



2026 WASZP HS / COLLEGE QUALIFIER 2026

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailors will qualify through four regional events beginning in January 2026, with the top three high school sailors and top three college sailors from each region advancing:

Region 1 – West Coast Qualifier – Jan. 31-Feb 1, 2026 – Coronado, CA

Region 2 – South Qualifier – Jan. 31-Feb 1, 2026 – Jensen Beach, FL

Region 3 – Great Lakes Qualifier – May. 9–10, 2026 – Muskegon, MI

Region 4 – Northeast Qualifier – Apr. 25–26, 2026 – Annapolis, MD

Championship - May 30–31, 2026 – Hosted by Toms River Yacht Club

[NP] denotes a rule which may not be protested by another boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a) and 63.2(a).

[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee.

1. Rules

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules stated in the NOR.
- 1.2. The US Sailing adaptation of the Racing Rules of Sailing will apply.
- 1.3. RRS 62.4 is changed as follows:
In addition, the protest committee may also penalize a boat that is a party to the hearing for the breach of a rule by a support person by changing the boat's score in a single race, up to and including disqualification.
- 1.4. [DP] Vakaros RaceSense system will be used for this regatta. See Addendum RS for additional information and applicable rule changes.

2. Changes to the SIs

- 2.1. Any change to the SIs will be posted no later than 2 hours before 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. Communication with Competitors

- 3.1. The official Notice Board is located on Racehub for each event
 - 3.1.1. Region 4: <https://racehub.waszp.com/eventdetail/610#notices>
- 3.2. WhatsApp shall be used for official communication. An invitation will be provided to all competitors during check-in.
WhatsApp link: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/G3TfEcezIYtCWkNkD4pHwA>

4. Code of Conduct

- 4.1. [NP] Competitors and support persons shall:
 - 4.1.1. Comply with reasonable requests from the event officials
 - 4.1.2. Handle any equipment provided by the organising authority with care, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.
- 4.2. Boats not racing shall avoid any area where boats are racing and any official vessel.
- 4.3. Boats that are on a racing area to which they are not assigned shall avoid the areas where boats are racing and any official vessel.

5. Signals Made

- 5.1. Signals made shall be done via the official WhatsApp channel. This replaces signals made ashore.

- 5.2. Flag D with one sound means ‘The warning signal will not be made less than 40 minutes after flag D is displayed, or at the scheduled time, whichever is later.’ Boats shall not leave their berth until this signal is made.
- 5.3. When flag AP is displayed ashore, in RRS Race Signals AP ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 40 minutes’. This changes RRS Race Signals AP.

6. Schedule of Races

- 6.1. The schedule will be as listed on the official Notice Board located on RaceHub.
- 6.2. 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 two minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 6.3. A maximum of 6 course races may be sailed in one day.

7. Format

- 7.1. See NOR 8.1.

8. Fleet Flags

- 8.1. Fleet Flags will be Black WASZP logo with White background

9. Racing Areas

- 9.1. Racing areas are presented in Appendix 2.

10. Courses

- 10.1. Course diagrams are shown in Appendix 3.

11. Marks

- 11.1. Rounding marks will be orange.
- 11.2. The starting marks will be race committee vessels, or a race committee vessel as the starboard end of the line and a <color> buoy at the port end.
- 11.3. The finishing marks will be race committee vessels, or a race committee vessel as the starboard end of the line and a <color> at the port end.

12. Obstructions

- 12.1. When exiting the harbor, the Shoal Pole off of Horn Point shall be left to starboard

13. The Start

13.1. Course Racing

- 13.1.1. The starting line will be between the staff displaying orange flags on the starting marks when they are both committee vessels, or between the staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark

when a buoy is used. If both ends are buoys, the starting line will be between the course side of each mark.

14. Changing the Next Leg of the Course

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

15. The Finish

- 15.1. [DP] If a boat is asked by an official vessel, it shall return to the starting area, and will be scored in their last known position. This changes RRS 28.1, A5.1, and A5.2

16. Target Times

- 16.1. The Target Time, Race Time Limit and the Finishing Window in minutes will be:

Target Time	Mark 1 Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
15	20	30	10

- 16.2. Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).

17. Hearing Requests

- 17.1. Hearing Requests shall be submitted via <Method i.e. in person at the Watson Center>
- 17.2. Notices will be posted no later than 20 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 , upstairs in the SSA classroom.
- 17.3. For each fleet, the protest time limit shall be 60 minutes after the docking of the Race Committee Vessel. The time will be posted on the Official Notice board.

