

Sailing instructions

Nacra Open Dutch 2021 powered by Nacra Racing

September 18th and September 19th 2021

Organized by Catamaran Vereniging Hellecat on behalf of Nacra Racing,
Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th September 2021;
Location: Duinweg 11^b, Hellevoetsluis The Netherlands.

Organizing authority:

Catamaran Vereniging Hellecat on behalf of Nacra Racing (International Nacra Class Association).

[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the Protest Committee.

[NP] denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for a protest by a boat.

[SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The Open Dutch Challengerscup 2021 will be governed by the rules as defined in 'The 2020-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing' (RRS).
- 1.2. The Texel Rating Rules will apply.
- 1.3. All competitors and support persons must adhere to the corona rules of the Dutch government for the for the rules see <https://www.government.nl/topics/coronavirus-covid-19>
- 1.4. Class rules will apply.
- 1.5. The following sailing instructions contain changes to the Racing Rules:
- 1.6. SI 4.2, 4.4, 11.6, 12.2, 14.1, 15.2, 15.3, 16.1, 16.3, 16.6, 16.7, 16.10, 18.2, 18.8, 18.9, 21.3 and 24.1
- 1.7. If there is a conflict between languages the original text will take precedence.
- 1.8. Every person on board who has his domicile in the Netherlands shall have the appropriate license.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS





- 2.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least one (1) hour before the start of the race in which it will take effect.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official digital noticeboard.
- 3.2. No skippers briefing will be held, we intend to inform competitors on the race committee via whatsapp.

4. Reserve

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals ashore will be displayed at the flag poles next to the Regatta Office.
- 5.2. When flag AP  is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP
- 5.3. To alert boats that they must not go afloat until further notice, flag D  will be displayed with two sounds. To alert boats that they are allowed to go afloat, D  will be removed with one sound. The warning signal will not be made less than 30 minutes after flag D has been removed.
- 5.4. Flag Y  will not be displayed, RRS 40.1 applies at all times while afloat. This changes the Part 4 preamble and RRS 40.1.


6. SCHEDULE OF RACE

6.1 A total of 8 races are scheduled as follows.

Saturday September 18 th 2021	4 course races	1st warning signal 11:55 hr.
Sunday September 19 th 2021	4 course races	1st warning signal 10:55 hr.




6.2 The scheduled time is the time of the warning signal of the 1st starting class of the first race of the day.

6.3 Extra races per day may be sailed, provided that no more than 5 races per day are sailed and no more than 8 races are sailed in total.

6.4 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange  flag will be displayed with one sound for at least five (5) minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

7 CLASS FLAGS AND STARTING SEQUENCE

7.1 Two open classes will be formed on the basis of the boats' Texel Rating (TR) and with the following class flags and starting sequence assigned:

Class description	Texel Rating	Class Flag
Cats low rating	TR less than or equal to 107 (TR ≤ 107)	Code flag E 
Cats high rating	TR greater than 107 (TR > 107)	Code flag G 
A-cat		Code flag A-cat (blue) 

8 RACING AREA AND STARTING AREA



8.1 The racing area is at the Haringvliet off the beach near Hellecat.

8.2 The starting area has been defined as an area 300 meters to leeward and 100 meters to windward and 50 meters on both extensions of the starting line.

9 THE COURSES

- 9.1 The course diagram in Attachment A shows the courses, the course designations, 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.
- 9.2 The course length and the angles between the legs may be adjusted for wind conditions.
- 9.3 The course to be sailed is **LA**, attachment A. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the course number to be sailed with the pennant flag.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 Marks 1, 1a, 4s and 4p are colored cylinders.
- 10.2 The starting mark will be an orange buoy and the orange flag  on the race committee signal boat.
- 10.3 The finishing mark will be an orange buoy and a blue flag  at the race committee signal boat.

11 RESERVE


12 THE START

- 12.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 12.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starting mark at the starboard- end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 12.3 [DP] A buoy may be attached to the race committee starting boat anchor line just below keel depth. Boats shall not pass between this buoy and the race committee starting boat at any time.
- 12.4 To port of the port-end of the starting line a second race committee boat can be stationed which may repeat the following visual signals: flags X and First substitute. Signals from the race committee signal boat at the starboard end of the line will prevail.
- 12.5 [NP] [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been given shall avoid the starting area (as defined in SI 7.1).
- 12.6 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 13.1 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.
- 13.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to starboard and the race committee boat to port. This changes rule 28.

14 THE FINISH

14.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag  on the finishing boat at the starboard and the course side of the port-end finishing mark.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

15.1 For the all classes rule 44.1 is changed so that the two-turns penalty is replaced by an one-turn penalty.

16 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

16.1 Time limits for both classes are as follows:

	Time limit mark 1	Time limit	Target Time
Every class	15 min.	50 min.	35 min.

