

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

A-Cat Class event

May 14 & 15 2022

Organised by
Catamaran Vereniging Hellecat
in conjunction with the Royal Netherlands Watersport Association (RNWA)
Location: Haringvliet, the Netherlands

[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.

1.0 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (RRS).
- 1.2 The 'Rules for Championships Sailing, Windsurfing and Kiteboarding' will apply.
- 1.3 A-cat rules, will apply.
- 1.4 The following sailing instructions contain changes to the Racing rules:
SI 4.2; 4.3; 11.3; 12.2; 14.1; 15.3; 15.4; 16.7; 16.8; 16.9; 18.2; 18.6; 24.
- 1.5 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.


2.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS


- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located at the Race Office of 'Catamaran Vereniging Hellecat' and online at Manag2Sail event page.

3.0 CHANGES OF SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 When any SI is changed, an updated version of it will be posted on the Official Notice Board (offline and online) as part of these sailing instructions. This will be done not later than 24 hours before the first warnings signal.

4.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE


- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole located near the catamaran club Hellecat.
- 4.2 When flag AP  is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP, this changes RRS 25.2.

- 4.3 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.

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Date and Number of races:

Date	Class	Number of Races a day
14 May	A-cat all classes	4
15 May	A-cat all classes	5

- 5.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal **F RACE** for the first race on Saturday 14th of May is 11:55 hrs.
- 5.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on Sunday 15th of May is 10:55 hrs.
- 5.4 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 four minutes before a warning signal is displayed.
- 5.5 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 15:30 hrs.

6.0 CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 Class flag A-cat will be the blue A-cat Flag, for all classes.

7.0 THE COURSES and RACING AREAS

- 7.1 Attachment A shows the location of racing area.
- 7.2 The diagrams in Attachment B show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs and the order in which marks are to be passed.
- 7.3 The course will be as displaced in attachment B.
- 7.4 The number of laps will be showed, by flagging a number flag on the starting vessel.

8.0 MARKS

- 8.1 Marks 1, 1a, 4S and 4P will be coloured cylinders.
- 8.2 The starting and finishing marks will be an orange buoy.
- 8.3 A race committee boat signalling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in sailing instruction 10.1.

9.0 THE START

- 9.01 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal given five (5) before the starting signal.
- 9.02 The starting line will be between a buoy displaying an orange flag on the starting mark at the starboard- end and the port-end starting mark.
- 9.03 A boat starting later than four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start ([DNS](#)). This changes rule A4 and A5.

10.0 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 10.01 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.

10.02 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 28.1.

11.0 THE FINISH

11.01 The finishing line will be between a buoy playing a blue flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.

12.0 PENALTY SYSTEM

12.01 Rule 44.1 is changed, so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty, including a gybe and a tack.

13.0 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

13.01 Time limits are as follows:

Class	Time Limit	Mark 1 Time Limit	Finish Window	Target time
A-class all classes	75 min.	30 min.	30 min.	40 min.

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

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

13.04 Boats failing to finish within the time stated in the Finish Window after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF), without hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2

14.0 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.01 Protest forms are available at the race office, located at catamaran club Hellecat. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

14.02 For each fleet, the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

14.03 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 protest room, located in the club building beginning at the time posted. Hearings may be scheduled to begin up to 30 minutes before the end of protest time.

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

14.05 A list of boats that have been penalized under Appendix P for breaking RRS 42 will be posted.

14.06 [DP], are at the discretion of the protest committee. A boat may accept a discretionary penalty before a hearing concerning the same incident by completing a form available at the jury office.

14.07 Breaches of rules in the SIs marked [NP] will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

14.08 Penalties for breaches of rules in the SIs marked [NP] will be disqualification by the race committee without hearing, this changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

14.09 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered


Within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;

- 14.10 No later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day; This changes RRS 66.

15.0 SCORING

- 15.01 The Low point system shall apply to all races.
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15.03 A boat's score shall be calculated in accordance with RRS A2.
15.04 Nine (9) races are scheduled, of which four (4) races are required to be completed to constitute a valid event and series.
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, or 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
c) When 8 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

16. [NP][DP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.01 The race committee will protest a boat for a breach of these safety regulations.
16.02 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.
16.03 Competitors shall wear dry suit or wetsuit and at least one (1) flare, at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
16.04 All competitors sailing on a "full foiling" catamaran shall be helmed and impact vest at **all times** while afloat.
16.05 Boats not leaving the beach for a scheduled race shall promptly notify the Race Office.
16.06 A boat that retires from racing shall notify the race committee before leaving the racing area, or if that is not possible, shall notify the race office as soon as possible after returning ashore.
16.07 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.
16.08 Boats retiring from racing shall complete a retirement declaration form at the race office before the protest time limit.
16.09 Boats not racing shall remain clear of boats that are racing and official boats.

17 REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT

- 17.01 Replacement of equipment will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

18. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 18.01 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by the race committee or a measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

19. OFFICIAL BOATS

- 19.01 Official boats will be marked as follows: a small white flag with the Hellecat logo.

20.0 [NP][DP] SUPPORT BOATS

20.01 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.

