



ISAF INTERNATIONAL A-CLASS CATAMARAN NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP



June 9-14, 2014

SAIL NC
Harbor Road, Wanchese, NC, USA

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority for the International A-Class Catamaran North American Championship Regatta is SAIL NC located on Harbor Road, Wanchese, NC 2798 www.sailnc.org 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* and the I.A.C.A. Championship Rules unless modified herein or in the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. The prescriptions of US Sailing will not apply except the US Sailing Prescriptions to rules 68 and 76.1, which are stated in full below:
 - 1.2.1. Rule 68 – 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.
 - 1.2.2. 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.
- 1.3. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes of the first boat to finish will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes Rules 35, A4 and A5.
- 1.4. Rule 60.1(a) will be changed to state, that a competitor cannot protest another boat or competitor for breaches for some specific parts of the sailing instructions.
- 1.5. Rules 62.2 and 66 will be changed to shorten the time limit for a request for redress and for reopening of protest hearings on the last scheduled day of racing.
- 1.6. Rules A4 and A5 will be changed to state, that a boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start
- 1.7. The Equipment Rules of Sailing with its amendments will apply.



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- 1.8. Arbitration will be held as described in [US Sailing Prescription Appendix T Section D](#).
- 1.9. 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.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Competitor advertising will be restricted to the current ISAF Regulation 20 and the Class Rules.
- 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. The regatta is open to boats of the A-Class Catamaran Association.
- 3.2. Each competitor shall be a financial member of their respective national or continental class association and shall have their entry endorsed by their respective national or continental class association.
- 3.3. All competitors shall meet the requirements of ISAF Regulation 19, which requires that all competitors (helm and crew) shall be members of their Member National Authority or one of its affiliated organizations. The Yacht Club or organization name and membership details shall be stated on the entry form.
- 3.4. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form at www.sailnc.org and paying the required fee by June 8, 2014.
- 3.5. After June 8, 2014, entries will only be accepted in person.
- 3.6. The following documents shall be provided at the time of registration or electronically prior to registration:
 - 3.6.1. A copy of a valid measurement certificate.
NOTE: that a measurement certificate consists of the following four signed pages.
 - 1) Hull Measurement Form- Matches Hull No.
 - 2) Sail Measurement Form - Matches Sail Button No. on sail
 - 3) Mast and Boom Measurement Form- Matches Serial No., Builder and Material
 - 4) General Calculation Form- Must contain a column matching each of the pages above.
 - 3.6.2. A copy of the insurance certificate including the terms of insurance.
 - 3.6.3. Proof of membership as per NOR 3.2.
 - 3.6.4. Proof of membership as per NOR 3.3.
- 3.7. Only boats having completed all registration requirements will be allowed to compete.

4. FEES

- 4.1. The early entry fee shall be US\$325 per boat.
- 4.2. Late entries received after April 1, 2014 will be charged US\$400 per boat.
- 4.3. If an entry is cancelled by the competitor, the entry fee will be refunded as follows:

Cancellation date	Entry fee refund
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Cancellation date	Entry fee refund
Through April 1, 2014	100%*
April 2 – June 8, 2014	50%*
After June 8, 2014	0%

* Entry fee will be refunded, except administrative fee of \$10 that will be retained.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1.

Registration		
Monday	June 9, 2014	From 0900 To 1700
Tuesday	June 10, 2014	From 0900 To 1700

5.2.

Measurement and Inspection		
Monday	June 9, 2014	From 0900 To 1700
Tuesday	June 10, 2014	From 0900 To 1700

5.3.

Dates of Racing			
Tuesday	June 10, 2014	1300	Practice Race first warning
Wednesday	June 11, 2014	1300	Race first warning
Thursday	June 12, 2014	1300	Race first warning
Friday	June 13, 2014	1300	Race first warning
Saturday	June 14, 2014	1300	Race first warning

6. MEASUREMENT

- 6.1. Each boat shall hold a valid measurement certificate and present it at time of Registration.
- 6.2. A limited number of fundamental measurements may be available on an appointment basis only.



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- 6.3. Sails shall have the full sail number and national letters in accordance with the Class Rules and Appendix G.
- 6.4. Additional measurement checks may be conducted during the regatta at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.
- 6.5. Following each day's racing one or more boats may be inspected for compliance with class rules.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1. Sailing Instructions will be available at Registration.

8. VENUE

- 8.1. Races will be held in either; 1) the waters of Pamlico Sound SW of Wanchese, or 2) the waters of Croatan Sound West of Wanchese.

9. THE COURSES

- 9.1. A windward-leeward course will be used.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

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

11. SCORING

- 11.1. Five (5) completed races shall constitute a series.
- 11.2.
 - 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 to 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.

12. SUPPORT/COACH/SPECTATOR BOATS

- 12.1. Support/coach/spectator boats shall register with the Race Office during the registration period.
- 12.2. The fee for support boat registration shall be US\$50 which includes mooring.
- 12.3. A unique registration number will be assigned to each support boat. The registration number shall be visible at all times while on the water.
- 12.4. Support boats shall display their national letters on a flag or outboard covers.
- 12.5. Rules governing the conduct of support/coach/spectator boats will be in the Sailing Instructions.