16.2 If no boat has passed mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned.

16.3 Boats of a Class failing to finish window within fifteen (15) minutes after the first boat of that Class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

16.4 Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

17 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

17.1 Boats need not display the protest flag. This changes the 6m limit of RRS 61.1(a.2).

17.2 Protest forms are available at the Regatta Office. Protests and request for redress shall be delivered within the protest time limit. Protesters shall use the start numbers as identification on the protest form.

17.3 For each Class, the protest time limit is forty-five (45) minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of that day. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the Race Committee and Jury and to requests for redress. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.


17.4 Notices will be posted within 45 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 near the regatta office, according to the posted schedule. The witnesses (if any) can only be heard, if they are in calling distance of the jury office at the time of the hearing concerned.

- 17.5 Notices of protests by the race committee or jury will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 17.6 Breaches of Sailing instructions 11.5 18; 21; 22; 23; and 27 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1 (a)
- 17.7 Penalties for breaches of SI rules marked with [SP] will be disqualification (or otherwise specified) by the race committee without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5. Specific sailing instructions involved are 17.4, 20.2 and 20.3.
- 17.8 Penalties for breaches of SI rules marked with [DP] are at the discretion of the Jury. Specific sailing instructions involved are 11.3, 11.5, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 24 and 27, or breaches of class rules.
- 17.9 Start numbers of boats, penalized or disqualified without a hearing, will be posted on the notice board within ten (10) minutes after the protest time limit.
- 17.10 On the last day of the series a request for reopening a hearing or a protest decision in writing shall be delivered (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting the decision on the previous day, (b) no later than thirty (30) minutes after the party requesting was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 65 and 66.

18 SCORING

- 18.1 (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - (b) When 5, 6, 7 or 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 18.2 To request a correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat shall complete a scoring inquiry form available at the Regatta Office.

19. [NP] [DP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1 The race committee will protest a boat for a breach of these safety regulations.
- 19.2 Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Flag Y  will not be displayed, RRS 40.1 applies at all times when afloat. This changes Part 4 preamble and RRS 40.1.
- 19.3 Safety regulations will apply as written in the Notice of Race. All the mentioned safety requirements shall not be removed after finishing and arrival on the beach until the protest time limit has expired.
- 19.4 Competitors shall wear dry suit or wetsuit at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- 19.5 All competitors sailing on a "full foiling" catamaran shall be helmed at all times while afloat and wear an impact (safety) jacket with a functional flotation device of at least CE50 Newtons standard, or equivalent.
- 19.6 Boats in distress: A boat, capsized or otherwise in distress, has to ask for help, if necessary. However committee or rescue boats will take their responsibility and assist if a boat is unable to race again within 10 minutes time, or they will help earlier for safety reasons. If a committee or rescue boats decides to assist a boat, capsized or otherwise in distress, such a boat will not be disqualified. This changes RRS 63.1.
- 19.7 [SP] A boat that retires from the race shall notify the Race Committee on the water if possible and shall in all cases inform the Regatta Office as soon as possible, but ultimately within the protest time limit.

19.8 Boats not racing shall remain clear of boats that are racing and official boats.

20 [NP] [DP] REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

20.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee. Request can be submitted through the Regatta Office.

21 [DP] EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

21.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules notice of race and sailing instructions.

21.2 [DP] On the water, a boat can be instructed by the Race Committee to proceed to a designated area for inspection.

22 [NP] [DP] OFFICIAL BOATS

22.1 Rescue boats will fly a colored streamer with the 'Hellecat' emblem.

23 [NP] [DP] SUPPORT BOATS

23.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel 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.

24 [NP] [DP] TRASH DISPOSAL

24.1 Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

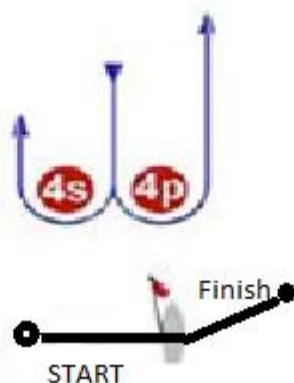
25 ORGANISATION

The race officer is : Marcol de Klerk
The chairman of the protest committee is :
The second member of the protest committee is: Frank de Waard
The chairman of the technical committee is : Peter Vink

Attachment A

COURSE RACING

LA



Course: Same As Course L Except With Offset Mark 1A

Signal	Marking Rounding Order
LA2	Start - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - Finish
LA3	Start - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p
	- 1 - 1a - Finish
LA4	Start - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p
	- 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - Finish