



# 2023 WASZP North American Championship



August 3–6, 2023



Swampscott Yacht Club  
425 Humphrey Street,  
Swampscott MA, 01907 USA

## Sailing Instructions (SIs)

*The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule.*

### 1. Rules

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. Appendix P (Special procedures for rule 42) will apply as amended in sailing instruction 13.

### 2. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 2.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect.
- 2.2. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

### 3. Notices to Competitors

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at <https://racehub.waszp.com/eventdetail/154#notices>. Click on the "Notice Board" button on the top of the main event page.
- 3.2. Unofficial, informal announcements will also be made on the regatta WhatsApp chat group. These announcements will not be grounds for Redress. Changes RRS 62.1(a).



- 3.3. Competitors should refer to the official notice board for all official communications.
- 3.4. The one exception to sailing instruction (SI) 3 is protest time limits and notices: Protest time limits and notices will be posted to the competitors WhatsApp group. Every effort will be made to post protest time limits and notices to the RaceHub notice board (SI 3.1) as well, however the WhatsApp competitors group is the authoritative source.

#### 4. Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole on the upper deck of the yacht club.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

#### 5. Schedule (Changes NOR 5)

- 5.1. **Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023**  
Unload boats and practice
- 5.2. **Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023**  
0830–0930 Registration  
0930 Competitors Meeting  
1200 First Warning, no earlier than  
1800 Light refreshments at SYC after sailing
- 5.3. **Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
1100 First Warning, no earlier than  
1800 Light Refreshments at SYC after sailing
- 5.4. **Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
1100 First Warning, no earlier than  
1830–2130 Catered dinner and refreshments at SYC after sailing
- 5.5. **Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
0830 Beach Cleanup  
1030 First warning, no earlier than  
1430 No warning signal will be made after 1430  
TBD Awards

#### 6. Class Flags

- 6.1. The class flag is a white flag with the black WASZP class insignia.



7. **Racing Area**
  - 7.1. The primary racing area is Nahant Bay, just to the south of the Swampscott Yacht Club and the launching area. The racing area may be adjusted based on wind direction and sea state.
8. **The Courses**
  - 8.1. 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.
9. **Marks**
  - 9.1. Windward and leeward gate marks will be yellow inflatable tetrahedrons.
  - 9.2. The port "pin" end starting mark will be a green tetrahedron.
  - 9.3. The port "pin" end finishing mark will be a red tetrahedron.
10. **The Start**
  - 10.1. The starting line is between the staff displaying the orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port end starting mark.
  - 10.2. A boat that does not start within five minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
  - 10.3. A series of short horns may be blown as a courtesy by the race committee signal boat to indicate that the starting sequence of a race will begin soon.
11. **Change of the Next Leg of the Course**
  - 11.1. No course changes will occur while a race is being sailed. Changes RRS 33.
12. **Grand Prix Finish**
  - 12.1. The finishing line is between the staff displaying a blue flag on the signal vessel and the course side of the finish line pin buoy to windward of the signal vessel.
  - 12.2. When the leading boat completes the course and finishes, the Race Committee signal boat at the finish will immediately display an "F" (Foxtrot) flag with a sound signal. The "F" (Foxtrot) flag will be removed at the end of the 12 minute finishing window time limit. The "F" (Foxtrot) flag may be displayed at the windward gate as a courtesy to competitors, indicating the first boat has finished and the finishing window is open.

All boats that,



- a) have completed a lap before the "F" Foxtrot flag is displayed, but then fail to finish while it is displayed, or
- b) cross the finishing line while the "F" Foxtrot flag is displayed

shall be deemed to have finished irrespective of the number of laps completed. Their positions in the race will be based on the order when they either completed their last lap or finished, with those having completed more laps finishing ahead of those with fewer laps. This changes RRS 28.1, A4, A5.1 and A5.2.

[DP] A boat that crosses the finishing line when the "F" (Foxtrot) flag is displayed shall not attempt a further lap.

[DP] A boat sailing through the leeward gate when the "F" (Foxtrot) flag is displayed shall proceed to the finish, and shall not attempt an additional lap.

- 12.3. A boat that completes at least one lap but does not cross the finishing line within 12 minutes after the lead boat finishes will be scored according to its last known position. This may be ahead of a boat that crosses the finishing line having sailed the same number or fewer laps. This changes RRS 28.1, A5.1 and A5.2.
- 12.4. A boat that fails to complete one lap within 12 minutes after the lead boat finishes will be scored time limit exceeded (TLE).
- 12.5. If a boat is shown the "W" Whiskey flag by an official vessel, it shall return to the starting area. That boat will be scored in its last known position. This changes RRS 28.1, A5.1 and A5.2.

## 13. Penalty System

- 13.1. RRS 44.1 and P2.1 are changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 13.2. RRS P2.2 and P2.3 do not apply. RRS P2.1 applies to all penalties under Appendix P.

