



World Championships

Weymouth and Portland, UK
23rd to 30th August 2019

The Organising Authority is the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy in conjunction with the International A Division Catamaran Association

British National Championships

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NOTICE OF RACE

[NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the International Jury.

[SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing or a discretionary penalty applied by the International Jury with a hearing

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The Class and Championship Rules of the International A Division Catamaran Association (IACA) will apply for the World Championships.
- 1.3 The RYA National Authority prescriptions will apply, see Attachment C.

2. ADVERTISING [DP]

Boats may be required to display bow numbers and advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 Competitors shall comply with World Sailing Eligibility Code (Regulation 19).
- 3.2 All competitors shall be fully paid-up members of the International A Class Catamaran Association either through their respective country Association membership or individual membership.
- 3.3 Boats may compete in either the Open or the Classic Discipline.
- 3.4 Entries should be received by the Organising Authority no later than 19th July 2019 and will only be accepted, at the discretion of the Organising Authority, after that date with the payment of an additional £75.
- 3.5 A Parent/Guardian Consent and Supervision Form must be completed and signed by the Parent or Guardian of any competitor under the age of 18 on the first day of each event and handed in at registration. Forms may be downloaded from event pages as per the links below
- 3.6 Competitors can enter by visiting;
For British Nationals Championships,
<http://www.wpnas.org.uk/events/a-class-british-national-championships-2019>
For World Championships,
<http://www.wpnas.org.uk/events/a-class-world-championships-2019>

4. FEES

National Championships - Entry Fee £150
World Championships - Entry Fee £280 (until 19th July 2019), Late entry Fee £355
Support Boat Fee: £75

5. FORMAT OF RACING.

The Open fleet and the Classic Discipline fleet will race in separate fleets.

6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

6.1 British National Championships

Saturday 17 August	0900 – 1700	Nationals Registration
Sunday 18 August	1030	Competitors Briefing
	1230	Racing
	1900	Sailors supper
Monday 19 August	1100	Racing
Tuesday 20 August	1100	Racing
Wednesday 21 August	1100	Racing
	As soon as possible after racing	Prize Giving

6.2 A total of EIGHT races are scheduled

6.3 No more than THREE races may be sailed per day.

6.4 World Championships

Friday 23 August	0900 - 1800	Registration/Inspection
Saturday 24 August	0900 – 1100	Registration/Inspection
	1030	Support Boat Briefing
	1100	Competitors Briefing
	1300	Practice Races
	1800	Opening Ceremony
Sunday 25 August	1100	Racing
Monday 26 August	1100	Racing
Tuesday 27 August	1100	Racing
Wednesday 28 August	1100	Racing
Thursday 29 August	1100	Racing
Friday 30 August	1100	Racing
		Prize Giving and Closing Ceremony

6.5 On Friday 30 August there will be no warning signal after 1500.

6.6 A total of TWELVE races are scheduled

6.7 No more than THREE races may be sailed per day.

7. MEASUREMENT

7.1 Measurement and equipment checks may be made at any time during the events.

7.2 Equipment inspection will be conducted in accordance with the A Class Catamaran Equipment Inspection Regulations. Sails, boats, and equipment must be measured **before** arriving at the Championship. All competitors at registration must produce valid and current measurement certificates for the hull, mast and sail. Refer to <http://www.a-cat.org/?q=node/9>

7.3 The Equipment Inspection Regulations for the championship will be published on the event website no later than 1st June 2019.

7.4 Equipment shall only be replaced with permission of the Championship Technical Committee.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available on the event website by Monday 12th August 2019.

9. VENUE

The 2019 A Class Catamaran World Championships will be held at the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy, Portland, Dorset, UK

The mailing address for the event is: info@acatworlds2019.uk

The venue contact is: sally.reynoldson@wpnsa.org.uk

10. THE COURSES

Courses will be windward/leeward.

Fleets will race either on separate course areas or with separate races on the same course area.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44.1 and RRS P2.1 are changed so that the Two-Turns penalty is replaced by a One-Turn penalty.

