

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

WildCat Regatta
Nov 4-5, 2017

Hosted by Lake Eustis Sailing Club

1. **Rules**

The Regatta will be governed by the current *Racing Rules of Sailing*, the Championship Conditions and the individual competitors' Class Rules, except as any of these are changed by the Sailing Instructions.
2. **Eligibility and Entry**
 - 2.1 The WildCat Regatta is open to all single or multi-crew catamarans under 22.5 feet in length with a current US SAILING Portsmouth number.
3. **Notices to Competitors**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, the location of which will be announced at the Competitors' Meeting.
4. **Changes in Sailing Instructions**

Any change in the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 1000 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.
5. **Signals Made Ashore**
 - 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the LESC club house adjacent to the dock area.
 - 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in Race Signal AP.
6. **Schedule of Races**
 - 6.1 **Saturday, 4 Nov 2017**

0900 – 1030 Check-in and registration
1100 Skippers Meeting on the lawn outside the clubhouse
1200 1st Warning, other races follow

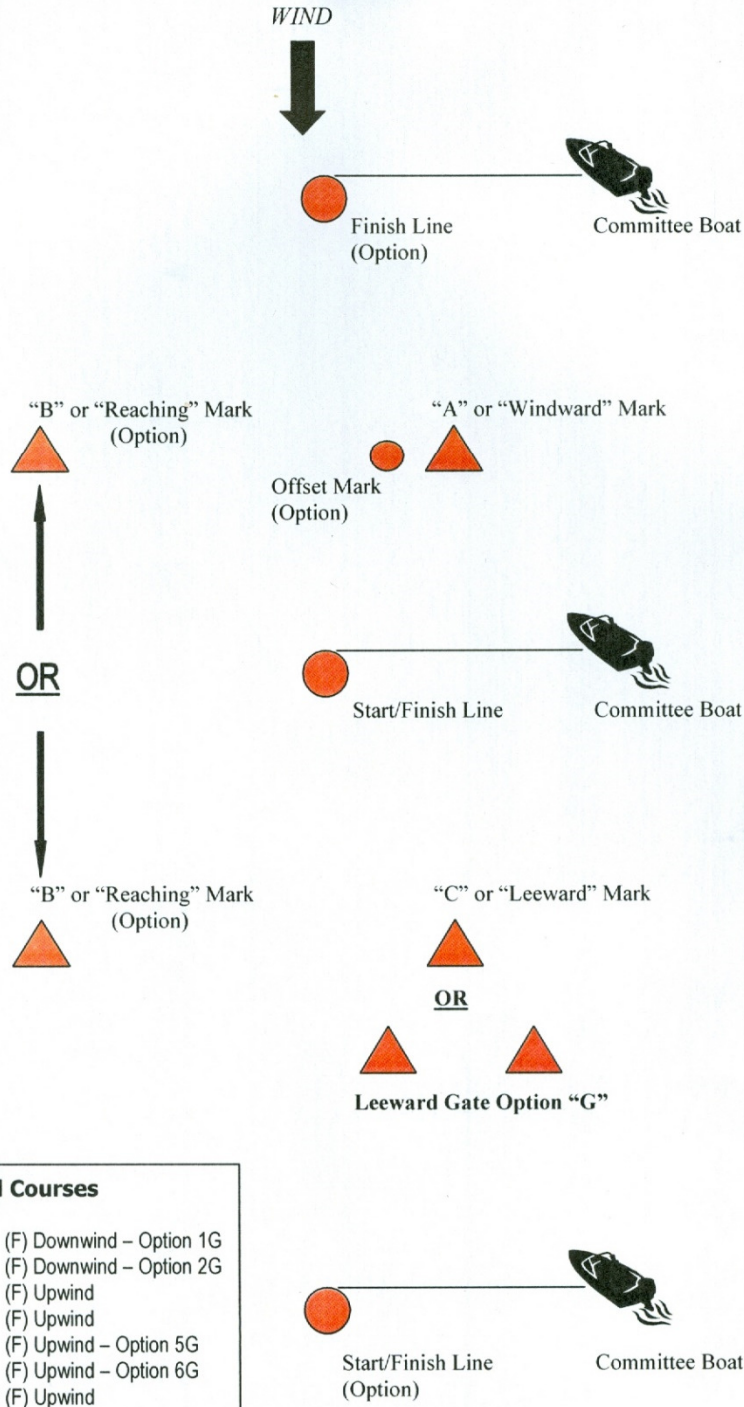
Sunday, 5 Nov 2017
1000 1st Warning, other races follow.
No races to be started after 1300
 - 6.2 The Principal Race Officer is the sole person responsible for determining when races will be started or abandoned. Decisions of the PRO in this regard are not subject to redress. This changes some Class Rules regarding wind strength limits.
7. **Racing Area**

