



# 2018 Buccaneer North American Championship

September 10 – 14, 2018

Buccaneer Class Association

Western Carolina Sailing Club – Anderson, SC



## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. This regatta will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the US Sailing Prescriptions, The Buccaneer Class Association (BCA) Constitution and Racing Rules and these Sailing Instructions (Si's).
- 1.2. If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This change is added to rule 63.7.

### 2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1. The regatta is open to all boats of the Buccaneer 18 Class as defined in paragraph III.A of the BCA Racing Rules. Chartered boats are eligible. One member of the sailing team must be a BCA member (full, associate, family or lifetime) as of 0900 hrs September 11, 2018.
- 2.2. Registration forms must be received by the Regatta Committee by 0900 hrs September 11, 2018.
- 2.3. There will be two fleets, A Fleet and B Fleet as described in section 12 of the NOR. No previous winner of an A or B Fleet BNAC Championship will be permitted to compete in B Fleet.
- 2.4. Fleet Streamers
  - 2.4.1. "A" Fleet boats will not fly a streamer.
  - 2.4.2. "B" Fleet boats shall display a red streamer from the trailing edge of the boom.
- 2.5. The decision as to whether both fleets will race together, but with separate scoring, or race as individual fleets will be made prior to the Skipper's Meeting by the Regatta Chair and the Principal Race Officer (PRO). The decision to race both fleets together or separate may be changed during the regatta by the PRO.

### 3. MEASURING OF BOATS AND SAILS

- 3.1. Skippers may request measurement of other boats after a race day if they believe a boat does not conform to the class measurement rules. Boats that fail to meet class measurements will be DSQ for the racing day. Request for measurement will conform to Protest filing rules and be filed on a Protest form. Protests must specify the measurement rule being questioned.
- 3.2. Sails with a BCA royalty patch and measurement initials will not be measured unless the sail has been modified. Such sails are "grandfathered" and they cannot be protested. Sails without a BCA royalty patch and measurement initials or ones that have been altered will be measured between 1600 - 2000 hours on September 9 and between 0800 - 1600 hours on September 10.
- 3.3. Hulls and spars will not be measured or weighed unless there is a protest.

### 4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS



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- 4.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the club house of the Western Carolina Sailing Club (WCSC).

### 5. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1. Any change in these Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than 0900 hrs on the day it will take effect, except any change that will take effect on Tuesday, September 11 shall be posted immediately following the Competitors' Meeting.
- 5.2. Any change in the schedule of races will be posted on the Official Notice Board by 2000 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

### 6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 6.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the WCSC flag pole located on the lawn.
- 6.2. When flag AP (postponement) is displayed ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 45 minutes after AP is lowered. This replaces "1 minute" in the RRS Race Signals.

### 7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

#### 7.1. Regatta Schedule

##### Sunday, September 9, 2018:

1600 – 2000 hrs Check-in, onsite registration, sail measurement.

##### Monday September 10, 2018:

0800 - 1600 hrs Check-in, onsite registration, sail measurement.

1400 - 1600 hrs Practice races.

1600 hrs No warning signal for a new race after this time.

1800 - 2030 hrs Welcome Party and Cookout at WCSC with burgers, dogs, and drinks.

##### Tuesday September 11, 2018:

0900 BNAC Registration Closed

0900 – 0945 hrs Competitors Meeting for Championship Regatta.

1100 hrs Warning signal for first race.

1630 hrs No warning signal for a new race after this time.

1830 hrs Happy Hour

1900 - 2000 hrs Dinner at WCSC club house followed by BCA Annual Meeting.



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### Wednesday, September 12, 2018:

1100 hrs                      Warning signal for first race.  
1630 hrs                      No warning signal for a new race after this time.  
1830 hrs                      Happy Hour  
1900 - 2000 hrs              Dinner at WCSC club house.

### Thursday, September 13, 2018:

1100 hrs                      Warning signal for first race.  
1630 hrs                      No warning signal for a new race after this time.  
Dinner is “own your own”

### Friday, September 14, 2018:

1100 hrs                      Warning signal for first race.  
1400 hrs                      No warning signal for a new race after this time.  
1400-1500 hrs                Pack up boats for the road.  
1500 hrs                      Awards ceremony on site at WCSC with hors d oeuvres.

#### **7.2. Number of Races**

The regatta is scheduled for 18 races. The target number of races for each day is 5 except for the last day when the target number of races is 3. The total number of races for the regatta and/or the target number of races to be completed each day may be increased at the discretion of the PRO.

#### **7.3. On Water Lunch Break**

There will be a break for lunch each day on the water. Code flag “O” displayed with no sound signal at the finish of a race will mean lunch break. The lunch break shall start for each boat when it finishes that race and will end no earlier than 15 minutes after the last boat finishes that race.

