



ALBACORE INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Sarasota Sailing Squadron,
Sarasota, FL, USA, 19 - 27 March 2015

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 2015 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.

1.2 US Sailing Prescription regarding Rule 40 shall not apply.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Club bulletin board.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0930 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted before the protest time limit or 2000, whichever is later, on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole of the Sarasota Sailing Squadron.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in the description of race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Dates of measurement and racing:

Date	Time	Race
19 March	0800-1200	Registration
19 March	0800-1800	Measurement
20 March	0800-1000	Registration & Measurement
21 March		
22 March	1400-1800	Registration & Measurement
23 March	0800-1000	Registration
23 March	1000	Competitors briefing
23 March	1130	Warning Race #1, Race #2 and #3 to follow*

Date	Time	Race
24 March	1130	Warning Race #4, Race #5, Race #6
25 March		Lay Day, make up race day
26 March	1130	Warning Race #7, Race #8, Race #9
27 March	1030	Warning Race #10, Race #11, Race #12
27 March	1800	Awards
* as conditions permit, one extra (fourth) race may be held on any day, the race numbers next day change accordingly		

5.2 Number of races:

One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that the class becomes no more than one race ahead of schedule.

5.3 When there is more than one race on the same day, each race will start as soon as possible following the completion of the previous race.

5.4. On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1400.

6 CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be the Albacore class flag.

7 RACING AREAS

The Racing Area will either be in Sarasota Bay or in the Gulf of Mexico.

7.1 The Sarasota Bay site will be approximately 1 mile in a northerly direction from the Sarasota Sailing Squadron.

7.2 The Gulf of Mexico site will be approximately 1 mile in a southwesterly direction from New Pass.

8 THE COURSES

8.1 The diagrams in Attachments A , B, and C 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. Note: The Leeward Mark is not a mark of the course on the first windward leg after the start.

8.2 A Windward/Leeward course will be indicated by the Race Committee displaying International Code Flag for the letter "W".

8.3 An Olympic course will be indicated by the Race Committee displaying International Code Flag for the letter "O."

8.4 A Triangle course will be indicated by the Race Committee displaying International Code Flag for the letter "T."

8.5 No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee signal boat will display the approximate magnetic compass bearing and distance to the first Mark.

9 MARKS

9.1 Course marks will be yellow tetrahedrons.

9.2 New mark, as provided in instruction 11, will be a green tetrahedron.

9.3 The starting mark will be a staff with a red flag.

9.4 The finishing mark will be a red ball.

10 THE START

10.1 Races will be started by using Rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

10.2 The Race Committee will unfurl an orange flag at least 5 minutes before the sequence starts.

10.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and the starting mark.

10.4 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start .

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new mark 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. The change will be signaled in accordance with Rule 33 option 2.

12 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and the finishing mark as indicated in Attachments A, B, and C.

13 RULE 42

13.1 RRS Appendix P, Immediate Penalties for Breaking Rule 42, Propulsion, shall apply.

14 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

14.1 Time limits and target times are as follows:

Time Limit: 2.5 hours

Mark 1 Time Limit: 35 minutes

Target Time: 50-70 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).

14.2 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.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 A boat intending to file a protest shall notify the Race Committee after finishing her race.

15.2 Protest forms are available at the Sarasota Sailing Squadron race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

15.3 The protest time limit will be 60 minutes after the Race Committee signal boat has docked at the Sarasota Sailing Squadron.

15.4 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 in the Sarasota Sailing Squadron Manager's office beginning at the time posted.

15.5 Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

15.6 A list of boats that have been penalized for breaking rule 42 will be posted.

15.7 Breaches of instructions 17, 20, 22, 23, and 24, will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the Protest Committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.

15.8 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day or no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.

15.9 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

16 SCORING

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

16.2 One race must be completed to constitute a series.

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

16.4 When from 5 to 12 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 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.

17.2 This is an international event therefore competitors will be required to wear a properly fastened non-inflatable USCG-approved (or the equivalent authority of the competitor's home country) personal flotation device at all times while racing except while changing clothes.

17.3 All boats will check in with the Race Committee before the warning signal for their first race of each day by sailing past the signal boat and hailing their sail number. The Race Committee shall acknowledge the hail.

17.4 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.

17.5 Each helm shall select two "buddies" (crew of two neighboring boats in the boat parking lot) who will alert the Organizers in case of unknown whereabouts.

17.6 Special arrangements may be announced for the races sailed in the Gulf.

18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

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

18.2 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.

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

19.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

19.2 Each boat, with her sails and equipment, shall be presented for inspection in accordance with the schedule outlined in paragraph 5.1.

