

The Sarasota Yacht Club F18 World Championship 2018

Organizing Authority – F18 International Class

Hosted by Sarasota Sailing Squadron

In all sections the following abbreviations apply:

[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the International Jury;

[SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing or a discretionary penalty applied by the International Jury with a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5;

[NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1 Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 An International Jury is constituted and shall have authority per RRS Appendix N. Their decision shall be final provided in RRS 70.5, RRS 91(b). Per Appendix N2.2, IF18CA reserves the right and responsibility to decide issues of eligibility, measurement and equipment. IF18CA may refer any issue to the International Jury for advice.
- 1.3 The following US Sailing prescriptions will apply: RRS 60.3, RRS 61.4, RRS 67, RRS 70.5(a), and RRS 76.1. All other US Prescriptions do not apply. US Prescriptions are posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB).
- 1.4 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the one-turn Penalty replaces the Two-Turn Penalty.
- 1.5 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 1.6 In case of conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail (This changes rule 63.7)
- 1.7 These SI rules also apply to the practice race.

2 [DP] Code of Conduct

- 2.1 Competitors shall handle any equipment provided by the Organizing Authority with proper care and seamanship.

3 Notices to Competitors

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board(s) located by the Race Office.

4 Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 4.1 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 hrs. on the day it will take effect except that any change to the format or schedule of races will be posted before 2100h on the day before it will take effect.

5 Signals Made Ashore

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Squadron Flag Pole in front of the clubhouse.
- 5.2 When the AP is displayed ashore, '1 minutes' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes race signal AP.

6 Schedule of Races

Date	Time	Program
October 14 Sunday	1230hrs. 1500 hrs.	Skippers meeting Warning signal for practice race
October 15 Monday	1100 hrs.	1 st Warning signal of the day
October 16 Tuesday	1100 hrs.	1 st Warning signal of the day
October 17 Wednesday	1100 hrs.	1 st Warning signal of the day
October 18 Thursday	1100 hrs.	1 st Warning signal of the day
October 19 Friday	1100 hrs.	1 st Warning signal of the day

- 6.1 Fifteen (15) races are scheduled for the Worlds.
- 6.2 Three (3) races per day are scheduled.
- 6.3 On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal may be made after 1500 hrs. except as a consequence of a general recall.

7 Class Flags

- 7.1 The class flag for a single fleet will be a white flag with black lettering F18.
- 7.2 The class flag for the red or gold fleet will be a red flag with black lettering F18.
- 7.3 The class flag for the green or silver fleet will be a white flag with black lettering F18.

- 7.4 For split fleet events, while racing, boats shall display a colored ribbon corresponding to the fleet to which she has been assigned. The Organizing Authority will supply the ribbons and instructions for their use.

8 Racing Areas

- 8.1 The Racing Areas are shown in SI Addendum A.

9 The Course

- 9.1 The Course diagrams in SI Addendum A shows the courses, the course designations, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2 No later than the Warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the approximate compass bearing to mark 1. Failing to do this will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

10 Marks

- 10.1 Mark 1, 2 and gate marks 3 (3S/3P) and 4 (4S/4P) will be orange inflatable buoys. Marks 1a and 2a offset marks will be inflatable buoys.
- 10.2 Starting Marks: Race Committee Signal Vessel and an orange inflatable buoy or a pin boat displaying an orange flag.
- 10.3 Finishing Marks: Race Committee Finish Vessel and a yellow inflatable buoy or a pin boat displaying an orange flag.
- 10.4 New marks, as provided in 13.1, will be yellow inflatables.

11 The Start

- 11.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal vessel at the starboard end and either
- (a) the course side of an inflatable orange buoy at the port end, or
 - (b) a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel at the port end.
- 11.2 [DP] [NP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area. The starting area is defined as a rectangle 50 meters from the starting line and starting marks in all directions.
- 11.3 [NP][SP] A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored: Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 11.4 To alert boats that a race will begin soon, an **ORANGE** flag will be displayed with one sound signal at least **5 minutes** before a warning signal is displayed. This flag will be removed 4 minutes after a valid start with no sound signal.

12 Course Changes

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will move the original mark(s) to a new position.
- 12.2 If a gate is replaced by one mark only, this mark is to be left port.

13 The Finish

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel and either
- (a) the course side of a nearby yellow inflatable buoy, or
 - (b) a staff displaying a yellow flag on a nearby Race Committee vessel.

