

2016 A-Cat North Atlantic Championship

Sandy Hook Bay Catamaran Club, Atlantic Highlands NJ 07716

July 30-31 2016

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

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

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

Current members of any country's A-class Catamaran Association are eligible for entry in the regatta.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official regatta notice board, which is the bulletin board on the club house deck.

4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted before 0830 on the day it will take effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole at the SHBCC next to the club house.

6. SCHEDULE

6.1 Competitors' Meeting is scheduled for 1030 AM on Saturday, July 30th.

6.2 Number of races per day:

Up to 5 races per day may be held unless revised by the Race Committee.

6.3 Scheduled time of the first warning signal:

Date

Saturday, July 30 11

1130

Sunday, July 31

1030

6.4 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal for a race will be made after 1500 hours.

7. CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be a solid red flag.

8. RACING AREA

Attachment 1 shows the race area.

9. THE COURSE

9.1 Attachment 2 shows the course, including the approximate angles between legs and the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which the mark is to be left.

9.2 If no offset mark is set, boats shall sail directly from the windward mark to the leeward mark(s) or finish.

9.3 If a single leeward mark is set instead of a gate, the mark shall be left to port.

10. MARKS

Marks for the course will be yellow or orange inflatable marks.

11. THE START

11.1 Races will be started by using rule 26.

11.2 The starting and finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark.

11.3 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after the starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes rules A4.

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finish line) and remove the original mark as soon as possible. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by the original mark.

13. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and the finishing mark.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

Rule 44.1 is changed by substituting the One-Turn Penalty for the Two-Turns Penalty.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 In addition to the requirements of RRS 61.1(a), protesting boats are requested to inform the race committee of their intent to file a protest as soon as possible after finishing.

15.2 Protest forms are available at the SHBCC club house. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

15.3 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat in each class has finished the last race of the day.

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

16. TIME LIMIT

Boats failing to finish within 30 min after the first boat in their class sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35,A4, A5.

17. SCORING

17.1 When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of all scores. When five or more scores have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of its race scores excluding its worst excludable score.

17.2 Nine races are planned of which one race must be completed to constitute a series.

The low point system of Appendix A will apply.

17.3 Scoring will show overall rankings as well as break out foilers and floaters.

18. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the first through third place boats for foilers and floaters as well as an overall winner.

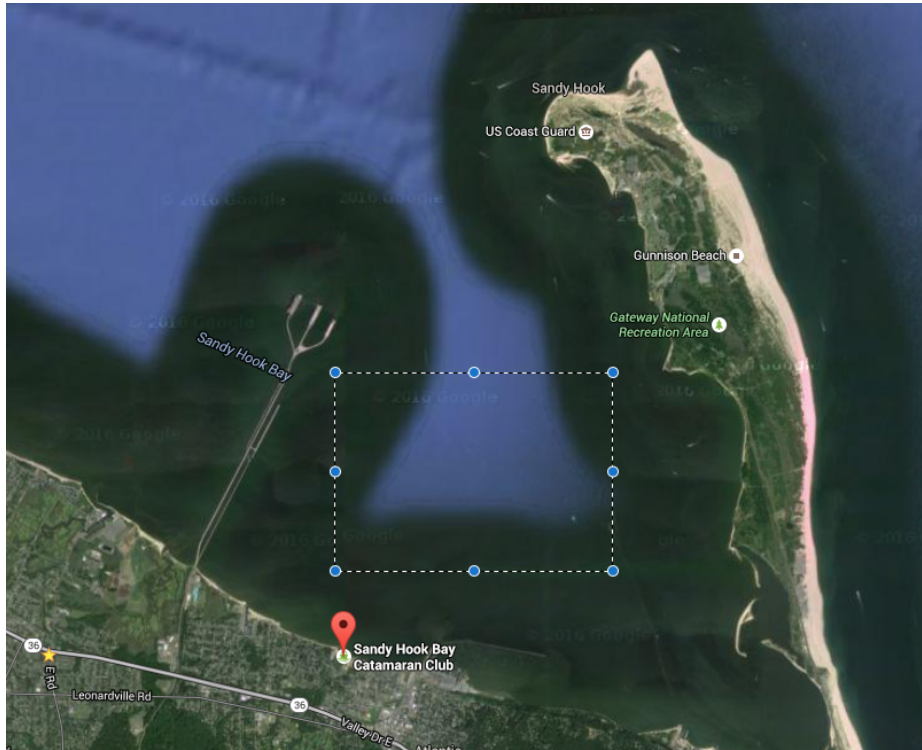
19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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.

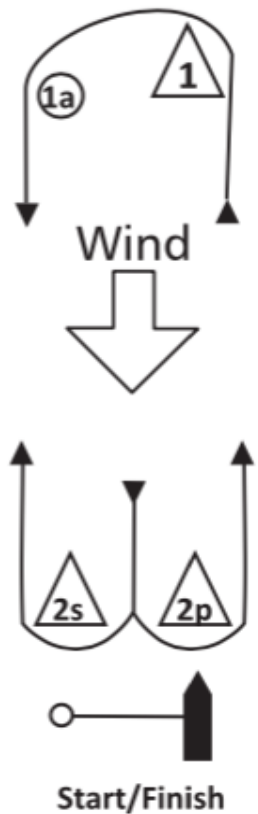
19. ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

Competitors in SHBCC events are prohibited from discharging any refuse overboard, including but not limited to cans, bottles, and plastic. This action is protestable either by any competitor or by the Race Committee.

Attachment 1 - Mark Description, Race Area



Attachment 2



Course W

- W1: Start, 1, 1a, finish
- W2: Start, 1, 1a, 2s/2p, 1, 1a, finish
- W3: Start, 1, 1a, 2s/2p, 1, 1a, 2s/2p, 1, 1a, finish

2s - Starboard mark
2p - Port mark