



**Albacore Winter Clinic  
11-12 March 2020  
and  
Albacore Mid-Winter Championships  
13-15 March 2020**



**US SAILING Center • Martin County  
Jensen Beach, Florida**

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1. Rules:**

- 1.1. This regatta is governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the US Sailing Association, the latest International Albacore Class Rules and any temporary rules or interpretations as published on <http://albacore.org>, except as any of these is altered by the sailing instructions.
- 1.1 By participating in this regatta, a competitor grants to the Organizing Authority and its sponsors the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any photographs, motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him or her during the period of the competition without compensation.
- 1.2 RRS A4.1 and A5 are changed such that boats starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored, DNS. RRS 35 is changed to allow the Race Committee to finish boats in place on the racecourse if they are unreasonably delaying the completion of a race. RRS 63.1 is changed to also require competitors to inform the Race Committee as soon as possible after finishing of their intention to protest.
- 1.3 US Sailing Prescription regarding Rule 40 shall not apply.

**2 Entry and Eligibility:**

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Albacore class.
- 2.2 Eligible crews may be entered by completing entry form, registering with the organizing authority and paying the entry fee.

**3 Notices to Competitors:**

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located upstairs on the porch at Race Headquarters. Each competitor has the responsibility to check this Board for information pertaining to the race.

**4 Changes In Sailing Instructions:**

- 4.1 Any change in the Sailing Instructions made on Friday, 13 March will be posted no later than at the end of the Competitor's Meeting. Otherwise, they will be posted by 0930 on the day on which it will take effect.
- 4.2 Changes to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before the change is to take effect.

**5 Signals Made Ashore:**

- 5.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed on a pole on the end of the Center dock. When AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced by "not less than 30 minutes" in Race Signals AP.

## **6 Sailing Area:**

6.1 Racing will take place on the Indian River east of the Sailing Center.

## **7 Competitors' Meeting:**

7.1 The competitors' meeting will be held at 1030 on Friday, 13 March 2020 at Regatta Headquarters.

## **8 Schedule of Events:**

8.1	Tuesday	10 March	All Day	Casual Sailing
	Wednesday	11 March	0900	Tuning and Sailing Clinic
	Thursday	12 March	0900	Tuning and Sailing Clinic
	Friday	13 March	0900-1000	Registration / Check-in
			1030	Competitor's Briefing
			1130	First Warning
	Saturday	14 March	1030	First Warning
	Sunday	15 March	1030	First Warning
			1400	No warnings after this time

8.2 Race Committee will conduct as many races as reasonably possible each day.

## **9 Courses:**

- 9.1 The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, wind direction, and the order and side in which marks are to be passed.
- 9.2 A Windward/Leeward course will be indicated by the Race Committee displaying International Code Flag for the letter "W".
- 9.3 An Olympic course will be indicated by the Race Committee displaying International Code Flag for the letter "O."
- 9.4 A Triangle course will be indicated by the Race Committee displaying International Code Flag for the letter "T."
- 9.5 No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee signal boat will display the approximate magnetic compass bearing and distance to the first Mark.

## **10 Marks:**

All marks shall be as described on the course diagram and confirmed at the Competitor's Briefing.

## **11 The Start:**

- 11.1 Races will be started by using Rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2 The Race Committee will unfurl an orange flag at least 5 minutes before the sequence starts.
- 11.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and the starting mark.
- 11.4 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing.

## **12 The Finish:**

- 12.1 The finish line shall be between the staff from which an orange flag is displayed on a Race Committee boat and the finishing mark as indicated in Attachment A.
- 12.2 The finishing boat will sound a horn for first boat finishing signaling the start of the time limit in SI 13.2. No sound signals will be made for subsequent finishes.

### **13 Time Limits and Target Times:**

13.1 Time limits and target times are as follows:

Time Limit: 1.5 hours

Mark 1 Time Limit: 20 minutes

Target Time: 45-50 Minutes

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).

13.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be awarded a score equivalent to the number of finishers plus one point without a hearing. This changes rules 35 and A4.2.

