



Roton Point Fall Multihull Regatta & Shark Catamaran US National Championship

Rowayton, CT, USA
September 14-16, 2018

Organizing Authority:
Roton Point Sailing Association

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The US SAILING Portsmouth Yardstick handicap system will be used to score Open Class boats.
- 1.3 RRS 44.1 will be changed as follows: delete "Two-Turns" and replace it with "One-Turn."
- 1.4 The paper copy of the NOR and SIs, posted on the Official Notice Board, shall prevail in the event of a conflict between the paper and any electronic copy.

2. COMPETITOR NOTICES AND MEETINGS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at the clubhouse.
- 2.2 Refer to SI 5 for the scheduled competitors' meetings, to be held at the clubhouse. Additional meetings may be scheduled.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than 30 minutes prior to the first scheduled race on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2 Changes to the Sailing Instructions made afloat may be communicated either orally or in writing.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the RPSA flagpole adjacent to the launching area.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in race signal AP. *This changes Race Signal AP.*

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Day	Date	Time	Event
Sat	15 Sep	0800	Registration / Breakfast
		0930	Competitors' meeting
		1100	First Warning Signal
		Dinner and party following racing.	
Sun	16 Sep	0800	Breakfast
		0900	Competitors' meeting
		1030	First Warning Signal
		1500	No warning after this time
		Awards ceremony following racing.	

- 5.1 The Race Committee (RC) will run as many races as practical each day. For each class, not more than five races will be held on Saturday; and not more than four races will be held on Sunday.

6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 Class flag and Division assignments will be announced at the initial competitors' meeting, and will be posted on the official notice board.
- 6.2 Each Open Class boat shall fly a colored ribbon from the top of its mainsail. Based upon registration, the Open Class may be split into spinnaker and non-spinnaker classes.

7. RACING AREAS

- 7.1 The racing area will be in Long Island Sound southwest of the mouth of Five Mile River. Appendix B shows the location of racing areas.

8. COURSES

- 8.1 Appendix A shows the courses to be used.
- 8.2 All marks left to port except gates.
- 8.3 Gates will be used as the leeward mark. In the event one of the gate marks is not present, leave the remaining mark to port.

9. MARKS

- 9.1 Refer to Appendix A for mark descriptions.

10. THE START

- 10.1 Refer to Appendix A for the starting line description.
- 10.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made, shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 10.3 A boat that does not start within four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. *This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.*
- 10.4 Order of the initial start will be announced at the initial competitors' meeting, and will be posted on the official notice board.

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

11.1 A leg may be changed up to 005° in bearing and/or 0.2 nm in length without a signal or change of mark color. *This changes RRS 33.*

12. THE FINISH

12.1 Refer to Appendix A for the finish line description.
12.2 There will be a safety buoy approximately 100' off the starboard side of the committee vessel, which must be left to starboard. The safety buoy ranks as a mark, but may not be precisely on the finish line. On the final leg, a boat that crosses between the RC signal vessel and the safety mark prior to finishing, and who also does not correct the error, shall be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. *This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.*

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 RRS 44.1 will be changed as follows: delete "Two-Turns" and replace it with "One-Turn."

14. TIME LIMITS

Class	Race Time Limit	Mark 1 Time Limit
One Designs	90 minutes	30 minutes
Open Class		

14.1 If no boat has passed Mark 1 (the initial weather mark) within the Mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned.
14.2 FINISHING ON THE WATER: Boats may be finished on the course at the discretion of the RC. The RC determines the method and order of finishing. *This changes RRS 35 and A4.*

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 A boat protesting another boat shall follow RRS 61.1(a) with the following modification: The ISAF requirement for under 6 meter boats applies to all Beach Cat Classes. *This changes RRS 61.1(a)(2).*
15.2 Protest forms are available at the clubhouse. All protests shall be filed there no later than 60 minutes after the docking of the RC Signal Vessel.
15.3 Requests for Scoring Review (including OCS) shall be filed within the protest time limit on forms available at the clubhouse. Such a request will be reviewed by the RC before being scheduled for a hearing by the Protest Committee. If unresolved, it shall be considered a request for redress and will be considered to have met the protest time limit. *This changes RRS 63.1.*
15.4 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes after expiration of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the clubhouse.

