



## INTERNATIONAL C CLASS CATAMARAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2013

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

#### 1 SCHEDULE OF RACES

Day	Times	Programme
Saturday 21 September	09:00-17:00	Registration and final Measurement
Sunday 22 September	Warning signal 11:00	Fleet racing 3 races
Monday 23 September	Warning signal 11:00	Fleet racing 3 races
Tuesday 24 September	Warning signal 11:00	Fleet racing 3 races
Wednesday 25 September		Lay day For eventualities
Thursday 26 September	Warning signal 11:00 Match racing umpires briefing 09:00 Attention signal 15 minutes after completion of Petit fleet races	Petit fleet 2 races  2 Match races
Friday 27 September	Warning signal 11:00 Attention signal 15 minutes after completion of Petit fleet races	Petit fleet 2 races  2 Match races
Saturday 28 September	Warning signal 11:00 Attention signal 15 minutes after completion of Petit fleet race	Petit fleet - Bay race  3 Match races

**1.2** When two races or more are scheduled for a day, the Warning Signal for the subsequent races will be made as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous race. To alert boats that another race will begin shortly, the Postponement Signal will be displayed for at least 4 minutes before a Warning Signal is displayed.

**1.3** In the event that races are postponed or abandoned for whatever reason, requiring them to be sailed later than scheduled as defined in NOR clause 5 and these Instructions, then the Race Committee shall post an amendment to the Sailing Instructions before 20.00 in the evening prior to the sailing of such race(s).

**1.4** On the final day of the Championships no Warning Signal for Fleet Races will be made after 14.00.

#### **1.5 Match Racing delays**

**1.5.1** Delay of start of any Match Race due to a boat being disabled or serious injury to crew:

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- a) A boat may request a delay in the starting time of any match race by displaying a green flag before the attention signal to indicate damage to the boat, including the wing, or serious injury to her crew.
- b) The Umpires shall make the decision whether or not to grant a delay:
  - b i) If approved, the Race Committee shall announce a new time for the next attention signal.
  - b ii) If not approved, the Race Committee shall commence the next race at the scheduled time. The other boat shall sail the course and finish within the time limit in order to be awarded the point for the match.
- c) If a delay is approved and the disabled boat cannot repair her damage in the extra time prior to the rescheduled attention signal, she may request additional time to repair her damage by following the procedure in 1.5(a). The Umpires and Race Committee shall follow the procedure in 1.5(b).
- d) A representative of the damaged boat shall immediately report to the Race Committee when the reason for the delay is resolved.
- e) No race will be postponed or abandoned due to a request by a boat for a delay for damage or injury to a crew made at or after the attention signal.

**1.5.2 Match Racing – Disabled boat, extended time for repairs:**

- a) If either boat is disabled and needs extended time for repairs, including damage to a wing, such boat may apply to the Umpires for time to effect repairs. Applications shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity after becoming aware of the damage and before the attention signal is displayed for the next race. The Umpires shall decide whether to refer such application to a hearing.
- b) If the umpires so decide, they shall hold a hearing at which both boats are represented. If the Umpires are satisfied that the damage is such that the boat cannot continue to race competitively, they may, in their sole discretion, allow such time to make repairs as they consider reasonable, but such time period shall not extend beyond 1100 on the following day. The Umpires may only exceed this allowed time due to extenuating circumstances and after determining that it would be reasonable in all respects to allow such an extension.
- c) If the damage resulted from a breach of a rule of Part 2 and the Protest Committee is satisfied that repairs cannot be made within the allotted time, and:
  - c i) the Protest Committee determines that only one boat is at fault with respect to the damage, then the other boat shall be declared the winner of the Match Race Series; or,
  - c ii) the Protest Committee determines that neither boat is at fault or both of the boats are at fault with respect to the damage, then the boat with the highest score in the Match Race Series, including the race in question if points were awarded, shall be declared the winner of the Match Race Series. If both boats are tied, the boat that won the Fleet Racing Series shall be declared the winner of the Match Race Series.

**1.6** In a flight of the match race series, the boat with the lower score in the Fleet Racing Series will choose the initial starting entry side. Teams will alternate ends for each subsequent race.

**2 CLASS FLAG**

For fleet racing the Class flag will be:- **M**  
 For match racing the Attention signal will be :- **F**

**3 RACE AREA**

The course areas are defined in Appendix B of the Sailing Instructions and are:- 3 for Falmouth Bay, 1 and 2 for Carrick Roads.