#### **8. CLASS FLAG**

- 8.1. The Class flag for “A” Fleet will be the Buccaneer 18 Class flag.
- 8.2. The Class flag for “B” Fleet will be a skull and cross bones flag.

#### **9. RACING AREA**

- 9.1. The racing area is located in Lake Hartwell in a general area west of WCSC.

#### **10. COURSES**

- 10.1. The following courses shall be used during the regatta: W4 and W5. See the attached course sheet for diagrams of the courses.
- 10.2. No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee Signal Boat will display



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the course to be sailed. A compass bearing to the first mark may also be displayed, if the mark is not easily visible.

### 11. MARKS

- 11.1. Marks #1 and #2 will be orange inflatable tetrahedrons.
- 11.2. The windward offset mark will be a red ball.
- 11.3. Change marks will be yellow inflatable tetrahedrons.
- 11.4. Starting marks will be an orange flag displayed on the RC signal boat at the starboard end and an orange flag at the port end in the pin boat.
- 11.5. Finishing marks for course W4 is an orange flag displayed on the RC signal boat at the starboard end and a red ball at the port end.
- 11.6. Finishing marks for course W5 will be an orange flag displayed on an RC boat at the starboard end and an inflatable green tetrahedron at the port end.

### 12. THE START

- 12.1. Races will be started in accordance with rule 26.
- 12.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat at the starboard end and an orange pin flag at the port end in the pin boat.
- 12.3. Prior to the warning signal for each race, a series of short sound signals will be made 1 minute before the starting sequence begins in order to attract attention. If A Fleet and B Fleet are starting separately, the sound signals will not be repeated before the B Fleet starting sequence begins. The B Fleet warning signal will occur no sooner than 1 minute after the A Fleet starting signal.
- 12.4. A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This change is added to RRS A4 and A5.

### 13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new change mark (Yellow tetrahedron) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When a subsequent change is made, a new change mark will be replaced by an original mark.

- 13.1 A new change mark will not have an offset mark.

### 14. THE FINISH

- 14.1. If W4 course is signaled, the finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat at the starboard end and on



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- the course side a red ball at the port end.
- 14.2. If a W5 course is signaled, the finish line will be between the orange flag on the finish boat and a green inflatable tetrahedron on the course side at the port end.
  - 14.3. Code flag A displayed with no sound while boats are finishing means "No more races today".

### 15. TIME LIMIT

- 15.1. The time limit for the first boat to finish each race is 90 minutes.
- 15.2. If no boat has passed the first mark of the course within 30 minutes after the start, the race shall be abandoned.
- 15.3. Boats finishing more than 15 minutes after the first boat in her class finishes, and not thereafter retiring, being disqualified, or given redress, will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired). The score for **TLE** boats will be two more than the number of boats that finished that race in that fleet (A or B fleet) within the 15 minute time limit. This change is added to RRS 35 and A4, A5, and A11.

### 16. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

Use of hand-held VHF radios will be permitted for communication from the Race Committee to competitors on a predetermined channel. The Race Committee intends to use VHF radio channel **69** to identify OCS (On Course Side of the line) boats after starts and otherwise communicate with the fleet on the water. Failure to receive a hail, for a hail to be made, the order of hails made, or to receive other communications to the fleet shall not constitute an improper action or omission by the race committee under RSS 62.1 Redress.

### 17. DIGITAL DEVICES

Devices that provide real time or near real time boat speed, location, distance, wind speed, or water current information and electronic devices that provide wind direction are prohibited.

### 18. SCORING

- 18.1. A minimum of one completed race is required for the regatta to be official.
- 18.2. When less than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 18.3. When 5 to 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 18.4. When 10 to 14 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be



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the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

- 18.5. When 15 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her three worst scores.

### 19. PROTESTS

- 19.1. Protest forms will be available at the Protest Desk located near the Official Notice Board. Protests must be delivered to the Protest Desk within the protest time limit.
- 19.2. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the Race Committee Signal Boat docks and signals with one sound signal.
- 19.3. Hearings will be held as soon as possible after racing each day.
- 19.4. Notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than 30 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 WCSC conference room.
- 19.5. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This change is added to RRS 70.5.

### 20. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

- 20.1. The Technical Committee (RRS rule 92) shall provide recommendations to the Protest Committee for protests pertaining to boat measurement issues.
- 20.2. The Technical Committee shall consist of the BCA National Committee members attending the regatta plus the BCA Class Measurer.
- 20.3. A member of the Technical Committee shall recuse himself if he has a conflict.
- 20.4. Decisions by the Technical Committee shall be by majority vote. If there is a tie vote, the recommendation of the Technical Committee to the Protest Committee shall be that the measurement rule was not broken.

