore shall be made near the TLYC training tent
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 15 minutes' in the race signal

5 RACING CLASSES

Open, B-Fleet, Women and Sailability

Additional classes may be instituted by the organising Committee.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

Registration:

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Friday February 24 From 13:00 – 20:00

Saturday February 25 From 08:00 – 09:30

Saturday February 25

Briefing 09:30

Preparatory signal 10:25

First Start 10:30

Lunch break (estimate) 13:00

Last start not later than 17:30

Open Bar 16:30

Dinner 18:30

Sunday February 26

Briefing 09:30

First Start 10:00

Possible 1hr break if signaled

Last start not later than 14:30

Late Lunch Awards 15:30

(Hopefully it will be before 1530 if there are no protests. Every effort will be made to combine lunch with awarding and have awarding early. The Race Committee may hoist AP over H to signal a break in racing for lunch.

7 CLASS FLAGS

The Class Flag will be the Class logo on a white background

8 COMMITTEE BOAT

The Committee Boat will fly an orange flag at all times

9 THE COURSES

9.1 The Sailing Area and Course Descriptions in Appendix A and Appendix B and also posted on the Notice Board, show the courses, the order in which Marks are to be rounded and the side on which each Mark is to be left.

9.2 The Numeral Pennant (see appendix B) indicating the course number will be displayed by the Race Committee boat prior to the Warning Signal.

9.3 The identity of the First Mark and the Wing Mark will also be displayed by the Committee Boat, on a Number Board at the same time.

10 MARKS

The marks of the courses are described in the Sailing Area Diagram (Appendix A) and maybe updated at the Race Briefings.

11 THE START

- 11.1** The Starting Line will be between a staff displaying the orange flag on the Race Committee Boat at the starboard end and the nearby buoy at the port end.
- 11.2** The Committee Boat may have an inner distance Mark (probably an orange buoy) which is deemed to be part of the Committee Boat.
- 11.3** A competitor starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal may be scored as “Did Not Start” without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1** To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee may move the original Mark (or the Finishing Line) to a new position. The Race Committee will display the “C” flag and may display a compass course or other method to indicate the change of position.
- 12.2** To replace a missing Mark or a Mark made unavailable for other reasons the Race Committee may choose to use a new Mark, or a boat with an "M" flag placed as near as possible to the original location.

13 THE FINISH

The Finishing Line will be between the staff displaying the orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the Port End and the Finish Mark at the Starboard End.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1** Rule 44.1 and 44.2 is changed so that the Two-Turn penalty is replaced by a One-Turn penalty.
- 14.2** 44.3(a) and 44.3(b) Scoring Penalty is not available to competitors however the Protest Committee reserves the right to use whatever Scoring Penalty deemed fit and may invoke 44.3, Scoring Penalty.

15 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 15.1** The time limit for boats to finish is 15 minutes after the first boat has finished.
- 15.2** Boats that fail to finish within the time limit will be scored “Did Not Finish” or “On Course Finish”, at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 15.3** Any Competitor who has started, then retires, informing the Race Committee that they have retired will be given points equal to the last finished place plus one. Any competitor who does not finish and does not inform the Race Committee that they are retiring shall be recorded as “Did Not Finish” and will be given points equal to the number of starters plus 1.
- 15.4** The Target time for all races is 45 minutes to 1 hour.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1 Protest forms are available at the TLYC Bar. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit. Competitors must request that the receipt time be written on the form.

16.2 The protest time limit is 30 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 except that on the last day of racing, a protest concerning an incident that occurred before the lunch break, must be filed 30 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race before the lunch break.

16.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Protest Room, located at the house, beginning at the time posted.

16.4 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered

- (a) within the protest time if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
- (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.

17 SCORING

17.1 The Low Point System as described in Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing will apply.

17.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

17.3 a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

b) When 5 or 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

c) When more than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst two scores.

17.4 Other scores will be applied as follows:

	MEANING	ALLOCATION
dnc	Did not Compete (did not compete either on Saturday or Sunday)	Entries +1
ocf	On Course Finish	Race finishers +1
dnf	Did not Finish (Exceeded time limit or retired but did not inform Race Committee)	Race starters +1
rtd	Retired and informed Race Committee	Race Finishers +1
dsq	Disqualified	Race Fleet +1
dns	Did not Start	Race starters +1

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible otherwise they will be assigned dnf.
- 18.2** Boats are reminded that it is advisable to carry a cell-phone in a waterproof plastic bag.
- 18.3** Emergency cell phone number: +63 (0)917 123 1403
- 18.4** All competitors must wear an adequate personal floatation device at all times whilst afloat. This rule applies even if the “Y” flag is not flown.
- 18.5** All competitors should take adequate drinking water afloat. Water canisters will be available ashore to replenish your bottles.

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

Substitution of crew and damaged or lost equipment is allowed if it does not bring about a performance advantage.

20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules.

21 ADVERTISING

Boats shall display advertising supplied by the organising authority if requested

22 OFFICIAL BOATS

Official support boats will not be carrying any uniform markings.

23 TRASH DISPOSAL

Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard a support boat or the Race Committee Boat.

24 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

25 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organising 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.

