

# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

HELLY HANSEN NATIONAL OFFSHORE ONE-DESIGN REGATTA  
AUGUST 28-30, 2020 ANNAPOLIS, MD ANNAPOLIS YACHT CLUB

SAILING WORLD AND THE ANNAPOLIS YACHT CLUB ARE CO-ORGANIZING AUTHORITIES (OA) FOR THIS REGATTA. THE ANNAPOLIS YACHT CLUB IS THE HOST CLUB AND WILL PROVIDE RACE MANAGEMENT ASSISTED BY EASTPORT YACHT CLUB AND THE SEVERN SAILING ASSOCIATION. THIS IS AN OFFICIAL US SAILING SANCTIONED EVENT.

THE NOTATION '[DP]' IN A RULE IN THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIS) OR NOTICE OF RACE (NOR) MEANS THAT THE PENALTY FOR A BREACH OF THAT RULE MAY, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE PROTEST COMMITTEE, BE LESS THAN DISQUALIFICATION. THE NOTATION '[NP]' IN A RULE OF THE SIS OR NOR MEANS THAT A BOAT MAY NOT PROTEST ANOTHER BOAT FOR BREAKING THAT RULE. THIS CHANGES RRS 60.1(A).

## 1 RULES

**1.1** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

**1.2** The US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 63.2 and 63.4 shall not apply.

**1.3** For the J/70 Class: Class Rules Part III Sections I.3 (Outside Assistance) and I.4 (Corinthian Division) will apply.

**1.4** For the J/105 Class: This is a Level A event in accordance with J/105 Fleet 3 rule 9.1.2. J/105 Fleet 3 rule 9.1.4, Maximum Crew Limits, will apply. The J/105 Fleet 3 rules can be found at: <http://www.j105fleet3.org/rules.php>.

**1.5** For the J/30 Class: This will be the J/30 East Coast Championship.

**1.6** RRS 55, Trash Disposal, is modified to apply at all times while afloat. [DP]

**1.7** Boats shall not fly drones while racing or in the racing area. [DP]

**1.8** All boats are required to abide by the state and local laws, guidelines and recommendations as well as the host clubs restrictions with regard to the COVID-19 virus. Links to these documents will be posted on the Official Notice Board as they become available. [DP] [NP]

## 2 ADVERTISING

Boats are urged to refrain from displaying advertisements for businesses or products competing with those of the primary and support sponsors of the event.

## 3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located

on the race website at [https://yachtscoring.com/notice\\_board\\_summary.cfm?eid=9673](https://yachtscoring.com/notice_board_summary.cfm?eid=9673)

It is the responsibility of each competitor to check the Official Notice Board for any amendments or notices.

## 4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions (SI) will be posted before 0830 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.

## 5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

No official signals will be displayed ashore. Notifications to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

## 6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

**6.1** Ten races are scheduled. On the last scheduled day of the regatta no more than two races will be sailed.

**6.2** The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first start of the first race each day is 1100.

**6.3** On the last scheduled day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1430.

## 7 DIVISIONS, CLASS FLAGS, INITIAL STARTING ORDER, VHF CHANNELS AND MARKS

**7.1** Division, initial starting order, VHF channels and marks will be defined in SI Addendum 1 which will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

**7.2** Divisions will be identified by number and color to be described in SI Addendum 1.

**7.3** The signal vessels for each division will fly the colored flag for their division each morning on the way to the starting area and until their first scheduled warning signal.

## 8 RACING AREA

**8.1** The racing area will be the Chesapeake Bay. The general racing area of each division will be included in SI Addendum 1.

**8.2** Approximately 30 minutes prior to the first scheduled warning signal, the

race committee will announce location of the anchored race committee signal vessel on VHF radio.

## 9 COURSES

**9.1** The courses are as shown in the Course Diagrams and Descriptions.

**9.2** Prior to the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will announce on VHF radio the course to be sailed. For drop marks races, this will include the approximate distance between the leeward and windward marks, and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg of the course.

**9.3** Prior to the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel may announce on VHF radio that the first mark will be a change mark (see SI 12.1).

## 10 THE START

**10.1** Races will be started using RRS/US Appendix U, Audible-Signal Racing System, with all hails being made by VHF radio.

