

Nacra 15 World Championships


February 19-26, 2023

Location: Fort Lauderdale USA

The Organizing Authority (OA) is Lauderdale Yacht Club in conjunction with the International Nacra 15 Class Association (IN15CA)

[NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
 [SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee or Technical Committee without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1

1	Rules	
1.1	The event is governed by the rules as stated in NoR 1.	
1.2	In RRS 44.2 insert after the first sentence: "However, if Mark 1a is set, a boat may delay taking a penalty for an incident in the zone around Mark 1 or on the leg between Mark 1 and Mark 1a, until leaving the Zone around Mark 1a."	
2	Changes to Sailing Instructions	
2.1	Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted no later than 120 minutes before the first race of the day, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted not later than 20:00 the day before it will take effect.	
3	Communication with Competitors	
3.1	Notices to competitors will be posted on the online official noticeboard at: https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/24875#_docs	
3.2	The Race Headquarters will be located at the Lauderdale Yacht Club in the Atlantic Room, accessible through the Atlantic Terrace.	
4	Code of Conduct	
4.1	[DP] [NP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official.	
4.2	[DP] [NP] It is mandatory to follow the rules that could be implemented at any time by the authorities with the objective of minimizing the spread of Covid-19. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 regulations, guidance, protocols or legislation shall not be grounds for requesting redress by a boat, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary. This changes RRS 60.1(b).	
4.3	[DP] [NP] Competitors and support persons shall handle any equipment and / or place any advertising provided by the organizing authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.	
5	Signals made ashore	
5.1	Signals made ashore will be displayed at the easternmost flagpole located at the Lauderdale Yacht Club.	
5.2	When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 45 minutes" in the Race signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signals AP.	
6	Schedule	
6.1	Date	
	Sunday, February 19	09.00 – 17.00 registration
	Monday, February 20	09.00 - 17.00 registration
	Tuesday, February 21	09.00 – 11.00 registration
	Sunday, February 19	09.00 – 12.00 and 13.00 – 17.00 measurement
	Monday, February 20	09.00 – 12.00 and 13.00 – 17.00 measurement
	Tuesday, February 21	11.00: Competitors & coaches meeting 14.00: Warning signal practice race 17.00: Opening
	Wednesday February 22 – Sunday February 26	09.00: Competitor & coaches meeting 11.00: 1 st warning signal- Four races scheduled per day.
	Sunday February 26	Prizegiving ASAP after last finish
6.2	To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin, the orange flag will be displayed with one sound signal at least 5 minutes before a warning signal is made.	
7	Class Flag	

	The class flag will be the Nacra 15 insignia on a yellow background.									
8	The Courses									
8.1	The diagrams in Appendix A1 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.									
8.2	Courses will not be shortened. This changes RRS 32.									
9	Marks									
	See Appendix A2.									
10	The Start									
10.1	The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee vessel at the starboard end and a staff displaying an orange flag on the pin end vessel at the port end.									
10.2	[DP] A buoy may be attached to the race committee starting vessel ground tackle. Boats shall not pass between this buoy and the Race Committee starting vessel at any time. This buoy is part of the Race Committee starting vessel ground tackle.									
10.3	A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A 5.2.									
10.4	If there is a general recall under RRS 30.4, add the following to the rule: The sail numbers of BFD boats will be displayed for at least 3 minutes before a new starting sequence of her fleet. A long sound signal will be made when the numbers are initially displayed. A boat whose number is so displayed shall leave the racing area, before her new preparatory signal. If she fails to do so, she is liable to be scored DNE. This changes RRS 30.4.									
11	Change of the Next Leg of the Course									
11.1	To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will (a) lay a new mark, or (b) move the finishing line, or (c) move the leeward gate. When a new mark is laid, the original mark will be removed as soon as possible. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark. When Mark 1 has been substituted, Mark 1a is no longer a mark of the course and will be removed as soon as practical. This changes RRS 33.									
12	The Finish									
	The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee vessel at the port end and the course side of the finishing mark at the starboard end.									
13	Penalty System									
13.1	RRS Appendix P applies.									
13.2	RRS 44.1 and P2.1 is changed so that a Two-Turn Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty.									
13.3	RRS P2.3 does not apply and RRS P2.2 is changed so that it applies to any penalty after the first one.									
14	Time Limits and Target Times									
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	If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 Time Limit the race will be abandoned.									
14.2	Boats failing to finish within the time stated under "Finishing Window" after the first boat sailed the course and finished will be scored "Did Not Finish" (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.									
14.3	Failure to meet the race target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).									
15	Hearing Requests									
15.1	The Jury Office is located at the club house of Lauderdale Yacht Club									
15.2	The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the committee signals no more racing today ashore. The time limit will be posted on the official notice board.									
15.3	Hearing request and request for redress forms are available at the Race Office.									