19.3 All boats must present a valid measurement certificate during inspection.

19.4 All boats shall only display sail numbers that match their hull number.

19.5 Only sails that have been inspected and stamped for the event shall be used.

19.6 Subject to the written permission of the Regatta Chair as defined in the NOR, a boat chartered or loaned for the event may display sail numbers that differ from the boat's hull number.

19.7 No two boats shall sail with the same sail number.

19.8 All boats must comply with International Albacore Class rule C.9.6(b)(3) regarding adjustable shrouds and have a valid exemption from the Regatta Chair as defined in the NOR.

20 OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be identified by flags with the RC insignia, blue for the signal (start / finish) boat, yellow for all other official boats.

21 SUPPORT BOATS

Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside of the Racing Area from the time of the preparatory signal of the start sequence until all boats have finished racing or retired or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. The only exceptions to this is in the case of an emergency, rescue, or when directed by the Race Committee.

22 ELECTRONIC DEVICES AND RADIO COMMUNICATION

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

22.2 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.

22.3 Position logging and video recording devices may be carried on board and operated provided the device is configured such that no information (visual, audio or otherwise) is available to competitors while racing.

22.4 The Regatta Committee may loan demonstration units to competitors during the event.

22.5 Any and all devices must be submitted to the Regatta Committee for inspection and, if approved, will be documented using the regatta waiver form available at registration.

22.6 NO photographs, motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions taken during racing by competitors or others shall be used in protest or redress.

23 PRIZES

Overall prizes will be awarded to the first 10 boats in the International Regatta.

Albacore class perpetual trophies include the following:

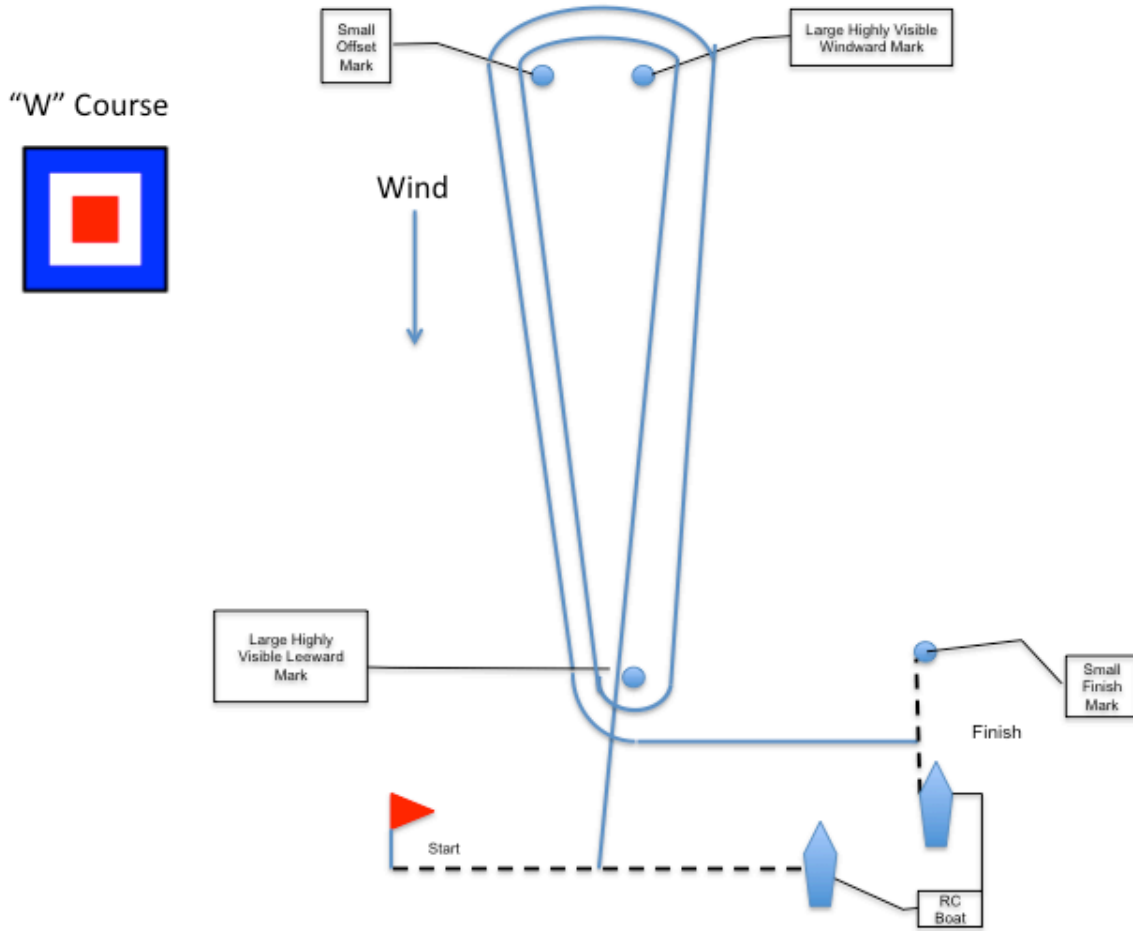
- Governor General's Trophy - highest place helm in series
- Pewter urn for second highest placed helm
- USAA Presidents Plaque for third placed highest helm
- USAA Waypoint Award - best young team (combined crew age 65 years or less)
- Freedom Trophy - highest placed helm NOT from host nation
- BP Barrel - highest place helm from Scottish club
- The Anton McNamara Trophy - winner of the last race