21.0 [NP][DP] TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats. A penalty for breaking rule 55 may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. This changes rule 64.1.

22.0 [NP][DP] RADIO COMMUNICATION

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

23.0 PRIZES

Prizes will be given to the skipper (and not a representative) of first, second and third-ranked boat of the event of the foiling and classic fleet.

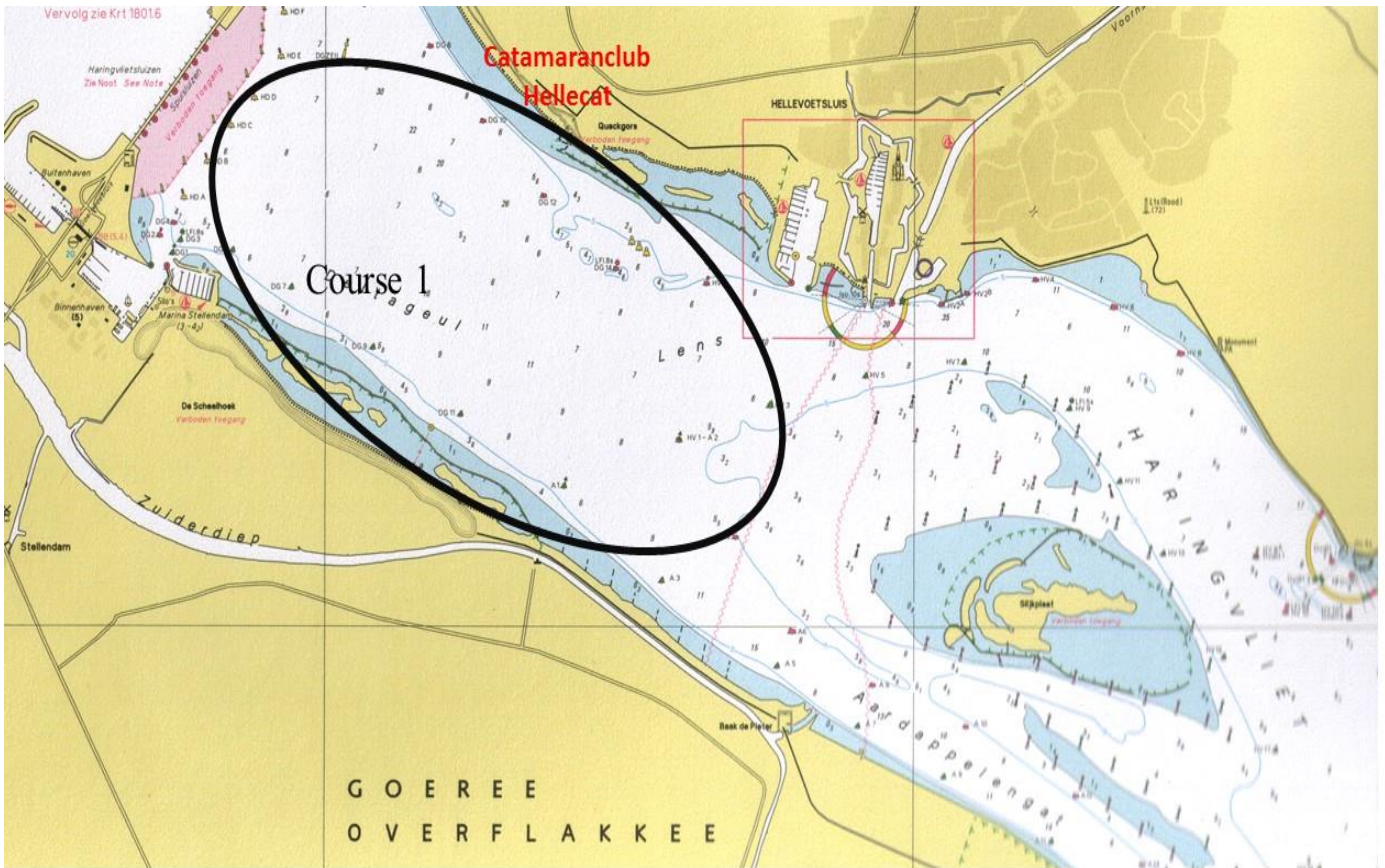
24.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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.

25.0 INSURANCE

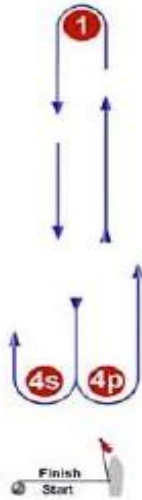
Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of Euro 1.000.000 per event or the equivalent.

ADDENDUM A



ADDENDUM B

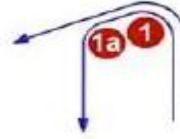
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Course: Windward/Leeward

Signal	Marking Rounding Order
L2	Start - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - Finish
L3	Start - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - Finish
L4	Start - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - Finish

IA



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

Signal	Marking Rounding Order
IA2	Start - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - 2 - 3p - Finish
IA3	Start - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - 2 - 3p - Finish
IA4	Start - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - 2 - 3p - Finish

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