14 Time Limits and Target Times

- 14.1 Time limits and target times are as follows:

Target Race Time	45 minutes
Time Limit Race	75 minutes
Time Limit Mark 1	30 minutes
Finish Window	20 minutes

- 14.2 If no boat has passed the Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time Limit the race will be abandoned.
- 14.3 Boats failing to finish within the time stated in the Finish Window after the first boat in their fleet sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 14.4 Failure to meet the target times will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRs 62.1(a)

15 Protests, Penalties and Requests for Redress

- 15.1 Protest forms are available at the Race Office. Protests, and Requests for Redress, shall be delivered there within the appropriate protest time limit.
- 15.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the Race Committee Finish boat docks. The resulting time will be posted at the Official Notice Board. (This changes rule 61.3 RRS).
- 15.3 A **request for reopening** shall be delivered:
- 15.3.1 Within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;

- 15.3.2 **No later than fifteen (15) minutes** after the party requesting the reopening was informed of the decision on the last day and after finishing the qualifying series. (This changes rule 66 RRS).
- 15.4 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room. The protest room location will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 15.5 Hearings may be scheduled to begin up to 30 minutes before the end of the protest time limit.
- 15.6 Notices of protests by the Race Committee, Technical Committee, or International Jury will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 15.7 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress based upon an International Jury decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 15.8 Within the protest time limit, the Race Committee shall post on the ONB:
- 15.8.1 Boats that have been penalized under rule 42 RRS according to the Appendix P.
- 15.8.2 Boats that are disqualified or penalized under rule A5.
- 15.9 RRS Appendix P and T will apply.

16 Format of Racing and Scoring

- 16.1 **80 Boats or less:** With 80 boats or less, the competitors will sail in single fleet.
- 16.2 **More than 80 Boats:** With more than 80 boats, the competitors may be divided into two fleets in two series. In this case, the regatta will consist of a qualifying series and a final series.
- 16.2.1 Qualifying Series:**
- 16.2.1.1 Boats will be assigned to Green and Red fleets of, as nearly as possible, equal size and ability.
- 16.2.1.2 Initial assignments will be made by a seeding committee appointed by the Organizing Authority. Those assignments will be posted no later than 0900 hrs. on the day of the first scheduled race.
- 16.2.1.3 Boats will be reassigned to fleets after each day of racing, except if on the first day fewer than 2 races are completed by all fleets. If all fleets have completed the same number of races, boats will be reassigned on the basis of their ranks in the series. If the fleets have not completed the same number of

racers, the series scores for reassignment will be calculated for those races that both fleets have completed.

The fleet assignments will be made as follows:

<i>Rank in series</i>	<i>fleet assignment</i>
First	Red
Second	Green
Third	Green
Fourth	Red
Fifth	Red
Sixth	Green
and so on ...	

16.2.1.4 Assignments **will** be based on the ranking available at 2359 hrs. that day, regardless of protests or requests for redress not yet decided.

16.2.1.5 A minimum of six (6) races are to be completed to constitute the Qualifying series. If six (6) are not completed, the Qualifying series will be extended to complete them.

16.2.2 Final Series:

16.2.2.1 A final series will be scheduled to start the day after the 6th qualifying series race has been completed.

16.2.2.2 Boats will be assigned to the Gold and Silver fleets on the basis of their ranks in the qualifying Series. There will be the same number of fleets in the Final Series as there were in the Qualifying Series. Boats with the best qualifying-series ranks will race in all final series races in the Gold fleet and so on.

16.2.2.3 Any recalculation of qualifying series ranking after boats have been assigned to Final Series will not affect assignments except that a redress decision may promote a boat to a higher fleet.

16.3 Scoring

16.3.1 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a Championship.

16.3.2 The practice race will not be included in scores.

16.3.3 When there is a qualification and final series, the scoring system will include both results.

16.3.4 Rule A4.2 is changed so that the scores are based on the number of boats assigned to the largest fleet.

16.3.5 Single Fleet

16.3.5.1 When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores

16.3.5.2 When six (6) or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her races scored excluding her worst score.

16.3.5.3 When twelve (12) or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her races scored excluding two (2) of her worst scores.

16.3.6 Qualifying Series:

16.3.6.1 When fewer than six (6) qualification races have been completed, a boat's qualification series score will be the total of her race scores.

