



INTERNATIONAL A-DIVISION CATAMARAN ASSOCIATION

A-CLASS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 2018

16-23 November 2018, Hervey Bay – Australia

The Organising Authority will be the Hervey Bay Sailing Club Inc and the Australian International A-Division Catamaran Assn Inc (AIADCA). The event will be hosted by Sail Hervey Bay Inc at 427 Charlton Esplanade, Torquay, Queensland 4655, Australia.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the Jury. This changes RRS 64.1.

[NP] denotes that a breach of this rule shall not be grounds for protest by a boat, but may result in a protest by the Race Committee, Technical Committee or Protest Committee. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

[SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, Appendix A4 and Appendix A5.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. The prescriptions and regulations of Australian Sailing will not apply.
- 1.3. The [rules of the International A-Division Catamaran Association \(IACA\)](#) and [IACA World and European Championship Rules](#) will apply.
- 1.4. The Championship is a World Sailing (WS) recognised event and is sanctioned by the I.A.C.A. Class as a Class A event. All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of the I.A.C.A. and shall comply with the WS Eligibility Code, Regulation 19.
- 1.5. Appendix T (Arbitration will apply).

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located near in the regatta sub-office adjacent to the western ramp.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted two (2) hours before the first warning signal of the day on the day it will take effect, except that changes to the format or schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag mast located adjacent to the western ramp.
- 4.2. When flag AP is display ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes Race Signal AP.
- 4.3. Code Flag D with one sound means: "The warning signal will be made not less than 45 minutes after Flag D is displayed". Boats shall not launch before this signal is made. [DP]

5. FORMAT OF RACING

The regatta is an Open regatta sailed in two disciplines, the Classic discipline and the Open Discipline.

6. SCHEDULE

6.1. Races and events are scheduled as follows:

Friday 16 th Nov 2018	0800 - 1600	Worlds Registration
Saturday 17 th Nov 2018	0800 – 1500 1700 - 2000	Worlds Registration Worlds Welcome & AUS Presentation Function
Sunday 18 th Nov 2018	0900 1200	Skippers Briefing Worlds Race Day 1
Monday 19 th Nov 2018	1100	Worlds Race Day 2
Tuesday 20 th Nov 2018	1100	Worlds Race Day 3
Wednesday 21 st Nov 2018	1100	Worlds Race Day 4
Thursday 22 nd Nov 2018	1100	Worlds Race Day 5
Friday 23 rd Nov 2018	1100	Worlds Race Day 6
Friday 23 rd Nov 2018 PM	1800 - 2300	Presentation Function HB Boat Club

6.2. 12 Races in total are scheduled with a maximum of 3 races to be sailed in any one day.

6.3. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15:00.

6.4. Each subsequent race will be started as soon as practicable after the previous race.

6.5. 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 before a warning signal is made.

7. CLASS FLAGS

7.1. The class flag for the Open Discipline is a white flag with a black A-Cat Class logo.

7.2. The class flag for the Classic discipline is a white flag with a red A-Cat Class logo.

8. RACING AREAS

8.1. Attachment 1 shows the approximate location of racing areas.

8.2. No later than 0900 on each scheduled race day the course area assignments shall be displayed on the Official Notice Board. It is the RC's intention that the fleets will alternate between the two courses on a daily basis.

9. THE COURSE

9.1. The diagram in Attachment 2 shows the course, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9.2. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

10. MARKS

10.1. Marks will be:

Fleet	Marks 1, 1a, 2s and 2p	New Marks as provided in SI 12
Open	Red cylindrical buoys	Pink cylindrical buoys
Classic	Yellow cylindrical buoys	Orange cylindrical buoys

10.2. A race committee vessel signalling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided SI 12.2.

11. THE START

11.1. The starting line will be between a staffs displaying orange flags on race committee vessels.

11.2. A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4.1 and A.5.

11.3. A race committee vessel positioned near Mark 1 will attempt to notify any OCS, UFD or BFD boats by displaying X flag for OCS, U flag for UFD and black flag for BFD and their bow numbers. Boats so notified shall leave the race course immediately. [NP] [DP]

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1. 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. Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee vessel signalling the change of course and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee vessel to starboard. This changes RRS 28.2.

13. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the race committee vessels.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 14.2. 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".
- 14.3. A boat that has retired according to RRS 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the race office within the protest time limit. [NP]

15. ARBITRATION

- 15.1. Protests lodged in accordance with these Sailing Instructions may be subject to an Arbitration Hearings in accordance with RRS Appendix T.
- 15.2. Arbitration meetings will be held subsequent to the protest being lodged and prior to a protest hearing.

16. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 16.1. Time limits and target times are as follows:

Time limit	Target time
90 minutes	45 minutes

- 16.2. If no boat has passed the first windward mark within 30 minutes after the starting signal, the race shall be abandoned.
- 16.3. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4.1 and A5.

17. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 17.1. Protest forms are available at the regatta sub office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 17.2. The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 17.3. Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the jury room, located in the upstairs meeting room at Bayaroma Café, 428 Esplanade, Torquay. (Directly across the road from the HBSC Clubhouse)
- 17.4. Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or jury will be posted within the protest time limit on the Official Notice Board to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 17.5. For infringements of the rules other than Part 2, the International Jury may award a lesser penalty than DSQ. This changes RRS 64.1.
- 17.6. For the purpose of RRS 64.3(b) the 'authority responsible' is the technical committee.
- 17.7. On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
 - a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day.

- b) no later than 30 minutes after the party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.
- 17.8. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on the jury decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 17.9. Decisions of the international jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

18. SCORING

- 18.1. The Low Point System as in Appendix A of the RRS will be used.
- 18.2. Four (4) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.3. When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 18.4. When from six (6) to eight (8) races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding the worst score.
- 18.5. When nine (9) or more races have been completed, a boat's series will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP] [NP] [SP]

- 19.1. Sign On and Sign Off:
 - a) Before leaving to race on each scheduled racing day, the skipper from each boat shall personally "SIGN ON" on the required form.
 - b) No later than the protest time limit of their class, the skipper from each boat shall personally "SIGN OFF" on the required form.
 - c) The SIGN ON and SIGN OFF lists will be available in the regatta sub-office.
- 19.2. Boats failing to comply with instructions 19.1(a) or 19.1(b) may receive up to a five (5) points scoring penalty. No boat shall be scored worse than a DSQ. [DP]
- 19.3. For failing to comply with 19.1(a), the penalty will be applied to the first race of the session. For failing to comply with 19.1(b), the penalty will be applied to the last race of the session.
- 19.4. Boats not leaving the shore for a day's race shall declare their intention on the sign on/off sheet prior to the start of the race. [DP]
- 19.5. A boat that retires from a race shall inform the race committee as soon as possible and before leaving the race area, and shall notify the regatta sub office at once on coming ashore. [DP]
- 19.6. Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices to the minimum standard defined in Class Rule C4.1(a) at all times while afloat except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation device. This changes RRS 40.
- 19.7. Competitors are advised to wear a safety helmet at all times while racing.
- 19.8. When the race committee displays flag V with repetitive sounds, all official and support boats shall monitor the race committee radio channel for that racing area for search and rescue instructions. The race committee will announce 'Flag Victor' using the designated VHF Channel.

20. REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee or the technical committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committees at the first reasonable opportunity. [DP]

21. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 21.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with A-Class Catamaran Equipment Regulations which may include RRS 43. Event Limitation stickers shall be installed according to the instructions supplied with them and they must remain in place for the duration of the event.
- 21.2. On the water or upon reaching shore, a boat can be instructed by the race committee, technical committee or the International Jury to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

22. EVENT ADVERTISING

- 22.1. Boats shall display event advertising supplied by the organizing authority as follows:
- a) the stickers with event advertising located on outer starboard and port sides of the hulls within 25% their lengths (approx. 1.35 meters) from the foremost point of the hulls;
 - b) a bow number identifying a boat and located on the bow of a boat.
- 22.2. Such advertising stickers and bow numbers shall be installed according to the instructions supplied with them and remain in place for the duration of the regatta.
- 22.3. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies. [DP]

23. OFFICIAL VESSELS

- Race committee vessels will display a Hervey Bay Sailing Club burgee.
- Jury vessels will display a white flag with "J";
- Technical committee vessels will display a white flag with "M";
- Press/TV vessels will display a white flag with "P";
- Safety vessels will display a Hervey Bay Sailing Club Burgee.

