



WASZP AMERICAS CHAMPIONSHIP  
RICHMOND YACHT CLUB, CALIFORNIA, USA

16-20 MARCH 2022

**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. The notation '[DP]' means the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than disqualification. This changes RRS 60.1(a).*

**1 RULES**

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Appendix T (Arbitration) will apply.
- 1.3 Appendix P (Special procedures for rule 42) will apply as amended in instruction 15.
- 1.4 The US Sailing prescription to rule 63.2 is deleted.

**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, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

**3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS**

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at <https://racehub.waszp.com/eventdetail/62>.
- 3.2 The race office is located in the junior room on the ground floor of the yacht club. Opening hours are 9-5.
- 3.3 A WhatsApp group may be used for unofficial communication with competitors (<https://chat.whatsapp.com/Ft6jjiA0UtwWFA855AG0Zi6>). Competitors should refer to the ONB for all official communications.

**4 CODE OF CONDUCT**

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 4.2 [DP] Protocols relating to COVID-19 may be published at any time and will have the status of a rule.

## **5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

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

## **6 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 6.1 For championship racing, four races are scheduled per day.
- 6.2 A maximum of five championship races may be sailed on any one day.
- 6.3 See Appendix 2 of the sailing instructions for more information on the Slalom schedule.
- 6.4 The scheduled start time of the first race on each day is 1200.
- 6.5 A competitor briefing will be held two hours prior to the start of the first race of each day.
- 6.6 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 6.7 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500.

## **7 CLASS FLAGS**

- 7.1 The class flag will be a flag with WASZP class insignia.

## **8 RACING AREA**

- 8.1 The primary racing area is in the area to the west and south of Brooks Island.

## **9 COURSES**

- 9.1 The diagram in SI Appendix 1 shows the championship course, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2 The number of laps to be sailed will be displayed on the committee boat.

## **10 MARKS**

- 10.1 Gate mark(s) will be yellow or red inflatable cone marks.
- 10.2 The pin end mark will be a red inflatable cone mark.

## **11 OBSTRUCTIONS**

- 11.1 Boats shall not impede the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway (see US Dept. of Commerce chart 18649 for designated narrow channels and fairways of SF Bay) or fishing or other vessels with restricted ability to manoeuvre. Boats identified who endanger their own safety, other sail boats, or that of a commercial or government vessel will be subject to protest by a Race Committee (RC) or contestant and face possible disqualification. RRS 60.3 is modified to add (d) to read: A hearing for allegations of the above will be instigated by a protest committee if notified by government, commercial or individual vessel of possible infraction. It shall also extend the time limit under RRS 61.3 to accept the information.

## **12 THE START**

- 12.1 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.
- 12.2 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.

## **13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark or the finishing line to a new position.
- 13.2 The Race Committee is not required to signal the change where the next leg of the course is changed by less than 10 degrees in angle or less than 100 metres in length. This changes RRS 33.

## **14 GRAND PRIX FINISH**

- 14.1 Unless shortened in accordance with RRS 32.2, the finishing line is between the staff displaying a blue flag on the signal vessel and the course side of mark 2p.
- 14.2 When the first boat sails the course and finishes, all boats shall complete the lap they are on and cross the finishing line. Boats will be scored according to the number of laps they have sailed and the position they crossed the line, with boats completing a higher number of laps ranked above those that completed fewer laps. This changes RRS 28.1.
- 14.3 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.
- 14.4 A boat that fails to complete one lap within 12 minutes after the lead boat finishes will be scored DNF.
- 14.5 If a boat is shown ICS flag W 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.

## **15 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 15.1 RRS 44.1 and P2.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 15.2 RRS P2.2 and P2.3 do not apply. RRS P2.1 applies to all penalties under Appendix P. RRS P5 does not apply.
- 15.3 To encourage penalties to be taken for infringements, jury members may blow a whistle when they see what they believe to be a breach of a rule.

## **16 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

- 16.1 The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Target Time	Race Time Limit (RRS 35)
15 minutes	20 minutes	40 minutes

- 16.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 16.3 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress.

## **17 HEARING REQUESTS**

- 17.1 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 official notice board.
- 17.2 Hearing request forms are available from the race office.
- 17.3 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 board room.