16.3.6.2 When six (6) or more qualification races have been completed, a boat's final score will be the total of her final races scored excluding her worst score.

16.3.6.3 After the qualification series is completed, competitors will be divided into Gold Fleet and Silver Fleet. In the case of an odd number of entries, Gold Fleet will gather one more competitor than Silver Fleet.

16.3.7 Final series:

16.3.7.1 Each (Gold/Silver) Final Series fleet will be scored separately. Different final series fleets do not need to complete the same number of final races.

16.3.7.2 The boats in the Gold fleet will be ranked over Silver fleet.

16.3.7.3 When fewer than six (6) final races have been completed, a boat's final score will be the total of her final race scored, added to her qualification series score.

16.3.7.4 When six (6) or more final races have been completed, a boat's final score will be the total of her final races scored excluding her worst score, added to her qualification series score.

16.3.7.5 To establish the final results, Gold Fleet competitors will be scored higher than Silver Fleet competitors. In case of no final series, the final result will be based upon the qualification results only.

17 [DP] [NP] [SP] Safety Regulations

- 17.1 Check out / check in: Competitors will be required to sign a pre-established list, both before going out on the water (check-out) and after coming ashore (check-in). The list will be placed near the Official Notice Board. Check-out will be open from at-least two hours before the first scheduled warning signal of the day or from when flag AP is removed if displayed ashore. Check-in will be open until protest time limit is closed.
- 17.2 Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- 17.3 A boat that retires from racing and/or leaves the race area shall notify the race committee before leaving the racing area, or, if that is not possible, shall notify the Race Office as soon as possible after returning to shore. This rule does not apply if the race committee displays flags AP over H or A, N over H or A, or if there are no more races on that day.
- 17.4 [DP] When AP or N over H or A are displayed in a Race Committee Vessel together with the Pennant 8 means: “Competitors must go to the harbour immediately”. **Failure to comply as soon as possible may result in being protested by the Race Committee.**
- 17.5 When a Race Committee Vessel displays flag V, all support boats shall monitor VHF channel 72 for search and rescue or other safety-related instructions.
- 17.6 Under all circumstances, coaches and other support vessels are expected to assist any boat in danger.

18 [NP] Replacement of Crew or Equipment

- 18.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee and shall comply with any restrictions in the Notice of Race.
- 18.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

19 [DP][NP] Equipment and Measurement Checks

- 19.1 Each boat must present a valid measurement certificate at registration.
- 19.2 Equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules and Sailing Instruction. When instructed by an event equipment inspector, a boat shall proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

20 [DP] [NP] [SP] identification and Advertising While Racing

- 20.1 Each day, the first, second, and third boat in series ranking at the beginning of the day shall display a yellow, blue, or red bib on the crew respectively while racing. The bibs are provided at the race office and shall be returned to the race office no later than the end of the protest time limit on each day of racing.
- 20.2 Boats shall display bow numbers.
The Organizing Authority will supply bow numbers and instructions for their use.
- 20.3 Boats shall display required event sponsor advertising if supplied by the Organizing Authority.
The Organizing Authority will supply instructions for their use.

21 Official Boats

- 21.1 Race Committee vessels are marked with a blue or yellow flag with the letters 'RC'.
- 21.2 Jury boats are marked with a white flag with the letter 'J'.
- 21.3 Safety boats are marked with a white flag with the letter 'S'.

22 [DP] Support Boats

- 22.1 Support boats shall comply with NOR Attachment B – Coach, Support, Press, and Spectator Boats

23 [DP] Trash Disposal

- 23.1 As sailors, we seek to protect and restore our oceans and coastal waters. See RRS 55. Trash may be placed aboard support and Race Committee vessels.

24 [DP] [NP] Radio Communication

- 24.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

25 [DP] [NP] Media and GPS positioning Equipment

- 25.1 The Organizing Authority may request competitors to carry on board and use two-way communication devices for media interviews. Using this device for media interviews does not contravene SI 25.

