



INTERNATIONAL A-DIVISION
CATAMARAN ASSOCIATION

2022 A-CLASS CATAMARAN NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Organizing Authority (OA): Burlington Beach Catamaran Club
on behalf of the Canadian A-Class Association

September 19 – 23, 2022

Burlington Beach Catamaran Club (BBCC), Burlington, ON, Canada

Sailing Instructions (SIs)

The notation [NP] in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule.
This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 RRS 40.1 will apply.

2. EQUIPMENT

2.1. Sails, Platform and Mast

Each of the above must be declared at the start of the regatta. There shall be no substitution unless approved by the Race Committee. Substitution on the water for a broken piece of equipment must be declared and presented for inspection immediately upon reaching shore after racing.

- 2.2 [DP][NP] Boats that display a sail number other than what is declared on their registration form may not be scored.
- 2.3 There is no restriction on the use of electronic compasses, GPS and other speed or location displaying devices.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2 Changes to the sailing instructions may be announced at the Competitors' meeting with the changes posted in writing as soon as practicable on the Official Notice Board after the Competitors' meeting.

4. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 4.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the outside wall of the Burlington Beach Catamaran Club and online at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenue.cfm?eID=14933>.

4.2 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 71.

5. CODE OF CONDUCT

5.1 [DP] Competitors and support person shall comply with reasonable request from race officials.

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

6.1 Signals made ashore will be display on the flagpole located on the launch beach.

6.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

7.1

Date	Time	Event
Monday, September 19 th	1100	First race signal (up to 4 races scheduled)
Tuesday, September 20 th	1100	First race signal (up to 4 races scheduled)
Wednesday, September 21 st	LAY DAY	Spare day that may be scheduled for racing if needed.
Thursday, September 22 nd	1100	First race signal (up to 4 races scheduled)
Friday, September 23 rd	1100	First race signal (up to 4 races scheduled)

7.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

7.3 One extra race per day may be sailed at the discretion of the Race Officer provided that they do not get more than one race ahead of schedule.

7.4 On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be after 1400.

8. CLASS FLAG

8.1 The class flag will be the A-Class insignia on a white background.

9. COURSES

9.1 The diagram in Addendum A shows the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

10. MARKS

10.1

Mark	Description
1, 1a, 2p, 2s	Yellow inflatables
Start mark	Orange inflatable
New mark	Green inflatable

11. THE START

11.1 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel and the course side of the starting mark.

11.2 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress for request. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

11.3 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 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.
- 12.2 The race committee may, without signal, move a mark to change the direction up to 10 degrees or the length up to 10% of the previous length, provided that no boat is sailing to the mark. This changes RRS 33.
- 12.3 If either of mark 1 or 1a are missing, the single mark shall be rounded to port.
- 12.4 If one of the gate marks (2s or 2p) is missing, the remaining mark will be rounded to port.

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.
- 13.2 [DP][NP] Boats that have finished racing shall sail clear of the finish area.

14. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

14.1

Mark 1 Time Limit	Target Time	Race Time Limit	Finish Window
30 minutes	45 minutes	90 minutes	40 minutes

- 14.2 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat in their division sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finish Window and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.
- 14.3 Failure to meet Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

15. HEARING REQUESTS

- 15.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the signal boat docks. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 15.2 Hearing request forms are available from the protest committee or and online at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=14933>.
- 15.3 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 may be a mix of in-person and videoconference. The location, date and time of hearings will be posted on the notice board.
- 15.4 For the purposes of RRS 64.3(b), the 'authority responsible' is the Technical Committee appointed by the Organizing Authority.

16. [DP][NP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1 On the water, boats must check in and receive acknowledgment from the race committee before the first race of the day or upon returning to the race area if the boat has left for repair or any other reason.
- 16.2 A competitor that retires from the race shall notify the Race committee, a safety boat, or a launch area volunteer as soon as possible.
- 16.3 Each boat shall have on board a minimum 10m length of line of sufficient diameter and strength to be used as a tow line.
- 16.4 It is recommended that each person should carry a handheld VHF radio on their person for their safety and to receive courtesy announcements from the Race Committee.

17. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

17.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.

17.2 [DP] When instructed by a race official on the water or launch/retrieval area, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

18. [DP] SUPPORT TEAMS

18.1 Team leaders, coaches, and other support persons shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal to the first start until all boats have finished or retired, or race committee has signaled a postponement or abandonment.

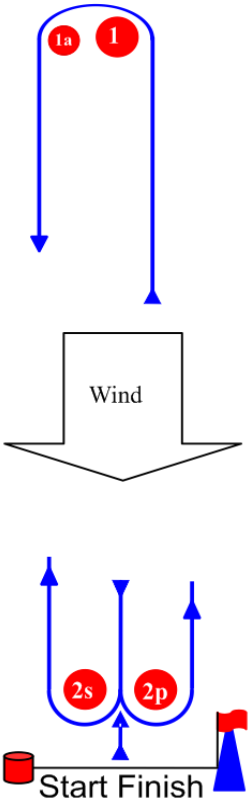
19. [DP] TRASH DISPOSAL

19.1 Trash may be placed aboard official or support vessels.

20. BERTHING

20.1 [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while on the beach.

Addendum A - Courses

Course	Description	
	Windward/Leeward offset mark 1a with Downwind finish	
	Possible courses	
	Signal	Mark Rounding Order
	LA1	Start-1-1a-Finish
	LA2	Start-1-1a-2s/2p-1-1a-Finish
LA3	Start-1-1a-2s/2p-1-1a-2s/2p-1-1a-Finish	