## **18 SCORING**

- 18.1 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.2 The series will be scored as follows:
  - a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores.
  - b) When 4 to 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
  - c) When 8 to 11 races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
  - d) When 12 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race

scores excluding her three worst scores.

## **19 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

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

## **20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

In accordance with the class rules.

## **21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

21.1 [NP] Measurement will take place on 16 March. All boats shall complete measurement before racing.

21.2 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the *rules*.

## **22 SUPPLIED BOATS**

Not applicable to this event.

## **23 OFFICIAL VESSELS**

23.1 Official vessels will be identified as follows:

- Jury: Yellow flag for Slalom racing; red flag for championship racing

## **24 SUPPORT VESSELS [DP] [NP]**

24.1 Support vessels shall register with [class@waszp.com](mailto:class@waszp.com) or at the race office prior to going afloat.

24.2 Support vessels shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

24.3 Support vessels shall display the flag supplied by the Organising Authority at all times when afloat.

## **25 TRASH DISPOSAL**

25.1 Trash may be placed aboard official or support person vessels.

## **26 BERTHING**

26.1 [DP] [NP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the boat park.

## **27 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

Not applicable to this event.

## **28 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

Not applicable to this event.

## **29 PRIZES**

29.1 Prizes will be given for the following positions. Ages are taken as of 31 December this year:

- a) Top 5 overall
- b) Top 3 Americas sailors
- c) 1st, 2nd, 3rd Slalom Championship
- d) 1st Junior (U20)
- e) 1st Youth (20-25)
- f) 1st Apprentice (26-39)
- g) 1st Master (40-49)
- h) 1st Super Master (50+)
- i) 1st 6.9
- j) 1<sup>st</sup> female
- k) Speed Demon (top speed)

## **30 RISK STATEMENT**

30.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

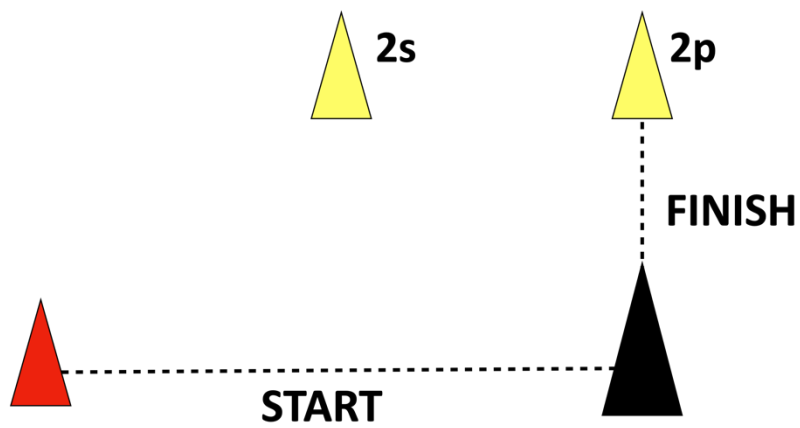
## **31 INSURANCE**

31.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of USD\$3 million per incident or the equivalent.

## **32 SLALOM RACING**

32.1 The sailing instructions for slalom racing can be found in the Appendix 2 below.

Appendix 1: Course



**3 laps:** START; Gate 1p/1s; Gate 2s/2p; Gate 1p/1s; Gate 2s/2p; Gate 1p/1s; 2p/FINISH

**2 laps:** START; Gate 1p/1s; Gate 2s/2p; Gate 1p/1s; 2p/FINISH

**1 lap:** START; Gate 1p/1s; 2p/FINISH



**Appendix 2**  
**SLALOM SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1 FORMAT**

- 1.1 The Slalom event will consist of a series of heats and finals. Those that do not qualify for the next round will be knocked out of the competition. The race committee may run practice rounds prior to the official Slalom event.
- 1.2 The number of boats per heat and number of stages will be confirmed before the competitor briefing.
- 1.3 The race committee will post the lists of competitors allocated to each heat on the official noticeboard prior to the competitor briefing.
- 1.4 The organising authority will post the schedule of races on the official noticeboard prior to the competitor briefing. The first warning signal will be at 1202 on 17 March.
- 1.5 It is the responsibility of the sailor to understand the race number relevant to them.
- 1.6 All boats not racing are invited to watch but must stay at least 100m outside of the outer limits of the course and outside of the starting exclusion zone.