12. SCORING

12.1 The Low Points Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply.

12.2 At least 5 races are required to be completed to constitute the World Championships for each Class.

12.3 At least 3 races are required to be completed to constitute the British National Championships for each Class.

13. SAFETY

13.1 In the event of an emergency the meeting point for safety personnel and the dropping off point for safety boats coming from the racing area will be at the WPNSA pontoon inside Portland Marina. This meeting point will be where an ambulance will be waiting when required. The location of the Emergency Meeting Point is shown in Attachment B

13.2 All competitors are strongly advised to wear a safety helmet which complies with or is accredited to EN1385 at all times whilst racing.

14. SUPPORT BOATS [DP]

14.1 Support boats shall register with the Organising Authority on arrival and will be required to comply with local legislation and the Event Support Boat regulations. These regulations will be published on the event website no later than 1st March 2019. Team support/coaches shall register complete on-site registration at the race office at the venue.

14.2 All support boats shall clearly display the 3 letter national code of their WS Member National Authority at all times while afloat. The minimum height for the letters shall be 200mm.

14.3 If called upon support boats will be required to act as rescue boats.

15. INTERNATIONAL JURY

- 15.1 An International Jury will be appointed for the World Championships in accordance with RRS 91(b). Its decisions will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.
- 15.2 An arbitration hearing may be conducted for protests lodged in accordance with RRS 60.1 (a) which allege an infringement of a rule of RRS Part 2 or Part 4 or RRS 31. Such hearings will be held subsequent to the protest being lodged and prior to a protest hearing. Hearings will be conducted in accordance with RRS Appendix T.

16. PRIZESFor the World Championships

- 16.1 Prizes for the World Championships will be awarded for the first FIVE places overall in both the Open and Classic Discipline fleets.
- 16.2 The winner of each fleet will be awarded the title 2019 World Champion and will receive the perpetual trophies.
- 16.3 The following prizes will also be awarded in each fleet
- Junior Champion (aged under 25 years)
 - Masters Champion (aged 45-50)
 - Grand Masters (aged 51-55)
 - Great Grand Masters (aged 56 or over)
 - Women's Champion
- 16.4 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 16.5 Ages will be based on age at 17th August 2019

For the British National Championships

- 16.6 Prizes for the British National Championships will be awarded for the first FIVE places overall in both the Open and Classic Discipline fleets.
- 16.7 The top placed British sailor in each fleet will be awarded the title 2019 National Champion.

17. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 17.1 Except in an emergency a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data transmissions that are not available to all boats.
- 17.2 The IACA Championship Rules apply for World Championships and forbid the carrying and use of any personal GPS device

18. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall have valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of at least £1,500,000 (or equivalent) per incident.

19. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.”