The racing area will be off LESC beach.
8. **Courses**

The diagram in Attachment A shows the courses.
9. **Course Marks**
 - 9.1 Marks A (the weather mark), B (the reach mark), C (the leeward mark), and G (the leeward gate marks) will be described at the skippers meeting. An optional offset mark may be used and will be described at the skippers meeting.
 - 9.2 New marks, as provided in instruction 11, will be described at the skippers meeting.
10. **The Start**
 - 10.1 The class flags will be described at the skippers meeting.

- 10.2 The starting line will be between the staff from which an orange flag is displayed on the RC signal boat and the course side of the starting mark, which will be an orange sphere.
- 10.3 No later than the preparatory signal, the race committee shall signal or otherwise designate the course to be sailed. This changes rule 27.1
- 11. Change of the Position of the Next Mark**
- 11.1 To change the position of the next mark, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. The change will be signaled with the Code “C” flag and a sound signal before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position. Neither a compass heading, red or green flag, or a “+” or “-” display will be made, and the lack of these signals in addition to the Code “C” flag will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 33. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated without further signaling to maintain the course configuration. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 11.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signaling the change of course and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes rule 28.1.
- 12. The Finish**
- 12.1 The finishing line will be between the staff from which an orange flag is displayed on a RC boat and the course side edge of the finishing mark, which will be described at the skippers meeting
- 12.2 When the course is shortened at a gate, a race committee boat near the gate will display flag S and boats shall finish by sailing through the gate from the direction of the previous mark. The finishing line will be between the course sides of the gate marks. This changes Race Signals S.
- 13. Time Limit**
- Boats failing to finish within 45 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored “Did Not Finish” without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4.1 and A5
- 14. Retirement**
- A boat that retires from a race is asked to notify a race committee boat before leaving the race area. If that is impossible, then immediately after arriving ashore, the competitor shall notify a regatta representative.
- 15. Protests**
- 15.1 Protest forms will be available on the Official Notice Board. Protest shall be delivered to the protest committee within the protest time limit.
- 15.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the race committee and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.
- 15.3 Hearings will be held in a location to be announced within 15 minutes of the protest time limit.
- 15.4 The protest committee will hear protests in approximately the order received.
- 15.5 Notices will be posted within 15 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. This posting will constitute the notice required by rules 61.1(b) and 63.2.
- 16. Penalty System**
- 16.1 Rule 44.2 is changed so that the two-turn penalty is replaced by one turn consisting of one tack and one gybe.
- 16.2 Boats that are protested and have exonerated themselves by taking the alternative penalty in SI 16.1 shall affirm that on the Official Notice Board within the protest time limit.
- 17. Scoring**
- RRS A2 is changed such that if for four (4) or fewer races completed no scores will be excluded. If five (5) or more races are completed one score will be excluded.
- 18. Attachments:**
- Attachment A – Course Diagram

Attachment A - Course Diagram



US SAILING Multihull Courses		
Course		
1	(S) A-C-A	(F) Downwind – Option 1G
2	(S) A-C-A-C-A	(F) Downwind – Option 2G
3	(S) A-C-A-B-C	(F) Upwind
4	(S) A-B-C-A-C	(F) Upwind
5	(S) A-C	(F) Upwind – Option 5G
6	(S) A-C-A-C	(F) Upwind – Option 6G
7	(S) A-C-A-B-C-A-C	(F) Upwind

All Marks left to Port except Gates. Gates may be exited in either direction.