15.4	Notices will 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 may be scheduled to begin before the end of the protest time limit. Hearings will be held in the Jury Room, beginning at the time posted.						
15.5	A list of boats that have been penalized during races will be posted.						
15.6	Penalties for breaches of class rules, RRS 50 and 78.1 or rules in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions marked '[DP]' are at the discretion of the International Jury.						
15.7	The right of appeal from an International Jury decision is denied as provided in RRS 70.5.						
16	Scoring						
16.1	See Notice of Race 13.						
16.2	RRS 90.3e applies						
17	Safety Regulations						
17.1	RRS 40.1 applies at any time when boats are afloat.						
17.2	[DP] [NP] Competitors who require assistance from rescue vessels should use signals as mentioned in the " Emergency Signals ". If no assistance is required, the arm should be lifted with thumb up.						
17.3	[DP] [NP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity. This boat shall also personally inform the race office no later than the protest time limit.						
17.4	[DP] [NP] Boats shall avoid commercial traffic and shall cross shipping channels at right angles only.						
17.5	[DP] [NP] CHECK OUT / CHECK IN procedure: A table with the sailors list for "check-out" / "check-in" will be in the Race Headquarters at the Atlantic Ballroom of Lauderdale Yacht Club. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The "check-out" / "check-in" form must be signed by a member of the crew of the boat, in front of his boat's sail number The "check-out" will open at least 90 minutes before the time scheduled for the first warning signal of the day until the first warning signal of the day The "check-in" will stay open all day long (in case of retirements) until the end of the protest time limit [SP] Failing to sign the "check out" or "check-in" form during the stated period will result as a standard penalty of 5 points for each failure. In case of failure to sign the "check-in" form, the organization may ask the concerned crew(s) to pay any costs due to unnecessary search operations 						
17.6	A SAFETY PROTOCOLS ADDENDUM contains additional safety-related requirements.						
17.7	Each boat shall collect a GPS tracker during the check-out procedure and return the GPS tracker during the check-in procedure. The device shall be carried on board at all times while afloat and positioned as directed by Race Management.						
18	Replacement of crew or equipment						
18.1	[DP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee. See link request form Appendix C.						
18.2	[DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the Technical Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.						
19	Equipment and Measurement Checks						
19.1	A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.						
19.2	[DP] When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.						
20	Identification and Event Advertising						
	[SP] [NP] In accordance with NoR 7.3, bibs will be provided by the organizing authority for competitors aboard the boats ranked first, second and third in the series at the beginning of that day. Bibs shall be given every day during the Competitors and Coaches Meeting and shall be returned no later than the protest time limit. Competitors shall wear the bibs on top of any clothing or personal flotation device, visible while racing that day.						
21	Official Vessels						
21.1	Official vessels will be identified as follows: <table border="1" data-bbox="322 2022 1358 2134"> <tr> <td>Race Committee vessels</td> <td>Vessels with blue flag with 'RC'</td> </tr> <tr> <td>International Jury</td> <td>Nautical letter 'J' flag</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Technical Committee</td> <td>White flag with letter "M" in black</td> </tr> </table>	Race Committee vessels	Vessels with blue flag with 'RC'	International Jury	Nautical letter 'J' flag	Technical Committee	White flag with letter "M" in black
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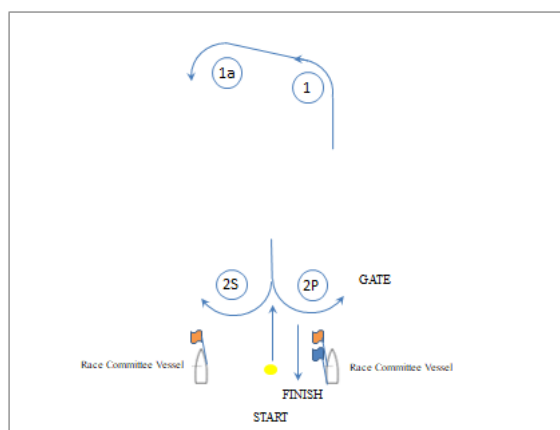
	Rescue/Safety	White flag with "S" in red
21.2	Actions	
22	Support Person and Spectator Vessels	
22.1	Except when participating in safety assistance to a competitor, support person vessels shall not be in the racing area from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. The racing area is defined as 75 yards away from the outside of the exterior lay lines of the racecourse. Including the windward mark and finish lines.	
22.2	All support person and spectator vessels shall monitor the designated VHF channel for requests from the Race Committee to assist with fleet safety. Support person vessels may enter the race area at the request of the Race Committee, or when they deem it necessary to provide outside safety assistance to a boat in obvious distress.	
22.3	Anchoring on coral reefs, hardbottom or seagrass is prohibited under Florida law.	
22.4	Special provisions are in effect for the protection of, including but not limited to: Manatee, Sea Turtle & Sawfish, as well as critical habitat, including but not limited to Johnson Sea Grass, Staghorn and Elkhorn corals. See the Safety Protocols Addendum for further reference.	
22.5	Competitors may not drop off or retrieve gear from Race Committee vessels.	
22.6	Support person vessels are subject to additional rules in the Safety Protocols Addendum . Support person vessel overnight dockage will be subject to an assignment from the Lauderdale Yacht Club Marina Director. Vessels left in slips or areas with authorization from the Marina Director or Regatta Chair may be removed from the venue and stored offsite at the owner's expense.	
22.7	The designated VHF channel for the race committee is 69. An alternative VHF channel may be announced in the event of conflicting radio traffic.	
23	Trash Disposal	
	Trash may be placed aboard official or support person vessels.	

Appendix A

A 1 Courses to be sailed:

Course 2 Displayed on White Board on Signal Vessel: Start – 1 – 1a – 2p/2s – 1 – 1a – Finish

Course 3 Displayed on White Board on Signal Vessel: Start – 1 – 1a – 2p/2s – 1 – 1a – 2p/2s – 1 – 1a – Finish



A 2 Marks

Course marks are:

Mark	Mark description
Starting line (starboard side)	Race Committee vessel displaying an orange flag
Starting line (port side)	Pin end vessel displaying an orange flag
Mark 1	Orange Robotic Mark
Mark 1 a	Orange Robotic Mark
Mark 2 P	Orange Robotic Mark
Mark 2 S	Orange Robotic Mark
Finishing line (port side)	Race Committee vessel displaying a blue flag
Finishing line (starboard side)	Orange Robotic Mark

Change of course: the new mark 1 will be a Green Robotic Mark