**10.2** Prior to the warning signal, the race committee will announce the next class to start on VHF radio.

**10.3** The starting line will be between the staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal vessel at the starboard end, and either the course side of the starting mark or the staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel at the port end.

**10.4** Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. [DP]

**10.5** A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

## 11 RECALLS

**11.1** Recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1 and 29.2 (this changes RRS/US U1, U2, and replaces RRS/US U4).

**11.2** The race committee will announce on VHF radio boats identified as OCS, UFD, or BFD. A boat may not base a request for redress on the failure to hear or receive the announcements, the timeliness of announcement or the

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order in which boats are announced. This changes RRS 62.1(a) and RRS/US U5.

## 12 CHANGE OF POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK

**12.1** New marks are described in SI Addendum 1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

**12.2** When flag Q is displayed with flag C, the change will apply only to boats beginning their final leg to the finish. This changes RRS 33 and Race Signals.

## 13 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between the staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee finishing vessel and the course side of the nearby finishing mark.

## 14 PENALTY SYSTEM

**14.1** US Sailing Prescription Appendix V1 - PENALTY AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT, will apply.

**14.2** Penalties after racing: US Sailing Prescription V2, PENALTY AFTER A RACE, will apply.

## 15 TIME LIMIT

**15.1** The time limit for the first boat to sail the course as required by RRS 28.1 and finish is 2 hours.

**15.2** Boats still racing 30 minutes after the first boat in that class finishes will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired, see Scoring) and should proceed to the starting area if another race is scheduled. The race committee boat at the finishing line will lower the blue shape or flag with a long sound signal when the 30-minute period has expired for all classes. This changes RRS 35.

## 16 PROTESTS, SCORING INQUIRY, AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

**16.1** Protest forms, scoring inquiry forms, and penalty acceptance forms shall be delivered to the race office by email [raceoffice@annapolisyc.org](mailto:raceoffice@annapolisyc.org).

**16.2** Protests, requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the race office by the protest time limit.

**16.3** The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee signal vessel docks. The race committee will post the protest time limit.

**16.4** The intent of the protest committee is to schedule and conduct hearings via tele-or video-conferencing after the day's racing. The protest committee will post a notice to inform competitors of the schedule and location of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

**16.5** When the race committee receives a scoring inquiry form, it will review its records and respond as soon as practicable.

**16.6** The race committee will post a list of race committee scoring actions no later than the protest time limit.

**16.7** Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

## 17 SCORING

**17.1** One completed race shall constitute a series.

**17.2** A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores without discard.

**17.3** Boats to be scored TLE and not thereafter retiring, being penalized, or given redress will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus two points by the race committee without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.1, A4.2 and A5.

## 18 SAFETY [DP]

**18.1** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as practicable. [DP]

**18.2** RRS 40 (Personal Buoyancy) is replaced by: "It shall be the individual responsibility of each competitor to wear adequate personal buoyancy when conditions warrant."

**18.3** A boat shall not exercise right of way, cross in proximity to, or interfere with reasonable transit of the race area by commercial ships, tugs, or barges. Boats must take evasive action well in advance of a potentially dangerous situation. The US Coast Guard, ship captains, and bay pilots have been

encouraged to report any incident they observe. [NP]

**18.4** The race committee or protest committee may protest a boat for breaking SI 18.3 based on information received from any source. The protest time limit does not apply. A written statement from the US Coast Guard, a ship captain, or a bay pilot will be accepted as evidence without the author present. This changes RRS 60.2, 60.3, 61.3, and 63.6.

## 19 BOOM STICKERS

Easily removable boom stickers provided in the Skipper's package may be attached to both sides of the boat's boom at all times while racing.

## 20 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

**20.1** On the water, the race committee intends to provide information on VHF radio. The division channels will be published in SI Addendum 1.

**20.2** Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. [DP] [NP]

## 21 PRIZES

**21.1** Overall series prizes will be awarded by class.

**21.2** Each class winner is eligible for the 2021 Helly Hansen Caribbean NOOD Championship. The designated Challenger will be drawn at the conclusion of the event.

## 22 MEDIA AND TELEVISION

Competitors give absolute right and permission to the OA for any photographs or video footage taken of themselves or their competing boat to be published in any media whatsoever; for either editorial or advertising purposes, or to be used in press information.

