

2017 West River Spring Regatta April 29-30

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

The regatta will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing, together with the rules of the participating classes and any additional sailing instructions to be issued at the competitors' meeting.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

The regatta is open to all boats of the International 505, A-Class catamaran, Nacra 20/F18 catamaran, and F16 catamaran classes. The catamaran classes will race as an Open Class using the SCHRS handicap system.

Registration:

Regular Online registration ends at midnight on Thursday, April 27:

<http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/14100>

After online registration closes, a late registration fee will be charged for on-site registration, see Notice of Race.

3 FEES

See Notice of Race.

4 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the East window of the WRSC clubhouse.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located at WRSC. If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 1 hour after flag AP is lowered.

6. SCHEDULE

Saturday

0830	Late registration (on-site) open
0915	Late registration (on-site) closed
0930	Competitors' meeting (flagpole or inside if rain)

First Warning Signal:

1100	Catamaran classes
1200 (noon)	International 505 Class

The Race Committee will announce the order of starts for the first race at the Competitors' meeting.

Sunday

- 1030 First warning signal
1430 No warning signal will be made after this time

Awards to follow racing

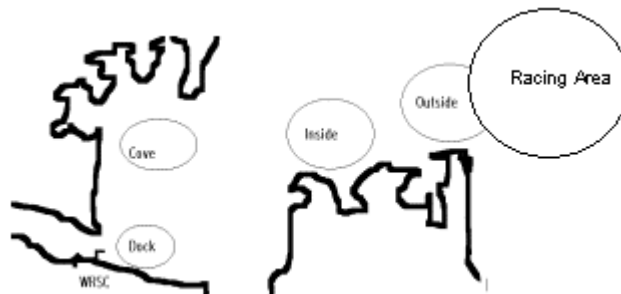
Number of Races: There is no limit to the number of races. The committee will attempt to maximize racing for the conditions available.

7. CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be the respective insignia or as described at the competitor's meeting.

8. RACING AREA

The venue shall be finalized by the RC on race day. WRSC typically races on the West River or on the west side of the bay just outside of the river entrance.



9. COURSE AND MARKS

The course will be windward-leeward, twice around as shown in Appendix A.

10. STARTING AND FINISHING LINES

10.1. The starting line will be between the spar flying the on-station flag of the Race Committee boat and a ball to be left to port, per diagram. The finish line will be between the spar flying the blue finish flag and a ball to be left to port, per diagram. If the course is shortened per the RRS, the finish line will be between a RC boat flying the blue finish flag and an adjacent mark, to be left to port.

10.2. Starting system will be that of RRS 26. Note that the order of starts may not be constant. Finishing boats should remain in the area and alert to initiation of their next starting sequence when the last boat in the class finishes.

10.3. Boats not within their starting sequence must keep clear of boats within their respective starting sequence. Boats not racing must keep clear of finishing boats.

11. TIME LIMITS

The time limit will be 90 minutes for the first boat to finish.
Any boat not finishing within 20 minutes of the first boat to finish will be scored DNF.

12. The Start

12.1 Classes will use a fixed starting line unless they choose during the Competitors' meeting to use a Gate (Rabbit) Start.

12.2 The following procedure will be used for the Gate Start:

12.2.1 The first Rabbit of the regatta will be chosen at random at the Competitors meeting.

12.2.2. The Gate Boat will be trailing the Rabbit as closely as possible during the gate start.

12.2.3 The Rabbit and Gate Boat will round the pin of the starting line when the sequence counts down to zero.

12.2.4 The gate will be open for X seconds as posted on the RC Boat. The default of 60 seconds will be used. If no seconds are shown on RC, a 60 second gate will be established.

12.2.5 After X seconds of 12.2.4, the Gate Boat will drop a mark signifying the gate is closed.

12.2.6 Any boat that has not gated at this point will need to drop down to pass through the pin and the dropped mark.

The gate closed mark shall be removed 1 minute after being dropped.

12.2.7 The third place boat in the next race will be the Rabbit in the upcoming race.

12.2.8 The Rabbit's sail number will be posted on the RC boat.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM AND PROTESTS

13.1 The penalties are as follows: Rule 44 of RRS.

13.2 For ALL CLASSES: rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.

13.3 Protest Forms will be available at the bar. The time limit for filing protests is one hour after the RC returns to the dock. Protests are to be delivered to the PRO to be time stamped.

14. SCORING

14.1 The scoring system is as follows Low Point Scoring System found in Appendix A.

14.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

14.3 (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When from 5 to 11 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

(c) When 12 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

15. SUPPORT BOATS

Support boats shall be marked with the letters WRSC or as designated at Competitor Meeting.

16 CHECK-IN

Before starting their first race of the day, all competitors shall sail astern the starting boat, give their sail number and be acknowledged by the RC. Any competitor who leaves the race area before the completion of racing shall attempt to notify the RC before leaving the race area.

17 RADIO COMMUNICATION

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, but does not apply to communication received or transmitted to request or render assistance to a vessel in distress or to notify RC that a competitor is leaving the race area.

18 PRIZES

For each class, prizes will be given to the first, second, and third place finishers.

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.

Appendix A: Course Diagram

- Windward mark shall be left to port;
- Windward mark will have an offset mark;
- Leeward gate will be to windward of start/finish area;
- Finish line is on opposite side of RC boat from starting line;
- Start, finish, and offset marks will be balls;
- Windward mark and leeward gate marks are cylinders.