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13. BERTHING

Boats shall be stored overnight in the GUNBOAT SERVICE YARD. Each boat must have its own trolley. Security will be provided during the regatta. Competitors are encouraged to bring tie down stakes.

14. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

No boat may be stored overnight in any other location, without prior permission of the Regatta Chair.

15. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

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.

16. PRIZES

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

- a) North American Champion
- b) First through fifth highest placed competitors
- c) Champions of Junior, Women, and Masters classes

17. RIGHT TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

By participating in the International A-Class Catamaran North American Championship Regatta a competitor automatically grants to the organizers and its 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 him or her during the period of the competition without compensation.

18. 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.

19. 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.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

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1. GENERAL

- 1.1. It is the responsibility of the competitor to see that the boat, its spars, sails and equipment comply with the class rules.
- 1.2. Equipment Inspection shall be under the control of the Jury. The Chief Equipment Inspector will be an ISAF International Measurer approved for the A
- 1.3. The hulls, hull appendages, rig, and sails of each boat entered in the Championship will be stamped in accordance with these Equipment Inspection Regulations.
- 1.4. Stamps will be applied in a position clearly visible while sailing. If a stamp starts to fade, the competitor shall inform the Chief Equipment Inspector so that it can be replaced.
- 1.5. Equipment not stamped shall not be used.
- 1.6. The use of the Equipment Inspection areas by competitors prior to or during the event must be requested of and approved by Chief Equipment Inspector in advance.

2. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 2.1. Each competitor shall receive an Equipment Control Form upon registering at the Regatta Office.
- 2.2. Equipment Inspection will be held on the dates and at the times stated in the NOR.
- 2.3. Competitors may sign up for Equipment Inspection on the Equipment Inspection Sign-Up Sheet, which will be posted at the inspection area.
- 2.4. 1 Boat, 1 mast, and 1 sail shall be presented in dry, salt free condition for inspection as follows:
 - a) Boat
 - i. shall have valid Measurement Certificate or a Measurement Form
 - ii. shall be fully assembled with all appendages and rigging
 - iii. hulls shall be empty, with the ports open for inspection; beam end caps shall be removed to allow inspection
 - b) Mast
 - i. shall have been measured in accordance with the Class Rules before being presented for inspection
 - c) Sails
 - i. shall have been measured in accordance with the Class Rules before being presented for inspection
- 2.5. Competitors shall present the Equipment Control Form to be filled in, and the equipment stamped with the official stamp of the Championship, if the equipment complies with the Class Rules.
- 2.6. If any equipment does not comply with the Class Rules, the Chief Equipment Inspector will notify to the competitor, who will be responsible for making the necessary corrections. If the errors of a boat cannot be corrected before the Equipment Inspection closing time, the competitor will not be allowed to enter the boat.
- 2.7. Competitors shall sign the completed Equipment Control Form, and the Equipment Inspector will return it to the Regatta Office to complete registration.

3. INSPECTED EQUIPMENT

- 3.1. Once boats, spars, sails and equipment have undergone Equipment Inspection control and have been stamped they shall not be removed from the area indicated by the Organizing Authority without the written approval of the Jury.



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- 3.2. Changes – no changes are permitted to stamped equipment, except for the normal adjustment to fittings or equipment.
- 3.3. Repairs and Substitutions
 - a) Requests to repair any stamped equipment shall be submitted in writing to the Jury. If the request is authorized, the Chief Equipment Inspector will establish a time to inspect such repairs.
 - b) Requests for replacement of any stamped equipment shall be submitted in writing to the Jury.
 - i. Jury authorization will be given only when it is satisfactorily proven that the equipment is seriously damaged, was not deliberately damaged, and cannot be repaired to satisfaction of the Chief Equipment Inspector.
 - ii. If the request is authorized, the Chief Equipment Inspector will establish a time to inspect the replacement equipment.
 - c) When a piece of equipment is lost or damaged while the boat on the water, and it is substituted or repaired
 - i. the competitor will notify the Chief Equipment Inspector at the first reasonable opportunity
 - ii. Once ashore, a request for a repair or change of equipment shall be submitted, as described in a) and b) above.

4. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION DURING THE REGATTA

- 4.1. Boats can be inspected on the water and any errors found will be reported to the Jury.
- 4.2. Visual inspection may include the following:
 - a) Fittings and compulsory equipment to be used when racing
 - b) Stamping control
 - c) Measurement bands
 - d) Buoyancy of lifejackets
- 4.3. After each race, an Equipment Inspection officer may inform competitors that they have been selected for equipment inspection ashore. Once notified, the boat shall go to the specified area ashore. Boats will be inspected as soon as possible once ashore.
- 4.4. The competitor shall remain with the boat until the inspection is complete. If the Chief Equipment Inspector is not satisfied that while wet the boat exceeds in dry conditions the minimum weight required by the Class Rules, he may deposit the boat to be weighed the following morning before 0930, except on the last day of the race.
- 4.5. Hulls, hull appendages, spars, sails, rigging, clothing and equipment of the crew may be inspected or measured at any time during the regatta.
- 4.6. If a piece of equipment varies with respect to the Class Rules or the Chief Equipment Inspector has reason to believe that a piece of equipment has been modified, repaired or replaced without prior authorization, he shall submit a written report to the Jury with his signature.