



# US Open Sailing Series - Clearwater

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## EVENT RULES



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## Event Rules Document Standards

All times are US Eastern Standard Time.

All fees are US dollars (\$) and include all applicable Florida sales taxes.

## Useful Links

Series Website:

<https://raceoffice.usopen.ussailing.org/en/default/races>

Panam Sailing Website:

<https://panamsailing.org/>

Regatta Website (Entry/Registration):

<https://raceoffice.usopen.ussailing.org/en/default/races/race/text/2023-us-open-sailing-series-clearwater-en>

Competitor Access:

Competitors have been provided SailTi login credentials within their registration acknowledgement. No later than Check In each competitor shall establish their account. There they will have access to:

- Official Notice Board,
- Scoring Inquiry,
- Protest/Redress,
- and much more.



Regatta Website



Series Website

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### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The events will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The Event Rules (ER) which integrate the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions into a single document are compliant with RRS 89.2(a) and RRS 90.2(a).
- 1.3 The only US Sailing prescriptions that apply are RRS 60.3, RRS 61.4, RRS 67, and RRS 76.1. Addendum C contains these specific prescriptions and associated hyperlinks.
- 1.4 In RRS 44.2 insert after the first sentence: "However, if Mark 1a is set, a boat may delay taking a penalty for an incident in the zone around Mark 1 or on the leg between Mark 1 and Mark 1a, until she has passed Mark 1a."
- 1.5 For all events Appendix T applies.
- 1.6 For the windsurfing events RRS Appendix B applies.
  - 1.6.1 RRS B.A8 and B.5.61.1 are deleted.
  - 1.6.2 Add new RRS rule 27.4 as follows:

The race committee may signal that boards shall sail on a specific tack during the 10 seconds before and 10 seconds after the starting signal is made, by displaying a green flag for starboard tack or a red flag for port tack, before or with the warning signal.
  - 1.6.3 Add new RRS 29.3 as follows: When, at the warning signal, the course to the first mark is approximately ninety degrees from the true wind then,
    - (a) When at the starting signal the race committee identifies a board on the course side of the starting line, the race committee shall signal a general recall.
- 1.7 For the kite events RRS Appendix F applies.
- 1.8 RRS Appendix G3, CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS, will apply.
- 1.9 In all rules governing this event, the following notations shall apply:
  - 1.9.1 Both 'athlete' and 'competitor' mean a person competing or intending to compete in the event.
  - 1.9.2 The term 'support team' means coaches, team leaders, and other support personnel.
  - 1.9.3 [DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the International Jury;
  - 1.9.4 [SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing or a discretionary penalty applied by the International Jury with a hearing; and
  - 1.9.5 [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

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- 1.10 For Dinghy and Skiff Events, RRS Appendix P applies as changed by instruction ER 24.1.
- 1.11 [DP] The penalty for a breach of the class rules and RRS 50.1(b) may, at the discretion of the International Jury, be less than a disqualification.
- 1.12 [NP] The infringement of RRS Appendix G, IDENTIFICATION ON SAILS, shall not be grounds for protests by a boat.
- 1.13 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

## 2 CHANGES TO EVENT RULES

- 2.1 Any change to the Event Rules prior to the closing of registration will be a complete replacement of the revised document.
- 2.2 Any change to Event Rules after the closing of registration 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. These changes will be limited to the change(s) only.

## 3 COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the online Official Notice Board (ONB) (see page 2 Useful Links).
- 3.2 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication except when using equipment provided by the Race Committee or Organizing Authority.

## 4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The regatta is opened to the following events:

Event	Class
Men's Dinghy	ILCA 7
Women's Dinghy	ILCA 6
Men's Windsurfing	iQFoil
Women's Windsurfing	iQFoil
Boys' U19 Windsurfing	iQFoil
Girls' U19 Windsurfing	iQFoil
Men's Kite	Formula Kite (Foiling)
Women's Kite	Formula Kite (Foiling)
Men's Skiff	49er
Women's Skiff	49er FX
Mixed Multihull	Nacra 17

- 4.2 2023 Pan American Games Qualifier requirements:
  - 4.2.1 Athletes from a minimum of three countries must compete in the relevant event at a Qualifying Regatta for it to be considered valid.

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- 4.2.2 For purposes of country qualification for the Sailing - 2023 Pan American Games, Santiago, Chile (Qualifying System), shall apply (see Panam Sailing website hyperlink on page 2, Useful Links).
- 4.2.3 All events designated as qualifiers for the Pan American Games shall conform with the formats specified for those events in the Section of Maximum Quota Per Event of the Qualifying System.
- 4.2.4 Competitors intending to qualify a country in a SANTIAGO 2023 event designated as MIXED in the Section of Maximum Quota Per Event will be required to compete as MIXED in the Qualifying Event.
- 4.2.5 A competitor may qualify a country for the 2023 Pan American Games only when eligible to represent that country under IOC and Panam Sports and World Sailing rules and shall provide their valid World Sailing ID number to the organizer.
- 4.2.6 Class Rules requiring competitors to be members of the relevant Class Associations shall apply. Membership must be completed prior to arrival and be available for verification at check-in.
- 4.2.7 A competitor intending to qualify for Santiago 2023 must use only Santiago 2023 approved equipment.
- 4.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the electronic online form (see page 2 Useful Links).
- 4.4 To be considered an entry in an event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.5 The Organizing Authority may cancel an event (see ER 4.1) from racing if a minimum of (2) entries have not been received before January 1, 2023. Competitors of cancelled events will be notified of any cancellation by email and posting on the event website. The entry fees for cancelled classes will be refunded.

## 5 FEES

- 5.1 Entry fee will be **\$500**.
  - 5.1.1 Entries received before midnight December 31, 2022, receive a discounted early entry fee of \$400.
  - 5.1.2 Entries must be completed no later than midnight January 27, 2023.
  - 5.1.3 Support Team vessels (including all coach vessels) must register with the Organizing Authority at Check-In and will be assigned a flag (see ER 9.1 & 9.2). There is a \$50 refundable deposit for each flag.
  - 5.1.4 Late entries will be accepted during Check-In only (see ER 8). There is an additional \$100 late processing fee for all late entries.

