

# 2019 A-Class Catamaran North American Championship

## October 28 – November 1, 2019

### Sailing Instructions

#### 1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

1.2 The organizing authority is the St Petersburg Yacht Club on behalf of the United States A Class Cat Association.

1.3 The prescriptions of US Sailing will not apply except the US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 60.3(b), RRS 67 and RRS 76.1, which are stated in full below:

- (RRS 60.3 (b) – Protests/Redress by Protest Committee) – US Sailing prescribes that a protest committee may (b) request redress for a boat or call a hearing to consider redress.
- (RRS 67 – Damages) – US SAILING prescribes that: (a) A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not by that action alone admit liability for damages. (b) A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee or US SAILING Appeals authority shall adjudicate any claim for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts. (c) A basic purpose of the rules is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the rules, a boat agrees that responsibility for damages arising from any breach of the rules shall be based on fault as determined by application of the rules, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of “assumption of risk” for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.
- (RRS 76.1 – Exclusion of Boats or Competitors) – US Sailing prescribes that an organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason, or for the reason of race, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or age.

1.4 RRS 40 is changed as to the following: Competitors shall wear adequate personal flotation devices while racing, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Flag Y need not be displayed.

1.5 RRS 63.6 is changed such that if there is a conflict between the Sailing Instructions (SI) and the Notice of Race (NOR), the SI shall govern.

1.6 The PC may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of the Class Rules or other non-Part 2 rules. This changes RRS 64.1.

#### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located near the tent in North Shore Park.

#### 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 hours on the day

it will take effect, except that during a postponement ashore the race committee may post a change before the removal of the AP flag. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

#### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed in the vicinity of the tent at North Shore Park.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after AP is removed.

#### 5 SCHEDULES OF RACES

5.1 Three races are planned for each race day. No more than five races will be held on any race day.

5.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1100.

5.3 No warning signal will be made after 1500 on Friday, November 1st.

#### 6 CLASS FLAG

6.1 The class flag will be a white flag with the A-Class insignia.

#### 7 RACING AREA

7.1 The racing area will be approximately one mile due east of North Shore Park on the waters of Tampa Bay.

#### 8 THE COURSES

8.1 The diagram in Addendum A shows the course, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the course designation and the approximate compass bearing and length of the first leg.

#### 9 MARKS

9.1 Marks 1, 2p and 2s will be orange inflatable tetrahedrons.

9.2 Mark 1a (the offset mark) will be an orange inflatable ball.

9.3 The port-end start-finish mark will be an inflatable mark or a race committee boat displaying an orange flag.

9.4 New marks, as provided in SI 11, will be yellow inflatable tetrahedrons.

9.5 The race committee may make minor adjustments to marks without signaling.

#### 10 THE START

10.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of an inflatable mark or a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat at the port end.

10.2 A boat that does not start within five minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and AS.

#### 11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

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

#### 12 THE FINISH

12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee finish boat at the starboard end and a yellow inflatable mark at the port end.

### 13 PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

13.2 Appendix V2 (Penalty Taken After a Race) will apply: "After a race, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing may take a Post-Race Penalty for that incident."

### 14 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

14.1 The time limit is 60 minutes.

14.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and AS.

14.3 If one or more boats are delaying the completion of a race, the race committee may score those boats points equal to their position and request that they return to the starting area. This changes RRS A4 and AS.

### 15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 A boat intending to protest about an incident that occurs in the racing area shall, promptly after finishing or retiring, notify the Race Committee Signal Boat of her intention to protest, including the sail number of the boat(s) being protested. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

15.2 Protest forms are available in the tent at North Shore Park. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there no later than 45 minutes after the race committee signal boat docking time.

15.3 Notices will be posted no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of protests in which they are parties or named as witnesses and the location of hearings.

15.4 Notices of protests by the race committee, protest committee or technical committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

### 16 SCORING

16.1 Five races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

16.2 The Low Point Scoring System shall apply.

16.2.1 When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

16.2.2 When from 6-8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

16.2.3 When 9 or more races have been completed, a boat's series

score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

## 17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible [DP].

## 18 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

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

## 19 TRASH DISPOSAL AND WATER BOTTLES

19.1 Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

## 20 RADIO COMMUNICATION

20.1 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. [DP]

## 21 PRIZES

21.1 Prizes will be given as follows:

21.1.1 The Commodore A.F. "Tony" DiMauro perpetual trophy will be awarded to the North American Champion, which shall be the highest placed North American citizen in the Championship series.

21.1.2 Trophies will be awarded to the top 5 boats in the Foiling Division.

21.1.3 Trophies will be awarded to the top 5 boats in the Classic Division.

21.1.4 A trophy will be awarded to the top female sailor in the Championship series.

21.1.5 A trophy will be awarded to the top Junior sailor in the Championship series (under age 25 on the first race day of the event).

21.1.6 A trophy will be awarded to the top Great-Grand- Master sailor in the Championship series (age 65 + on the first race day of the event).

21.1.7 Additional prizes may be announced and awarded at the discretion of the OA.

## 22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

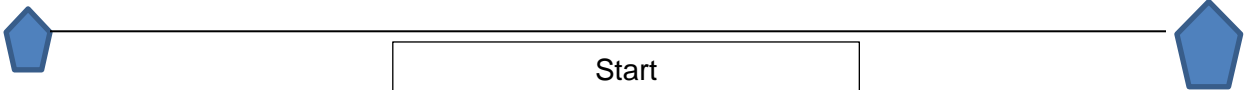
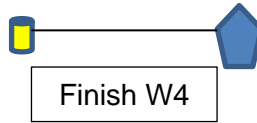
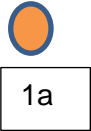
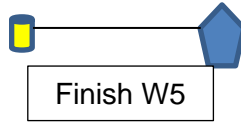
- a. Competitors participate in this regatta at their own risk. See RRS 4 "Decision to Race." The organizing authority, the sponsors, the race committee, officers and board of directors of the SPYC, and all those involved in these organizations will not accept any responsibility for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after this regatta.

## 23 INSURANCE

- 23.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 USD per incident.

# Addendum A

Change Mark



Course W  
W4: Start, 1, 1a, 2s/2p, 1, 1a, Finish W4  
W5: Start, 1, 1a, 2s/2p, 1, 1a, 2s/2p, Finish W5