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**2023 U.S. Multihull Championship
for the Hobie Alter Cup**

October 4 – 8, 2023

Pensacola Yacht Club, FL

Sailing Instructions



1 CODE OF CONDUCT [DP]

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

2 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS & EQUIPMENT ON BOARD

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board Online (ONB) at https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/26371#_newsroom
- 2.2 Principal radio VHF channel will be 72, except when the Race Committee Signal Vessel displays flag “V” (RRS 37) in which case VHF 69 will be used.
- 2.3 While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that is not available to all boats.
- 2.4 There is no restriction on the use of electronic Compasses, GPS, and other speed or location displaying devices.
- 2.5 Each boat shall have on board a minimum 10m length of floating line of sufficient diameter and strength to be used as an emergency tow line.

3 CHANGES TO RULES

- 3.1 Changes to the *rules* will be posted on the ONB before 0830am on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted no later than 1900 on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2 In accordance with RRS 90.2 (c), oral changes to the *Sis* may be made on the water. A change is in effect when the Race Committee signal boat displays code flag L with one sound. This means come within hail of the RC Signal Vessel to receive the oral changes.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located in the main yard at Pensacola YC.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 30 minutes.’ (*This changes RRS 25.2 and Race Signals*)

5 CLASS FLAG

- 5.1 The class flag is a white flag with the A Class logo in black.

6 COURSES

- 6.1 The diagram in Attachment A shows the courses, the course designations, 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.
- 6.2 No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee Signal Vessel may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- 6.3 If a Leeward Gate Mark (2s or 2p) is missing the remaining mark shall be left to port.

7 MARKS

- 7.1 Marks 1, 1a and Leeward Gate will be orange inflatable tetrahedrons.
- 7.2 New marks used according to SI 10 will be yellow inflatable tetrahedron.
- 7.3 The starting marks will be RC vessel with an orange flag and a green inflatable tetrahedron.
- 7.4 The finishing marks will be RC Vessel with a blue flag and a green inflatable tetrahedron.



8 WIND LIMITS

8.1 The wind limits for a race to start or to continue are:

	For a race to start	A race may be abandoned when
Minimum	≥ 5 knots	< 5 knots
Maximum	≤ 21 knots	

8.2 The Race Committee:

- 1) Shall consider the wave conditions to ensure safe sailing conditions.
- 2) Shall consider the limits above as an average for 5 minutes.

9 THE START

- 9.1 The start line will be between the staff displaying orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Vessel on the starboard end and the windward side of the starting mark on the port end.
- 9.2 To alert boats that a race will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed at least one (1) minute before a warning signal is displayed.
- 9.3 The race committee may display a board at the stern of the Race Committee Signal Vessel showing the number of the OCS/UFD boats. Any improper action or omission associated with this display board is not subject to redress. *(This changes RRS 62.1(a))*
- 9.4 A boat that does not start within four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. *(This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2)*

10 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 10.1 If during a race the Race Committee changes the position of mark 1 and signals that change in accordance with RRS 33, mark 1a (offset mark) will no longer be a mark of the course for the remainder of that race. After rounding the repositioned mark 1, boats will sail directly to the leeward gate or to the finish line.
- 10.2 Any adjustment of any leg of the course, while boats are racing, by moving mark(s) up to 010° in bearing and/or 0.2 nm in length will not be considered a change of course. *(This changes RRS 33)*

11 THE FINISH

- 11.1 The finishing line is between staff displaying blue flag on the Race Committee Signal Vessel on the port side and the windward side of the finishing mark on the starboard side.

12 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

12.1 The mark 1 time limit, race time limit, the finishing window and target times are shown in the table below.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window	Target Time
30 mins.	90 mins.	40 mins.	35 mins

- 12.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the mark 1 time limit, the race shall be abandoned. *(This changes RRS 32.1).*



- 12.3 The finishing window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats 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. The score for TLE is the number of finishers plus 2. *(This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2, and A10)*
- 12.4 Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. *(This changes RRS 62.1(a)).*

13 ALTERNATE PENALTIES

- 13.1 RRS 44.1 is changed as follows:
A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing.
- 13.2 Penalties while in the zone of the windward mark or on the offset leg may be delayed and taken as soon as possible on the downwind leg. *(This changes RRS 44.2.)*

14 HEARING REQUESTS

- 14.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the ONB.
- 14.2 Hearing requests shall be delivered, within the appropriate time limit, at the following link <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfuRupOHjDCRHO6gcscNWg3UQjvw2UumKq8PZvGzArxfrG5sg/viewform> and using the email to deliver it: cesar@pycflboard.com
- 14.3 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 will be held in the protest room, located at the race office beginning at as soon as possible.
- 14.4 Rule 42 infringements will be posted by the Protest Committee on the ONB before the protest time limit expires.
- 14.5 Within the protest time limit, the RC shall post on the ONB the boats that are disqualified or penalized under A5. A boat so notified may only request for redress within 30 minutes after that posting. *(This changes RRS 62.2)*
- 14.6 Notices of protests by the RC or the Protest Committee will be posted on the ONB to inform boats under rule 61.1 b).