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### **6 [DP][NP] EVENT ADVERTISING**

- 6.1 Competitor advertising will be restricted to World Sailing Regulation 20, Advertising Code.
- 6.2 Boats shall display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2(b) applies.
- 6.3 Bibs provided by the Organizing Authority must be worn while racing.
- 6.4 The penalty for breaking ER 6.2 or 6.3 is defined in ER 24.5.

### **7 [DP][NP] MEDIA RIGHTS, CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT**

- 7.1 By participating in their event, competitors and their support persons automatically grant to the Organizing Authority and any event sponsors, the right in perpetuity to make, use, and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of them during the period of the event without compensation.
- 7.2 Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the Organizing Authority. Information from such equipment shall not be used by a boat as evidence in a hearing. This changes RRS 63.6.
- 7.3 The equipment provided, once placed on the boat as instructed by the Organizing Authority, shall not be manipulated by the competitor or the support person in any way, except when so required by the Organizing Authority.
- 7.4 Competitors and their support persons may be required for media interviews during the period of the event.

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### 8 REGATTA SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Activity
Sat -31 Dec 2022	Midnight	Early Registration Closes
Fri - 27 Jan 2023	Midnight	Registration Closes
Tue - 31 Jan 2023	0900 2000	CCSC Complimentary Berthing begins Split Fleet assignment (if applicable)
Wed -1 Feb 2023	0900-1700 0900-1800	Competitor/Coach/Support Check-In Measurement
Thu - 2 Feb <b><i>First Day of Racing</i></b>	0900 0930 After Racing	Coach Meeting CCSC Competitors Meeting CCSC Regatta Social (Beverages & Snacks)
Fri - 3 Feb 2023 <b><i>Day 2 of Racing</i></b>	0900	Coach Meeting CCSC
Sat - 4 Feb 2023 <b><i>Day 3 of Racing</i></b>	0900 After Racing	Coach Meeting CCSC Regatta Dinner
Sun - 5 Feb <b><i>Last Day of Racing</i></b>	0900 1600 After Racing	Coach Meeting CCSC no further Warning Award Ceremony
Mon - 6 Feb 2023	1800	CCSC Complimentary Berthing ends

### 9 [NP][DP] SUPPORT TEAMS

- 9.1 Support team vessels shall register at check-in with the organizing authority (see ER 5.1.3).
- 9.2 Support team vessels shall display their assigned flag when in the vicinity of any racing area.
- 9.3 Support team vessels shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals abandonment.
- 9.4 All support teams shall monitor and respond to VHF radio traffic.
- 9.5 Support team Vessels may be asked by the Race Committee to assist in special situations.
- 9.6 [SP] Support Team Vessel use of ECOS Link (aka Kill Cord).  
Individuals operating vessels less than 26 feet in length are required to use ECOS links (aka Kill Cords) except when docking, launching and loading on a trailer. Noncompliance will result in exclusion from the racing area for the day without a hearing. Flagrant and/or repeated noncompliance will result in a hearing to consider whether a support person has broken this rule under RRS 60.3(d). This changes RRS 63.1.

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### 10 BERTHING

- 10.1 Complementary berthing for boats at Clearwater Community Sailing Center (CCSC) will be available from 0900 on Tuesday, January 31st until 1800 on Wednesday, February 6. For arrivals before and/or departures after these dates, arrangements for paid storage and launching can be made directly with CCSC:

URL: <https://www.clearwatercommunitysailing.org/>  
Phone: (727) 517-7776

- 10.2 [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places at CCSC while they are in the boat park.

### 11 RISK STATEMENT

Competitors and support team participate in the series entirely at their own risk and they are reminded of the provisions of RRS 3, Decision to Race: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.'

- 11.1 By taking part in the events, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
- 11.1.1 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;
  - 11.1.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
  - 11.1.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
  - 11.1.4 By participating in any race, they are satisfied that their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
  - 11.1.5 The provision of a race management team, patrol vessels, judges and other officials and volunteers by the organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
  - 11.1.6 The provision of patrol vessel cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.



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### **12 [DP][NP] CODE OF CONDUCT**

- 12.1 Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official, which includes the Beach Master.
- 12.2 Boats that are on a Course Area or passing through a Course Area to which they are not assigned shall remain clear of the area where boats are racing and any official vessel.

### **13 LIABILITY**

- 13.1 The Organizing Authority, owners, affiliates, officers, employees, agents, committee persons and race officials acting in their official capacities do not accept liability for loss of life or property damage, or personal injury or damage caused by or arising out of the event. Competitors take part in the event at the own risk.
- 13.2 The establishment of the Event Rules in no way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibilities of a competitor being solely and entirely responsible for the management of a boat they are sailing.
- 13.3 At-fault occurrences to other boats are the responsibility of the helmsman. Competitors are not covered by any liability insurance provided by the organizing authority and should provide their own coverage for personal goods and liability protection. The organizing authority recommends that competitors consult their own insurance carriers to assure they are covered at this event and regarding additional personal liability insurance coverage.

### **14 [DP][NP] INSURANCE**

- 14.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with an adequate and valid third-party liability coverage.
- 14.2 A competitor is recommended to have personal accident and health insurance that covers them while attending the event and while racing.
- 14.3 The Organizing Authority is not responsible for verifying the status or validity of insurance coverage.

### **15 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE AND AFLOAT**

- 15.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole on the end of the North pier at Clearwater Community Sailing Center (CCSC) for all events except Kite and Windsurfing. Kite and Windsurfing signals will be displayed at the Kite Beach.
- 15.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with '45 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

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- 15.3 For Kite and Windsurfing events, when flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with '20 minutes' in Race Signals AP.
- 15.4 For the Windsurfing events, depending on which format will be sailed (Course Racing, Slalom or Marathon) the RC will display the Format flag ashore at least 30 minutes before the Warning Signal. A change of format afloat will be communicated via VHF.

