



## 2022 Highlander Nationals

Organizing Authority: Highlander Class International Association

Host Club: Edgewater Yacht Club (EWYC)

Host Fleet: HCIA Fleet 14

June 14-19, 2022

Cleveland, OH, USA



### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

*The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.2.*

*The notation '[NP]' in a rule in the SI means that instruction is not grounds for protest or a request for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1.*

#### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta is governed by the rules as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 US Sailing prescriptions to RRS 63.1 and 63.2 shall not apply.

#### 2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions shall be posted not less than one (1) hour prior to the first scheduled race on the day it shall take effect except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by the later of 1800 or the protest time limit on the day before it will take effect.

#### 3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located under the Cleveland Race Week tent. An unofficial notice board will be located online at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=15109>.
- 3.2 A competitors' meeting for all competitors in the National Championships will be held at 1530 hrs on Wednesday, June 15 on the patio at EWYC.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channels 71 or 72 (USA frequencies). The selected channel will be posted on the official notice board.

#### 4 CODE OF CONDUCT

[DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

#### 5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located north of the EWYC clubhouse.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in race signals AP.

#### 6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 The following is the schedule for the event:

Date	Time	
Tuesday, June 14, 2022	1100-1800	Registration and Measurement open
Wednesday, June 15, 2022	0830-1100	Registration and Measurement open
	1400	Practice Race
	1655	First warning signal for Junior's, Women's and Master's
Thursday, June 16, 2022	1055	Warning signal for the first race. (3 races)
Friday, June 17, 2022	0955	Warning signal for the first race of the day. (up to 3 races)
Saturday, June 18, 2022	0955	Warning signal for the first race of the day. (up to 3 races)
Sunday, June 19, 2022	0955	Warning signal for the first race of the day. (up to 3 races)

- 6.2 On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal shall be made after 1400 hrs.

## 7 CLASS FLAGS

The class flag will be a white flag with a Highlander Class insignia.

## 8 RACING AREA

Races will take place on the open waters of Lake Erie north of Edgewater Yacht Club.

## 9 THE COURSES

- 9.1 The diagrams in SI Addendum A show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the approximate compass bearing and distance of the first leg.
- 9.3 The course designation will be displayed on a placard on the starboard side of the race committee signal vessel.
- 9.4 For courses LA and WA, the RC intends to set a gate at the leeward end of the course. However, a single leeward mark may be set, in which case it shall be left to port.

## 10 MARKS

- 10.1 Mark 1 will be an **orange** inflatable mark.
- 10.2 Mark 1a (the offset mark) will be a small white sphere.
- 10.3 Marks 2S and 2P will be **orange** inflatable marks.
- 10.4 The starting and finishing marks will be **green** inflatable marks.
- 10.5 New marks, as provided in instruction 12 will be **yellow** inflatable marks.

## 11 THE START

- 11.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an **orange** flag on the signal vessel and the course side of the mark as described in instruction 10.4.
- 11.2 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee may hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress for request. *This changes RRS 62.1(a).*
- 11.3 A boat that does not start within five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes *RRS A5.1 and A5.2.*

## 12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

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. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

## 13 THE FINISH

The finishing line shall be between a staff displaying a **blue** flag on the signal boat and the course side of the mark as described in instruction 10.4.

## 14 PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS Appendix V2 – Post-Race Penalties – is in effect.

## 15 TIME LIMITS

- 15.1 The Mark 1 Time Limit, Target Time, Race Time Limit, and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below:

Mark 1 Time Limit	Target Time	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
45 minutes	60 minutes	3 hours	40 minutes

- 15.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 15.3 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized, or given redress, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes *RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.*
- 15.4 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. *This changes RRS 62.1(a).*

## **16 HEARING REQUESTS**

- 16.1 The protest time limit is sixty (60) minutes after the race committee signal vessel docks after the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 16.2 Hearing Request forms are available at the protest desk in the EWYC clubhouse.
- 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 (EWYC Board Room) beginning at the time posted.

## **17 SCORING**

- 17.1 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.2 No more than twelve (12) races are scheduled.
- 17.3 After six races are completed and scored, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores with one (1) race excluded.