### **14 Protests & Requests for Redress:**

14.1 Protest forms are available at the race office . Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

14.2 The protest time limit will be 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.

14.3 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 as soon as practicable

### **15 Scoring:**

15.1 The scoring system is RRS Appendix A except as modified herein.

15.2 One or more races must be completed to constitute a series.

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

15.4 When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

### **16 Safety and other Items.**

16.1 Each boat must carry safety equipment according to US Coast Guard Regulations (1 PFD per person, sound signal, paddle, bailer). In addition, each boat must carry on board during the regatta a line suitable for towing, at least 30 feet in length and 1/4 inch thickness.

16.2 All yachts will check in with the Race Committee before the 1st warning signal of each day by sailing past the signal vessel and hailing their sail number. The Race Committee shall acknowledge the hail.

16.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible. If it is not possible to notify the Race Committee, a boat shall notify an officer of the club as soon as possible after going ashore.

### **17 Replacement of Crew or Equipment**

17.1 Addition, subtraction, or substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Regatta Chair.

17.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the Regatta Committee or class measurer. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

### **18 Electronic Devices and Radio Communication**

18.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall not make radio transmissions or cellular phone calls while racing.

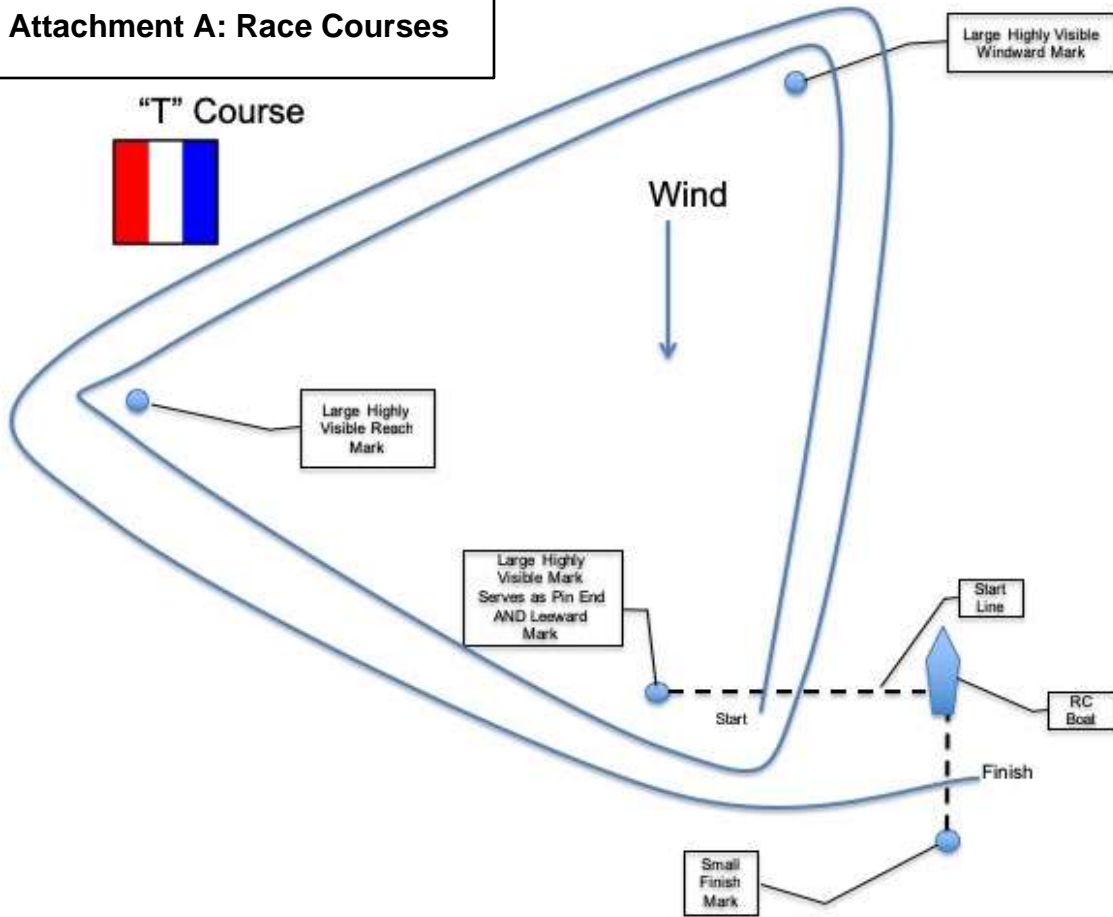
- 18.2** Mobile telephones, smart phones, or two way radios may be carried on board for placing or receiving emergency calls at any time. Communication not related to weather or sea conditions, the day's race(s), or sailboat racing, and which could not be construed in any way as "outside help" are permitted while not racing.
- 18.3** Competitors are encouraged to download and run Race Qs ([raceqs.com](http://raceqs.com)) while racing. Racing will be reviewed each evening.