### 16 FORMAT - SPLIT FLEETS

- 16.1 For Windsurfing events, the intention is to sail all three formats (Course Racing, Sprint Slalom, and Marathon) throughout their events on the basis of wind conditions and forecast and it is at the discretion of the race committee. This is not grounds for request for redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b).
- 16.2 Depending on the number of registrations, events may be split into fleets. If so, the following will apply:
- 16.3 Qualifying series:
  - 16.3.1 Boats will sail a qualifying series and will be assigned to either the yellow or blue fleet. Fleets will be as close to equal size as possible, the larger being yellow.
  - 16.3.2 Initial assignments will be made by a seeding committee appointed by the Organizing Authority and will be posted by 2000 Tuesday 31 January 2023, the day before the first day of check-in.
  - 16.3.3 Each boat shall display, while racing, a colored ribbon corresponding to the fleet to which she has been assigned. Yellow and blue ribbons will be distributed during check-in to classes that may be split and will include instructions for placement of the ribbons.
  - 16.3.4 The qualifying series will last two (2) days and consist of a minimum of five (5) races. If at the end of two days five races have not been completed by all fleets, the qualifying series will be extended for a third day.
  - 16.3.5 During the qualifying series at the end of day one, if more than one (1) race is completed, boats will be reassigned to fleets based on series scores to date. Reassignments will be made as follows: Rank in Series Fleet Assignment 1st yellow, 2nd blue, 3rd yellow, 4th blue, and so forth.
  - 16.3.6 If both fleets for a split class have not completed the same number of races, the series scores for assignments will be calculated for those races (numbered in order of completion) completed by both fleets. These assignments will be based on the ranking available at 2000 that day, regardless of protest or requests for redress not yet decided.

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### 16.4 Final series:

16.4.1 At the conclusion of the qualifying series, boats will be assigned to Gold or Silver final series fleets based on their series scores to date, including the outcome of all scoring inquiries, requests for redress and protests. The two fleets will be of as nearly equal size as possible and the Silver fleet will not be larger than the Gold fleet. In the event that one fleet has completed fewer races in the qualifying series than the other, the assignment will be calculated using those races (numbered in order of completion) completed by both fleets. Any extra race(s) completed by one fleet to that point are abandoned and will not be re-sailed.

16.4.2 If no final series races are completed a boat's overall ranking shall be her qualifying series score.

16.5 Fleet assignments will be at the discretion of the seeding committee, organizing authority and race committee, whose decision will be final and cannot be grounds for a boat to request redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

## 17 SCHEDULE OF RACES

17.1 The schedule of races will be as follows:

Schedule of Races		Men's Dinghy ILCA 7	Women's Dinghy ILCA 6	Men's Windsurfing iQFoil	Women's Windsurfing U19 Boys' Windsurfing U19 Girls' Windsurfing iQFoil	Men's Kite Formula Kite	Women's Kite Formula Kite	Men's Skiff 49er	Women's Skiff 49er FX	Mixed Multihull Nacra 17
THU 2	1st Warning	1030	1330	1100	1230	1330	1530	1100	1110	1400
	# Races	3	3	5	5	4	4	3	3	3
FRI 3	1st Warning	1330	1030	1100	1230	1330	1530	1100	1110	1400
	# Races	3	3	5	5	4	4	3	3	3
SAT 4	1st Warning	1030	1330	1100	1230	1330	1530	1100	1110	1400
	# Races	3	3	5	5	4	4	5	4	4
SUN 5	1st Warning	1330	1030	1000	1130	1230	1400	1000	1010	1400
	# Races	2	2	3	3	2	2	2	2	2

17.2 The Race Committee may sail one additional race per day, but shall not get more than one race ahead in the series.

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- 17.3 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 (2 minutes for IQFoil) before a warning signal is made.
- 17.4 On the last scheduled day of racing for each series, no warning signal will be made after 1600.
- 17.5 Maximum Number of Races:

Event	Max # Races
Men's Dinghy ILCA 7	11
Women's Dinghy ILCA 6	11
Men's Windsurfing iQFoil	18
Women's Windsurfing iQFoil	18
U19 Boys' Windsurfing iQFoil	18
U19 Girls' Windsurfing 1QFoil	18
Men's Kite Formula Kite	14
Women's Kite Formula Kite	14
Men's Skiff 49er	11
Women's Skiff 49er FX	11
Mixed Multihull Nacra 17	11

## 18 CLASS FLAGS

- 18.1 Class or fleet flags will be as follows:

Class	Class Flag
ILCA 7	White Flag with ILCA Logo
ILCA 6	Green Flag with ILCA Logo
IQFoil Men	Yellow Flag with iQFoil Logo
IQFoil Women iQFoil U19 Boys' iQFoil U19 Girls'	Pink Flag with iQFoil Logo
Formula Kite Men	White Flag with IKA Insignia
Formula Kite Women	Blue Flag with IKA Insignia
49er	White Flag with the class logo
49er FX	White Flag with the letters FX
Nacra 17	Blue Flag with Nacra 17 Logo

## 19 REGATTA VENUE AND EVENT COURSE AREA ASSIGNMENTS

- 19.1 The regatta venue will be hosted at the Clearwater Community Sailing Center, which is located at:  
1001 Gulf Boulevard, Clearwater, Florida 33767, Phone: (727) 517-7776
- 19.2 Addendum A shows the location of the race areas.

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### 19.3 Course and VHF Assignments:

Event		VHF	Course
Men's Dinghy	ILCA 7	72	C
Women's Dinghy	ILCA 6	72	C
Men's Windsurfing	iQFoil	71	E
Women's Windsurfing	iQFoil	71	E
U19 Boys' Windsurfing	iQFoil	71	E
U19 Girls' Windsurfing	iQFoil	71	E
Men's Kite	Formula Kite	71	E
Women's Kite	Formula Kite	71	E
Men's Skiff	49er	68	B
Women's Skiff	49er FX	68	B
Mixed Multihull	Nacra 17	68	B

19.4 Any changes to course assignments will be posted on the Official Notice Board each day. VHF channel assignments will not change for each event.