18. Scoring

- 18.1. See NOR 10.
- 18.2. Three races are required to be scored to constitute a series.
- 18.3. All boats will be scored together but results will also be divided into high school and college divisions.

19. Safety Regulations

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

19.2. [DP] Boats wishing to return to shore before the end of the day's racing shall make every attempt to inform an official vessel before leaving the racing area. The official vessel will instruct boats in the procedure for returning to shore.

20. Replacement of Crew or Equipment

20.1. Substitution of equipment shall be in accordance with the class rules.

21. Equipment and Measurement Checks

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

22. Official Vessels

22.1. Vessels of the race committee may not be marked with a flag.

ADDENDUM RS

RaceSense RRS changes

[NP] Rules and Instructions for Using the Vakaros and RaceSense System

RS1. Each boat shall have a working Vakaros Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge configured for RaceSense at check-in. Boats without a configured Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge may have one provided by the OA, for applicable fees. This shall be mounted as required by the OA or class at all times while racing.

RS2. Competitors shall calibrate their Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge before registration/check-in. It is the responsibility of the competitor to ensure their device remains in proper calibration throughout the event.

RS3. The Vakaros RaceSense system will be used by the Race Committee (RC) and the relevant information will be available to all boats.

RS4. Instructions for using the electronic Atlas 2 can be found in the [Atlas 2 User Guide](#) or Atlas Edge can be found here [Atlas Edge User Guide](#)

RS5. Competitors shall take all reasonable measures to keep the Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge safe and operational and promptly notify race officials on the water or ashore of any device issues.

RS6. Information provided by the system cannot be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1 (a). RRS 63.1 adds, "Failure of an Atlas 2 or the RaceSense system shall not be grounds for opening a hearing considering redress."

RS7. The countdown to the start on the Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge from RaceSense will be the official time. Signal flags will only be used for information purposes. This changes RRS 26.

RS8. The visual identification of boats infringing RRS 29 and 30 by the RC is replaced with electronic identification through the Vakaros RaceSense system, modifying RRS 29.1, 30.1, 30.2, 30.3, and 30.4.

RS9. Any alleged failure of the Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge, RaceSense system, or communication systems will not constitute grounds to request redress by a boat or the Protest Committee. This changes RRS 61.4(b).

RS10. If the RC vessel displays flag Oscar (Old School) with a long sound signal before the warning signal of a race, RS.6 and RS.7 inclusive will not apply to that race.

RS11. If the RC vessel displays flag Romeo (Re-Boot) with a long sound signal before the warning signal of a race, Competitors shall restart their Vakaros Atlas or Atlas Edge unit by switching it off, waiting 10 seconds and then switching it back on to reconnect to the

RaceSense network. Flag R will remain displayed for a minimum of 2 minutes and will be removed with the next warning signal.

RS12. If firmware updates to Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge devices are required between scheduled race days, notice will be sent to all boats via email and/or SMS and or the Regatta What's App Group.

