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Sailing Instructions A-Cat World Championship

PUNTA ALA

*Centro Velico Punta Ala asd
September 7th to 14th, 2024*

Organising Authority:

**Centro Velico Punta Ala in conjunction with the Italian A-CAT Association o,
the International A-CAT Association (IACA) under the auspices of the Italian Sailing Federation**

Preamble rules:

[NP] means a rule that must not be a cause for protest on the part of a vessel. This amends paragraph 60.1(a) of the RRS.

[DP] means a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the international jury.

[SP] means a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee or Technical Committee without a hearing. See also SI 17.3.

3. (this amends RRS 63.1 and RRS A5.1).

1. RULES

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

1.2. The class and championship rules of the International A-CAT Association (IACA) will apply to the World Championships.

Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

1.3. In the event of conflict between the NOR and the SIs, the SIs will prevail (This changes RRS 63.7).

1.4. RRS Appendix T – Arbitration will apply.

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted electronically on the <https://www.manage2sail.com>

2.2. **The official Notice Board will be online only and available on the official event website, there will be no physical scoreboard. All announcements and communications will be made in this way, except for notices related to equipment inspection when the Technical Committee orally convenes for the vessels to be inspected.**



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- 2.3. **Competitors shall provide themselves with a device (Mobile Phone or NotePad or Computer) to obtain and read these communications.**
- 2.4. The e-mail address of the person in charge which was inserted during the entry process shall be valid and active during the whole duration of the event. Any difficulty in receiving communications will not be eligible for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

3. SAFETY [DP][NP]

- 3.1. RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times while afloat
- 3.2. Safety helmet: see NOR 18.2.
- 3.3. [SP][NP] Boats shall carry a tracking device provided by the Organising Authority in the designated position each day whilst on the water. A separate notice will be published about the use of trackers, collection, positioning on each boat and how to return them.
- 3.4. When ashore, boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the boat park.
- 3.5. Suggested presence on board of a floating line minimum length 10m diam 8.
- 3.6. [DP][NP] Boats not racing shall not sail in the course area being used by another discipline
- 3.7. When the race committee displays flag V with one sound or broadcasts 'Code Flag Victor' on the designated VHF Channel, all official and support boats shall monitor VHF Channel 72 for search, rescue and other instructions.
- 3.8. In case of emergency, the assembly point will be located on water downwind of race committee vessel where assistance will be given. If, for any reason, boats must land in a different costal point away from the area provide by organizing club, they shall immediately inform the Coordinator/Responsible for Safety at Sea, Miss Maria Luisa Cionini at the following number: +39 349 8816427
- 3.9. [SP] Addendum B shows areas designated for boat parking throughout the event. Boats shall not leave designated areas until 'Delta' flag displayed and shall return to such areas after racing, except when instructed otherwise by the organizing authority or by the Race Committee or the Technical Committee. Designated areas are in effect from registration and until the last scheduled race.
- 3.10. When the 'AP over H' or 'N over H' signals are displayed in the water, all boats must return to shore and wait in their assigned designated areas for the 'Delta' flag to be displayed before returning to the water, or for further signals to be displayed (this modifies the RRS race signals).

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1. Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted at least two hours before the first warning signal on the day they take effect, except that any changes to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.
- 4.2. All changes to SI constitute notice to all competitors.
- 4.3. If any addendum to the SI is amended, an updated version thereof will be published in the manner indicated in point 2.1 as part of this SI.



5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore shall be displayed near the launch area.
- 5.2. When flag AP is displayed with two sounds ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 45 minutes" in the race signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signals. Competitors shall stay ashore as long as this signal is displayed.
- 5.3. [SP] [NP] On days of the event when trials are scheduled, boats shall not leave their assigned places on shore; they may enter the water only from the time the 'Delta' flag is displayed on the signal mast. The warning signal or other signal shall be displayed not less than 45 minutes after the Delta flag is displayed and not earlier than the scheduled or deferred time, whichever is later. If the Delta flag is displayed with the identification of a class (Open or Classic), only boats of that class may leave their assigned positions and enter the water.