## 20 COURSES AND MARKS

20.1 Addendum B shows the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

20.2 Mark colors and physical appearance will be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than 2000 on the day before they take effect.

20.2.1 A Start and/or Finish mark may be substituted for the Pin end vessel.

20.3 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will:

- (a) lay a new mark,
- (b) move the finishing line, or
- (c) move the leeward gate.

When a new mark is laid, the original mark will be removed as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

20.4 The race committee may, without signal, move a mark to change the direction up to 10 degrees or the length up to 10% of the previous length, provided that no boat is sailing to the mark.

20.5 If a gate mark is missing, the remaining mark shall be rounded to port.

## 21 THE START

21.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and either

- (a) the course side of the port-end starting mark, or
- (b) a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee pin end vessel.

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21.2 [DP][NP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races and shall stay 50 meters away from boats that are starting or maneuvering around the starting area to prepare for the start.

21.2.1 For Windsurfing and Kite events ER 21.2 is changed to from 50 meters to 150 meters.

### 21.3 Starting Races

21.3.1 Men's Windsurfing - iQFoil, Women's Windsurfing - iQFoil, U19 Boys' Windsurfing - iQFoil, U19 Girls' Windsurfing-iQFoil, Men's Kite - Formula Kite, and Women's Kite - Formula Kite events only, races shall be started by using the following signals. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

Minutes before Starting Signal	Visual Signal	Sound Signal	Means
3	Class Flag up	one	Warning
2	Preparatory Flag up	one	Preparatory
1	Preparatory Flag down	one long	One Minute
0	Class Flag down	one	Start

21.3.1.1 A windsurfer that does not start within 3 minutes (1 minute for reaching starts), or a kiteboarder that does not start within 1 minute after their starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

21.3.2 Races will be started using RRS 26 for the Men's Dinghy (ILCA 7), Women's Dinghy (ILCA 6), Men's Skiff (49er), Women's Skiff (49erFX), and Mixed Multihull (Nacra 17) classes.

21.3.2.1 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

## 22 THE FINISH

22.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and either

- (a) the course side of the port-end finishing mark, or
- (b) a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee pin end vessel.

22.2 [DP] When boats are finishing, boats that have finished shall avoid the finishing area, keeping well clear of all boats racing, and shall not interfere with a boat that has not finished.

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### 23 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

23.1 The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), the Finishing Window and the race target times, in minutes, are shown in the table below:

Event class	Target Time	Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
Men's Dinghy ILCA 7	45-50	20	90	20
Women's Dinghy ILCA 6	45-50	20	90	20
Men's Windsurfing IQFoil	CR: 15 Slalom: 3 Marathon:60	N/A	CR: 25 Slalom: 6 Marathon:100	10
Women's Windsurfing U19 Boys' Windsurfing U19 Girls' Windsurfing IQFoil	CR: 15 Slalom: 3 Marathon:60	N/A	CR: 25 Slalom: 6 Marathon:100	CR: 10 Slalom: 2 Marathon:30
Men's Kite Formula Kite	12	6	24	6
Women's Kite Formula Kite	12	6	24	6
Men's Skiff 49er	30	20	50	15
Women's Skiff 49er FX	30	20	50	15
Mixed Multihull Nacra 17	30	20	50	8

- 23.2 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 Time Limit the race will be abandoned.
- 23.3 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 23.4 For all events, boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window shall be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.

### 24 PENALTY SYSTEM

24.1 Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, shall apply, with RRS P2.1 to P2.4 deleted and replaced by: "When a boat is penalized under RRS P1.2, her penalty shall be a One-Turn Penalty under RRS 44.2. If she fails to take the penalty she shall be disqualified without a hearing."

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- 24.2 For the Skiff and the Mixed Multihulls events RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 24.3 An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with rule RRS 91(b).
- 24.4 The right of appeal from an International Jury decision is denied as provided in RRS 70.5(c).
- 24.5 Penalties for breaches of any rule other than rules of part 2, RRS 31 and rules that specify a penalty are at the discretion of the International Jury. Such penalties will not change the scores of other boats. The jury will follow the guidance provided by the World Sailing Jury Policy Sections C & D.
- 24.6 A boat that has been penalized with a standard penalty can neither be protested for the same incident by another boat nor can another boat request redress for this Race Committee action. This changes RRS 60.1, 63.1 and A5.

## 25 PENALTIES, AND HEARING REQUESTS

- 25.1 For each event, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat in their event has finished the last race of the day, or the Race Committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 25.2 Hearing request forms are available online (see page 2 Useful Links).
- 25.3 Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be submitted online, within the appropriate time limit. If a protest or request is not received by the system and so does not display on the pending hearing list, then it has not been delivered. This changes RRS 61.3 and 63.1.
- 25.4 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.
- 25.5 Notices of protests by the Race Committee, Technical Committee or International Jury will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 25.6 A list of boats that have been penalized under Appendix P for breaking RRS 42 will be posted.
- 25.7 Hearings will be held on the 2nd floor of the Clearwater Community Sailing Center.



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### 26 SCORING

- 26.1 Three (3) races are required to be completed for each class to constitute a series.
- 26.2 For all events except Formula Kite (26.3) and Windsurfing (26.4), when fewer than three races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores. When three or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A2.
- 26.3 For Formula Kite and Windsurfing only, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores except that when from 4 to 6 races have been completed her worst score will be excluded, when from 7 to 10 races have been completed her two worst scores will be excluded, when 11 races have been completed her three worst scores will be excluded.
- 26.4 For Windsurfing only, a race will be scored as follows:
  - 26.4.1 A Course racing race will be scored as one race in a Series.
  - 26.4.2 A Sprint Slalom Round (each Fleet or Group has sailed one Heat) will be scored as one race in a Series. When the Fleet or Group is divided into the Heats, the boards will be scored as follows: 1, 3, 5, 7, etc.
  - 26.4.3 A Marathon race will be scored as two races. When the fleet is divided in groups, a board's finishing position will be divided by the number of groups in the event and applied to each of these two races.

