

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS Open Dutch Championship A-Class

Organized by Dutch A-division Catamarans Association (DACA) and  
Catamaran Vereniging Hellecat under the auspices of the Royal  
Netherlands Watersport Association (RNWA) from  
Friday August 23<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday August 25<sup>th</sup> 2024  
location: Haringvliet, the Netherlands

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The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

### 1. RULES

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

1.2 The following sailing instructions contain changes to the **Racing rules: SI 4.2; 14.**

### 2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions, will be posted on the Official Notice Board online [WhatsApp Group A-CatNED](#) before 09:00 hrs. on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 hrs. on the day before it will take effect.

### 3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board the WhatsApp Group A-CatNED.

3.2 The race office is located at *Hellecat clubhouse, Duinweg 11B Hellevoetsluis*


### 4 [DP] CODE OF CONDUCT


4.1 Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

4.2 Competitors and support persons shall place advertising provided by the organizing authority with care, and seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

### 5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole located near the catamaran Vereniging Hellecat.

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 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 RACES

### 6.1

Date	<class>	First start signal
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	A-Class	12:30 hrs.
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup>	A-Class	11:00 hrs.
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	A-Class	11:00 hrs.

The number of races is 12, races scheduled per day is 4, with a maximum of 5 races per day.

6.2 One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that no class becomes more than one race ahead of schedule and the change is made according to SI 2.1.

6.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first racing day is 12:25 hr.

6.4 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.

6.5 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15:30 hr.

## 7 CLASS FLAGS

7.1 For A-Cat-Foiling, class flag will be the blue  A-cat Flag.

7.2 For A-Cat-Classic, class flag will be the Q  Flag.

## 8 RACING AREA

8.1 Addendum B. shows the location of the racing area.

## 9 COURSES

9.1 The diagram(s) in SI Addendum C. show(s) the "LA" courses, including 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 (number of laps) will be shown, by showing a number flag on the starting vessel.

## 10 MARKS

10.1 Marks 1, 1A, 2S and 2P will be will be orange cylinders buoys.

The "new mark, as described in SI 13.1 is an orange cylindrical buoy.

10.2 The starting and finishing marks will be floating skippy balls.

10.3 A race committee vessel signaling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in SI 13.2.

## 11 OBSTRUCTIONS

11.1 Not applicable

## 12 THE START

12.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal given five (5) minutes before the starting signal.

12.2 The starting line will be between a pole displaying an orange  on the starting vessel at the starboard- end and the port-end starting mark.

**12.3** Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

**12.4** 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 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 vessel signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee vessel to starboard. This changes RRS 28.

### **14 THE FINISH**

**14.1** The finishing line will be between a blue flag on the race committee vessel and a skipper ball on the starboard side of the race committee vessel.

### **15 PENALTY SYSTEM**

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

### **16 TIME LIMITS [AND TARGET TIMES]**

**16.1** The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below [for Foilers and Classics](#).

Class	Time Limit	Mark 1 Time Limit	Finish Window	Target time
A-Cat	75 min.	20 min.	30 min.	40 min.

**16.2** If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

**16.3** The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. 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 RRS 62.1(a).

### **17 HEARING REQUESTS**

**17.1** For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat in her class finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.

**17.2** Hearing request forms are available from the race office at Clubhouse Hellecat.

**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 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.

## **18 [NP][DP] SAFETY REGULATIONS**

**18.1** Reserve

**18.2** 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.

**18.3** Boats not leaving the beach for a scheduled race shall promptly notify the Race Office.

## **19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

**19.1** Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee. Replacement of the responsible person is not allowed.

## **20 EQUIPMENT CHECKS AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

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

**20.2** [DP] When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

## **21 SUPPLIED BOATS**

**Not applicable**

## **22 OFFICIAL VESSELS**

**22.1** Official vessels will be identified as follows: a small white flag RC.

## **23 [DP] SUPPORT TEAMS**

**23.1** 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 start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall, or abandonment.

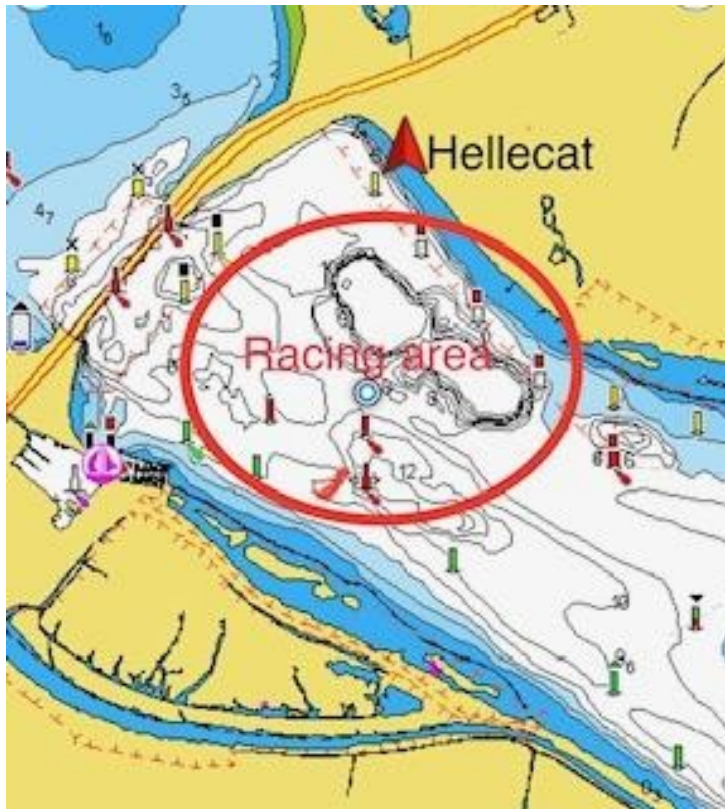
## **24 TRASH DISPOSAL**

**24.1** Trash may be placed aboard official or support persons boats.

## **25 ORGANISATION**

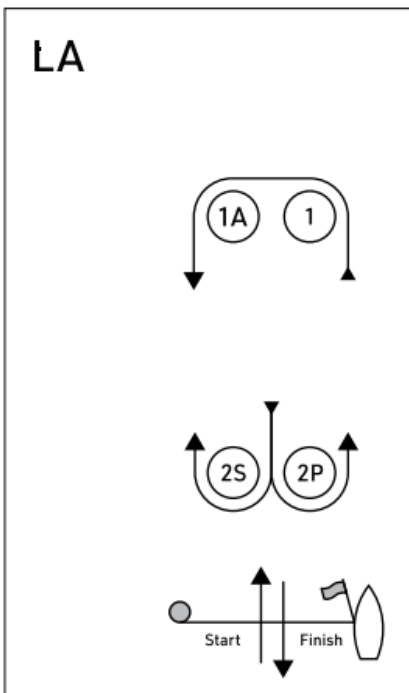
The race officer is : Marcol de Klerk  
The chairman of the protest committee is : ??????????  
The chairman of the technical committee is : [Rutger Krijger](#)





# CONCEPT

## Addendum C. Course



Course: LA  
Windward/Leeward with offset Mark

LA 1 start – 1 – 1A Finish

LA 2 Start – 1 - 1A – 2S/2P – 1 - 1A - Finish

LA 3 Start – 1 - 1A – 2S/2P – 1 - 1 A – 2S/2P – 1 – 1A- Finish