Appendix 1 – Regional Racing Prescriptions

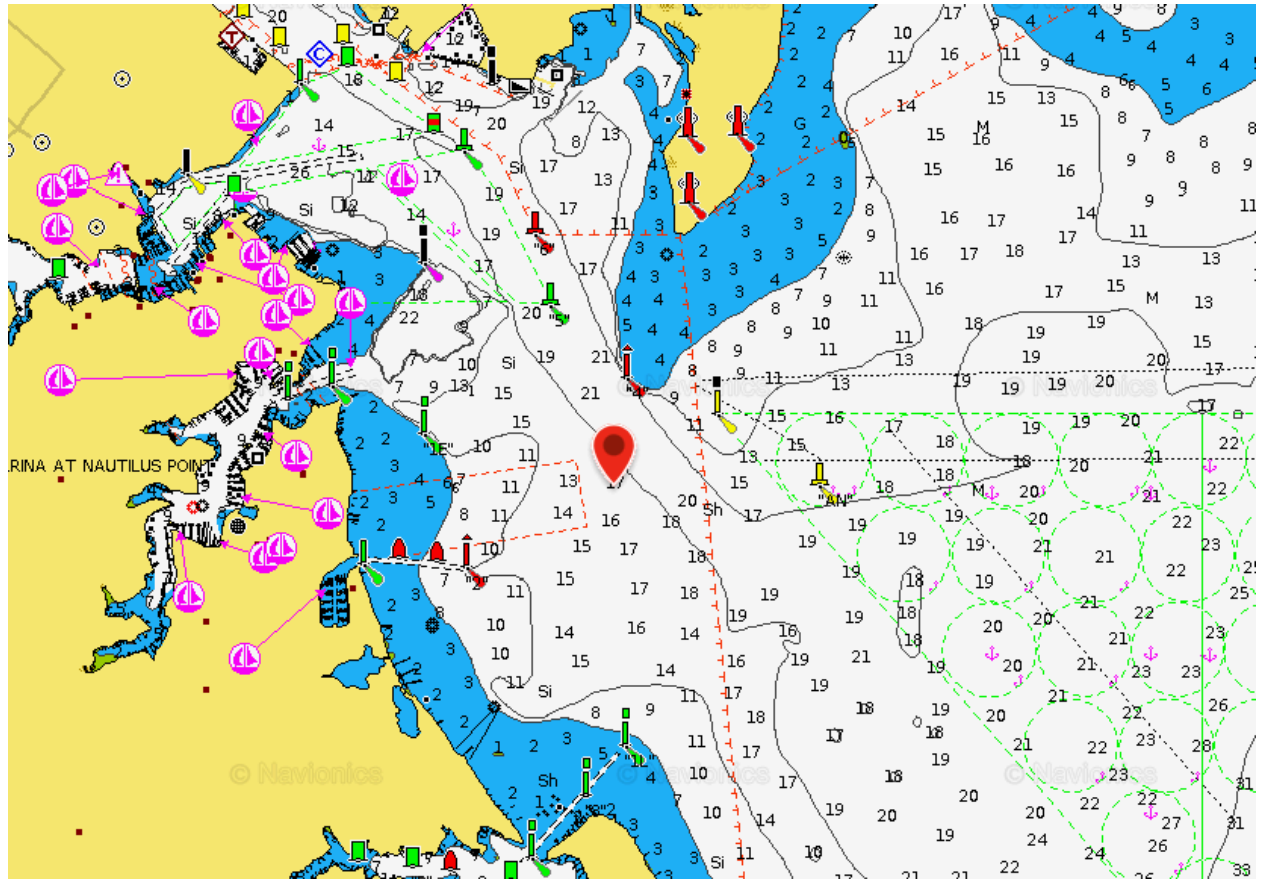
US Sailing prescribes that:

(a) A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that action alone, admit liability for damages.

(b) A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee or US Sailing appeal authority shall adjudicate any claim for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.

(c) A basic purpose of the rules is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the rules, a boat agrees that responsibility for damages arising from any breach of the rules shall be based on fault as determined by application of the rules, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of ‘assumption of risk’ for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.