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

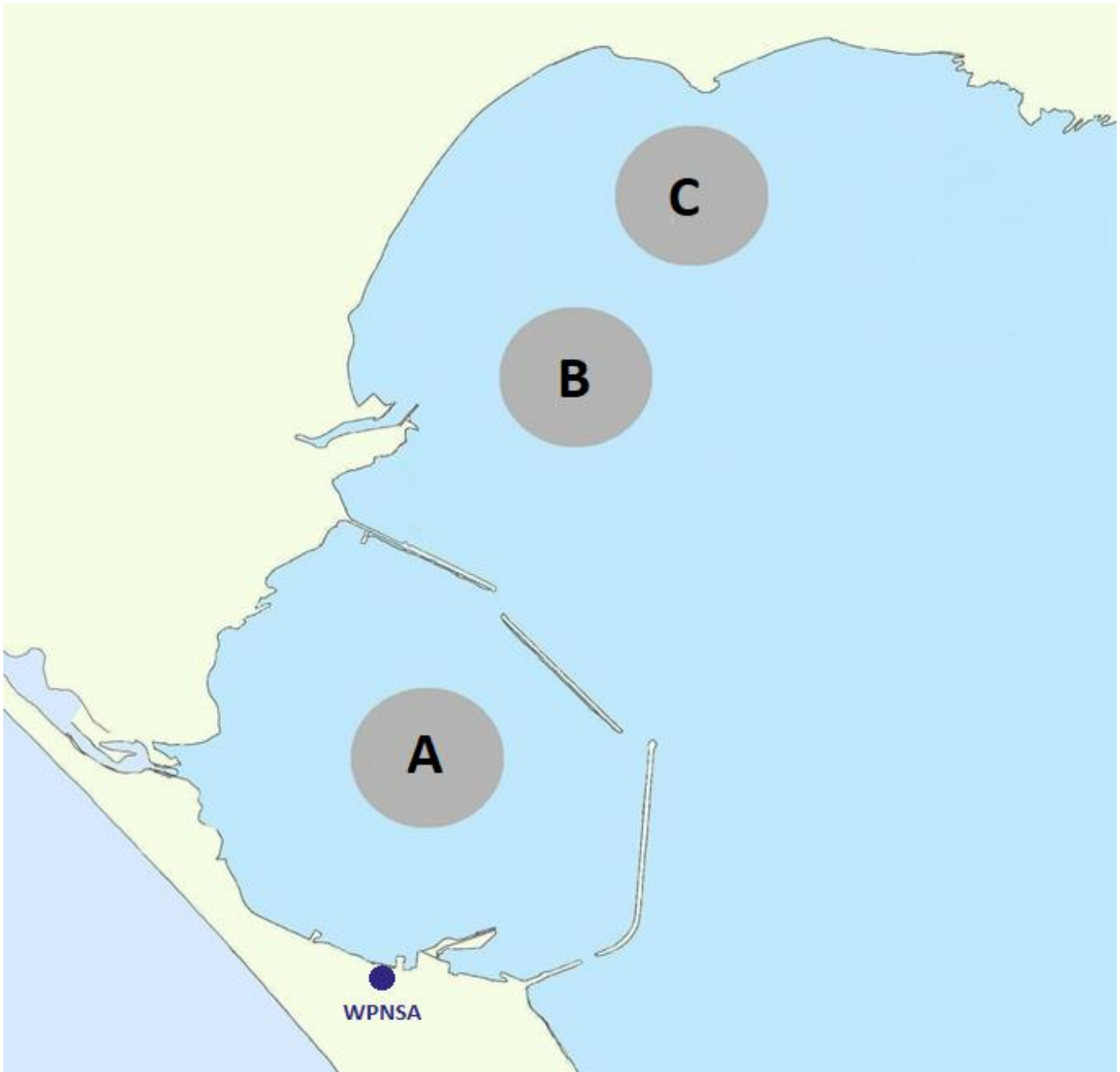
- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the event and to attend any competitors briefing held for this event.

