2021 KEELBOAT and HIGHLANDER MIDWINTER CHAMPIONSHIPS

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS – ATB

1. **RULES**
   The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).

2. **CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**
   Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted no less than one hour before the first Warning Signal on the day it will take effect, with the exception of, any change to the racing schedule will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

3. **COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS**
   3.1 The online official notice board is located at https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/21820 .
   3.2 The race office is located at the Race Management Center (RMC), the grey building beside the launching ramp.
   3.3 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with the competitors on VHF channel 71, including courtesy broadcasts.

4. **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**
   4.1   Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole in front of the RMC.
   4.2   When Code Flag AP is displayed ashore ”1 minute” is replaced *with” not less than 30 minutes*” in the Race Signal AP.

5. **SCHEDULE**
   Friday, March 12
   Competitors' Zoom Meeting 1900   http://nfp.zoom.us/my/pm7042714331

   Saturday, March 13
   First Warning   1030   Additional races immediately following

   Sunday, March 14
   First Warning   1000   Additional races immediately following
   No Warning Signal after   1300   For all Highlander Class only
   No Warning Signal after   1430   For all classes except Highlanders

6. **CLASS FLAGS**
   Class flags will be follows:
         Pennant 1- Highlander
         Pennant 2- U20
         Pennant 3- Santana 20
         Pennant 4- San Juan 21
         Pennant 5- PHRF Spin
         Pennant 6- PHRF Non-Spin
         Pennant 7- Parade

7. **COURSES**
   7.1   The courses to be sailed are illustrated in Addendum 1 which shows the course designations and the number of legs. The distance from Mark 1 to Mark 1a will not be counted as a leg of the course.
   7.2   All marks shall be rounded to port.
   7.3   The course designation will be displayed on both sides of the race committee signal boat.

8. **MARKS**
   8.1   The starting mark will be the staff with an orange flag in a white buoy.
   8.2   Marks 1 and 2 will be orange tetrahedrons.
   8.3   Mark 1a will be a small green tetrahedron.
   8.4   The finishing mark will be the staff with a blue flag in a white buoy.
   8.5   New marks will be yellow tetrahedrons. If the course is changed again, the original marks will be used.

9. SAFETY CHECK-IN

[DP] When the race committee signal boat displays Code Flag L and prior to the first warning signal each day, competitors shall sail past the stern of the signal boat on starboard tack and hail their sail number until acknowledged by the race committee.

10. THE START

10.1   Races will be started using RRS 26.

10.2   The starting line will be between the "Orange" flag on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and the starting mark at the port end.

10.3   The warning signal for each race may be preceded by short repetitive sound signals to alert competitors that a starting sequence is about to begin.

10.4   [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.

10.5   The following is added to RRS 62.1: If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number orally and via VHF radio. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress request.

10.6   A boat that has not met the definition of start 4 minutes after her warning signal will be scored DNS.

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE AND SHORTENED COURSES

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.

11.2   If the windward mark is moved, the offset mark will not be replaced

12. THE FINISH

12.1   The finish line will be between the "Blue" flag on a race committee boat and the finishing mark.

12.2   Boats that retire before finishing shall inform the race committee as soon as possible.

12.3   If the race committee finish boat displays Code Flag "A" with no sound signal while boats are finishing, it means "No more racing today".

13. TIME LIMITS

13.1   The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
30 minutes	90 minutes	20 minutes

13.2   If no boat in a class has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race for that class will be abandoned.

