



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Weta Class North America (WCNA) National Championship October 23-25, 2026

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

[NP] denotes that a breach of this *rule* will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and WCNA Class Rules.
- 1.2. If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 1.3. [DP] Each competitor shall wear a life jacket that is 100% dependent on foam for flotation and the appropriate size for the sailor, at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while adding and removing clothing. This modifies RRS 40.1.

2. COMMUNICATION

- 2.1. The Official Notice Board (ONB) is located at: <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/Yz9kEB5Ffu>
- 2.2. There will be no paper copies of the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions.
- 2.3. The RC will utilize VHF radio communication with competitors. The channel will be 69 and the safety channel will be 72.[NP] Competitors are permitted to use VHF radios while racing for the sole purpose of monitoring the Race Committee and emergency needs. A boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that are not available to all boats, this includes any type of VHF, cellular phone and GPS capable device.
- 2.4. WhatsApp will be used to communicate courtesy notifications related to the regatta. These will not be official changes to the NOR or SI.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change to the Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be posted two hours before the first warning signal on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT [DP]

- 4.1. Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials and the organizing authority.
- 4.2. Boats shall display advertising supplied by the organizing authority if any.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the official flagpole located on the USSCMC Dock.
- 5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes.' This changes RRS 25.2 and Race Signals.



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6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Eleven (11) races are scheduled to be sailed with no more than four (4) races per day.

Thursday, October 22nd

1500-1700 Regatta Check-in at Registration desk

Friday, October 23rd

0900 Regatta Check-in at Registration desk

0930 Competitor's Meeting

1100 First Warning

1700 Dinner

Saturday, October 24th

1000 First Warning

1700 Dinner

Sunday, October 25th

1000 First Warning

1400 No Warning after this time

1600 Awards (may be earlier if racing completes)

7. CLASS FLAG

7.1. The Weta Class flags will be the Warning signal for each Division.

7.1.1. Single-Handed Division – Class Flag with One "W" logo.

7.1.2. Double-Handed Division – Class Flag with Two "W" logos.



8. RACING AREA

8.1. Attachment 1 shows the location of the Racing Area.

9. COURSES

9.1. The diagram in Attachment 2 shows the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. [This should be changed to be courses L or LA from Appendix S of current RRS.](#)

9.2. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel may announce on VHF Channel 69 and shall display a placard indicating the course designation, approximate compass bearing, and distance of the first leg. The absence of the VHF notification, will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a).



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- 9.3. Courses can only be shortened after the completion of the third leg. This changes RRS 32.1.
 - 9.4. If a gate mark (2s or 2p) is missing, the remaining mark shall be left to port.
10. MARKS
- 10.1. Starting and Finishing Marks:
 - 10.2. 1 and 1a - Orange Inflation tetrahedron
 - 10.3. 2s and 2p - Orange Inflatable tetrahedron
 - 10.4. New Marks - Yellow Inflatable Tetrahedron
11. THE START
- 11.1. Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.
 - 11.2. The start line will be between staffs displaying Orange Flags on the Signal vessel and the Pin Vessel or yellow mark.
 - 11.3. To alert boats that a race will begin soon, orange line flags will be displayed with one sound at least five (5) minutes before a warning signal is displayed.
 - 11.4. As a courtesy, the race committee may display a board at the rear of the signal vessel showing the sail number of the OCS/UFD/BFD boat/s. Any improper action or omission associated with this display board is not subject to redress. This changes RRS 61.1 (a).
 - 11.5. A boat that does not meet the definition of start within four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes A5.1 and A5.2.
12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE
- 12.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will set a new Change Mark and remove the Original Mark as soon as practicable. When a subsequent change is made, the Change Mark will be replaced by an Original Mark.
 - 12.2. The Race Committee may make minor adjustments by moving the marks to new locations (up to 10 degrees and 0.1 NM in length) to the course during a race without signaling a course change. This changes RRS 33. One or the other gate mark may be moved without signal to support the course configuration.
 - 12.3. When Mark 1 has been changed, Mark 1a is no longer a Mark of the course. Mark 1a will be removed as soon as possible. This changes RRS 33.
13. FINISH
- 13.1. The Finish line is between a staff displaying a Blue Flag on the Signal Boat vessel and nearby pin vessel or an orange mark.
14. TIME LIMITS
- 14.1. The time limits and target times are as follows:
 - 14.1.1. Mark 1 Time Limit - 40 minutes
 - 14.1.2. Race Time Limit - 75 minutes
 - 14.1.3. Target Time Limit - 45 minutes
 - 14.1.4. Finishing Window - 15 minutes