24. SUPPORT VESSELS

Team leaders, coaches and other support persons shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. [DP]

25. TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

26. RADIO COMMUNICATION

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.

The IACA Championship rules forbid the carrying and use of any personal GPS device.

Screen less GPS tracker devices are allowed only if requested by the event organizers.

27. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded according to the Notice of Race.

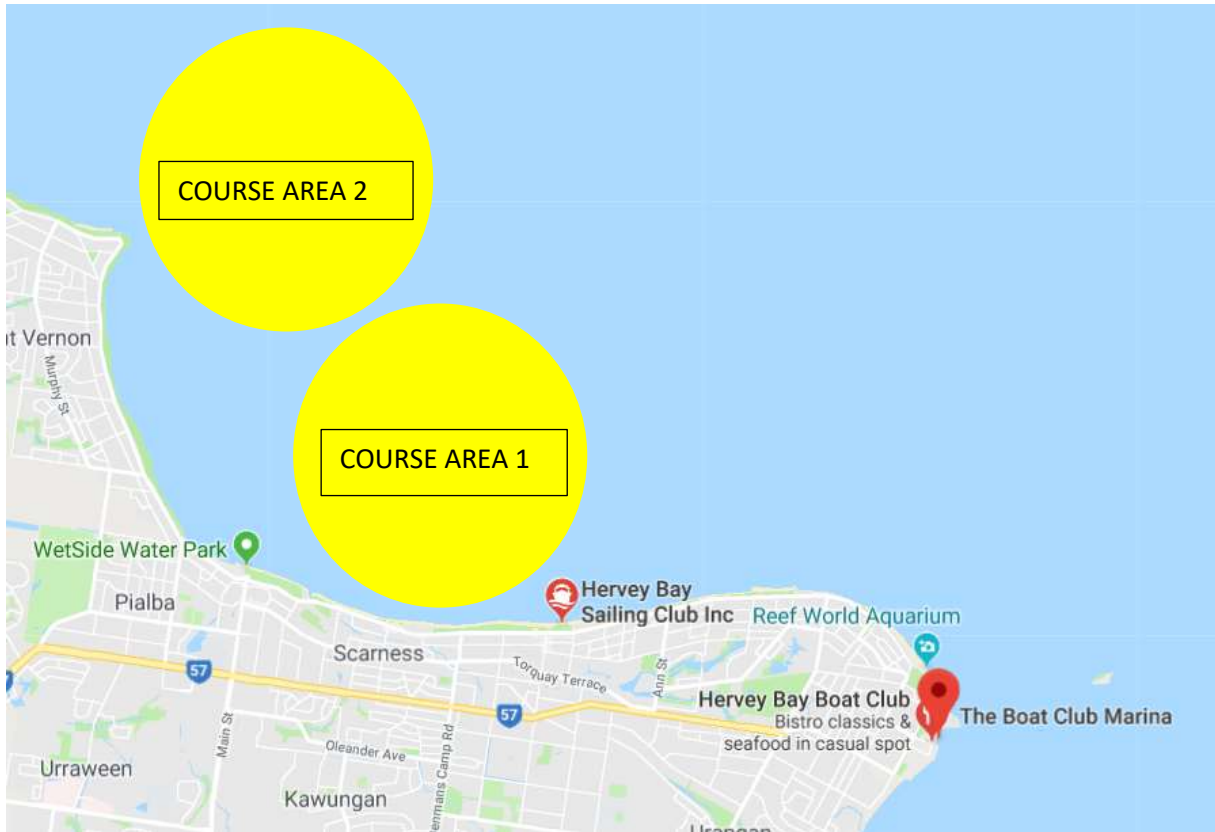
28. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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.

29. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$AUD3 Million per incident or the equivalent. [NP]

ATTACHMENT 1: Racing areas



ATTACHMENT 2: Course diagram

LA3	Windward / Leeward with offset Leeward finish
	Mark Rounding Order:
	Start, 1, 1a, 2s/2p, 1, 1a, 2s/2p, 1, 1a, Finish

