



**2018 NACRA 15**  
**North American Championship**  
**September 21-23, 2018**  
**Southern Yacht Club (OA)**  
**New Orleans, LA**  
**Sailing Instructions**



**1. RULES**

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and the Nacra 15 Class Rules.
- 1.2. The prescriptions of US Sailing shall apply. Appendix P *Special Procedures for Rule 42* will apply. The prescriptions stated in US Sailing Appendix V *Alternative Penalties* will apply.

**2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the SYC 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Grill Room and on Regatta Network:  
<http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/17177>

**3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 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 will take effect.

**4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the “A” frame structure located near the boat hoists in the SYC dry storage area.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than thirty (30) minutes’ in the race signal AP.

**5. SCHEDULE**

- 5.1. 12 races are scheduled for the regatta.

5.2. Friday

Check-in and Registration:	0830-1000
Race Committee Team and Judges Meeting:	0930
Competitors Meeting:	1000
First Warning Signal – additional races to follow:	1200

5.3. Saturday

Competitors Meeting:	0900
First Warning Signal – additional races to follow:	1030
Lunch on the water	

5.4. Sunday

Competitors Meeting:	0900
First Warning Signal – additional races to follow:	1030
Lunch on the water.	

- 5.5. On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1400.
- 5.6. Awards will be presented as soon as possible after the last race of the regatta.

## **6. CLASS FLAGS**

- 6.1. The class flag will be a white flag with Nacra class logo.

## **7. RACING AREAS**

- 7.1. The racing area will be located on Lake Pontchartrain, approximately one or two miles northly of the Southern Yacht Club.

## **8. THE COURSES**

- 8.1. The diagrams in Attachment "A" show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, 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 boat will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

## **9. MARKS**

- 9.1. Marks are described in Attachment "A".
- 9.2. New marks, as provided in instruction 11.1, will be yellow.
- 9.3. The starting and finishing marks will be orange spheres.

## **10. THE START**

- 10.1. Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made five (5) minutes before the starting signal.
- 10.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 10.3. A boat that does not start within ten (10) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 10.4. If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to broadcast her sail number on VHF channel 68 (or alternate channel 69). Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## **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 finishing boat and the course side of the nearby finishing mark.

## **13. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 13.1. Appendix V *Alternative Penalties* will apply.

## **14. TIME LIMITS**

- 14.1. The time limit for the first boat to finish is 60 minutes.
- 14.2. If no boat has passed Mark 1 within 30 minutes, the race shall be abandoned.
- 14.3. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

## **15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

15.1. Protest forms are available at the race office, located near the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor receptionist.

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 has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

## **16. SCORING**

16.1. The scoring system will be the Low Point System of Appendix A.

16.2. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

16.3. When six (6) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. When five or less races have been completed, no race scores will be excluded.

16.4. A score of (TLE) will be two points more than the last boat to finish within the time limit, but not worse than last place. This changes RRS A4 and A11.

## **17. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

17.1. Check-In: Boats shall check in with the race committee signal boat before the first race of each day.

17.2. PFD's complying with class rules shall be worn at all times while afloat.

17.3. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

17.4. All boats shall carry a line of at least 30 feet in length and strong enough that the boat and crew can safely be towed with this line.

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

## **19. EVENT ADVERTISING**

19.1. Boats may be required to display event advertising supplied by the organizing authority.

## **20. OFFICIAL BOATS**

20.1. Official boats will be marked as follows: R/C Boats – R/C Flag; Judge Boats – Judge Flag; Safety Boats – Green Flag.

## **21. SUPPORT BOATS**

21.1. Team leaders, coaches, other support personnel, and spectators, 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 – unless there is a safety issue where a boat needs assistance. See RRS 41.

## **22. TRASH DISPOSAL**

22.1. Trash shall not be thrown overboard.

## **23. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

23.1. 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.

23.2. The Race Committee will operate on VHF Channel 68 or alternate Channel 69.

#### **24. PRIZES**

24.1. Prizes will be given as follows:

The top three (3) boats of the regatta.

Other additional prizes may be awarded.

#### **25. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

25.1. 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.

#### **26. INSURANCE**

26.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

#### **27. CONTACT**

27.1. For Further Information please contact any of the following:

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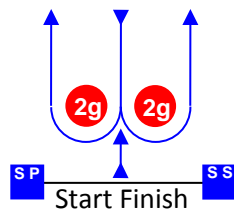
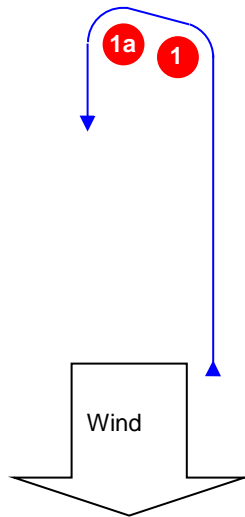
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## APPENDIX A

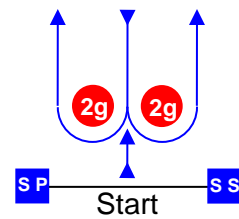
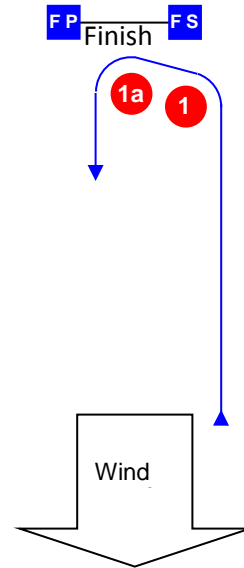
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#### Course: Leeward finish

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
4	Start – 1 – 1a – 2g – 1 – 1a – Finish
6	Start – 1 – 1a – 2g – 1 – 1a – 2g – 1 – 1a – Finish

### W



#### Course: Windward Finish

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
5	Start – 1 – 1a – 2g – 1 – 1a – 2g – Finish

Course Signal Number = number of legs excluding offset mark leg.

Marks 1, and 2G will be orange tetrahedrons (yellow if changed). Starting, finishing, and offset marks will be orange balls.