Appendix A - Sailing Area

Mark Numbers	Description
Mark 1	Bright yellow with yellow sleeve
Mark 2	Pink with yellow sleeve
Mark 3	Bamboo cone with red flag
Mark 4	Faded Yellow
Mark 5	"The Change Mark". White buoy with red flag (not shown on the diagram)

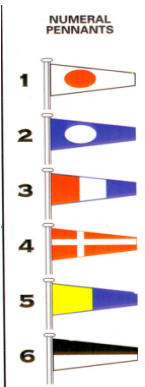
There may be an orange inner distance mark tied to the stern of the Committee Boat.

Sailing Area Diagram



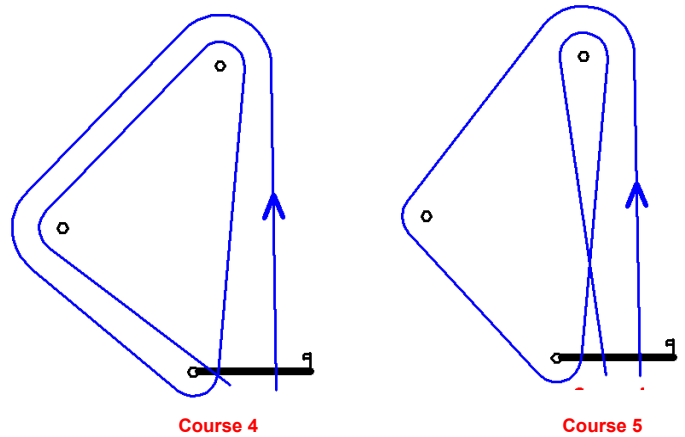
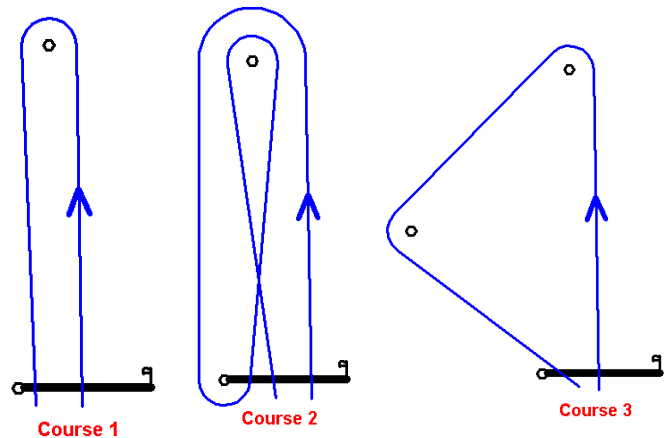
Appendix B - Courses

1. The Committee Boat will fly a pennant to indicate the course pattern to be sailed
2. The Committee Boat will display the identity of the Windward Mark and when applicable, the identity of the Wing Mark by displaying a number(s).
The first number is the identity of the 1st Mark (to Windward).
The 2nd number is the identity of the Wing Mark when applicable.



Course Number	Pennant Number	Course
1	1	Hotdog
2	2	2x Hotdogs
3	3	Triangle
4	4	Two Triangles
5	5	Triangle Hotdog

(Hotdog = Sausage)



Appendix C

B-Fleet Supplement

The “B” in B-Fleet stands for “beginner” or in the vernacular “baguito”. Awards in B-Fleet aim to reward sailors who cannot practise regularly to improve their skill but still come out to participate in races, knowing that competing against seasoned competitors, whom they could also emulate can accelerate improvement in their sailing abilities.

In club racing, determining who can be in B-Fleet is relatively easy as the race records of participants and time logged on the water are available in club records. In a competition such as the Nationals however it can be complicated, but we will try to keep it as simple as possible.

Participants are eligible to be in B-Fleet if:

1. They have never had a podium finish in any regatta participated in with more than 10 competitors
2. They are not in the top 10 of the final standings of the current regatta (OGNat23)

Participants will be asked if they want to be included in B-Fleet at registration

Participants are ineligible to be in B-Fleet if:

1. The crew is a professional competitive sailor or was once a professional competitive sailor.
2. Crew has had a podium finish in regattas with more than 10 competitors as a skipper.

Appendix D

Strong Wind Status

In the event that the Race Officer declares a condition of Strong Wind Status a W flag will be flown not later than 1 hour before the preparatory signal onshore, near the Training Tent. Under such conditions all competitors must put in a reef, to the first reefing point and maintain it, for all races throughout the subsequent race session. The Strong Wind Status will not change until there is a break in racing ashore.

Appendix E

Suspension of Racing

At any point during the regatta the Race Officer may suspend racing for individual classes, or the fleet as a whole. Under such circumstances the AP flag will be flown over either the H flag or A flag for postponements for all classes or the N flag over H flag or A flag if racing is abandoned for all classes.

If individual class racing (Women, Sailability, MIS and B-fleet) is postponed or abandoned and the Open class still races, a 3rd flag will be flown with those already described above. Under such circumstances no points will be recorded for these four classes. Competitors in these classes are advised to return to shore for the rest of the session. However, all competitors may still race as part of the Open Fleet subject to the RRS Rule 3 DECISION TO RACE. The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.