20. MEDIA RIGHTS, CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

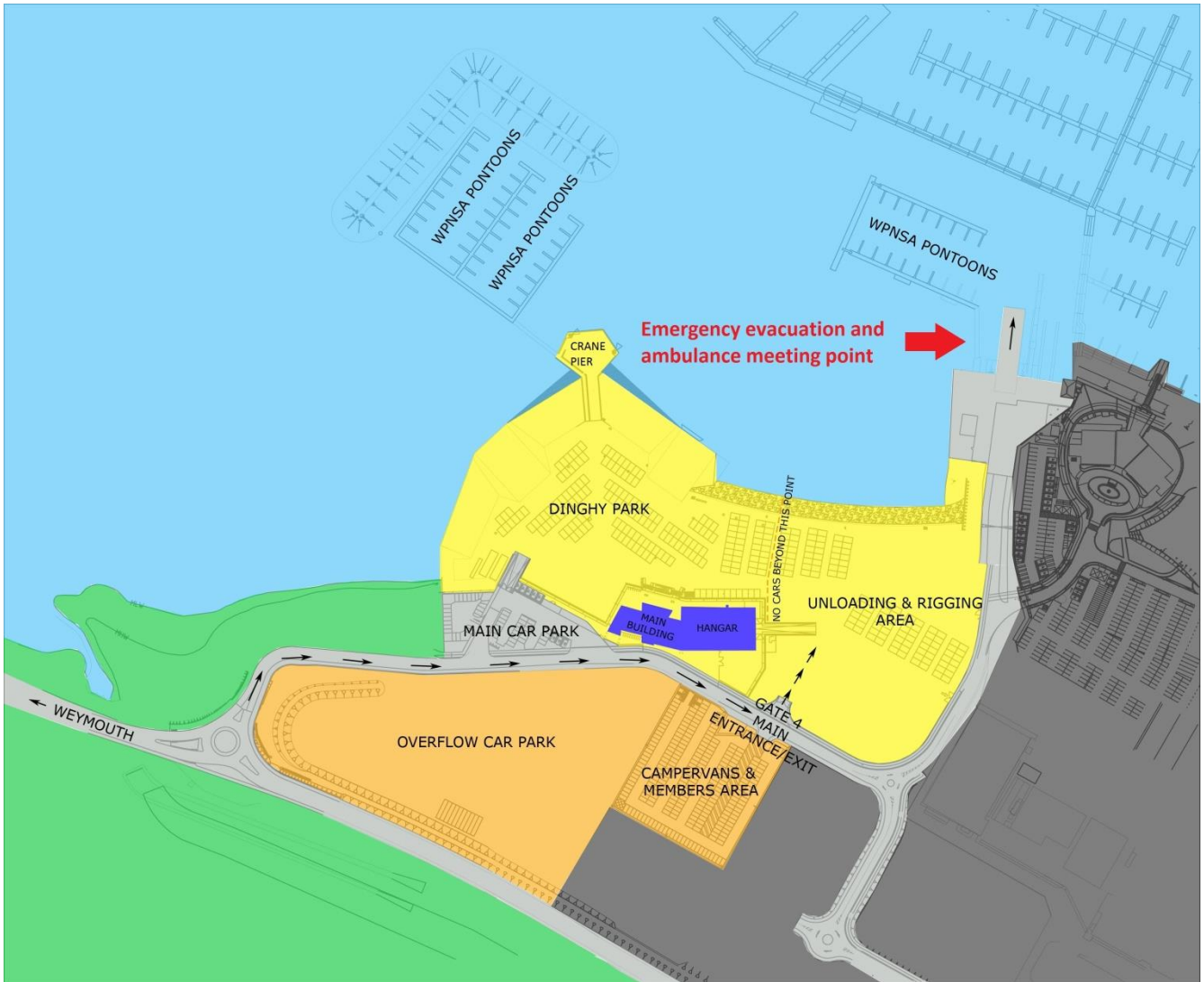
20.1 Where consent has been given for imagery, competitors grant to the Organising Authority, International A Class Catamaran Association and their sponsors, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the athlete during the period of competition without compensation.

20.2 Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the Organising Authority.

ATTACHMENT A - RACING AREA



ATTACHMENT B - EMERGENCY MEETING POINT



ATTACHMENT C

RYA Prescriptions that apply

Rule

5. Anti-Doping

The National Authority procedural rules required by World Sailing regulation 21.16 to implement the World Anti-Doping Code through World Sailing regulation 21 are *the RYA Anti-Doping Rules* - [click here to read](#)

67. Damages

1. Any claim for damages arising from an incident while a boat is bound by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the courts and not considered by a protest committee.
2. A boat that takes a penalty or retires does not thereby admit liability for damages or that she has broken a *rule*.

86.3 Rule Changes

An Organising Authority wishing to develop or test alternative rules shall obtain prior approval from the RYA. The Organising Authority shall promptly report the results of the test to the RYA.

88.2 Changes to National Authority Prescriptions

Notices of race and sailing instructions shall not change a prescription of the RYA. However, when an International Jury has been appointed for an event, only the prescriptions of RRS 5, 67, 86.3 and 88.2 shall apply.