### 27 [DP] [NP] SAFTEY REGULATIONS

- 27.1 RRS 40.1 will apply.
- 27.2 Formula Kite, IQFoil and Nacra competitors shall wear personal flotation devices / impact vests and helmets in accordance with their class rules at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- 27.3 Boats not leaving the harbor for a scheduled race shall promptly notify the Beach Master as soon as practicable.
- 27.4 [SP] Before leaving to race on each scheduled racing day, a competitor from each boat shall personally sign out on the required form.
- 27.5 [SP] Within 30 minutes after returning ashore, but no later than the protest time limit for that event, a competitor from each boat shall personally sign in on the required form.
- 27.6 A boat that retires from racing shall notify the Race Committee before leaving the racing area, or if that is not possible, shall notify the Beach Master as soon as practicable after returning ashore but no later than the protest time limit.

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27.7 [SP] Flag AP over H displayed ashore means 'Boats shall not leave the harbor. Wait for further instructions.' This adds to Race Signals 'AP over H'.

### **28 [DP][NP] REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

28.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed.

28.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved in writing by the Technical Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Technical Committee at the first reasonable opportunity by submitting a question to the Technical Committee online via the event website (see page 2 Useful Links).

28.3 Repairs or replacements may be made on the water before or between races provided that the Race Committee afloat is notified, and approval granted by the committee before the next race. After the end of the day's racing, the substitution is still subject to the approval of the Technical Committee given retrospectively.

### **29 [DP][NP] EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

29.1 Each boat shall complete an online Equipment Registration Form and submit it before the close of registration. An additional analogue registration system may be used.

29.2 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, and/or the event rules.

29.3 When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

29.4 In the windsurfing and kite events, only registered equipment shall be used.

### **30 OFFICIAL VESSELS**

30.1 Official vessels will be identified as follows:

30.1.1 Race committee vessels, including mark boats, will display a blue RC flag.

30.1.2 Judges, Race committee support vessels, patrol vessels, Press, and VIP vessels will display blue flag with white lettering.

30.2 Actions by official vessels, drones or helicopters shall not be grounds for requesting redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(b).

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### 31 [NP][DP] TRASH DISPOSAL

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

### 32 PRIZES

32.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 boats in each class.

32.2 Additional prizes may be given at the discretion of the OA.

### 33 FURTHER INFORMATION

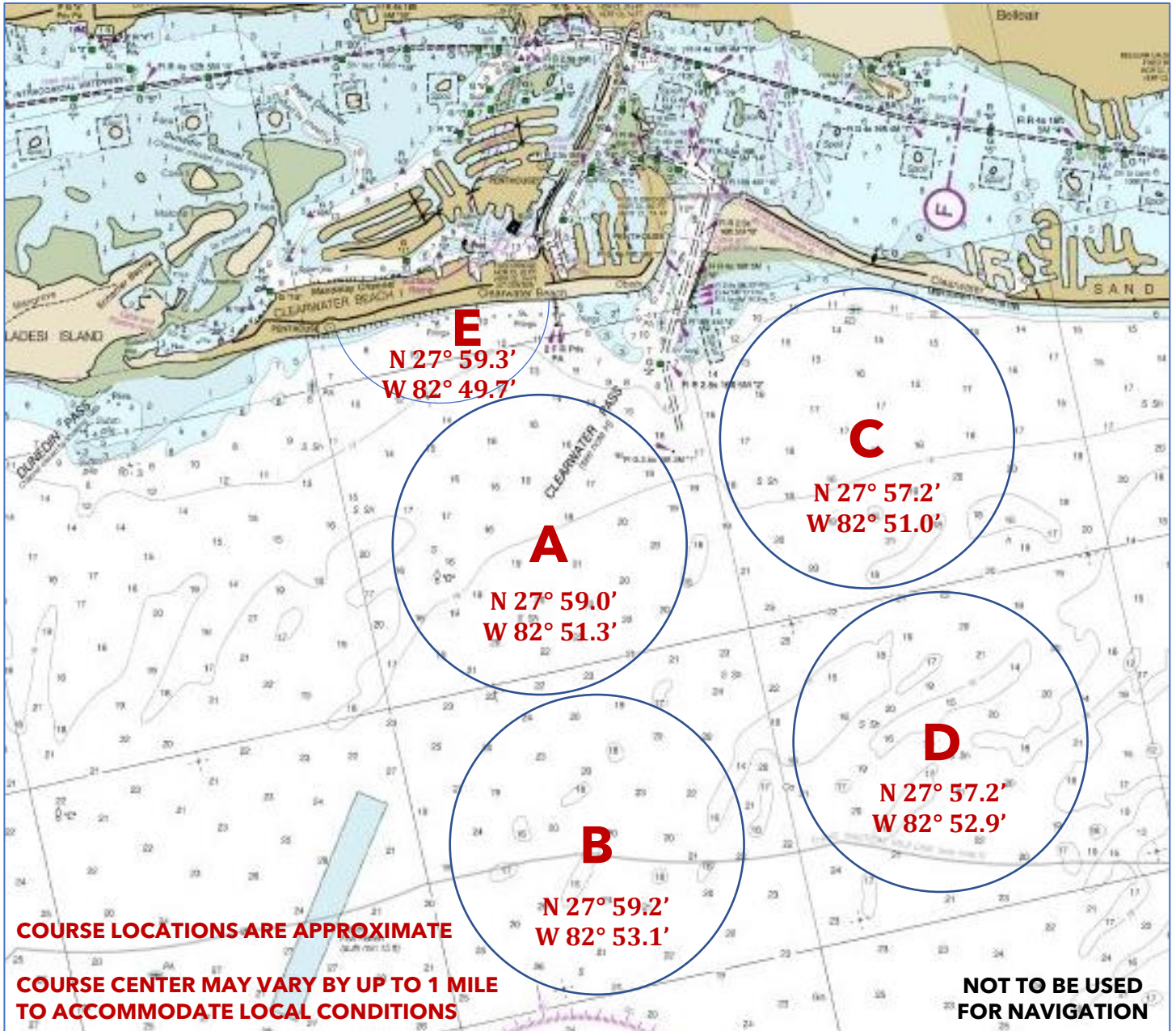
33.1 For further information please contact Fairlie Brinkley.

