

# Catamaran Racing Association of Wisconsin Multihull Open Regatta

August 16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> 2025, Windjammers Sailing Club, Green Bay, WI

Hosted by:  
Windjammers Sailing Club, Green Bay Wisconsin

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



### RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 (RRS)*.

### NOTICES TO COMPETITORS & INFORMATION MEETING(S)

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official noticeboard, located at the entrance of the Windjammers Sailing Club.

There will be a competitors' meeting on August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 0915 hrs. Other competitors' meetings may be scheduled as required.

### CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than 60 minutes prior to the first scheduled race on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hrs. on the day before it will take effect or within one hour after the RC boat docks, whichever is later.

### SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed at the WSC flagpole. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in race signal AP. *This changes Race Signal AP.*

### SCHEDULE OF RACES

The scheduled race information is given in the table below.

Day Date	Class	Time of First Warning Signal

Saturday August 16, 2025	Warning Signal for first class	1100 hrs.
Sunday August 17, 2025	Warning Signal for first class	1000 hrs.

On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1300 hrs.

## CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be announced and shown at the skipper's meeting on August 16, 2025.

## RACING AREA

The location of the racing areas will be approximately one mile southeast of the beach directly adjacent the Windjammers Sailing Club.

## THE COURSES

**The permanent Windjammers Sailing course will be used. Reference Attachment A.**

Only the courses listed below will be used. An offset at "A" mark will be used for all courses. The committee boat will display an orange flag when using marks topped with an orange cone (marks that correspond to the cardinal points of the compass). The committee boat shall display the number of laps on a board on their stern. All marks round to port. A gate may be placed for lured mark rounding at the discretion of the race committee. If a gate is used, sailors will be notified prior to that days racing.

### COURSE NUMBERS

Course Numbers									
Course #	Course								Finish
1.	S	A	C	A	F				Downwind
2.	S	A	C	A	C	A	F		Downwind
5.	S	A	C	F					Upwind
6.	S	A	C	A	C	F			Upwind
7.	S	A	C	A	C	A	C	F	Upwind

## MARKS

Marks will be permanent white cylinder buoys with orange cones for cardinal directions (N,S,E,W) or without orange cones (NE,SE,SW,NW) . Offset will be an orange ball buoy, unless otherwise noted at skippers meeting.

The starting pin will be a white cylinder buoy which is smaller than the upwind/downwind marks and will be centrally located on the course.

If a barging (keep away) buoy is used at the RC signal boat, the barging buoy IS an extension of the committee boat. Touching or going between the barging buoy and committee boat carries the same penalty as touching the committee boat.

## AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

Only boats that are inside of their Warning signal, are Starting, or are Finishing, shall cross the Start/Finish Line.

## THE START

The races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal

Boats whose warning signal has not been made, shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. *This changes RRS A4.*

### Starting Signals:

The Starting Signals shall be in accordance with the most current ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing. Rule 22-24 Starting races

**Flags:** Colored flags will be used as follows:

<u>Signal</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Minutes before Start</u>	<u>Audible Signal</u>
Warning	Class Flag	5	One sound
Preparatory	P or I	4	One sound
One-Minute	Prep flag down	1	One Long sound
Starting	Class Flag Down	0	One sound

Minimum wind conditions: No race will be started in under 3 knots of wind at all marks of the course as determined by the Race Committee.

Order of the initial start will be announced at the initial competitors' meeting. Multiple classes may be started together at the discretion of the Race Committee.

## CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

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.

Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat too starboard. This changes RRS 28.1

## PENALTY SYSTEM

For all classes RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty

### 1 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

#### 2 Time limits and target times are as follows:

<b>Classes</b>	<b>Race Time Limit</b>	<b>Mark 1 Time Limit</b>
All	90 minutes	30 minutes

If no boat has passed Mark 1 (the initial weather mark) within the Mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned.

Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. *This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.*

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**FINISHING ON THE WATER:** Boats may be finished on the course at the discretion of the RC. The Race Committee determines the method and order of finishing. *This changes RRS 35 and A4.*

## **PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

Protest forms are available at the official notice board. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the signal boat has docked after the last race of the day and the time limit is posted on the official notice board.

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, the location of which shall be the second floor of the Sailing Club, beginning at the time posted on the official notice board.

A boat protesting another boat shall follow RRS 61.1(a) with the following modification: The ISAF requirement for under 6 meter boats applies to all Classes. *This changes RRS 61.1(a) (2).*

Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

Breaches of instructions 11.3, 11.5, 18.1, 18.2, 18.3, 21.1 and 21.2 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat, nor requests for redress. *This changes RRS 60.1.* Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.

On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered

(a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;

(b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.

*This changes RRS 66.*

On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. *This changes RRS 62.2.*

## **SCORING**

The Low point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.

One race are required to be completed to constitute a series.

(a) When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When from five to nine races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

(c) When ten or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

## **SAFETY REGULATIONS**

Each competitor **MUST** wear their personal flotation device to be scored. It is the personal responsibility of each competitor to determine their level of safety. If wind, wave or water conditions make you doubtful of your ability to handle the conditions safely, it is your decision and your decision only to continue sailing or to retire.

**CHECK IN:** Boats are requested to check in by hailing their sail numbers to the RC signal boat before the start of the first race each day (and the first race following any postponement ashore).

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

## **REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will be allowed by the race committee.

## **RADIO COMMUNICATION**

**All radio communications between the Race Committee and the competitors will be on a VHF channel to be announced at the competitors' meeting.**

Various race information may be provided by the Race Committee as a courtesy to competitors. This does not in any way alter the competitor's responsibility to observe the Race Committee's visual signals which shall govern the conduct of the racing. Errors or omissions on the part of these broadcasts will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## **PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of racing on the last day.

## **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk, See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

## **INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$100,000 (USD) per event or the equivalent.

## **SPECIAL NOTES**

On the water, no questions will be answered by the race committee.

Any boat receiving 'hands on' assistance from rescue/mark boats will be scored Did Not Finish. *This changes RRS rule A5.* The race committee may decide when a boat or crew needs assistance.

SPORTSMANSHIP: The race committee may request redress for competitors who exhibit extraordinary sportsmanship.

## **SAFETY NOTES TO ALL SAILORS**

### **ELECTRICAL POWER LINES – AVOID!!!**

Before raising the mast, and always while sailing, check for and avoid low overhead electrical power lines. If you see a power line, AVOID IT! A MAST COMING IN CONTACT OR EVEN NEAR AN ELECTRICAL POWER LINE CAN CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH TO PEOPLE ON OR TOUCHING THE BOAT!

**ATTACHEMENT A**  
*ILLUSTRATING THE COURSES*

**COURSE DIAGRAM and ROUNDING ORDER (Not to Scale)**

Course 1 GO - START - A - O -FINISH  
Course 2 GO - START - A - O - C-GATE - A - O- FINISH  
Course 3 GO - START - A - O - C-GATE - A - O - C-GATE - A - O - FINISH

