



2021 A-CLASS Catamaran North American Championship NOTICE OF RACE

September 11-17, 2021

Hosted by Carlyle Sailing Association

The Organizing Authority for the 2021 International A-Class Catamaran North American Championship is Carlyle Sailing Association on behalf of the United States A-Class Catamaran Association.

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1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing and the I.A.C.A. Championship Rules unless modified herein or in the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. The prescriptions of US Sailing will not apply except the US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 60.3(b), RRS 67 and RRS 76.1, which are stated in full below:
 - 1.2.1. (RRS 60.3 (b) – Protests/Redress by Protest Committee) – US Sailing prescribes that a protest committee may (b) request redress for a boat or call a hearing to consider redress;
 - 1.2.2. (RRS 67 – Damages) – US SAILING prescribes that: (a) A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not by that action alone admit liability for damages. (b) A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee or US SAILING Appeals authority shall adjudicate any claim for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts. (c) A basic purpose of the rules is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the rules, a boat agrees that responsibility for damages arising from any breach of the rules shall be based on fault as determined by application of the rules, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of “assumption of risk” for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.
 - 1.2.3. (RRS 76.1 – Exclusion of Boats or Competitors) – US Sailing prescribes that an organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason, or for the reason of race, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or age.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Competitor advertising will be restricted to the current WS Regulation 20.
- 2.2. Boats may be required to display bow numbers and advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The regatta is open to boats of the International A-Class Catamaran Association (IACA).
- 3.2. The Official Registration and Entry Forms are available at www.regattanetwork.com
- 3.3. Eligible boats may enter online by paying the entry fee and completing and submitting the Official Registration and Entry Forms, Refer to Section 4 for dates.

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Competitors are not considered registered until all completed Official Registration and Entry Forms and entry fees are submitted and received by the Organizing Authority.

- 3.4. Entries received after August 31, 2021 will be accepted at the sole discretion of the Organizing Authority after explanation by the competitor of any extenuating circumstances to be considered.
- 3.5. Each competitor shall be a financial member of their respective national or continental class association and shall have their entry endorsed by their respective national or continental class association.
- 3.6. The following documents shall be provided at the time of registration or available electronically prior to registration:

3.6.1. A copy of a valid measurement certificate can be emailed to the Organizing Authority prior to the event.

NOTE: that a measurement certificate consists of the following four signed pages:

- a) Hull Measurement Form- Matches Hull No.
- b) Sail Measurement Form - Matches Sail Button No. on sail
- c) Mast and Boom Measurement Form- Matches Serial No., Builder and Material

3.6.2. Proof of class membership as per NOR 3.5.

3.6.3. Completed waivers and releases including:

- Liability Release signed by the competitor
- Depiction Release signed by the competitor
- In the case of any competitor under the age of 18 years of age, the above forms must be additionally signed by the competitor's parent or legal guardian.
- In the case of a competitor under the age of 18 years of age, a completed and notarized Medical Authorization signed by the competitor's parent or legal guardian.

3.7. Only boats having completed all eligibility requirements will be allowed to compete.

4. FEES

4.1. The entry fee shall be US \$275 per boat if received by July 31, 2021. After July 31, 2021 until August 31, 2021 the entry will be \$350. The final entry deadline is August 31, 2021, unless special circumstances prevail for this to be altered.

4.2. Entries received and paid on or before July 31, 2021, will receive special event gear.

4.3. Entry fees paid but canceled will be refunded as follows:

4.3.1. If cancelled prior to July 31, 2021: 90% refund of entry fee.

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- 4.3.2. If cancelled after July 31, 2021 and on/before September 6th, 2021: 50% refund of entry fee.
- 4.3.3. If canceled after September 6th , 0% refund of entry fees.
- 4.4. To be effective, a cancellation must be in writing and received and acknowledged in writing by the Organizing Authority.
- 4.5. A Social Fee for non-skippers of \$75 includes the Opening Social Event, Monday BBQ Dinner, Happy Hours, and the Wednesday Dinner at Bretz (2 Drink Tickets included)

5. SCHEDULE

The Measurement, Racing and Social Calendar for the regatta which includes Happy Hour after racing days.

Saturday, September 11:

- Early Arrivals 900 – 1600 Carlyle Sailing Association/Hazlet State Park
- Measurement 900 – 1600 For boats that do not have valid certificates

Sunday, September 12:

- Early Arrivals. 900 – 1600 Carlyle Sailing Association/Hazlet State Park
- Measurement 900 – 1200 For boats that do not have valid certificates
- Skipper's Meeting & Social 1800 – 2000 Carlyle Sailing Association

Monday & Tuesday, September 13 & 14:

- First Race first warning 1100 (up to 4 races each day)
- Monday after racing CSA BBQ (included)
- Tuesday after racing Free Night

Wednesday, September 15: Reserve Day

- In the event of inclement weather, RC may use this day as race day if necessary
- 1900 Dinner at Bretz (2 drink tickets included) followed by 2021 USACA annual class meeting

Thursday & Friday, September 16 & 17:

- First Race first warning 1100 (up to 4 races each day)
- Thursday after racing Free Night
- Friday no racing after 1400 awards to follow racing

6. MEASUREMENT

- 6.1. Each boat shall hold a valid measurement certificate (see NOR 3.6.1) and present it at time of onsite check-in.