6. RACE SCHEDULE and OFFICIAL FUNCTION.

6.1. Schedule of events:

Day	Time	Event
Friday, Sept. 6th	09:00 – 18:00	Arrival, registration, boat rigging
Saturday, Sept. 7th	09:00 – 18:00	Registration, boat rigging
Sunday, Sept. 8th	10:30	Support boat briefing
	11:00	Competitors briefing
	13:00	Practice races
	17:00	Opening ceremony
Monday, Sept. 9th	11:00	Warning signal
Tuesday, Sept. 10th	11:00	Warning signal
Wednesday, Sept. 11th	11:00	Warning signal
Thursday, Sept. 12th	11:00	Warning signal
Friday, Sept. 13th	11:00	Warning signal
	TBD	Closing ceremony
Saturday, Sept. 14th	08:00 – 15:00	Teardown and departure

7. FORMAT OF RACING

7.1. Number of races:

Discipline	Minimum races to valid the event	Maximum number of races per day	Maximum number of races in the event
Classic	5	3	12
Open	5	3	12



7.2. On the last scheduled race day, no warning signal will be issued after **16H00**.

8. CLASS FLAGS:

8.1. The Class flags will be as follow:

Event	Text	Background color
Classic	Black A-Class Logo	WHITE
Open	White A-Class Logo	BLUE

9. RACING AREA

- 9.1. Each discipline, Open and Classic, will race on separate course areas
- 9.1.1. COURSE A -NORTH: Open discipline
- 9.1.2. COURSE b- SOUTH: Classic discipline

10. IDENTIFICATION OF CLASSIC FLEET

- 10.1. [DP] [NP] Boats competing in the Classic fleet will be required to display a red dot on each side of their sail placed back-to-back in the leech area adjacent to mast diamond arms. Red dots will be supplied by the organizing authority and available at registration.
- 10.2. Bow numbers. During registration each competitor will receive three stickers with a bow numbers (WIP and CIU CIU) which shall be fixed on as indicated on PDF file on www.aaclassworlds.com/documents
- 10.3. In the case of a sticker being lost replacements shall be obtained from the Race Office. Competitors shall make every reasonable effort to ensure these numbers stay firmly affixed. The relevant area of the hull shall be thoroughly cleaned and dried before application of the numbers.

11. COURSES

- 11.1. The diagrams in SI **ADDENDUM A** show the courses, the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 11.2. Not later than the warning signal, the race committee starting vessel will display the approximate compass bearing from the start line to Mark 1
- 11.3. **The Race Committee will attempt to obtain course of the duration of the time target.** A different course duration will not be causing request of redress (This changes RRS 62.1(a)).
- 11.4. There shall be a gate downwind. If a gate mark is missing and has not been replaced as described in RRS 34, the remaining mark shall be rounded to port. (This changes RRS 34).

12. MARKS

12.1. Marks 1, 2, 3a and 3b, will be as follows:

Marks 1, 2	Orange buoy with the white logo
3a and 3b	Orange buoy



Change of course mark	Yellow buoy
Finishing marks	Yellow buoy or Race committee boat displaying blue flag

13. THE START

- 13.1. The starting procedure will be as described in RRS 26 with this modification: the preparatory signal will be the “U” flag or “Black” flag. The warning signal will be described in point 8.1.
- 13.2. The starting line will be the conjunction between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel at the starboard end and the staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel at the port end.
- 13.3. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with ONE sound signal not less than 5 minutes before the warning signal is displayed. This supplements/modifies the regatta signals ‘Other signals’ The warning signal for each race following the first race of the day will be given as soon as possible.
- 13.4. A boat starting later than 4 (four) minutes after her starting signal will be considered as not started and will be scored DNS (Did Not Start) without a hearing. This change RRS A4 and A5.1.

14. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 14.1. To change the next leg of the course, as angle and/or length, the race committee may
 - 14.1.1. Lay a new mark on wind
 - 14.1.2. Move the finishing line)
 - 14.1.3. Change the gate mark or leeward mark with a change course mark that shall be rounded to port .
- 14.2. When a new mark is placed, 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.
- 14.3. For the purpose of course changes, the signal to change the position of next mark shall be given for all boats before they start the new leg (This amended the RRS 33).
- 14.4. Courses may be shortened but not before the third side has been completed.
- 14.5. Except at a gate, they must sail through, boats shall pass between the race committee vessel signaling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee vessel to starboard. This change RRS 28.1.
- 14.6. [NP] In case of a change of course, the new course will, keep the original configuration.

15. THE FINISH

- 15.1. The finishing line will be the conjunction between a staff displaying a blue flag on a Race committee vessel and the finishing mark (yellow buoy) or race committee boat displaying blue flag. This point of SI will not be applying when the course is shortened in accordance with RRS 32.2



16. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIME

16.1. Time limits

Time limit	Mark 1 time limit	Target time minutes	Finish Window
70	20	45	30

- 16.2. Failure to reach the target time will not be grounds for redress. This change RRS 62.1(a).
- 16.3. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF (Did Not Finish) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 16.4. If no boat rounds Mark 1 within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the Race Committee shall abandon the race.
- 16.5. [NP] No race will be started in less than 5 or more than 22 knots measured on the Committee vessel at deck level. The final decision will be taken by the RO and it will not be grounds for redress.

17. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 17.1. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the two-turns penalty is replaced by a one-turn penalty.
- 17.2. Penalties for violations of NOR 17 (Insurance), NOR 19 (Media Consent) and the Rules of the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions marked [DP], are at the discretion of the International Jury.
- 17.3. For breaches of the SIs marked [SP], the race committee or Technical Committee may apply a standard penalty without a hearing or protest the boat when they consider the standard penalty to be inappropriate (for example, in case of reiterated breaches). 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 action. The penalty assessed will be an additional **3 points added** to their finish position for the first race of the day. A competitor shall not be scored worse than a disqualified competitor. This changes RRS 60.1,63.1 and Appendix A5.
- 17.4. Breaches of the IACA Class or Championship Rules will be at the discretion of the International Jury [DP], except for breaches referred to in SI 17.5, for which a 3 points standard penalty [SP] may be applied by the Race Committee or the Technical Committee.
- 17.5. [NP][SP] For the following breaches a standard penalty (see SI 17.3) may apply:
- 17.5.1. Measurement certificate presented at registration not corresponding with equipment used, when a correct certificate is available and presented to the Technical Committee (Ref. ER 1.7)
 - 17.5.2. Mast not showing certification. (Ref. CR F.1.2(a))
 - 17.5.3. Sail not showing certification. (Ref. CR G.1.2(a))
 - 17.5.4. Boats built after 1/1/2010 not displaying ISAF/World Sailing plaque on one transom (Ref. CR D.3)
 - 17.5.5. Event Limitation marks missing. (Ref. ER 2.1)



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18. HEARINGS AND REQUESTS

- 18.1. Protest forms are available on the <https://www.manage2sail.com/fr-FR/event/acatworlds2024#!/onb> website. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 18.2. The protest time limit will be posted on the Official Notice Board. The protest time limit will be 60 minutes after the last boat in each fleet finishes its last race of the day or the RC signals “no more races today”. This time limit also applies to requests for redress from incidents on the water. This changes 62.2.
- 18.3. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes before the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties. Parties and witnesses should report to the jury desk at that time. Hearings will be held in the designated jury room near the race office.
- 18.4. A hearing may be conducted before the protest posted time on the official notice board if all parties agree. Hearings will, if possible, start at the time posted on the official noticeboard. A delay at this time will not be grounds for redress. This change RRS 62.1(a).
- 18.5. For the purposes of RRS 64.4(b), the authority responsible is the technical committee appointed by the organizing authority under RRS 89.2(c)

19. INTERNATIONAL JURY

- 19.1. An international jury shall be appointed for the World Championships in accordance with RRS 91(b).