13.3   If no boat in a class has finished within the Race Time Limit, the race for that class will be abandoned.

13.4   The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat in that class sails the course and finishes. Boats in that class failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place two more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window.
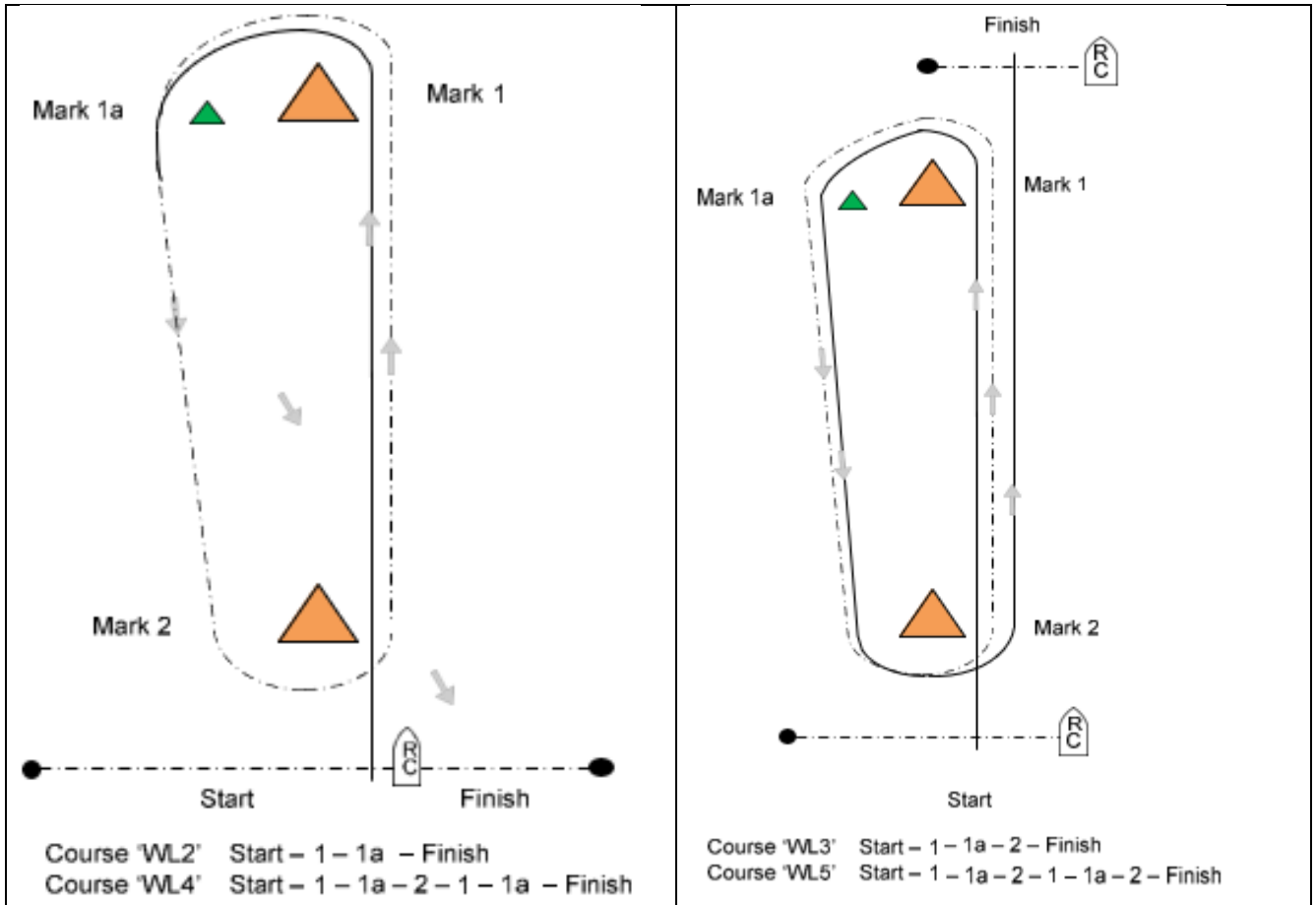
14. HEARING REQUESTS

14.1   Hearing Request forms will be available at the RMC.

14.2   The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the race committee signal boat docks. The race committee will blow a horn to signify the beginning of the protest period. The time will be posted on the official notice board.

14.3   Notices will be posted no later than 15 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 protest room at the RMC.

15. SAFETY REGULATIONS

[DP] Each boat shall be equipped with all required safety gear and is subject to inspection by the race committee.

ADDENDUM 1
Course Diagram Is Approximate and Not to Scale

Course 'WL2' Start – 1 – 1a – Finish
Course 'WL4' Start – 1 – 1a – 2 – 1 – 1a – Finish

Course 'WL3' Start – 1 – 1a – 2 – Finish
Course 'WL5' Start – 1 – 1a – 2 – 1 – 1a – 2 – Finish

Course 'WL6' Start – 1 - 1a – 2 – 1 - 1a – 2 – 1 - 1a - Finish