

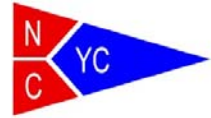


FORCE 5 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Hosted by North Cape Yacht Club (NCYC)

August 11 - 14, 2021

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule in the SI means that instruction is not grounds for protest or a request for redress by a boat. This changes rule 60.1.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The US Sailing prescription to RRS 63.2 will not apply

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions shall be posted not less than 2 hours prior to the first scheduled race on the day it shall take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races shall be posted by 1800 hrs on the day before it shall take effect or the protest time limit, whichever is later.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board on the event's site at RegattaNetwork.com and on the glass located next to the main entry door of NCYC. The race office will be at NCYC.
- 3.2 There will be a competitors' meeting on the patio of NCYC on August 12 at 0900 hrs.
- 3.3 [DP] A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT [NP][DP]

- 4.1 Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed from the club flagpole at NCYC, southeast of the clubhouse.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in race signal AP. *This changes Race Signals AP.*

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 Racing is scheduled as follows:

Wednesday, August 11

1400 First warning signal for practice races

Thursday, August 12

0900 Competitor's meeting
0930 Launch
1030 First warning signal, races to follow

Friday, August 13

1030 First warning signal, races to follow

Saturday, August 14

1030 First warning signal, races to follow

- 6.2 No warning signal will be made after 1400 hrs on Saturday, August 14.

7 CLASS FLAGS

The class flag will be a **white** flag with the Force 5 logo.

8 RACING AREA

The racing area will be northeast of NCYC in the open waters of Lake Erie.

9 THE COURSES

- 9.1 The diagrams in Attachment A 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.
- 9.2 The course length will be adjusted to target a race time of 35-40 minutes. [NP]
- 9.3 No later than the warning signal, the RC signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing and distance from the starting line to Mark 1.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 Mark 1 (the long weather mark) will be an **orange** inflatable mark.
- 10.2 Marks 2S and 2P (the gate) will be **orange** inflatable marks.
- 10.3 The offset mark (1A) will be a **white** "hippity-hop" style mark.
- 10.4 New marks, as provided in instruction 12.1, will be a **yellow** inflatable mark.
- 10.5 The starting and finishing marks will be small **yellow** cylinders.

11 THE START

- 11.1 The starting line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the course side of the mark as described in instruction 10.5.
- 11.2 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. *This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.1.*

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 To change the position of the next mark, the RC shall 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 shall be replaced by an original mark.
- 12.2 When Mark 1 (the weather mark) is replaced by a new mark, there will be no offset mark (Mark 1a) .

13 THE FINISH

The finishing line shall be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the RC signal boat and the course side of the mark as described in instruction 10.5.

14 TIME LIMIT

- 14.1 In accordance with RRS 35, the time limit for each race is 1.5 hours.
- 14.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in their division sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. *This changes RRS 35, A5.1, and A5.2.*

15 HEARING REQUESTS

- 15.1 RRS Appendix V2 (Penalty Taken After a Race) shall be in effect.
- 15.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the RC Signal Boat docks at the end of each racing day or when the RC signals 'No more racing today' ashore, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 15.3 Hearing request forms are available near the Official Notice Board or online ([US Sailing Hearing Request Form](#)).
- 15.4 Notices shall 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 shall be held in the protest room in the NCYC clubhouse, beginning at the time posted on the official notice board.
- 15.5 Notices of Race Committee or Protest Committee protests shall be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

16 SCORING

- 16.1 Three (3) races shall constitute a series.
- 16.2 In accordance with RRS A2, each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores with no score excluded.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP][NP]

- 17.1 Before the start of the first race of the day, and after any postponement ashore, competitors are requested to sail past the stern of the signal boat on starboard tack and hail their sail numbers to check in.
- 17.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify a safety boat or the RC as soon as possible.

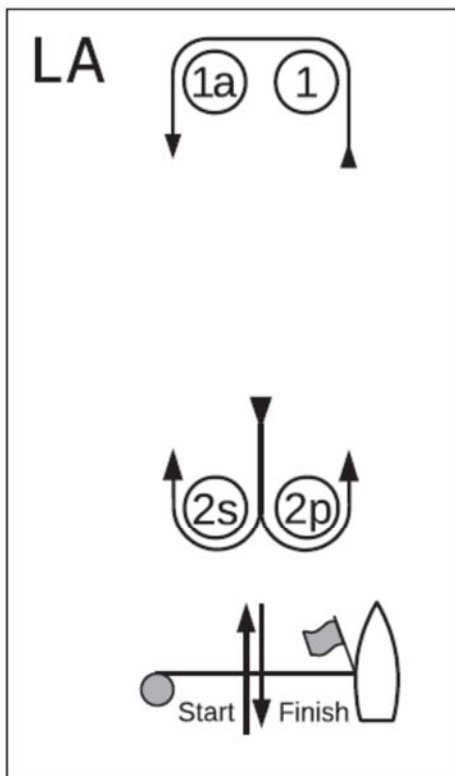
18 RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

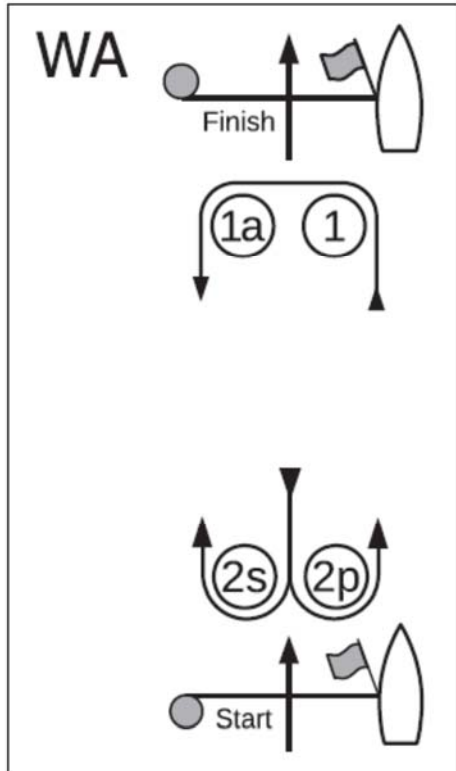
19 AWARDS

- 19.1 The top finisher for the event will be recognized as the 2021 Force 5 North American Champion.
- 19.2 Awards will be made to 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th places.
- 19.3 Award will be made to the top Junior (under 18 years of age as of August 14th, 2021) participant.
- 19.4 Award will be made to top Woman Participant
- 19.5 Award to top "Challenger Division" participant. The Challenger Division is comprised of those competitors who have not placed in the top five of a Force 5 North American Championship, a Force 5 Midwinter event or has not won the Challenger Division previously. Participation in the Challenger Division is voluntary and must be declared at check-in.
- 19.6 Other Awards maybe given at the discretion of the Race Chairman.

ATTACHMENT A
 ILLUSTRATING THE COURSES



Course LA – Windward/Leeward with Offset Mark, Leeward Finish	
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
LA2	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish
LA3	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish
LA4	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish



Course WA – Windward/Leeward with Offset Mark, Windward Finish	
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
WA2	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – Finish
WA3	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – Finish
WA4	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – Finish