The Race Officer will inform the Beachmaster of the anticipated start time of the first race and the warning signal will be made not less than 45 minutes later.

**4 THE START**

**4.1** A boat attempting to start later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored 'Did Not Start'. This changes rule A4.

**4.2** The starting line will be between the mast displaying an orange flag on the Committee boat at the starboard end and a mast displaying an orange flag on a boat at the port end.

**5 COURSE**

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**5.1 Fleet Race.** The course will be:- Start, 1, 2, Gate, 1, 2, Gate, 1, 2, Finish. The gate will be formed by the start line. Leave the Pin boat to Starboard or the Committee boat to Port on rounds 1 and 2.

**5.2 Match Race.** The course will be 3 windward/leeward rounds (marks 1 and 3) then sail to the finish line from the direction of mark 1. All marks to be passed to Starboard. The race duration will be approximately 30 minutes.

**5.3** The marks for the Fleet and Match racing are detailed in Appendix A.

**5.4 Bay Race** course will be set in Falmouth Bay and Carrick Roads. The sailing instructions will be issued by Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September.

**5.5** All marks are to be passed to port.

**5.6 Zone.** The area around a *mark* within a distance of 5 hull lengths of the boat nearer to it. A boat is in the *zone* when any part of her hull is in the *zone*. This alters RRS Definitions.

## **6 THE FINISH**

**6.1** All finishes will be between the Committee boat and the Pin boat; the reverse of the start.

**6.2 Fleet Race.** Finish downwind from the direction of Mark 1.

**6.3 Match Race.** Finish downwind from the direction of Mark 1 ignoring Mark 3 on the last downwind leg.

**6.4** Boats that have finished shall keep clear of the finishing line.

## **7 TIME LIMIT**

The time limit for the first boat to finish in all races will be 1 hour. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes of a boat finishing within the time limit, will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

## **8 PENALTY SYSTEM**

The penalty taken shall be one turn comprising one tack and one gybe. This changes RRS Rule 44.

## **9 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

Substitution of crew or equipment is not allowed without permission from the Race Committee.

## **10 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

**10.1** As a courtesy to the race committee, competitors shall sail past the committee boat before the start so that their presence on the course may be noted.

### **10.2 Retirements**

A boat retiring from a race shall notify the race committee boat or a patrol boat as soon as possible.

### **10.3 Lifejackets**

Competitors shall wear life-jackets or other adequate personal buoyancy at all times while afloat. Wet suits and dry suits are not adequate personal buoyancy. Flag Y will not be displayed. This changes Rule 40.1 and the Preamble to Part 4 Rules.

### **10.4 Commercial shipping**

Commercial vessels constricted by their draft or size form moving exclusion zones which competitors are to treat as obstructions. The exclusion zone extends to 100m on all sides of the vessel and includes tugs and pilot boats. No competitor is to enter the exclusion zone and if becalmed is to use their engine or other means of propulsion to move out of the way. This should only be sufficient to move out of the exclusion zone by the shortest distance and the boat should gain no significant advantage in the race as a result. This changes RRS 42.

Competitors who interfere with commercial shipping bring the sport into disrepute and risk the Race Committee acting in accordance with RRS 60.2(c) and reporting the incident to the Protest Committee for action under RRS 69. A complaint by the Harbour Authority will automatically initiate such a report.

### **10.5 Assistance to boats in difficulty**

RSC confirms that no claim for salvage will be lodged by vessels employed by RSC. Craft in difficulty should avail themselves of assistance immediately it is offered.

### **10.6 Divers**

A 25m zone round a dive boat flying code flag A, an inflatable orange pillar marking a diver below the surface, or a diver on the surface shall be observed as obstructions. A vessel shall not enter the 25m zone.

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## 11 OFFICIAL BOATS

Vessels employed by RSC will fly flag **R**.

## 12 SUPPORT BOATS

**For Safety, one support boat may follow their team at a safe distance during fleet racing. However any competitor may protest a support boat in the normal way if they consider they have been materially prejudiced. During the match racing support boats will be controlled by the umpires. This alters RRS 60 in places.**

All other Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

## 13 RADIO COMMUNICATION

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

### Appendix A

#### MARKS

- 1 Yellow Cone
- 2 Red/Orange buoy
- 3 Red Pyramid

Start outer distance mark Mast on boat with orange flag

Gate Formed by the Pin end boat and the Committee boat.

### Appendix B Location of Racing Areas