## 23 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority 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.

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**24 INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$500,000 per event or the equivalent.

**25 COMPETITORS' CONDUCT**

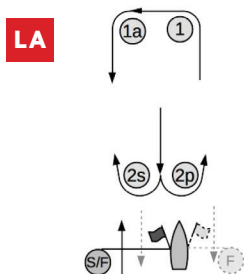
**25.1** The Skipper/Owner of each boat participating in the regatta shall be responsible for the behavior of each member of the crew of his/her boat both on the water and while ashore. The destruction of property, the breach of reasonable standards of good sportsmanship by any crew member, or any other person associated with the boat, or the failure of any of those persons to comply with the state and local laws, guidelines and recommendations as well as the host club's restrictions or with any reasonable request of the Organizing Authorities, Race Officers, Regatta Committee members, or their representatives, may result in the disqualification of the boat, and its exclusion from the regatta.

**25.2** The boat whose crew was at fault may subject to action by the protest committee under RRS 69. It is the protest committee's intention to act under RRS 69 in appropriate cases.

# COURSE DIAGRAMS

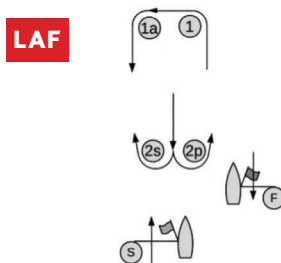
## COURSE DIAGRAMS AND DESCRIPTIONS

All marks except 2S are to be rounded to port. If there is only one mark at a leeward gate, that mark will be "2p" and shall be rounded to port. The color and shape of the marks will be as described in SI Addendum 1.



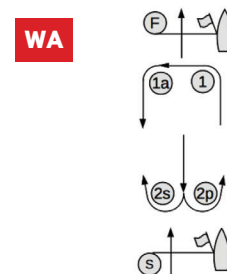
**LA**

LA2: Start-1-1a-s/2p-1-1a-Finish
LA3: Start-1-1a-s/2p-1-1a-2s/2p-1-1a-Finish



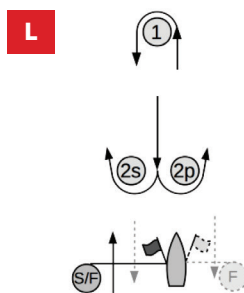
**LAF**

LA2F: Start-1-1a-2s/2p-1-1a-Finish
LA3F: Start-1-1a-2s/2p-1-1a-2s/2p-1-1a-Finish



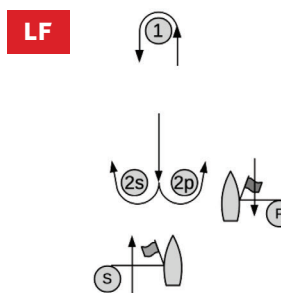
**WA**

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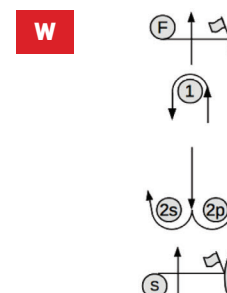
**L**

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L3: Start-1-2s/2p-1-2s/2p-1-Finish



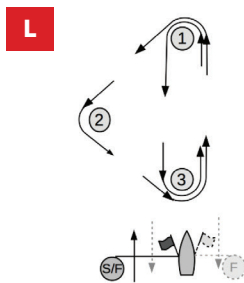
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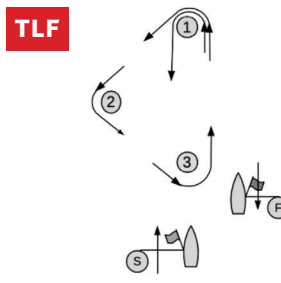
**W**

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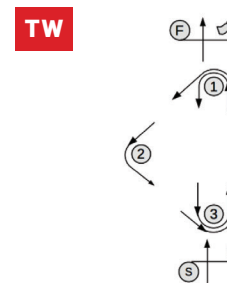
**TL**

TL2: Start-1-2-3-1-Finish
TL3: Start-1-2-3-1-3-1-Finish



**TLF**

TL2F: Start-1-2-3-1-Finish
TL3F: Start-1-2-3-1-3-1-Finish



**TW**

TW2: Start-1-2-3-Finish
TW3: Start-1-2-3-1-3-Finish