20. SCORING

- 20.1. Five (5) races are required to be completed to constitute the World Championship of each Fleet.
- 20.2. When less than five (5) races have been completed, a boat’s score will be the total of her scores in all the races.
- 20.3. When five (5) to eight (8) races have been completed, a boat’s score will be the total of her scores in all the races excluding her worst score.
- 20.4. When nine (9) or more races have been completed, a boat’s score will be the total of her scores in all the races excluding her two (2) worst scores.

21. EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT [DP]

- 21.1. Equipment replacement requests will be made via the Manage2sail platform. See NOR 7.4

22. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS [DP]

- 22.1. Measurement and equipment checks may be carried out at any time during the regatta.
- 22.2. [NP][SP][DP] Equipment inspection will be conducted in accordance with the A-Class Catamaran Equipment Inspection Regulations. Sails, boat and equipment must be measured before arriving at the championship. All competitors for registration must produce valid and up-to-date measurement certificates for hull, mast and sail. See <https://www.a-cat.org/node/9>.



- 22.3. The Equipment Inspection Regulations for the Championship will be published on the event website no later than July 1, 2024
- 22.4. Equipment shall only be replaced with the authorization of the Championship Technical Committee appointed at the Event by the Organizing Authority under RRS 89.2(c).
- 22.5. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the A-Class Catamaran Equipment Regulations. Event stickers/limitation marks must remain in place for the duration of the event.
- 22.6. On or off the water, the Technical Committee may require a boat to proceed immediately to an area designated for inspection.

23. SUPPORT BOATS [DP][NP]

- 23.1. Support boats must register with the Organizing Authority on the event site at the latest on their arrival.
- 23.2. All support boats shall clearly display the 3 letters of their national code at all times. The minimum height for the letters shall be 300mm.
- 23.3. All support boats are at all times submitted to the Race Committee authority and must comply with any instructions given.
- 23.4. Support vessels shall not be positioned:
 - 23.4.1. Within 100 meters of the starting line and marks from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have left the starting area,
 - 23.4.2. Closer than 100 meters of any boat racing.
 - 23.4.3. Between any boat racing and the next mark of the course.
 - 23.4.4. Within 100 meters of any mark of the course while boats are in the vicinity of that mark.
 - 23.4.5. Within 100 meters of the finishing line and marks while boats are finishing
- 23.5. When the Race Committee displays flag V with one sound, all official and support boats shall give assistance for rescue. This change RRS Race signal “V”.

24. OFFICIAL SUPPORT BOATS

- 24.1. Official support boats will be identified as follows:

Race Committee	White Flag with Black Letters - RC
Jury/Judges	Yellow Flag with Black Letters - IJ
Technical Committee	White Flag with Black Letters - M
First Aid/Medical	White Flag with Red cross
Rescue or Marshalls	White Flag with Red or Black Numbers Flag
Media	White Flag with Black Letters - P



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25. ADVERTISING [DP]

- 25.1. Boats may be required to affix bow numbers and/or advertising chosen and provided by the organizing authority in accordance with the instructions given by the organizing authority.
- 25.2. Competitor advertising must comply with the World Sailing Advertising Code (Regulation 20).

26. CODE OF CONDUCT [DP]

- 26.1. Competitors must comply with any reasonable request from a regatta official or member of the organizing authority. Vessels must follow all instructions given by launching personnel when leaving or returning to shore to avoid overcrowding at the launching site.

27. WASTE DISPOSAL [DP]

- 27.1. Boats must not dump waste into the water. Garbage can be placed on board support boats and race committee boats.

28. RADIOCOMMUNICATION [DP]

- 28.1. See NOR 16 and RRS 41(c).

29. PRIZES

- 29.1. The organizing authority will award prizes to the first 5 boats in each discipline and as detailed in NOR 15.

