



ISAF INTERNATIONAL A-CLASS CATAMARAN NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP



June 9 – 14, 2014



Sail NC
Roanoke Island, North Carolina, USA

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organizing Authority for the International A-Class Catamaran North American Championship Regatta is Sail NC, PO Box 233, and 615 Harbor Rd., Wanchese, NC 27981 on behalf of the United States A-Class Catamaran Association.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. The International A-Class Catamaran Championship Rules will apply.
- 1.3. The Equipment Rules of Sailing with its amendments will apply.
- 1.4. The prescriptions of US Sailing will not apply except the US Sailing Prescriptions to rules 67 and 76.1, which are stated in full below:
 - 1.4.1. Rule 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.
 - 1.4.2. Rule 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.
 - 1.4.3. Arbitration will be held as described in US Sailing Prescription Appendix T Section D.
- 1.5. Foreign competitors are advised that the US Coast Guard requires that, while practicing for or racing in competition, each foreign boat must carry a US Coast Guard-approved flotation device for everyone aboard or flotation devices that conform to regulations of their own country.



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2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Pavilion next to the regatta launch site. Except for notices of protests, all official regatta notices will be posted here.
- 2.2. Notices of protests will be posted on the protest notice board located at the Pavilion next to the regatta launch site.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1000 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 is to take place. Changes may be posted on the Sail NC web site, <http://www.sailnc.org>.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole on the pavilion next to the launch site.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore. '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signals, AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1.

Dates of Racing			
Tuesday	June 10, 2014	1300	Practice Race first warning
Tuesday	June 10, 2014	1700	Competitors Meeting
Wednesday	June 11, 2014	1300	Racing first warning, fleet -- 3 races scheduled "Intergalactic" fleet - 2 races scheduled
Thursday	June 12, 2014	1300	Racing first warning, fleet -- 3 races scheduled "Intergalactic" fleet - 2 races scheduled
Friday	June 13, 2014	1300	Racing first warning, fleet -- 3 races scheduled "Intergalactic" fleet - 2 races scheduled
Saturday	June 14, 2014	1000	Racing first warning, fleet -- 2 races scheduled "Intergalactic" fleet - 2 races scheduled

- 5.2 At the Race Committee's discretion an additional race may be run on any day. Signal flag "R" flown from the Signal Boat at the conclusion of a race means "another race to follow".
- 5.3 After a lengthy postponement, an Attention Signal consisting of a series of short sounds will be made approximately four (4) minutes before Flag "AP" is removed with one sound. This is not a timed signal.

6. CLASS FLAGS

The class flag will be a white flag with A Class Insignia.



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7. RACING AREAS

- 7.1. As shown in Addendum B, the racing area will be in the Croatan Sound West of the Dare County Airport.
- 7.2. Racing areas will be posted by 1000 on the day they will take effect.

8. THE COURSES

- 8.1. Courses to be sailed are shown in Addendum A.
- 8.2. The course to be sailed along with bearings and approximate distance to the first mark will be displayed on a course board on the side of the Signal Boat prior to the warning for each race. Code flag "L" will be displayed with one sound as the course is posted.
- 8.3. If one of the gate marks is missing, boats shall round the leeward mark to port.

9. MARKS

- 9.1. Marks 1, 3A and 3B will be orange shapes.
- 9.2. If Mark 1 is changed as per Instruction 11, it will be a yellow shape.
- 9.3. Mark 2 (Weather Offset) will be a red ball. A changed Offset Mark will also be a red ball.
- 9.4. The start / finish mark will be lime green shape.

10. THE START

- 10.1. To alert boats that a sequence of starts will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with several short blasts at least four minutes before a warning signal is displayed. This is not a timed signal.
- 10.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Boat at the starboard end of the line and the course side of the lime green mark at the port end.
- 10.3. An orange limit buoy may be tied off the transom of the RC Signal Boat and shall be considered to be part of the mark for purposes of rules 28 and 31.
- 10.4. A boat starting more than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes rule A4.
- 10.5. All boats, regardless of fleet, will start together but the Intergalactic Fleet will be scored separately.
- 10.6. If the Race Committee displays a red pennant prior to the start sequence the race includes the Intergalactic Fleet. Intergalactic boats shall not race in non-intergalactic division races.

11. 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.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1. The finish line shall be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Boat at one end and a lime green mark at the other.
- 12.2. In the interest of starting another race in a timely fashion, the Race Committee may assign a finish position to the last finisher(s) in a class provided that the position(s) can be determined in a reasonable manner.