**19 Disclaimer of Liability:**

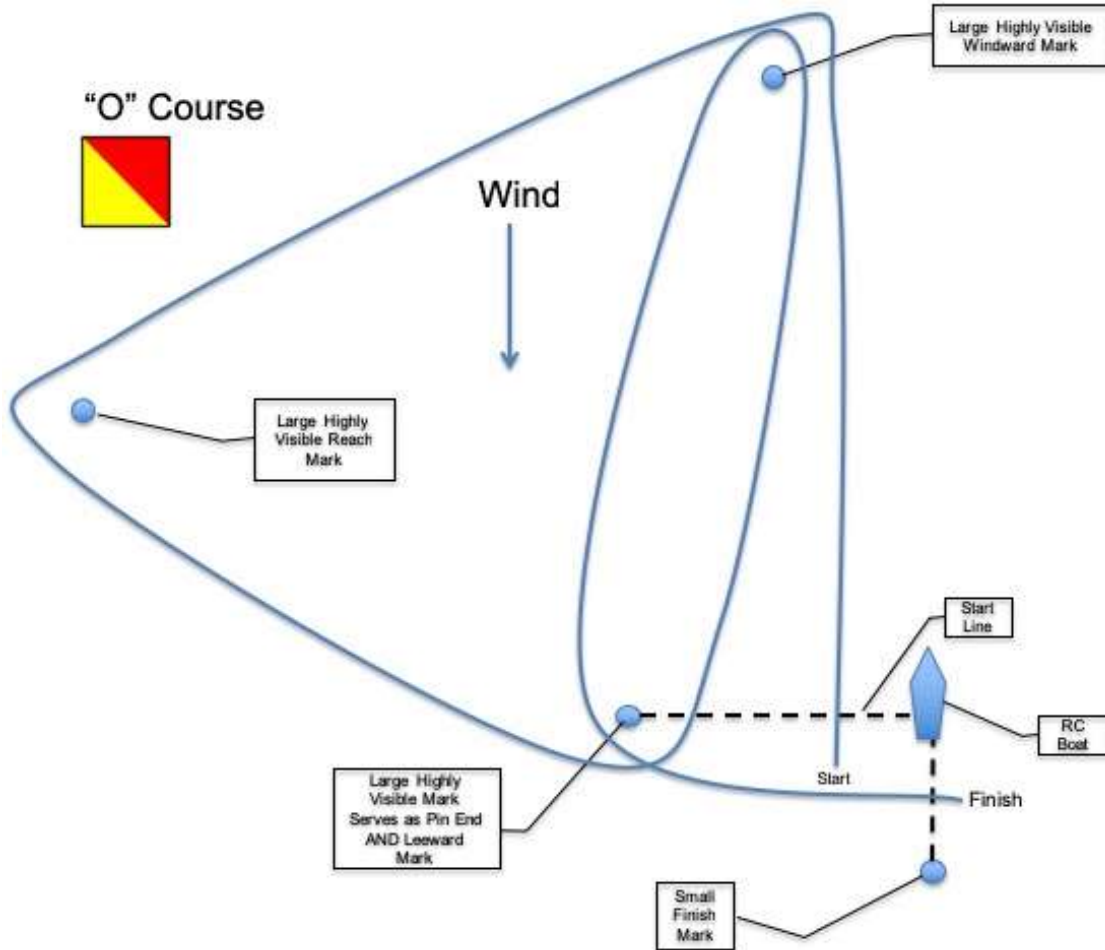
- 19.1** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

# Attachment A: Race Courses

## "T" Course



## "O" Course



“W”  
Course