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- 14.2. If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.1 (a).
- 14.3. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.
15. **PROTESTS, HEARING REQUESTS, and SCORING INQUIRIES**
 - 15.1. Protest/request for redress/scoring inquiry forms are available from the jury secretary on the second floor of the USSCMC building.
 - 15.2. Protestors shall use their sail numbers as identification on the protest form.
 - 15.3. The protest/request for a redress time limit is 45 minutes after the signal boat docks. The time when the signal boat docks will be posted on the official notice board.
 - 15.4. No later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit, notices will be posted 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 second floor of the USSCMC building as soon as possible. It is each boat's sole responsibility to check the official notice board to see if she is cited in a protest. Representatives of boats who are parties to hearings and their witnesses shall remain on call until excused by the Protest Committee.
 - 15.5. Scoring inquiries, including potential redress requests relating to a starting penalty, should be initiated by filling out the Scoring Inquiry form located at the USSCMC Office and handing to the jury secretary on second floor.
 - 15.6. Questions about the status of scoring inquiries can be requested at the USSCMC Office. If a request for redress is based on the outcome of a scoring inquiry, then the redress time limit will have been satisfied if the Scoring Inquiry form was submitted before the redress time limit expired.
 - 15.7. Protests and requests for redress unrelated to a starting penalty should be initiated by submitting the Protest Form to the USSCMC Office. Notices of protests by the Race Committee, Technical Committee or Protest Committee will be posted on the Official Notice Board to inform boats under RRS 60.2.a.2.
16. **PENALTY AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT**
 - 16.1. The Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. This modifies RRS 44.1.
17. **SCORING**
 - 17.1. The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A, will apply as modified below.
 - 17.2. Three (3) completed races are required to constitute a regatta.
 - 17.3. A maximum of eleven (11) races are scheduled.
 - 17.4. When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her scores.
 - 17.5. When six (6) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst race. This modifies RRS Appendix A2.1
18. **[SP][NP][DP] SAFETY REGULATIONS**
 - 18.1. [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee or safety vessel at the first reasonable opportunity.
19. **[DP] EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECK**



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- 19.1. At the discretion of the WCNA, race committee, or the Jury, boats may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules, the Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions.
- 19.2. Each boat must carry a tow line that is at least 25 feet. This cannot be the main sheet or halyard that is being used to sail your boat.

20. [DP] SUPPORT TEAMS
 - 20.1. Support personnel are required to have a Guest/Coach/Support Personnel Event Pass purchased that includes access to the events and the dinners on site.
 - 20.2. Coaches/Support personnel that will be on the water are required to register with USSMC during Registration, receive a flag, and sign a credit card authorization. The vessel will be charged \$50 USD if the flag is not returned at the end of the regatta. No coach/support vessel will be allowed on the course without a flag.
 - 20.3. Support vessels shall stay outside the racing area 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. The racing area is defined as no less than 100 meters from any boats that are racing and 100 meters outside the lay-lines from the marks defining the course.
 - 20.4. Support vessels shall remain 100 meters below the starting line between the preparatory and starting signals. No support vessels will be allowed on either extension of the start line.
 - 20.5. After the starting signal, support vessels may only proceed to the windward mark up the port side of the course and must return to the leeward mark via the same side. No support vessels will be allowed on the starboard side of the racecourse.
 - 20.6. At the finish line, support vessels must remain 100 meters to starboard of the finish line. No support vessels will be allowed above the finish line.
 - 20.7. No competitors shall be towed to or from the racecourse by support or any vessel. All competitors must sail to the racecourse on their own. Towing is allowed only in the case of an emergency or when approved by the PRO.
 - 20.8. If a support vessel or support person does not comply with applicable rules, restrictions and/or instructions, a discretionary penalty may be applied by the Jury to the support person or some or all associated competitors and may include from a warning up to removing all privileges. This changes RRS 62.4.
 - 20.9. Support vessels may be required to assist in the event of an emergency when requested or when the race committee displays code flag V with one sound in accordance with RRS 37.
 - 20.10. All boats associated with the infringing support vessel may be penalized at the discretion of the jury for the race on which the support personnel failed to comply with the Notice of Race and/or with the Sailing Instructions. [DP] This changes RRS 62.4.

21. [NP][DP] TRASH DISPOSAL
 - 21.1. Trash may be placed aboard official or support person vessels but not when the official vessel is engaged in a start or finish.

22. BERTHING
 - 22.1. [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places during the event.



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23. **PRIZES**

23.1. Prizes will be given as per the NOR.

24. **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

24.1. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors and support persons are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The Race Organizers (Organizing Authority, Race Committee, International Jury, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the Race Organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent of the law.

25. **RIGHT TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS**

25.1. In participating in this championship, a competitor automatically grants to the Organizing Authority, the WCNA and the sponsors of the championship the right in perpetuity to make, use and show at their discretion any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him or her during the championship, and all of his or her material related to the championship, without compensation.



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ATTACHMENT 1: RACING AREA



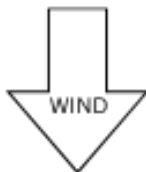


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COURSE



DESCRIPTION

WINDWARD/LEEWARD OFFSET
MARK 1A WITH HOLLYWOOD
FINISH AT THE SIGNAL BOAT

POSSIBLE COURSES

LRA 2

START - 1 -1a -2s/2p-1-1a-2p-Finish

LRA 3

START - 1 -1a -2s/2p-1-1a-2s/2p-1-1a-2p-Finish