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13. PENALTY SYSTEM

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

14. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

14.1. Time limits and target times are as follows:

<u>Time Limit</u>	<u>Mark 1 Time Limit</u>	<u>Target Time</u>
120	30	60

If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

14.2. Boats failing to finish within thirty (30) minutes of the first boat to finish will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4, and A5.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1. Protest forms will be available at the protest office. The location will be determined and posted on the notice board

Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

15.2. The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat finishes the final race of the day.

15.3. 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, beginning at the time posted. The location will be announced and posted on the notice board.

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

15.5. Breaches of instructions 17, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the Protest Committee so decides.

15.6. If the race committee posts a list of boats scored OCS, ZFP, or BFD on the Official Notice Board before the protest time limit, a request for redress based on such a posted score shall be made no later than thirty (30) minutes after the protest time limit. This changes rule 62.2.

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

- within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
- no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.

15.8. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress from a jury decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.



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16. SCORING

- 16.1. Five (5) completed races shall constitute a series.
- 16.2. Scoring for each division, “Championship” and “Intergalactic” will be separate.
- 16.3.
 - a) When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - b) 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.
 - c) 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. Check-Out and Check-In Procedures: Before the warning signal on the first race each day, all boats shall sail by the stern of the race committee signal boat, hail her sail number and obtain the acknowledgment of the race committee.
- 17.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 18.1. Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 18.2. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the substitution.

19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

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 race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

20. EVENT ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display bow numbers and advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

21. OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be marked as follows:

Race Committee Boat	Blue flag marked with white “RC” and red anchor
Mark Boats	Yellow flag marked with “RC” and red anchor
Press Boat	White flag marked with black letters “P”



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22. SUPPORT BOATS

- 22.1. Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 22.2. All coach/support boats shall monitor VHF channel 72 and respond to calls and instructions from the race committee.

23. TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

24. BERTHING

Boats can be stored overnight in the Sail NC boat yard.

25. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

There are no haul out restrictions.

26. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 26.1 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.
- 26.2 Competitors may carry a VHF radio on board during the regatta for use in an emergency.

27. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded in the following categories subject to entry numbers:

- a) North American Champion
- b) First through fifth highest placed competitors -- Championship and "Intergalactic" fleet
- c) Additional prizes for Championship fleet
 - Top Junior (aged less than 25)
 - Top women
 - Master (aged 35-44), Grand Master (aged 45-55), Great Grand Master (aged 56-64) and 65+

28. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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

29. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with minimum coverage of US\$300,000 per event or the equivalent. Each boat shall have proof of insurance coverage and present it at time of Registration.

30. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:
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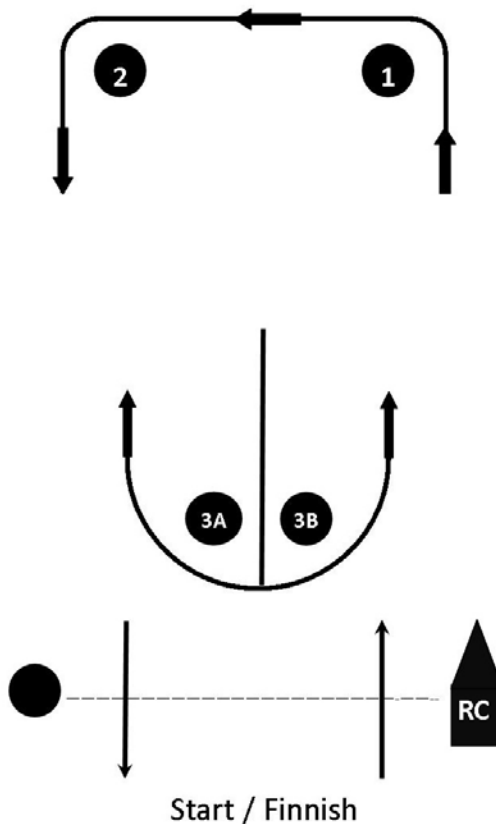


- Below are shown course options for the regatta.
- The Race Committee will designate the course to be sailed on the RC Signal Boat prior to the Warning Signal for each race. The RC will display Flag “L” with one sound when the course is being posted.
- The course to be sailed will be designated by a red number.
- The approximate bearing and distance from the RC Signal Boat to Mark 1 will be designated by black numbers.

Course Options:

Course 1 = Start - 1 - 2 - 3A/3B - 1 - 2 - Finish

Course 2 = Start - 1 - 2 - 3A/3B - 1 - 2 - 3A/3B - 1 - 2 - Finish





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