24 RISK STATEMENT

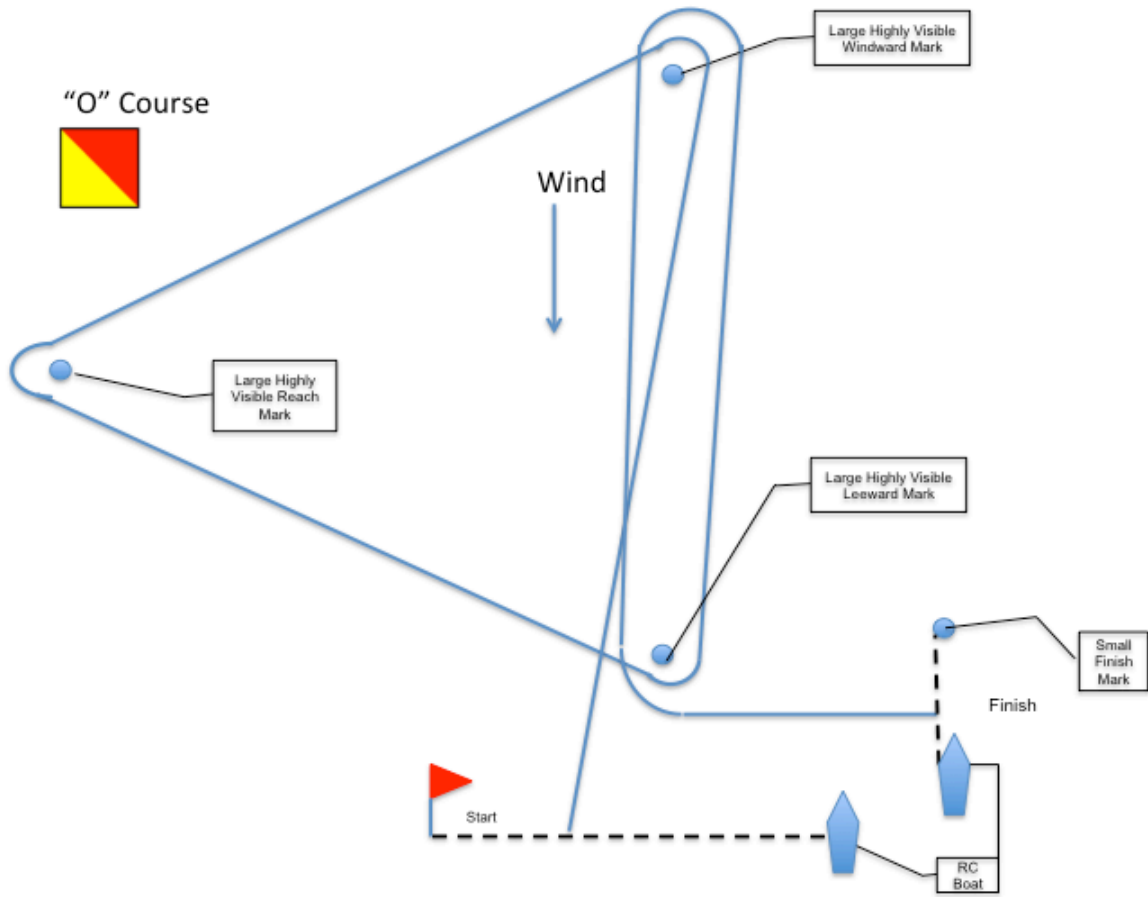
Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk while taking part in the event;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss caused by their own actions or omissions;
- (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event, and they are fit to participate;
- (e) The provision of a Race Committee, patrol boats, and other officials and volunteers by the Regatta Committee does not relieve competitors of their own responsibilities;
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

Attachment A: Windward/Leeward Course (diagram is not to scale)



Attachment B: Olympic Course (diagram is not to scale)



Attachment C: Triangle Course (diagram is not to scale)