15 [SP][NP][DP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 15.1 Prior to the warning signal for the first race of each day in which it intends to compete, each boat shall check in by sailing past the stern of the race committee signal vessel on starboard tack, hail her sail number and obtain acknowledgement from the race committee.
- 15.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

16 [DP] REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

- 16.1 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the Measurer or his designate before the first race or by the Race committee (Principal Race Officer or his designate) thereafter. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 16.2 Any substitution granted via SI 16.1 will be posted on the Official Notice Board.



17 OFFICIAL VESSELS

- 17.1 Official vessels will be identified as follows:
- Race committee signal vessel with a blue flag and white letters RC.
 - Jury vessels with an INTERCO Flag J.
 - Safety vessels will display INTERCO Pennant 8.

18 BERTHING

- 18.1 [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in boat park.

19 KEY CONTACTS

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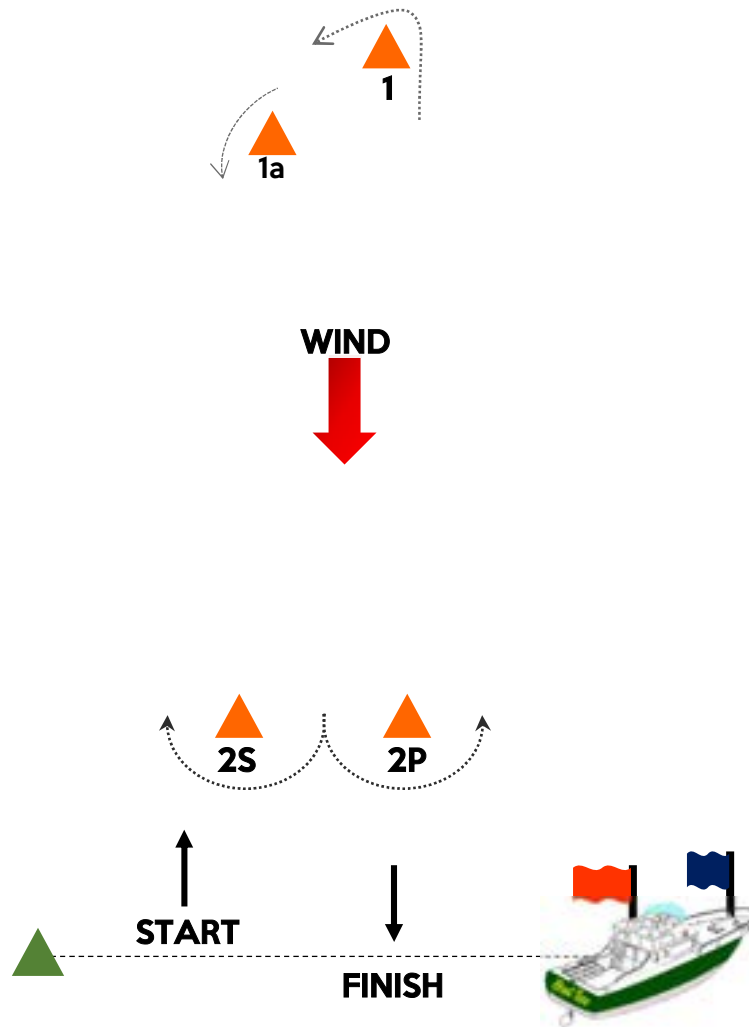
PC Member: John Farris (USA)



PC Member: Donna Sue Marks (USA)



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Attachment A - COURSE DIAGRAM



COURSE AND ORDER TO PASS THE MARKS	MARKS
Start – 1 – 1a – 2S/2P – 1 – 1a – Finish	 1, 1a, 2S and 2P (Inflatable Orange)  Starting and finishing mark
Marks are to be rounded to PORT , except that boats shall sail between the gate marks (2S/2P) from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.	