### 21. SUBSTITUTION OF PERSONNEL ON A BOAT

- 21.1. If a sailing team requires substitution for any member of the team, a written request should be submitted to the PRO or the BCA Race Chairman prior to the substitution. The request should include the reason for the substitution and the height, weight, age and experience level of the people involved. Forms for making this request are available on the Official Notice Board.
- 21.2. The same team (helmsman and crew) shall be used throughout a race or regatta. There shall be no additions, deletions, or substitutions of any members of the team without prior approval by the Race Committee. In general the Race Committee should not allow a team change, if the change



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will give the boat a competitive advantage.

- 21.3. In the event that a team change is made prior to approval by the Race Committee, the Race Committee will review the application as soon as practical. If the Race Committee votes against the team change, all races sailed with the new team shall be scored DSQ or, at the Race Committee's discretion, a scoring penalty may be applied. This change is an addition to BCA Racing Rules section VI – C3.

### 22. SAIL SUBSTITUTION

- 22.1. Sail switching is not permitted during a race or a regatta without prior approval by the Race Committee. The Race Committee shall allow a sail change to the backup sail only when a sail meets all three of the following criteria:
- It is damaged.
  - It cannot be quickly repaired (ie: with repair tape).
  - It is either unusable or at risk of further failure that would render it unusable.
- 22.2. In the event that a sail change is made prior to approval by the Race Committee, the Race Committee shall review and vote on the application as soon as practical. If the Committee votes against the sail change, all races sailed with the new sail shall be scored DSQ.

### 23. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 23.1. Check in is required prior to a boat's first start of the day. A competitor shall sail past the stern of the Race Committee signal boat and hail its sail number until acknowledged by the Race Committee. Boats failing to check in may receive a 20% scoring penalty for all races completed that day.
- 23.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as practical.

### 24. PRIZES

Trophies will be awarded per the Notice of Race.

### 25. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY. Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. (See Rule 4, Decision to Race). The Organizing Authority and ALL SPONSORS and volunteers will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. The safety of the boat and its crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Skipper who must ensure that the boat is fully sound, thoroughly seaworthy, and manned by an experienced and physically able crew. Neither the establishment of



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regulations or inspection of a boat by a committee member in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the Skipper. The Skipper shall be responsible for his own conduct and that of his crew. In the event of a serious breach of conduct, the destruction of property or failure to comply with a reasonable request of any Race Officer or Event Committee member, the Skipper will be responsible for all damages and the boat may be subject to disqualification from the regatta.

### **26. INSURANCE**

Each competitor must show proof of Liability Insurance with a minimum coverage in the amount of \$100,000 USD that is valid while competing in the United States.

Competitor's proof of insurance and coverage must be presented at registration (or emailed to [sailtanzer@aol.com](mailto:sailtanzer@aol.com)). A copy of the Declarations Page of your boat policy or your homeowners policy showing liability coverage for the duration of BNAC (September 10 – 14, 2018) will serve as proof of insurance.





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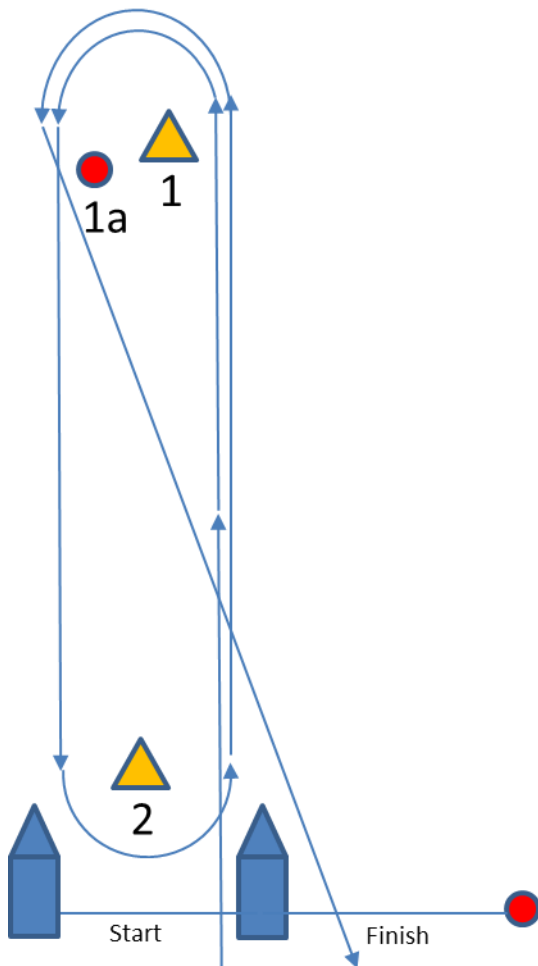


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### 27.0 Course Diagrams

#### W4

Start-1-1a-2-1-1a-Finish



#### W5

Start-1-1a-2-1-1a-2-Finish