- 25.2 Competitors may also use their own video recording equipment and attachments if not forbidden by the class rules, but these are to be removable for weighing. A boat shall not be given redress based on a claim involving this equipment. This changes RRS 62.1
- 25.3 A media boat may be positioned inside the race course. Actions of the media boat shall not be grounds to request redress. (This changes 62.1(a) RRS)

26 Prizes

- 26.1 The regatta winners will be awarded the title “2018 Formula 18 World Champions” and will be presented the International Formula 18 World Champions Perpetual Trophy.
- 26.2 Prizes will be awarded in the following categories subject to entry numbers:

Overall	both Gold and Silver fleets (if split fleets)
Female Team	both helm and crew shall be female
Mixed Team	
Master	the helm and crew shall be aged 50 years old or older (both team members born before October 1968)
Youth	both helm and crew must be under 23 years of age (both team members born after October 1996)

- 26.3 Other prizes may be awarded.
- 26.4 Prizes will only be awarded to teams who attend the prize giving ceremony and are represented by themselves.

27 Disclaimer of Liability

- 27.1 Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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.
- 27.1 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor and the responsible adult agree and acknowledges that:
- They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
 - They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;

- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
- 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 management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them 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.

28 Insurance

- 28.1 A copy of the current insurance certificate shall be available prior to the start of the 1st race.

29 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

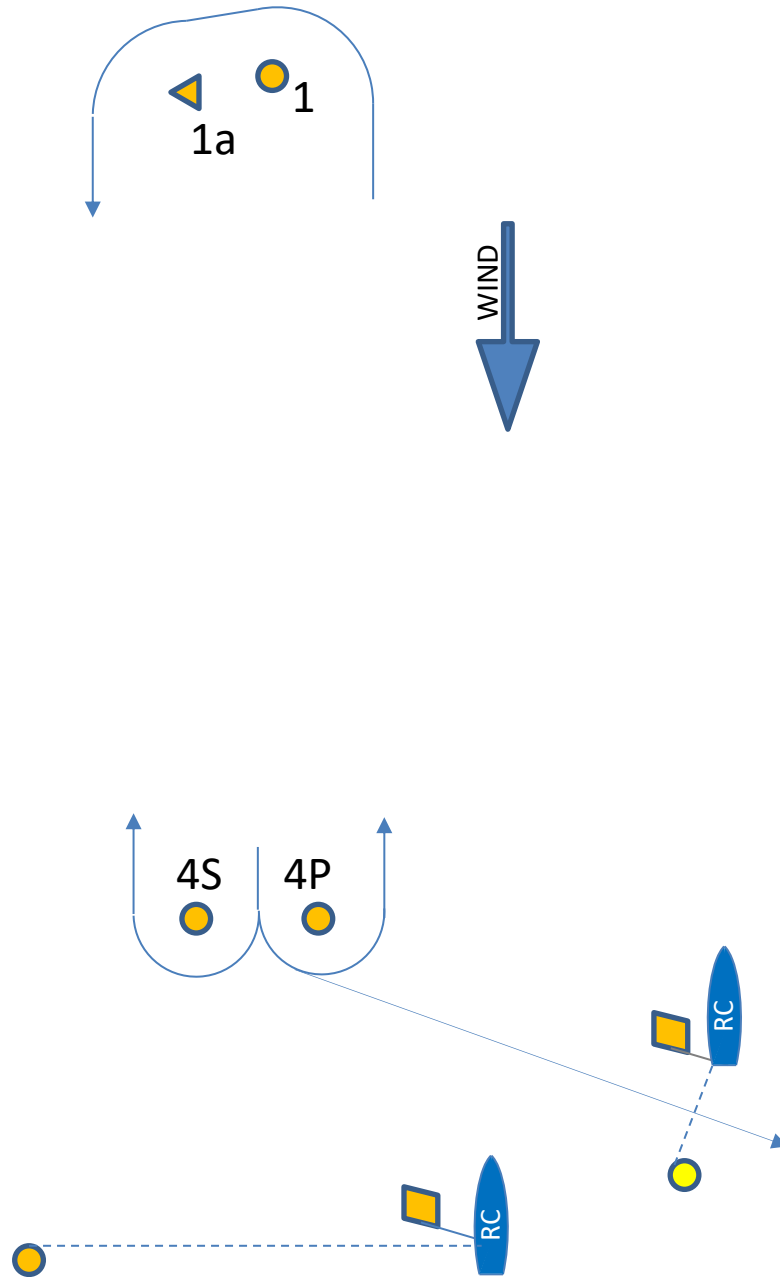
- 29.1 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the OA and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recording, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

COURSE DIAGRAM

Windward/Leeward Course - Leeward Offset Finish "LA"