30. RISK STATEMENT

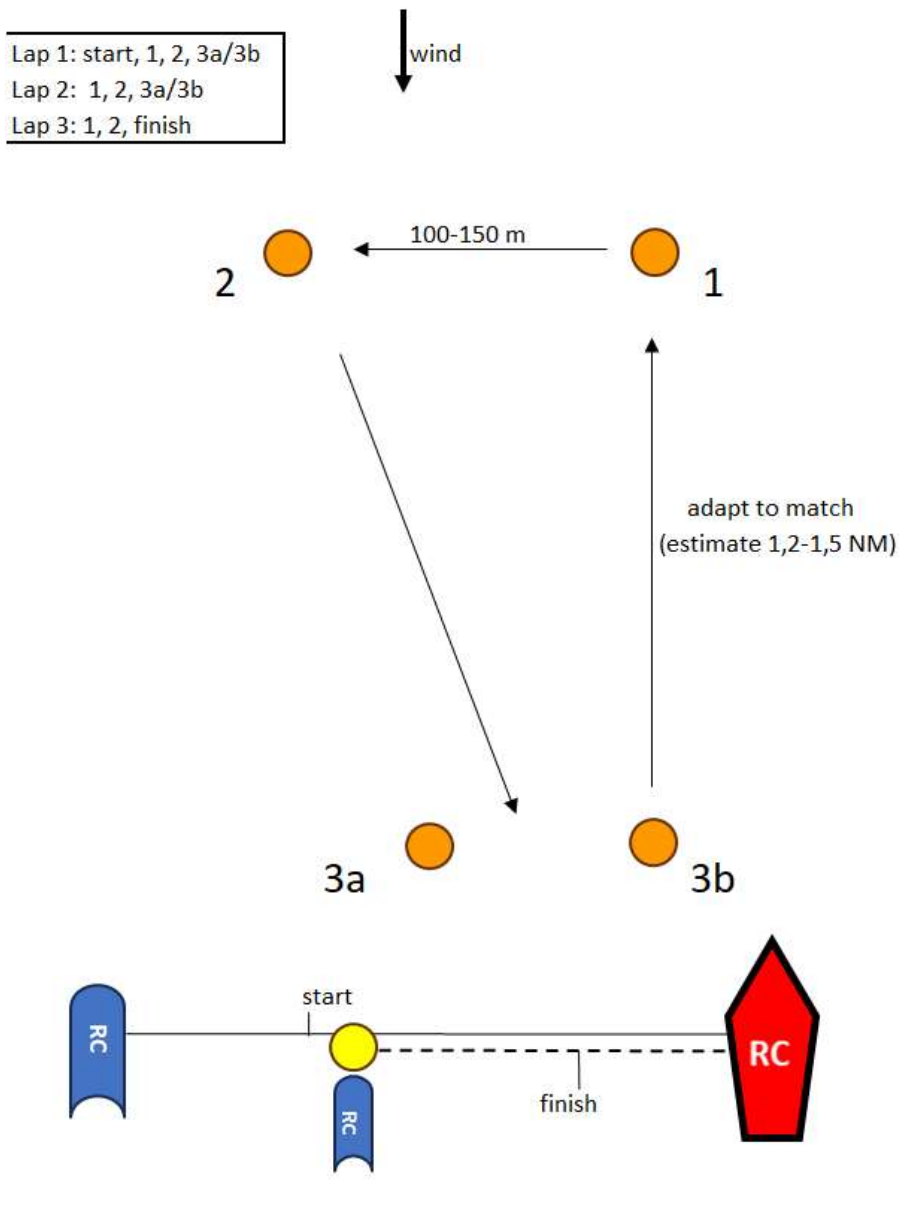
- 30.1. See RRS 3 and NOR 18.

31. INSURANCE

- 31.1. See NOR 17.

ADDENDUM A

Course Diagram



All distances and angles mentioned in the diagram are given as an indication and cannot give rise to any protest.

ADDENDUM B

Designated areas

C.1 [SP] Yellow, White and Green areas on the beach, as depicted in the diagram below, are the areas designated to boat parking throughout the event. The OA recommends to use Yellow and White areas for boats in the open discipline and Green area for boats in the classic discipline.



C.2 [SP] Boats shall be parked according to the schema in the diagram below, leaving room to walk through every second boat.