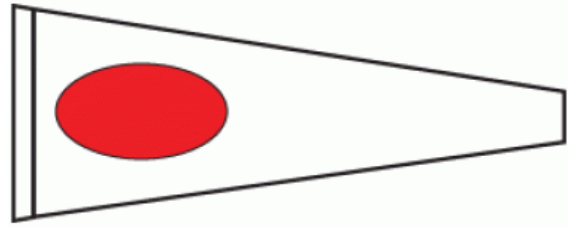
Appendix 2 – Race Areas



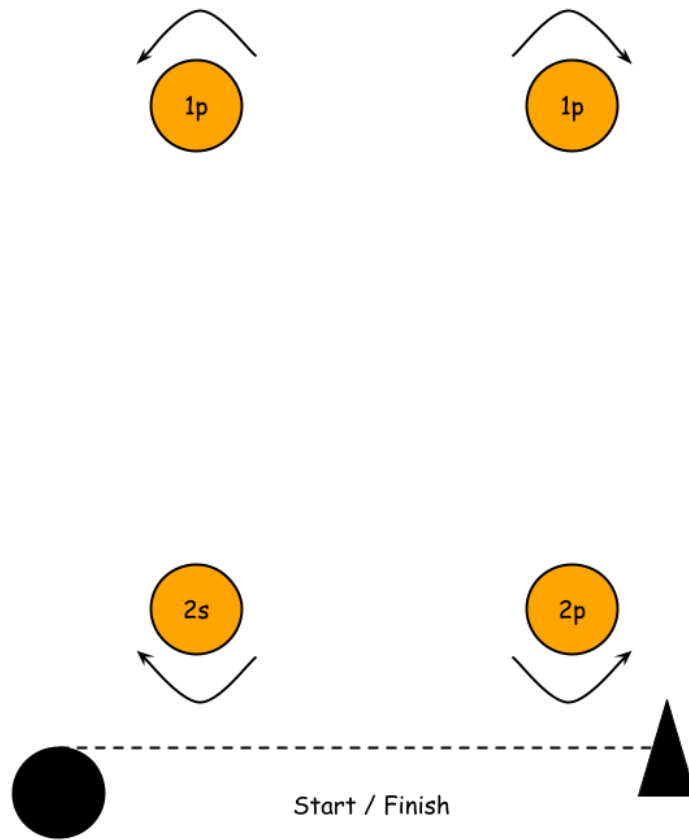
Appendix 3 – Course Diagrams

Course 1 Identified with Numeral Pennant 1

Windward-Leeward

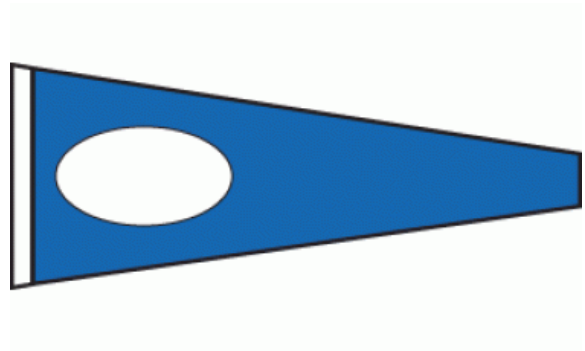


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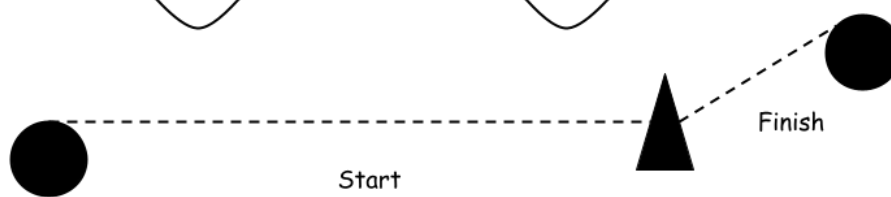
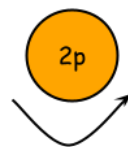
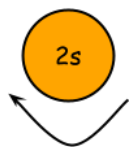
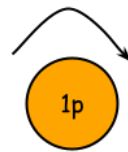
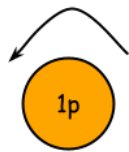


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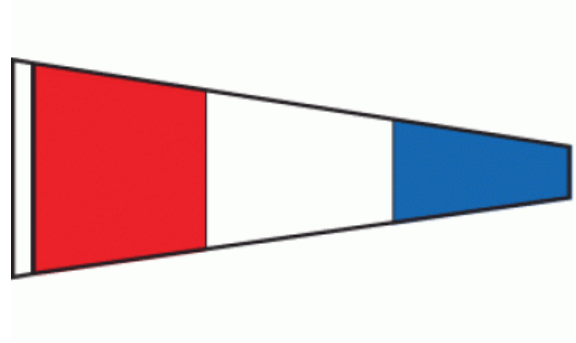