15.5 The penalty, if any, for an infringement of any **rule** other than a rule of RRS Part 2 will be at the discretion of the Protest Committee and may be other than disqualification. *This changes RRS 64.1(a).*
15.6 Infringements of SIs 10.2, 17 and 19 are not protestable by a boat. *This changes RRS 60.1(a).*
15.7 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision or within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day. *This changes RRS 66.*
15.8 Requests for redress on the last scheduled day of racing shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. *This changes RRS 62.2.*

16. SCORING

16.1 The Open Class will be scored per the Portsmouth Yardstick handicap system.
16.2 The Hobie Getaway and/or Hobie Wave Classes may be sailed by teams. Sailors and/or boats may be replaced and/or rotated between teams during the event, at the discretion of the Hobie Getaway Class Captain and the Principal Race Officer.
16.3 Series scores:
(a) One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
(b) When three or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
(c) When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17. SAFETY

17.1 **CHECK IN / OUT AFLOAT:**
(a) Boats are requested to check in by hailing their sail number to the RC Signal Vessel before the start of the first race each day and/or the first race following any postponement ashore.
(b) Boats leaving the racing area before the end of racing on any day shall notify the RC ASAP.
17.2 The VHF channel to be used shall be displayed on the RC Signal Vessel.
17.3 Any boat receiving 'hands on' assistance from rescue/mark boats will be scored Did Not Finish. *This changes rule A5.* The RC may decide when a boat or crew needs assistance.
17.4 **GENERAL:** If wind, wave, or water conditions make you doubtful of your ability to handle the conditions, please retire from the race.
17.5 **ELECTRICAL POWER LINES – AVOID!!!** Before raising the mast, and always while sailing, check for and avoid low overhead electrical power lines. If you see a power line, AVOID IT! A MAST COMING IN CONTACT OR EVEN NEAR AN ELECTRICAL POWER LINE CAN CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH TO PEOPLE ON OR TOUCHING THE BOAT!

APPENDIX A – COURSES AND MARKS

*(The standard Hobie and US Sailing Multihull courses **will not be used.**)*

Getaways and Waves will sail the following course:

G: S-1-2-Gate-1-F (downwind) [aka Triangle - Sausage]

For all others, the course to be sailed will be identified with a number indicating the number of legs.

Examples:

2: S-1-F (downwind)

4: S-1-Gate-1-F (downwind)

6: S-1-Gate-1-Gate-1-F (downwind)

L = LONG WEATHER MARK: If "L" is displayed with the course number, that class shall use Mark WL as the weather mark (it will be accompanied by an offset mark, 1La).

Example: Course 4L: S-1L-1La- Gate-1L-1La-F (downwind).

Note: Diagram not to scale, and all angles are approximate.

18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 18.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the RC.
- 18.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the RC.
 - (a) Substitution of sails will not be allowed without prior written approval of the RC.
 - (b) Requests for substitution of equipment other than sails shall be made to the RC at the first reasonable opportunity.

19. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 19.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

20. PRIZES

- 20.1 Prizes will be awarded in each class based upon registration.
- 20.2 The highest-ranking US team will be named the 2018 Shark Catamaran US National Champion.

21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

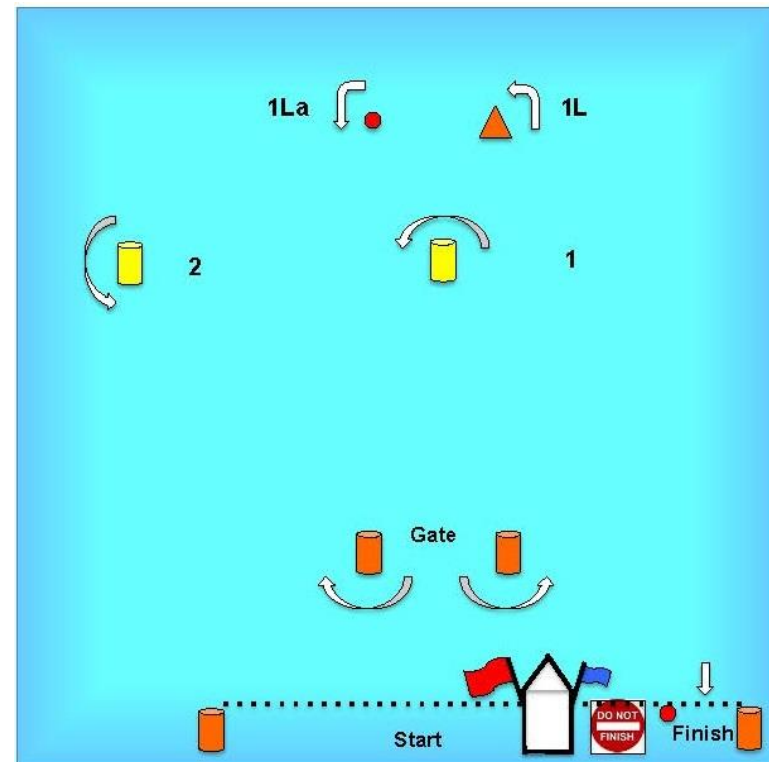
- 21.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk, See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

22. INSURANCE

- 22.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$100,000 (USD) per event or the equivalent.

23. OFFICIAL VESSELS

- 23.1 Official Vessels will be marked with Roton Point burgees and/or RC flags.



APPENDIX B – RACING AREA