Phone: +1 (727) 512-3264

Email: [usopenclearwater@fairliebrinkley.com](mailto:usopenclearwater@fairliebrinkley.com)

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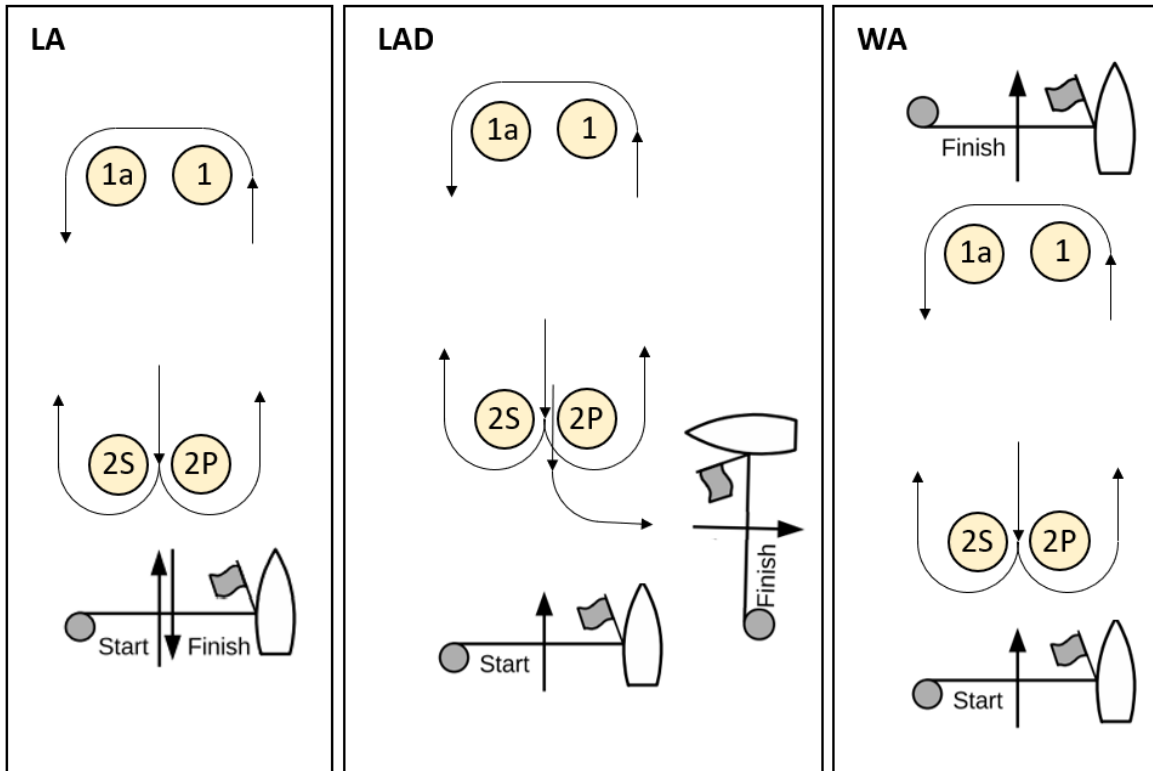
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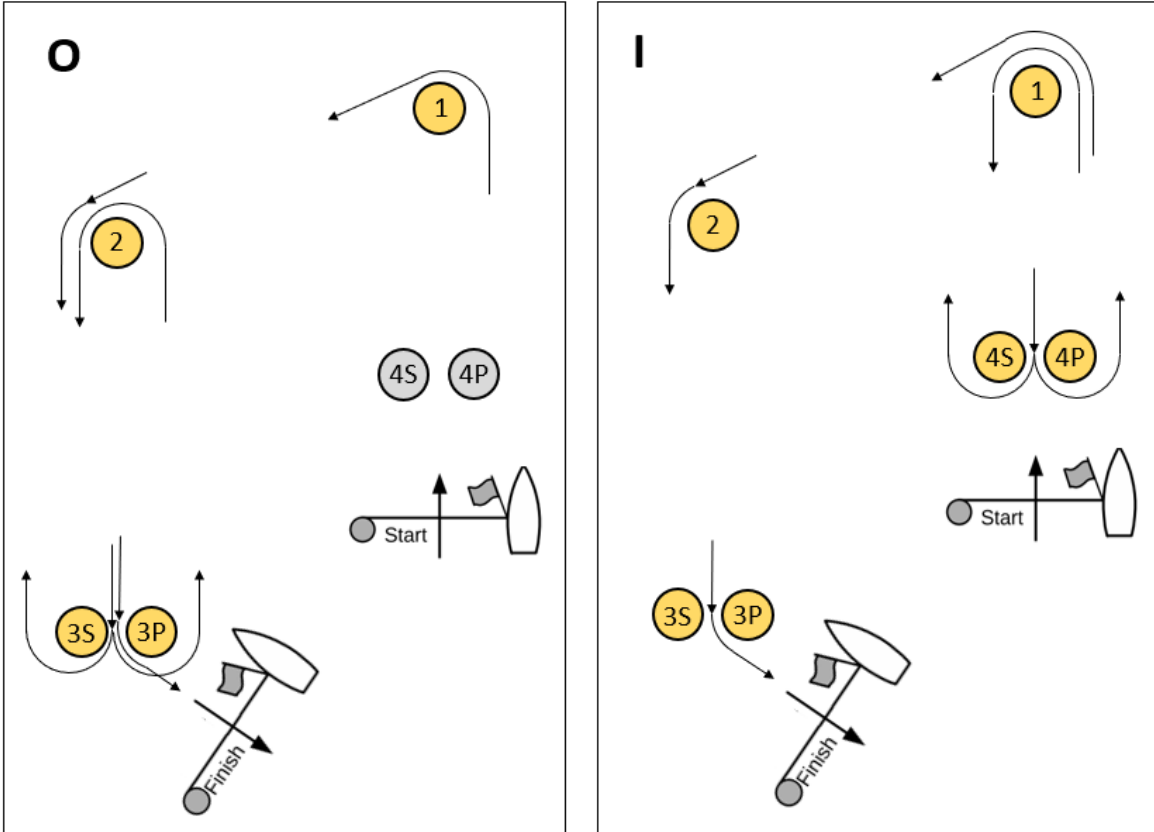


