



A Class Catamaran World Championship

**St. Petersburg, FL, USA
November 5 – 12, 2021**

The Organizing Authority is the St. Petersburg Yacht Club in conjunction with the United States A Class Catamaran Association.

North American Championship

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October 29 – November 3, 2021**

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NOTICE OF RACE

[NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the International Jury.

[SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing or a discretionary penalty applied by the International Jury with a hearing

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The Class and Championship Rules of the International A Division Catamaran Association (IACA) will apply for the World Championship.
- 1.3 The Classic Discipline Trial rules as per IACA website will apply.
- 1.4 The following prescriptions of U.S. Sailing, the national authority will apply: US Sailing prescriptions for RRS 60.3, 61.4, 67 and 76.1 will apply and will be posted on the Official Notice Board and the Yacht Scoring regatta notice board.
- 1.5 Bow numbers will be assigned to each boat and will be used as identification for the boat during the regatta. Bow numbers will be supplied by the Organizing Authority and shall remain affixed until the end of the regatta.
- 1.6 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 1.7 RRS Appendix T: Arbitration will apply to this event as modified in the SI's.

2. ADVERTISING [DP]

- 2.1 Competitor advertising shall comply with RRS 80 and ISAF Regulation 20.
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display bow numbers and advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 Competitors shall comply with World Sailing Eligibility Code (Regulation 19).
- 3.2 All competitors shall be fully paid-up members of the International A Class Catamaran Association either through their respective country Association membership or individual membership.
- 3.3 Boats may compete in either the Open or the Classic Discipline.
- 3.4 Entries shall be received by the organizing authority no later than September 30, 2021. A late fee applies for registrations received after August 30, 2021 through September 30, 2021. Requests to register after the online registration is closed are subject to approval by the organizing authority.
- 3.5 A Parent/Guardian Consent and Supervision Form must be completed and signed by the Parent or Guardian of any competitor under the age of 18 on the first day of each event and handed in at registration. Forms may be downloaded from event pages as per the links below
- 3.6 Entry information can be found at www.spyc.org.
- 3.7 Requests for refunds will be accepted prior to August 30, 2021 with a \$35 USD processing fee. There will be no refunds requests accepted after August 30, 2021.

4. FEES

North American Championship – Entry Fee \$225 USD if paid by August 30, 2021.

A late fee of \$85 USD (\$310 USD total) shall be paid for registrations completed August 30, 2021 through September 30, 2021.

World Championship – Entry Fee \$330 USD if paid by August 30, 2021.
A late fee of \$85 USD (\$415 USD total) shall be paid for registrations completed August 30, 2021 through September 30, 2021.

5. **FORMAT OF RACING.**

The Open fleet and the Classic Discipline fleet will race in separate fleets.

6. **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

6.1 North American Championship (NA's)

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| Friday October 29 | 0900 - 1700 | Registration |
| Saturday October 30 | 0900 - 1700 | Registration |
| Sunday October 31 | 1030 | Competitors Briefing |
| | 1230 | Racing |
| | 1900 | Regatta Dinner |
| Monday November 1 | 1100 | Racing |
| Tuesday November 2 | 1100 | Racing |
| Wednesday November 3 | 1100 | Racing |

As soon as possible after racing Prize Giving

6.2 On Wednesday, November 3rd there will be no warning signal after 1500 hours.

6.3 A total of NINE races are scheduled.

6.4 No more than THREE races may be sailed per day.

6.5 World Championship

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| Friday November 5 | 0900 - 1800 | Registration |
| Saturday November 6 | 0900 - 1100 | Registration |
| | 1030 | Support Boat Briefing |
| | 1100 | Competitors Briefing |
| | 1300 | Practice Races |
| | 1800 | Opening Ceremony |
| Sunday November 7 | 1100 | Racing |
| Monday November 8 | 1100 | Racing |
| Tuesday November 9 | 1100 | Racing |
| Wednesday November 10 | 1100 | Racing |
| Thursday November 11 | 1100 | Racing |
| Friday November 12 | 1100 | Racing |
| | 1800 | Closing Ceremony |

6.6 On Friday, November 12th there will be no warning signal after 1500 hours.

6.7 A total of TWELVE races are scheduled.

6.8 No more than THREE races may be sailed per day.

7. **MEASUREMENT**

7.1 Measurement and equipment checks may be made at any time during the events.

7.2 Equipment inspection will be conducted in accordance with the A Class Catamaran Equipment Inspection Regulations. Sails, boats, and equipment must be measured **before** arriving at the Championship. All competitors at registration must produce valid and current measurement certificates for the hull, mast and sail. Refer to <http://www.a-cat.org/?q=node/9>

7.3 The Equipment Inspection Regulations for the championship will be published on the event website no later than July 1, 2021.