**2 CHANGES TO THE SLALOM SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1 Changes to the slalom sailing instructions may be made ashore up to two hours prior to the first warning signal.

**3 START**

- 3.1 The start will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel and the course side of the pin end mark.
- 3.2 The orange flag will be displayed 7 minutes before the first warning signal of the first race of the heats, the semi-finals and the finals. The orange flag will be removed between each round of races to signify the change in level.
- 3.3 The starting sequence will be as follows. This changes RRS 26.

<i>Minutes before starting signal</i>	<i>Visual signal</i>	<i>Sound signal</i>	<i>Means</i>
3	Class flag displayed	One	Warning signal
2	Uniform or black displayed	One	Preparatory signal
1	Uniform or black removed	One	One minute
0	Class flag removed	One	Starting signal

- 3.4 The sail numbers of boats that break RRS 30.3 (uniform flag) or RRS 30.4 (black flag) will be displayed on the finish vessel.
- 3.5 [DP] Boats shall stay outside of the exclusion zone of the start line and outside of the course when not racing.

#### **4 FINISH**

- 4.1 The finish will be between the staff displaying a blue flag on the finish vessel and the course side of the final mark.
- 4.2 The sail numbers of the boats that qualify for the next round will be displayed on the finish vessel.

#### **5 MARKS**

- 5.1 The pin end of the starting line will be a red inflatable cone mark. The other marks of the course will be either yellow or red inflatable cone marks. The exclusion zone will be marked with small orange inflatable marks.

#### **6 SCORING**

- 6.1 The organising authority will outline the number of competitors from each heat and semi-final that will go through to the next round prior to or during the competitor briefing.
- 6.2 The final will consist of up to three (3) races.
- 6.3 Boats that score the same score in separate flights of the same round will be ranked equally.

#### **7 RULES AND UMPIRING PROCEDURE**

- 7.1 The Slalom event will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* as amended in this section.
- 7.2 **Penalties:** RRS 44.1 is changed so that the two turns and one turn penalties are replaced by a tack.
- 7.3 **Protests:** While racing, a boat may protest another boat under a rule of Part 2 (except rule 14) or under rule 31 or 42; however, a boat may only protest under a rule of Part 2 for an incident in which she was involved. To do so she shall hail 'Protest' and conspicuously raise an arm at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 7.4 A boat that protests as provided in rule 7.3 is not entitled to a hearing. Instead, a boat involved in the incident may acknowledge breaking a rule by voluntarily taking a penalty. An umpire may penalize any boat that broke a rule and was not exonerated, unless the boat took a penalty voluntarily.
- 7.5 **Umpire signals and imposed penalties:**  
An umpire will signal a decision as follows:
  - (a) A green and white flag with one long sound means 'No penalty.'

- (b) A red flag with one long sound means 'A penalty is imposed or remains outstanding.' The umpire will hail or signal to identify each such boat.
- (c) A black flag with one long sound means 'A boat is disqualified.' The umpire will hail or signal to identify the boat disqualified.
- (d) A boat penalized under instruction 7.5(b) shall take her penalty as soon as possible after the incident, or, if the incident takes place before mark 1, as soon as possible after passing mark 1. This changes RRS 44.2.
- (e) A boat disqualified under instruction 7.5(c) shall promptly leave the course area.

**7.6 Penalties and protests initiated by an umpire:**

When a boat

- (a) breaks rule 31 and does not take a penalty,
- (b) breaks rule 42 and/or class rule C.1 (pumping),
- (c) gains an advantage despite taking a penalty,
- (d) deliberately breaks a rule,
- (e) commits a breach of sportsmanship, or
- (f) fails to take a penalty when required to do so by an umpire,

an umpire may penalize her without a protest by another boat. The umpire may impose one or more penalties, each signalled in accordance with instruction 7.5(b), or disqualify her under instruction 7.5(c), or report the incident to the protest committee for further action. If a boat is penalized under instruction 7.6(f), the original penalty is cancelled.