## 14. Time Limit

- 14.1. If no boat has passed the first mark within 15 minutes, the race will be abandoned.



- 14.2. The Race Time Limit (RRS 35) is 40 minutes.
- 14.3. A boat that fails to complete one lap within 12 minutes after the lead boat finishes will be scored time limit exceeded (TLE).

## 15. Protests and Requests for Redress

- 15.1. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the signal boat was moored. The time will be posted on the competitors' WhatsApp group. (See Section 3: Notices to competitors)
- 15.2. Written protest forms will be available to competitors and may be filed with the race committee.
- 15.3. Notices will be posted to the competitors WhatsApp group 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 at the SYC.

## 16. Scoring

- 16.1. One race shall be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 16.2. The series will be scored as follows:
  - 16.2.1. When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores.
  - 16.2.2. When 5 to 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
  - 16.2.3. When 10 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

## 17. Number of Races

- 17.1. A maximum of 16 championship races will be held. Additional Events (Addendum B) will not count towards the maximum number of races.

## 18. Titles and Prizes

- 18.1. Prizes will be awarded for overall finishes: 1st – 3rd.
- 18.2. Special prizes may also be awarded.
- 18.3. The first place North American finisher will have their name added to the North American Perpetual Trophy.

## 19. Safety

- 19.1. [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee or safety/patrol at the first reasonable opportunity.



- 19.2. Personal Floatation Devices shall be worn at all times while afloat, except during brief times when a sailor is adding or removing clothing.
- 19.3. In accordance with WASZP Class Rules C 5.2, a helmet of a minimum standard of CE EN 1385 is mandatory while racing for competitors under the age of 18, and strongly encouraged for all other competitors while afloat.
- 19.4. [DP] Competitors will check out and in when launching and returning (respectively) at the check in tent when departing from and returning to the launching area.
- 19.5. [DP] Competitors shall check in with the race committee signal boat when first arriving at the racing area.

## 20. Photography Consent

- 20.1. By entering the regatta competitors accept that they may be photographed and/or videotaped participating in the regatta and/or using the regatta facilities and they consent to the taking of such images and to the use, reuse, publication and republication of such images in any media, in conjunction with the competitors name or not, without compensation and without the competitor's approval of such images or any use thereof.

## 21. Insurance

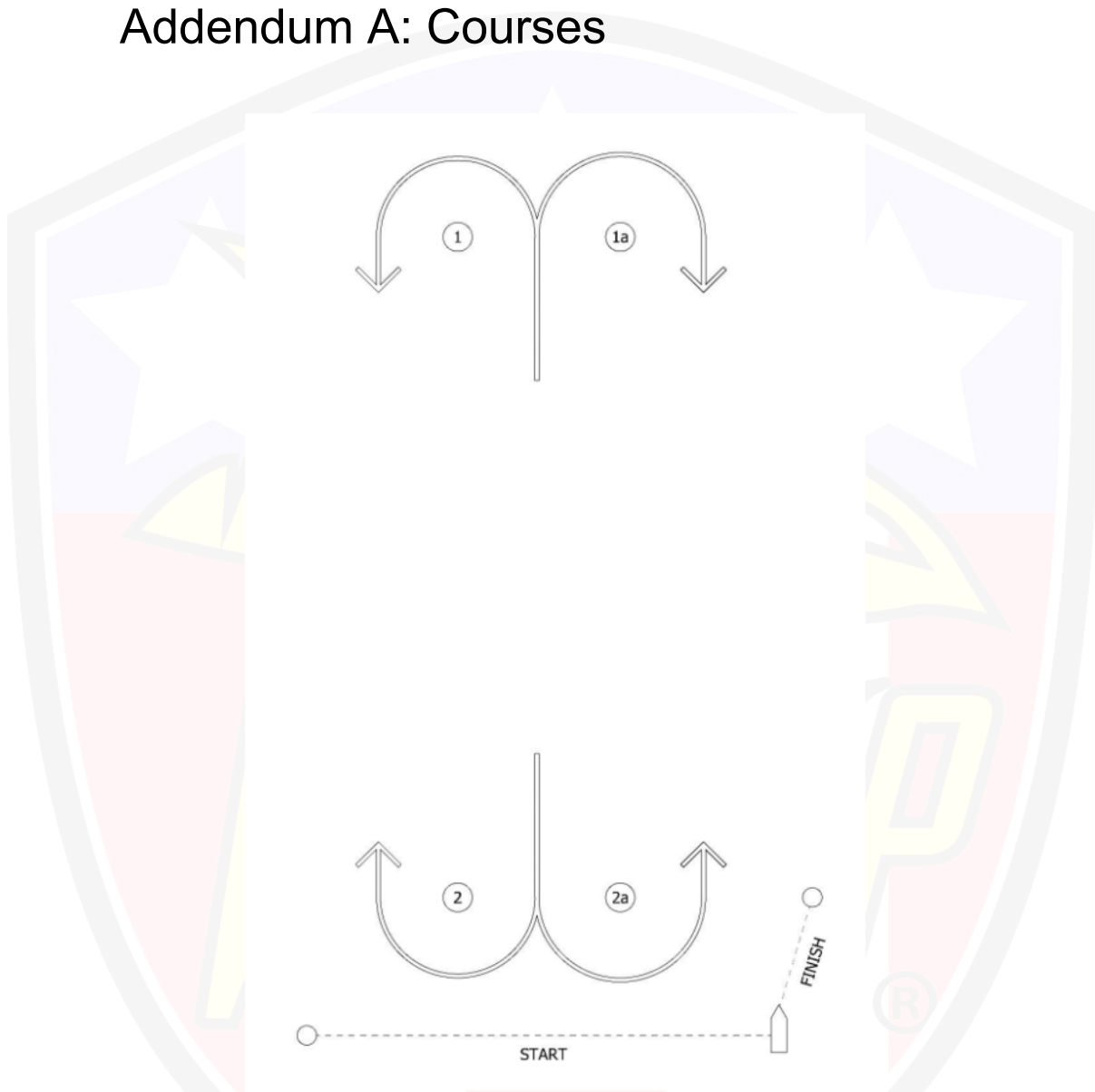
- 21.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$500,000 per incident or the equivalent.