- 7.4 Equipment shall only be replaced with permission of the Championship Technical Committee.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available on the event website by Monday, October 25, 2021.

9. VENUE

- 9.1 The 2021 A Class Catamaran World Championship will be held at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club in St. Petersburg, FL, USA.
- 9.2 The Racing will be on the waters of Tampa Bay approx. 1-2 miles east southeast of the St Petersburg Yacht Club.

10. THE COURSES

- 10.1 Courses will be windward/leeward.
- 10.2 Fleets will race either on separate course areas or with separate races on the same course area.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44.1 and RRS P2.1 are changed so that the Two-Turns penalty is replaced by a One-Turn penalty.

12. SCORING

- 12.1 The Low Points Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 12.2 At least 5 races are required to be completed to constitute the World Championship for each Discipline.
- 12.3 At least 3 races are required to be completed to constitute the North American Championship for each Discipline.
- 12.4 When fewer than FOUR races have been completed, a boat's Series score shall be the sum of her race scores.
- 12.5 When FOUR to NINE races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 12.6 When more than NINE races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

13. SUPPORT BOATS

- 13.1 Support boats shall register with the Organizing Authority on arrival and will be required to comply with local legislation and the Event Support Boat regulations. Team support/coaches shall register complete on-site registration at the race office at the venue.
- 13.2 All support boats shall clearly display the 3-letter national code of their WS Member National Authority at all times while afloat. The minimum height for the letters shall be 200mm.
- 13.3 If called upon support boats will be required to act as rescue boats.

14. INTERNATIONAL JURY

- 14.1 An International Jury will be appointed for the World Championship in accordance with RRS 91(b). Its decisions will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.
- 14.2 An arbitration hearing may be conducted for protests lodged in accordance with RRS

60.1 (a) which allege an infringement of a rule of RRS Part 2 or RRS 31. Such hearings will be held subsequent to the protest being lodged and prior to a protest hearing. Hearings will be conducted in accordance with RRS Appendix T.

15. PRIZES

For the World Championship

- 15.1 Prizes for the World Championship will be awarded for the first FIVE places overall in both the Open and Classic Discipline fleets.
- 15.2 The winner of each fleet will be awarded the title 2021 World Champion and will receive the perpetual trophies.
- 15.3 The following prizes will also be awarded in each fleet
 - Junior Champion (aged under 25 years)
 - Masters Champion (aged 45-50)
 - Grand Masters (aged 51-55)
 - Great Grand Masters (aged 56 or over)
 - Women's Champion
- 15.4 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.
- 15.5 Ages will be based on age at November 6, 2021.

For the North American Championship

- 15.6 Prizes for the North American Championship will be awarded for the first FIVE places overall in both the Open and Classic Discipline fleets.
- 15.7 The top placed North American sailor in each fleet will be awarded the title 2021 North American Champion.
- 15.8 The following prizes will also be awarded in each fleet
 - Junior Champion (aged under 25 years)
 - Masters Champion (aged 45-50)
 - Grand Masters (aged 51-55)
 - Great Grand Masters (aged 56 or over)
- 15.9 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.
- 15.10 Ages will be based on age at October 30, 2021.

16. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 16.1 Except in an emergency a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data transmissions that are not available to all boats.
- 16.2 The IACA Championship Rules apply for World Championship and forbid the carrying and use of any personal GPS device.

17. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall have valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of at least \$1,000,000 (or equivalent) per incident.

18. RISK STATEMENT

Competitors participate in this regatta at their own risk. "Decision to Race." The organizing authority, the sponsors, the race committee, officers, board of directors of the SPYC, IACA and all those involved in these organizations will not accept any responsibility for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after this regatta. By taking part:

- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the event and to attend any competitors briefing held for this event.

19. MEDIA RIGHTS, CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

- 19.1 Where consent has been given for imagery, competitors grant to the Organizing Authority, International A Division Catamaran Association and their sponsors, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the athlete during the period of competition without compensation.
- 19.2 Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the Organizing Authority.

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