LA2 Start, 1, 1a, 4S/4P, 1, 1a, 4P, Finish

LA3 Start, 1, 1a, 4S/4P, 1, 1a, 4S/4P, 1, 1a, 4P, Finish



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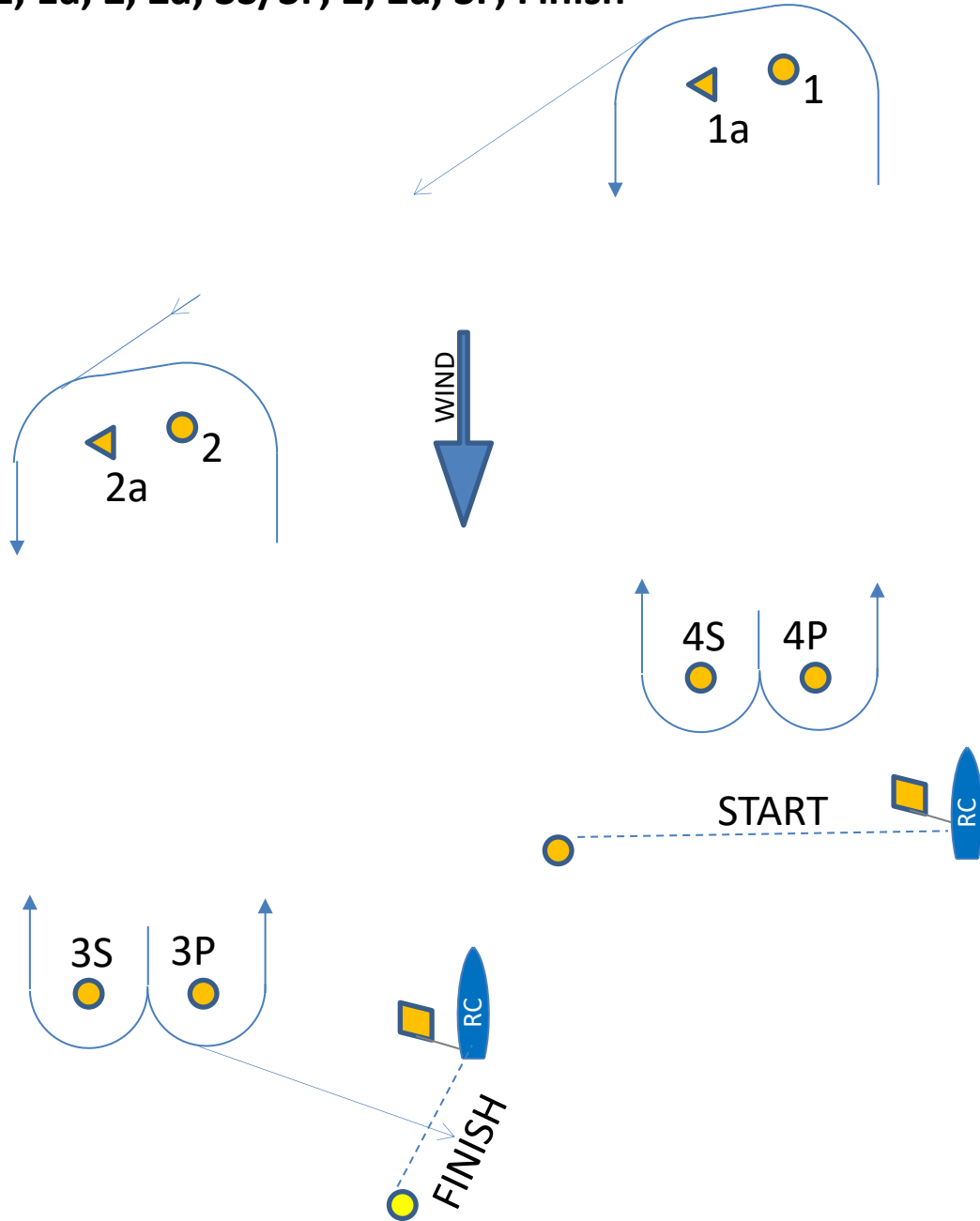
COURSE DIAGRAM

Inner Course "I"

Start, 1, 1a, 4S/4P, 1, 1a, 2, 2a, 3P, Finish

Outer Course "O"

Start, 1, 1a, 2, 2a, 3S/3P, 2, 2a, 3P, Finish



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