## 22. Contact the race organizers

- 22.1. For further information please contact one of the regatta organizers:  
[WASZP.2023.NAs@gmail.com](mailto:WASZP.2023.NAs@gmail.com)



## Addendum A: Courses



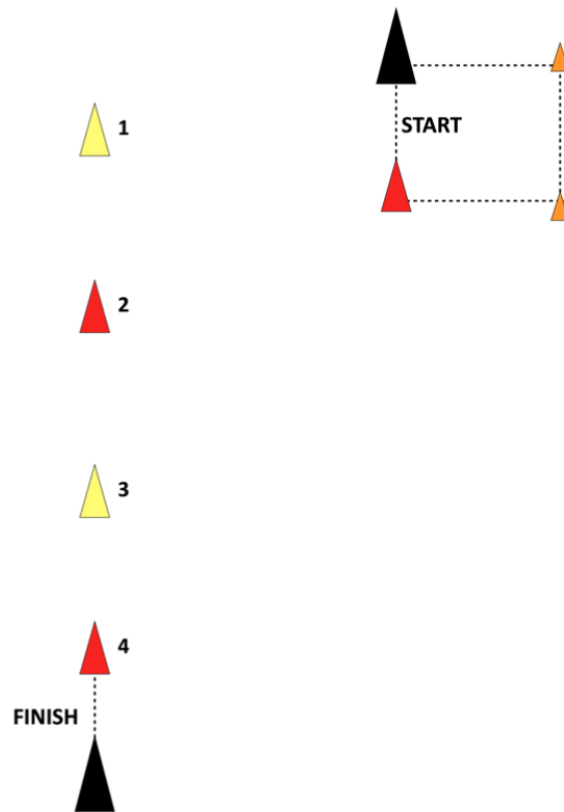
- W1 - START, 1/1a, 2a, FINISH
- W2 - START, 1/1a, 2/2a, 1/1a, 2a, FINISH
- ~~W3 - START, 1/1a, 2/2a, 1/1a, 2/2a, 1/1a, 2a, FINISH~~

**Note:** ~~Prior to finishing mark 2a alone must be honored (kept to port). This applies to vessels completing a truncated grand prix finish as well as vessels sailing all laps. Prior to finishing both 2 and 2a may be kept to port.~~



## Addendum B: “Additional Event”

The Event Organizers may choose to run a Non-Championship racing event (“Additional Event”). Scores from the Additional Event will not be counted towards the Championship, and participation is solely up to the competitors. The Additional Event may include: a slalom race, distance race, pursuit race, bang-the-corners cup, or bang-the-corners team relay. All competitors will be made aware of the Additional Event prior to the day’s racing along with the specific courses to be sailed.



START; 1 port; 2 starboard; 3 port; 4 starboard/FINISH





## Document History

- October 30, 2022: Document created by Zaak
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- March 20, 2023: Complete first draft by Zaak
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- April 28, 2023: Zaak Incorporated suggestions & edits from the WASZP Class Manager, Martin Evans
- July 20, 2023: Zaak incorporated feedback & edits from chief judge and R/C, updated and tweaked the Grand Prix Finish section, updated the helmet requirement to match class rules C 5.2, Updated the scoring section to match the NOR
- July 31, 2023: Zaak updated schedule with beach cleanup info
- August 3, 2023, 0715: Zaak amended the SIs to allow for protest time limits and notifications to be posted to the competitors WhatsApp group. Changes SI 3 and 15.1.
- August 4, 2023, 0800: Zaak updated the SIs (Addendum A) to require boats to sail between mark 2 and 2a (between the leeward gates) every lap, whether or not they are finishing and removed the possibility of a W3 course.