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- 6.2. A limited number of fundamental measurements may be available on an appointment basis only. Contact the OA to schedule prior to arriving.
- 6.3. The WS International A-Class Catamaran Equipment Inspection Regulations (the "Equipment Regulations") will apply, except that up to two (2) sails per competitor may be presented for measurement and inspection. This changes Regulation 2.4 of the Equipment Regulations.
- 6.4. The Organizing Authority may weigh, measure or inspect any boat and or her equipment and sails before, during or after the races.

7. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Sailing Instructions will be available on line prior to but no later than September 1st, 2021. Provisional Instructions may be available prior to that.

8. **VENUE**

Races will be held on Carlyle Lake. Boat storage and beach launching will be at Carlyle Sailing Association. Official Notice Board will be on CSA Property.

9. **THE COURSES**

The courses will be Windward/Leeward as described in the Sailing Instructions.

10. **PENALTY SYSTEM**

Rule 44.1 and 44.2 are each changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

11. **SCORING**

- 11.1. One (1) completed race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.2. The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A2, shall apply except that:
 - 11.2.1. When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - 11.2.2. When from 6 to 10 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - 11.2.3. When 11 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 11.3. As many races as practical will be run for the series.
- 11.4. A-Cats Classic & A-Cats Foiling will be scored together with a subgroup for the Classic division and a subgroup for the Foiling division.

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12. SUPPORT PERSONNEL AND BOATS

- 12.1. Support/coach/non-race committee spectator boats shall register at CSA at the time of competitor registration.
- 12.2. Overnight berthing is permitted for support boats at the club's docks from 9/13/21 – 9/17/21
- 12.3. Rules governing the conduct of all support persons or boats will be in accordance with RRS 3, RRS 60.3 (d) and RRS 64.4.

13. BERTHING

- 13.1. A detailed map of the host site facilities and designating thereon the specific areas for storage, launching, and return landing of boats will be available online prior to the regatta.
- 13.2. Access to CSA prior to Saturday September 11, 2021 must have permission by the Organizing Authority.

14. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

IACA Championship Rule 16 – Radio Communication is modified to add: Radio transmitters, radio receivers, portable phones and similar devices may be carried but shall only be used in relation to emergencies.

15. PRIZES

- 15.1. The Commodore A.F. “Tony” DiMauro perpetual trophy will be awarded to the North American Champion, which shall be the highest placed North American citizen in the Championship series.
- 15.2. Trophies will be awarded to the top 5 boats in the Foiling Division.
- 15.3. Trophies will be awarded to the top 5 boats in the Classic Division.
- 15.4. A trophy will be awarded to the top Junior sailor in the Championship series (under age 25 on the first race day of the event).
- 15.5. A trophy will be awarded to the top Great-Grand- Master sailor in the Championship series (age 65 + on the first race day of the event).
- 15.6. Additional prizes may be announced and awarded at the discretion of the OA.

16. DIPICTION RELEASE

By participating in this event, a competitor automatically grants to the organizers and its sponsors the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any still photographs, motion pictures and live, taped or filmed

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television and other reproductions of him or her during the period of the competition without compensation.

17. **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. The organizing authority, the sponsors, the race committee, officers and board of directors of the Carlyle Sailing Association, and all those involved in these organizations will not accept any responsibility for material damage or personal injury or COVID-19 or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to during or after this regatta.

18. **INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with minimum coverage of US \$300,000 per event or the equivalent. Each boat shall have proof of insurance coverage and present it at time of onsite check-in.

19. **FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please contact:

- Tom Paoli, CSA, Regatta Co-Chairman: tomcatf18@sbcglobal.net 618-779-0999
- Rick Bernstein, CSA, Regatta Co-Chairman; rick@aboveandbeyond.tv 314-324-3024
- Ted Beier, CSA, PRO, tbeier@sbcglobal.net, 314-353-3168

20. **HOUSING**

Lodging within the Eldon Hazlet State Park

Tent Camping available on CSA Club Grounds near the pavilion/ lake.

RV Camping – Eldon Hazlet Illini Campground (1/2 mile from the club) reservations can be made at <https://www.reserveamerica.com/explore/eldon-hazlet-state-recreation-area/IL/451361/overview> Highly recommend getting your spot early.

Carlyle Cottages (1 mile from club) – contact Valerie at 618.594.8701

A limited number are available so get them early before they are gone. Get a 10% discount plus fourth night free by mentioning the regatta.

In-Town Lodging

Mariner's Village at Carlyle Lake 618.594.7666 – 1 Resort Drive, Carlyle, IL 62231

<http://marinersvillagecarlylelake.com/>

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