## **18 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 18.1 [DP][NP] All boats shall check-in with the Race Committee boat displaying the "L" flag before the first warning signal of the day. Each boat shall sail past the committee boat on starboard tack and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the Race Committee.
- 18.2 [DP][NP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible.

## **19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 19.1 [DP] Substitution of competitors beyond the final entry list shall not be allowed without prior written approval of the RC in accordance with the Highlander Class Rules Governing Racing Article VI, Section 6.
- 19.2 [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment shall not be allowed unless authorized by the RC and in accordance with the Highlander Class Rules Governing Racing Article VI, Section 7. Request for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

On the water, a boat can be instructed by a member of the RC or TC to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection. Ashore, equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race, and sailing instructions.

## **21 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 21.1 [NP] Various race information, including notification of OCS boats after the start, may be provided by the RC as a courtesy to competitors. This does not in any way alter the competitor's responsibility to observe the RC's visual signals which shall govern the conduct of the racing.
- 21.2 [DP][NP] Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats.

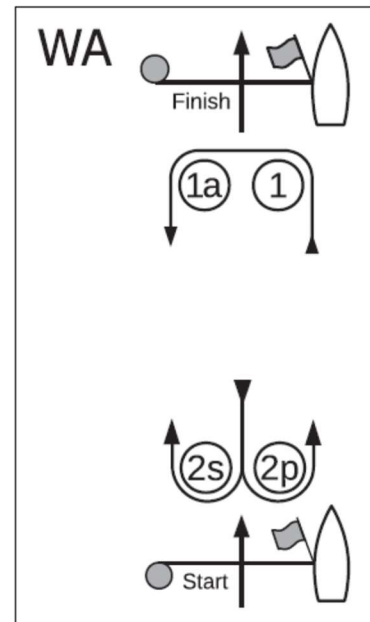
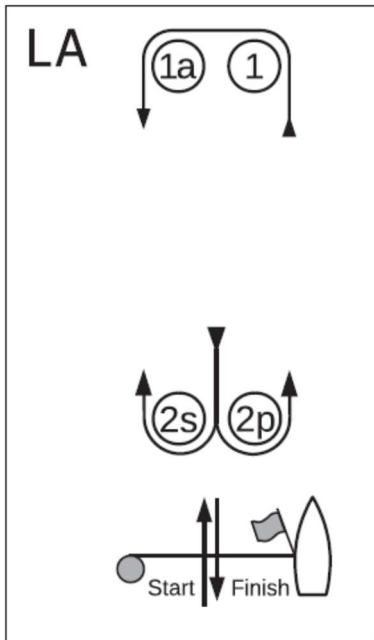
## **22 AWARDS**

Awards will be given in accordance with the Highlander Class Rules Governing Racing Article VI Section 13.

## **23 RISK STATEMENT**

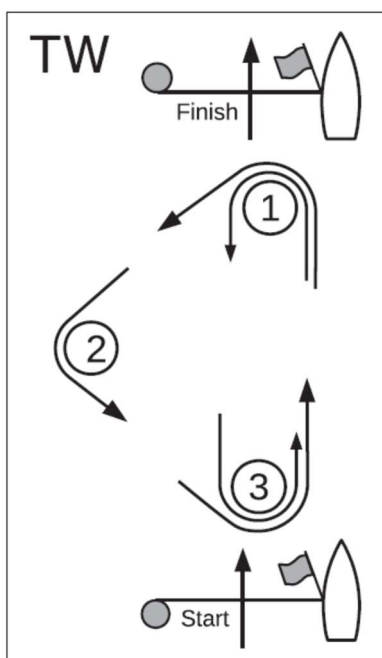
RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.**

## ADDENDUM A Illustrating the Courses



Course LA – Windward/Leeward with Offset Mark, Leeward Finish	
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
LA2	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish
LA3	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish
LA4	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish

Course WA – Windward/Leeward with Offset Mark, Windward Finish	
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
WA2	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – Finish
WA3	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – Finish
WA4	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – Finish



Course TW – Triangle, Windward Finish	
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
TW2	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – Finish
TW3	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Finish
TW4	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Finish