Start - 1p/1s - 2p/2s - 1p/1s - 2p- Finish

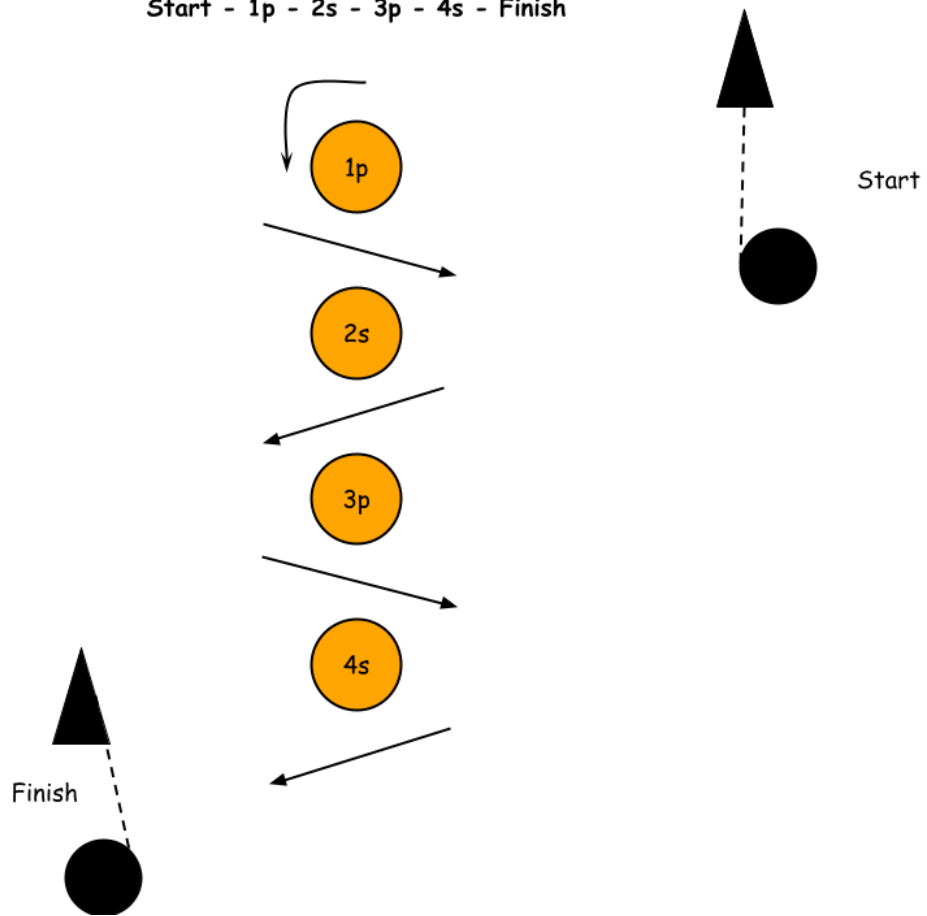


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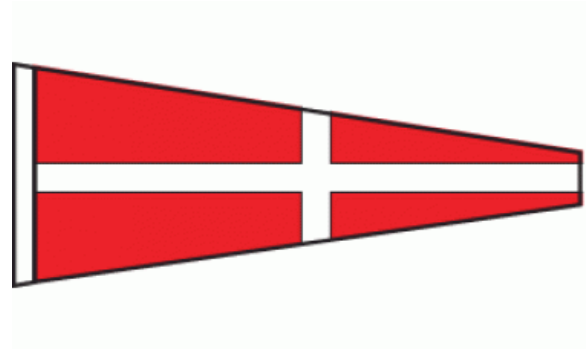
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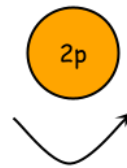
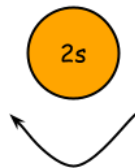
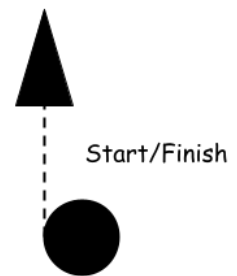
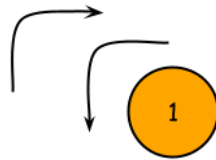
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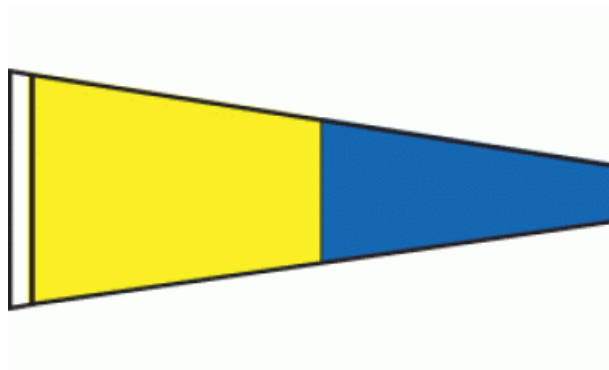


Start - 1p- 2p/2s - 1s - Finish

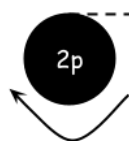
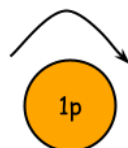
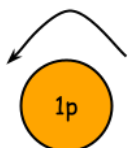


Course 5 Identified with Numeral Pennant 5

Simplified W-L



Start (Through 2p/2s) - 1p/1s - 2p/2s - 1p/1s - Finish (Through 2p/2s)



Start / Finish