Course LA	
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
LA2	Start - 1 - 1a - 2S/2P - 1 - 1a - Finish
LA3	Start - 1 - 1a - 2S/2P - 1 - 1a - 2S/2P - 1 - 1a - Finish
LA4	Start - 1 - 1a - 2S/2P - 1 - 1a - 2S/2P - 1 - 1a - 2S/2P - 1 - 1a - Finish

Course LAD	
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
LAD2	Start - 1 - 1a - 2S/2P - 1 - 1a - 2P - Finish
LAD3	Start - 1 - 1a - 2S/2P - 1 - 1a - 2S/2P - 1 - 1a - 2P - Finish
LAD4	Start - 1 - 1a - 2S/2P - 1 - 1a - 2S/2P - 1 - 1a - 2S/2P - 1 - 1a - 2P - Finish

Course WA	
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
WA2	Start - 1 - 1a - 2S/2P - Finish
WA3	Start - 1 - 1a - 2S/2P - 1 - 1a - 2S/2P - Finish
WA4	Start - 1 - 1a - 2S/2P - 1 - 1a - 2S/2P - 1 - 1a - 2S/2P - Finish

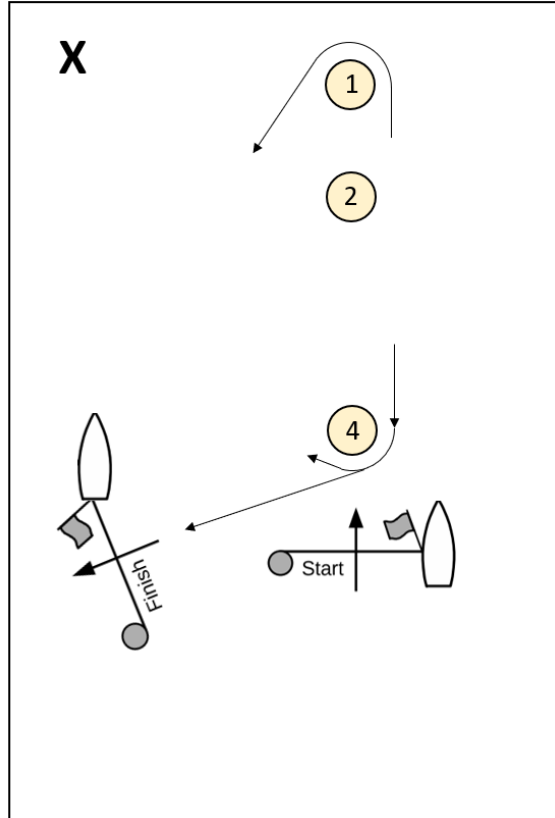
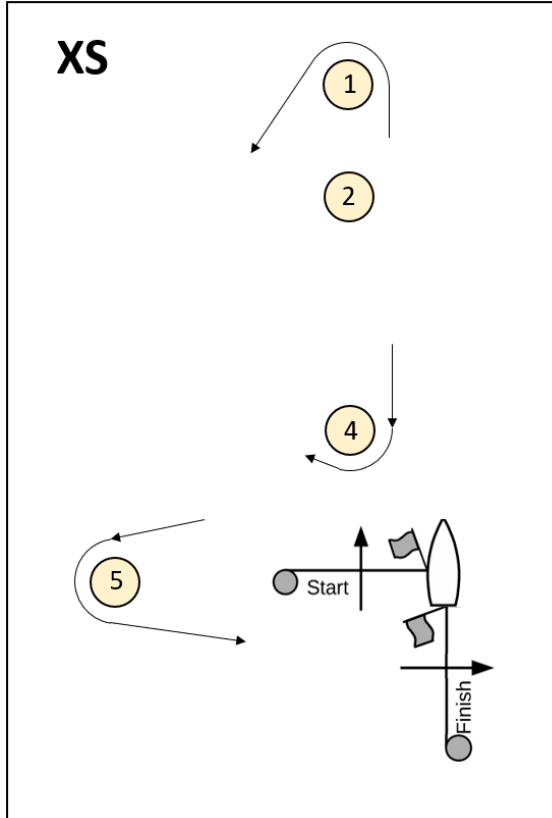
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Course O	
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
O2	Start - 1 - 2 - 3S/3P - 2 - 3P - Finish
O3	Start - 1 - 2 - 3S/3P - 2 - 3S/3P - 2 - 3P - Finish
O4	Start - 1 - 2 - 3S/3P - 2 - 3S/3P - 2 - 3S/3P - 2 - 3P - Finish

Course I	
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
I2	Start - 1 - 4S/4P - 1 - 2 - 3P - Finish
I3	Start - 1 - 4S/4P - 1 - 4S/4P - 1 - 2 - 3P - Finish
I4	Start - 1 - 4S/4P - 1 - 4S/4P - 1 - 4S/4P - 1 - 2 - 3P - Finish