**7.7 Protests; requests for redress or reopening; appeals; other proceedings:**

- (a) No proceedings of any kind may be taken in relation to any action or non-action by an umpire.
- (b) A boat intending to
  - (i) protest another boat under a rule other than rule 28 or a rule listed in instruction 7.3,
  - (ii) protest another boat under rule 14 if there was contact that caused damage or injury, or
  - (iii) request redress

shall inform the race committee on the finish vessel by hailing within three minutes of the last boat finishing the race. The race committee will promptly inform the protest committee about any protests or requests for redress. The protest committee shall extend the time limit if there is good reason to do so.

**7.8 Hearings:**

Except for a hearing under rule 69.2

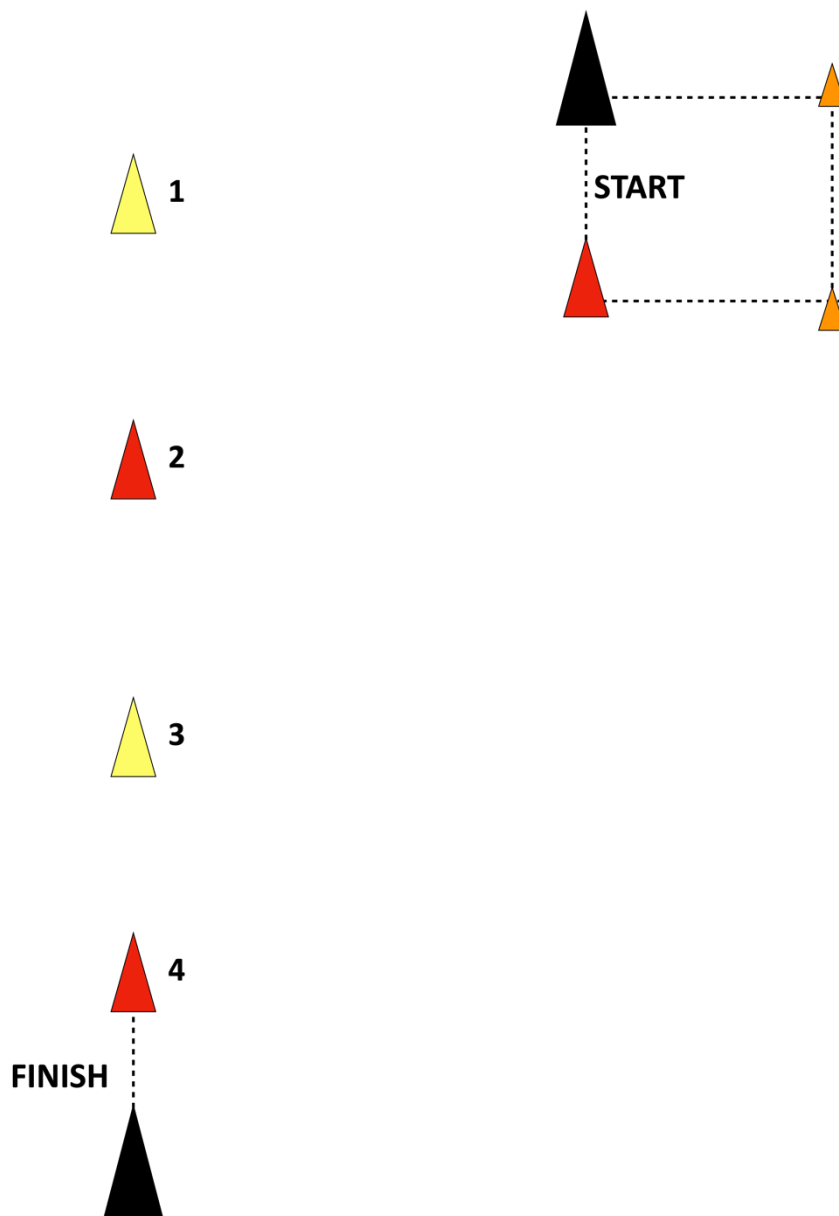
- (a) Protests and requests for redress need not be in writing.
- (b) The protest committee may inform the protestee and schedule the hearing in any

way it considers appropriate and may communicate this orally.

- (c) The protest committee may take evidence and conduct the hearing in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate its decision orally.
- (d) Rule 66.2 is changed to 'A party to the hearing under this appendix may not request a reopening.'

## 8 COURSE

### 8.1 Start - 1p - 2s - 3p - 4s/Finish



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