



2018 A-Class North American Championship Notice of Race

September 12-15, 2018

Sandy Hook Bay Catamaran Club, Atlantic Highlands, NJ 07716

The Organizing Authority for the 2018 International A-Class Catamaran North American Championship Regatta is Sandy Hook Bay Catamaran Club, on behalf of the United States A-Class Catamaran Association.

1. Rules

- a. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

2. Eligibility and Entry

- a. The regatta is open to boats of the International A-Class Catamaran Association (IACA)
- b. Eligible boats may enter online by paying the entry fee and completing and submitting the Official Registration and Entry Forms by August 29, 2018. Competitors are not considered registered until all completed Official Registration and Entry Forms and entry fees are submitted to the Organizing Authority.
- c. Entries received after August 29, 2018 will be accepted at the sole discretion of the Organizing Authority.
- d. Each competitor shall be a financial member of their respective national or continental class association and shall have their entry endorsed by their respective national or continental class association.
- e. The following documents shall be provided at the time of registration or available electronically prior to registration.
 - i. A copy of a valid measurement certificate (CONSISTING OF MULTIPLE SIGNED PAGES)
 1. Hull Measurement form – matches Hull No.
 2. Sail Measurement form – matches Sail Button No. on sail
 3. Mast and Boom Measurement form – matches Serial No. Builder and Material
 - ii. Proof of class memberships.
 - iii. Proof of insurance and completed waivers and releases include:

1. Liability insurance as specified in this NOR.
 2. Liability Release signed by the competitor.
 3. In the case of any competitor under the age of 18 years of age, the above forms must additionally be signed by the competitor's parent or legal guardian.
- f. Only boats having completed all registration requirements will be allowed to compete.

3. Fees

- a. The entry fee shall be US \$300 per boat.
- b. Entries received and paid on or before August 1, 2018 will receive special event gear.
- c. Entry fees paid but cancelled will be refunded as follows:
 - i. If cancelled prior to August 1, 2018: 90% refund of the entry fee.
 - ii. If cancelled after August 1, 2018 and on or before September 12, 2018: 50% refund of the entry fee.
 - iii. If cancelled after September 12, 2018: 0% refund of the entry fee.
- d. To be effective, a cancellation must be in writing and received and acknowledged in writing by the Organizing Authority.

4. Schedule ***

***** Event schedule will be updated shortly**

The Measurement, Racing and Social Calendar for the regatta is:

Monday, September 10:

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| - Early arrivals | 09:00 |
| - Measurement | 14:00 |

Tuesday, September 11:

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| - Early arrivals | 09:00 |
| - Measurement | 09:00 |
| - Skipper's Meeting and Opening Reception Party | 19:00 |

Wednesday, September 12:

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| - First Race first warning | 11:00 |
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Thursday, September 13:

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| - First Race first warning | 11:00 |
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Friday, September 14:

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| - First Race first warning | 11:00 |
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Saturday, September 15:

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| - First Race first warning | 11:00 |
| - Awards Ceremony | after |

5. Measurement

- a. Each boat shall hold a valid measurement certificate (NOR 2.e.i) and present it at the time of registration.
- b. A limited number of fundamental measurements may be available on an appointment basis only.
- c. The WS International A-Class Catamaran Equipment Inspection Regulations (the “Equipment Regulations”) will apply, except that up to two (2) sails per competitor may be presented for measurement and inspection. This changes Regulation 2.4 of the Equipment Regulations.
- d. The Organizing Authority may weigh measure or inspect any boat and or her equipment and sails before, during or after the races.

6. Sailing Instructions

- a. Sailing Instructions will be available on line prior to but no later than September 11, 2018. Provisional Instructions may be available prior to that.

7. Venue

- a. The regatta will be sailed in Sandy Hook Bay. Boat storage and launching will be available from the Sandy Hook Bay Catamaran Club (SHBCC) beach in Atlantic Highlands, NJ. Entrance is via SHBCC access.
- b. Race Office and the Official Notice Board will be within the regatta site at the SHBCC.

8. Courses

- a. The course to be sailed will be Windward/Leeward Multi-Hull Courses with and offset mark and gates.

9. Penalty System

- a. Rule 44.1 and 44.2 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

10. Scoring

- a. Five (5) completed races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- b. The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A2, shall apply except that:
 - i. When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - ii. When from 6 to 8 races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - iii. When 9 or more races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

11. Rules for Fleet Division

- a. All registered boats will be divided into Foiler or Classic Fleets with the Classic boats defined per the International A-Class Catamaran Association Championship Rules.

- b. All sailors will designate the specific fleet for racing at time of registration, in person or online.
- c. Once final registration has been completed, no changes between the fleets will be allowed
- d. All boats will have one start.

12. Radio Communications

- a. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio communications no available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

13. Prizes

- a. The Commodore A.F. "Tony" DiMauro perpetual trophy will be awarded to the North American Champion, which shall be the highest placed North American citizen in the Championship series.
- b. Trophies will be awarded to the top 5 boats in the Foiling Division.
- c. Trophies will be awarded to the top 5 boats in the Classic Division.
- d. A trophy will be awarded to the top female sailor in the Championship series.
- e. A trophy will be awarded to the top Junior sailor in the Championship series (under age 25 on the first race day of the event).
- f. A trophy will be awarded to the top Great-Grand- Master sailor in the Championship series (age 65 + on the first race day of the event).
- g. Additional prizes may be announced and awarded at the discretion of the OA.

14. Depiction Release

- a. By participating in this event, a competitor automatically grants to the organizers and its sponsors the right in the perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any still photographs, motion pictures and live, tape or filmed television and other reproductions of him or her during the period of the competition without compensation.

15. Disclaimer of Liability

- a. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority or the Sandy Hook Bay Catamaran Club will not accept any liability for the material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

16. Insurance

- a. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with minimum coverage of US \$300,000 per event or equivalent. Each boat shall have proof of insurance coverage and present at the time of Registration.

17. Further Information

Further information can be found at the class website (www.USACA.info) or by contacting the following people.

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NOTE: The SHBCC is an active sailing club with available camping on the beach with amenities. If you plan to bring an RV for the event, please contact us first so we can make arrangements for power and sewage.