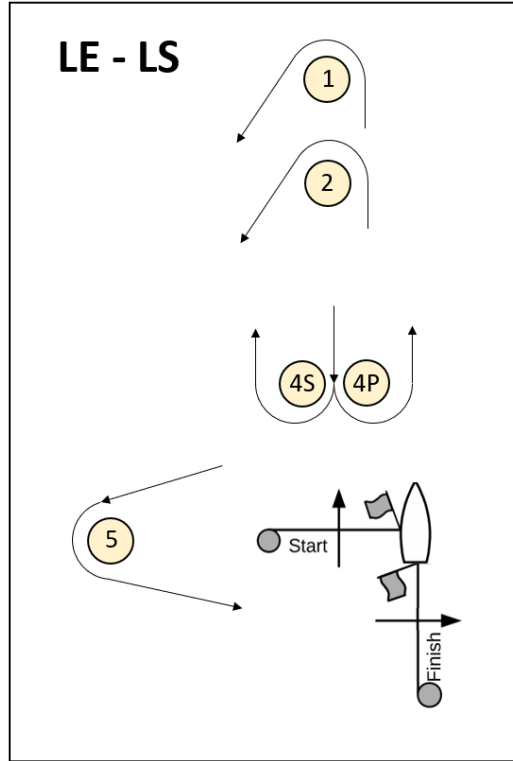
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Course XS	
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
XS1	Start - 2p - 1p - 2p - 4s - 5p - Finish
XS2	Start - 2p - 1p - 2p - 4s - 2p - 1p - 2p - 4s - 5p - Finish
XS3	Start - 2p - 1p - 2p - 4s - 2p - 1p - 2p - 4s - 2p - 1p - 2p - 4s - 5p - Finish

Course X	
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
X1	Start - 2p - 1p - 2p - 4s - Finish
X2	Start - 2p - 1p - 2p - 4s - 2p - 1p - 2p - 4s - Finish
X3	Start - 2p - 1p - 2p - 4s - 2p - 1p - 2p - 4s - 2p - 1p - 2p - 4s - Finish

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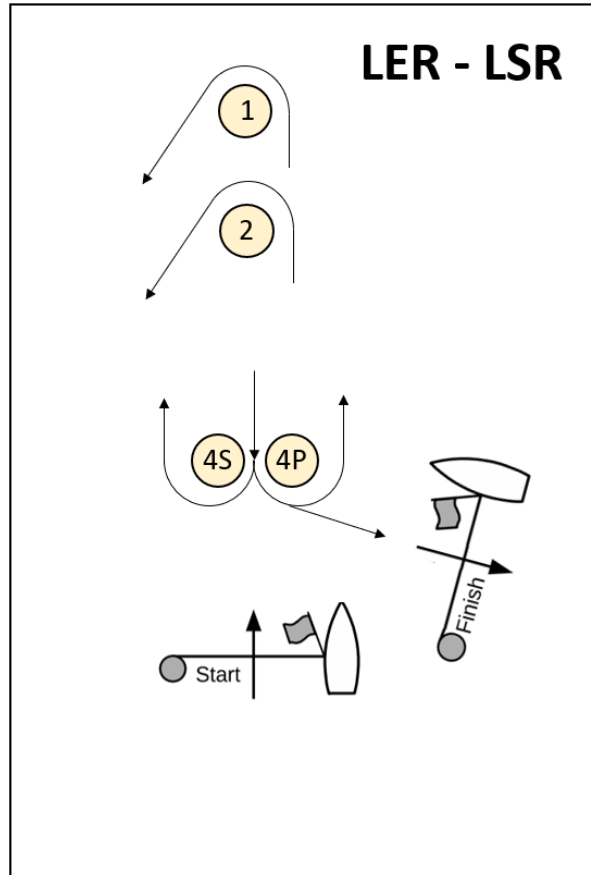


Course LE	
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
LE1	Start - 1p - 4Ss - 5p - Finish
LE2	Start - 1p - 4S/4P - 1p - 4Ss - 5p - Finish
LE3	Start - 1p - 4S/4P - 1p - 4S/4P - 1p - 4Ss - 5P - Finish

Course LS	
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
LS1	Start - 2p - 4Ss - 5p - Finish
LS2	Start - 2p - 4S/4P - 2p - 4Ss - 5p - Finish
LS3	Start - 2p - 4S/4P - 2p - 4S/4P - 2p - 4Ss - 5p - Finish



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Course LER	
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
LER1	Start - 1p - 4Pp - Finish
LER2	Start - 1p - 4S/4P - 1p - 4Pp - Finish
LER3	Start - 1p - 4S/4P - 1p - 4S/4P - 1p - 4Pp - Finish

Course LSR	
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
LSR1	Start - 2p - 4Pp - Finish
LSR2	Start - 2p - 4S/4P - 2p - 4Pp - Finish
LSR3	Start - 2p - 4S/4P - 2p - 4S/4P - 2p - 4Pp - Finish

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### Addendum C

#### 2021-2024 US SAILING PRESCRIPTIONS

Only applicable prescriptions are reprinted here.  
The complete prescriptions are on the US Sailing website at:

<https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/2021-2024-US-Prescriptions-Final.pdf>

Rule 60.3 After rule 60.3 add

*US Sailing prescribes that rule 60.3(b) is changed to:*

*(b) request redress for a boat or call a hearing to consider redress;*

Rule 61 Add at the end of rule 61

*61.4 Fees for Protests and Requests for Redress*

*US Sailing prescribes that no fees shall be charged for protests or requests for redress.*

Rule 67 After rule 67 add

*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.*

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Rule 76.1 (as amended March 30, 2022) After rule 76.1 add

*US Sailing prescribes that an organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason or for reason of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or age.*

*However, an organizing authority or race committee may exclude a competitor who is a citizen of, or holds a World Sailing ID as an MNA member of, a country listed on the US Sailing website at <https://www.ussailing.org/exclusion>.*

No further prescriptions apply.

The US Sailing prescriptions are available at:

<https://cdn.ussailing.org/wpcontent/uploads/2018/01/2021-2024-US-Prescriptions-Final.pdf>

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### Additional Information

The information on this page is **not part of the Event Rules** but may be helpful in planning your visit to Clearwater.

**PLEASE BRING REFILLABLE WATER BOTTLES.** The use of 'single-use' plastic bottles or containers on shore or afloat is strongly discouraged

#### VISITING CLEARWATER

- This is tourist season, so make reservations early.
- Local Hotels: Hotel rooms are available in many price ranges.
- Listings of rooms, apartments, and homes at <https://www.airbnb.com>
- Overnight camping and RV parking is not available on site.
- Distance from closest Airports:
  - Tampa International: 20 miles
  - Clearwater/St. Pete Airport: 12 miles
- Uber and Lyft services are available throughout the area.

URL: <https://www.visitstpeteclearwater.com>

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