



2021 US ALBACORE ASSOCIATION North American Sailing Championship October 9-11, 2021

Organizing Authority: Potomac River Sailing Association (PRSA) and the United States Albacore Association (USAA)
Alexandria, Virginia

Official Website: [US Albacore Association](https://www.usalbacore.org/)

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES:

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) for 2020-2024, the latest International Albacore Class Rules, and these Sailing Instructions.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRIES:

See the NOR

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Regatta Network website:

https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/23294#_home

On site notices will be posted on the windows outside the marina office.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE and ON THE WATER:

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the signal boat at the finger pier of the ramp launch.

When flag AP is displayed ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 45 minutes after the AP flag is lowered. This changes RRS Race Signals "AP."

5. SCHEDULE:

Several races may be sailed on any day at the discretion of the race committee (no upper limit). The warning signal for the first race each day scheduled as indicated below:

Sat. Oct. 9th 1030 Skippers Meeting: 1200 Warning Signal for Race 1, other races to follow

Sun. Oct. 10th 1100 Warning Signal for 1st race of the day, other races to follow.

Mon. Oct. 11th 1000 Warning Signal for 1st race of the day, other races to follow.

Awards immediately following racing on Monday. No warning signal after 1400 on Monday October 11th.

6. CLASS FLAGS:

The class flag will show the class insignia or as described at the Skipper's Meeting.


7. THE COURSES:


7.1 Location: Races will be conducted on the Potomac River, between National Airport and Haines Point, Washington, D.C.

Channel-bound vessels within the racing area are obstructions. Boats that are racing must keep clear of such vessels.

7.2 Start: Races will be started by using Rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal. The Race Committee will unfurl an orange flag at least 5 minutes before the sequence starts. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and the starting mark. A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing.

7.3 Finish: The finishing line will be between the blue flag on the Signal Boat and the Blue Flag finishing mark.

7.4 Course Designation: Courses will be Windward-Leeward, Triangle, Triangle-Windward-Leeward, or the Z Course designated by a letter "W" , "T" , "O" , or the Z Flag () (respectively) posted by the Race Committee on the signal boat. The course will be posted prior to the Preparatory signal for the start. Example courses are shown in Appendix: Courses below.

7.5 Required Side: All turning marks will be left to port except for mark #3 and #4 in the Z Flag () course.

7.6 Marks: Turning marks will be large orange cylinders. The start mark will be a white cylinder with a Red flag on top. The finish mark will be a white cylinder with a Blue Flag. Change of course marks will be large yellow cylinders. Mark types may be changed at the skippers meeting, if necessary.

8. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for each race will be 1 hour 30 minutes for the first boat to finish. Boats finishing more than 30 minutes after the first boat that sails the course finishes will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35.

9. PROTESTS

Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered to the Race Committee within one hour after the mark boat docks. Competitors intending to file a protest or request for redress shall advise the Race Committee as soon as practicable after finishing. The protest time limit and a list of protests and requests received will be posted on the notice board. Hearings will be held as soon as possible after racing each day under a tent at the picnic area or in the event of inclement weather on board the signal boat.

10. RADIO COMMUNICATION:

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, but does not apply to any communication received or transmitted to request or render assistance to a vessel in distress.

11. SCORING: See the NOR.

12. PRIZES: See the NOR.

13. SUSTAINABILITY

PRSA has joined the race to restore the health of our waterways in partnership with the [Sailors for the Sea Clean Regattas Program](#). Protecting our natural resources (including National Parks such as Washington Sailing Marina) and our local waters (including the Potomac River) is very important to us. We ask for your help in this effort. In particular, we ask that you:

- Use reusable rather than single-use water bottles.
- Ensure that recycling and trash is separated properly before disposing of waste (please take note of the separate recycling bins for cans, bottles, paper, and cardboard in the dinner area; food waste should be placed in the trash).
- Print one copy of the Sailing Instructions for yourself in advance using double-sided printing if you wish to

have a hard copy of the SIs.

- Consider a water only washdown for your boat following the event.

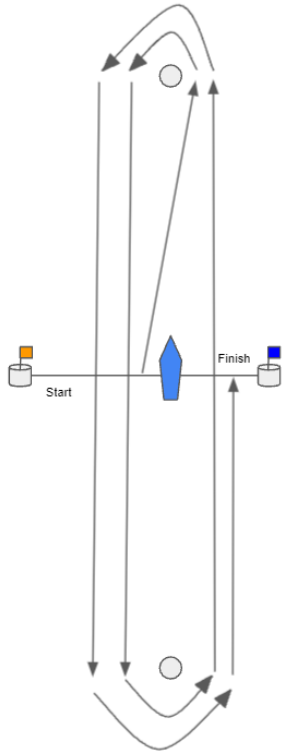
13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, "Decision to Race", and Registration form. 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. All participants are required to comply with applicable federal, state, and local COVID-19 regulations.

APPENDIX: COURSES

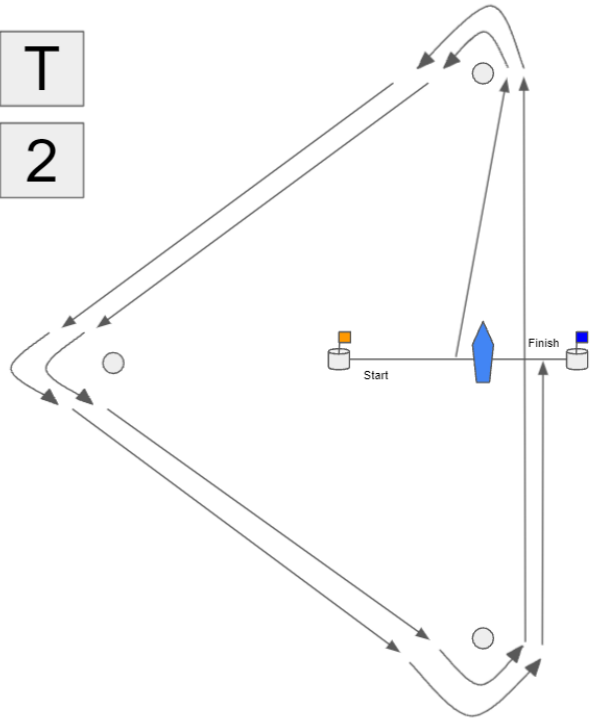
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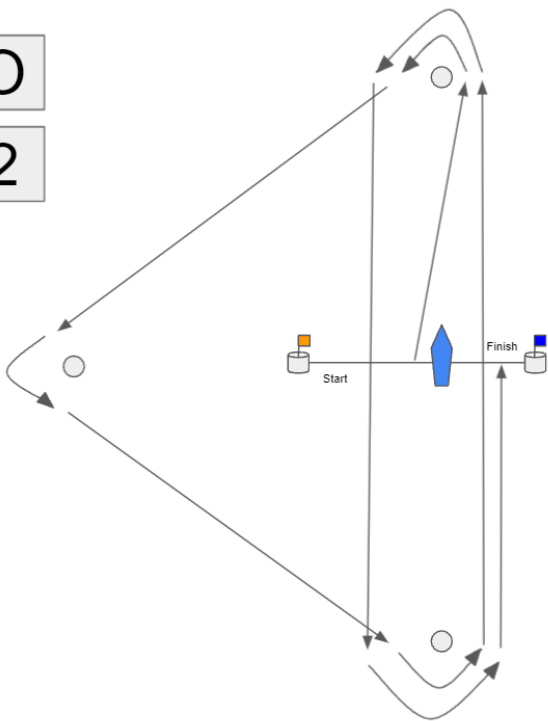
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Z Course

