



NOTICE OF RACE

2022 A-CLASS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

HOUSTON, TEXAS, USA

APRIL 29th to MAY 6th, 2022

The Organizing Authority is the Houston Yacht Club in conjunction with the International A-Division Catamaran Association and the United States A-Class Catamaran Association

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This Notice of Race (NOR) is dated October 17, 2021

[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 This regatta shall be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The *International A-Class Catamaran World Championship Rules (2017)* of the International A-Division Catamaran Association (IACA) shall apply to the World Championships.

2. BOW NUMBERS & ADVERTISING [DP]

- 2.1 Bow numbers shall be assigned to each boat and will be used as identification for the boat during the regatta. Bow numbers will be supplied by the Organizing Authority and shall remain affixed to the boat for the duration of the regatta.
- 2.2 Competitor advertising shall comply with RRS 80 and ISAF Regulation 20.
- 2.3 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing 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 members of the International A-Division 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 shall be received by the Organizing Authority no later than March 8, 2022. Requests to register after the online registration is closed are subject to approval by the Organizing Authority.
- 3.5 Competitors may register by visiting:
<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/23425>

- 3.6 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 and handed in at registration.
- 3.7 Requests for refunds will be accepted prior to March 1, 2022, with a \$35 USD processing fee.

4. FEES

4.1 World Championship

- An Entry Fee of \$350 USD, if payment is received on or before January 8, 2022.
- An Entry Fee received after January 8, 2022 shall be subject to a late fee of \$150 USD (total \$500 USD).
- A Social Events Fee of \$200 USD to attend all social events shall be required. Additional Social Events tickets may be purchased for \$100 USD per person.
- The deadline for all entries is March 8, 2022.

5. FORMAT OF RACING

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

6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

6.1 World Championship

Friday, April 29	0900 – 1600	Registration
Saturday, April 30	0900 – 1300	Registration
	1030	Support Boat Briefing
	1100	Competitors Briefing
	1300	Practice Races
	1600	Opening Ceremony
Sunday, May 1	1100	Racing
Monday, May 2	1100	Racing
Tuesday, May 3	1100	Racing
Wednesday, May 4	1100	Racing
Thursday, May 5	1100	Racing
Friday, May 6	1100	Racing
	TBD	Closing Ceremony

- 6.2 On Friday, May 6, there will be no warning signal after 1500 hours.
- 6.3 A total of 12 races are scheduled for each Discipline, of which a minimum of 5 races shall constitute a regatta for each Discipline.
- 6.4 No more than 3 races for each Discipline may be sailed per day.

7. MEASUREMENT

- 7.1 Measurement and equipment checks may be made at any time during the regatta.
- 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 <https://www.a-cat.org/node/9>.
- 7.3 The Equipment Inspection Regulations for the Championship will be published on the event website no later than January 1, 2022.
- 7.4 Equipment shall only be replaced with permission of the Championship Technical Committee.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available on the event website by April 15, 2022.

9. VENUE

- 9.1 The 2022 A-Class Catamaran World Championship will be held at the Houston Yacht Club, at 3620 Miramar Drive, Shoreacres, Texas, 77571, USA. <https://houstonyachtclub.com>
- 9.2 The racing will be on the waters of Galveston Bay, approximately 1-2 miles east-northeast of the Houston Yacht Club.

10. THE COURSES

- 10.1 The courses to be sailed will be Windward/Leeward courses as detailed in the Sailing Instructions, in accordance with IACA Championship Rules, Appendix 4. The distance from start to Mark 1 will be at the discretion of the Principal Race Officer.
- 10.2 Disciplines will race either on separate course areas or with separate races on the same course area.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1 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 Five (5) races are required to be completed to constitute the World Championship for each Discipline.

12.3 When 5 or more races have been completed, a competitor may discard their worst score; when 9 races have been completed, a competitor may discard their 2 worst scores.

13. SUPPORT BOATS [DP]

13.1 Support boats shall register with the Organizing Authority on arrival and will be required to comply with all local safety regulations and the Event Support Boat Regulations. Team support boats/coach boats shall complete on-site registration at the venue.

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

14. INTERNATIONAL JURY

14.1 An International Jury will be appointed for the World Championship in accordance with RRS 91(b). Its' decisions will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

14.2 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.

15. PRIZES

For the World Championship

15.1 Prizes for the World Championship will be awarded for the first 10 places overall in both the Open and Classic Discipline fleets.

15.2 The winner of each Discipline will be awarded the title "2022 World Champion" and will receive the perpetual trophy(ies).

- 15.3 The following prizes will also be awarded in each Discipline:
- Junior Champion (under 25 years)
 - Woman Champion
 - Master Champion (ages 45 – 50)
 - Grand Master Champion (ages 51 – 55)
 - Great Grand Master Champion (56 years and over)
- 15.4 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.
- 15.5 Age determinations are based as of 12:01 am, May 1, 2022.

16. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 16.1 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.
- 16.2 The IACA Championship Rules apply for the World Championship which forbids the carrying and/or use of any personal GPS device.

17. INSURANCE

- 17.1 Each participating boat shall have valid, third-party liability insurance with a minimum of at least \$1,000,000 USD (or equivalent) per incident.

18. RISK STATEMENT

- 18.1 By signing an entry form, each competitor agrees and acknowledges the following:
- a) That they are participating in this regatta at their own risk;
 - b) That the Organizing Authority, all sponsors, all race committee members, and volunteers, all officers and directors of Houston Yacht Club, the IACA, and the USACA are not responsible for any damages, injuries or death which may result in conjunction with this regatta, onshore or afloat;
 - c) That they will put safety of themselves and other competitors above race results;
 - d) That they will accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent it is caused by their own actions or omissions; and,
 - e) Ensure their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in this regatta, and that they are physically fit to participate.

19. MEDIA CONSENT

19.1 By signing an Entry Form, all competitors agree to and grant the Organizing Authority, the IACA, the USACA, and their sponsors, the right in perpetuity to photograph and/or videotape participation in the regatta, or at the regatta facilities, and to the use of their name, likeness, and images, without compensation and without the competitor's prior approval.

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APPENDIX A

The following Prescriptions of U.S. Sailing, the national authority, shall apply:

Rule 60.3 After Rule 60.3, add: US Sailing prescribes that rule 60.3(b) is changed to: (b) request redress for a boat or call a hearing to consider redress.

Rule 61.4 After Rule 61.4, add: Fees for Protests and Requests for Redress. US Sailing prescribes that no fees shall be charged for protests or requests for redress.

Rule 67 After Rule 67, add: US Sailing prescribes that: (a) A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that action alone, admit liability for damages. (b) A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee or US Sailing appeal authority shall adjudicate any claim for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts. (c) A basic purpose of the rules is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the rules, a boat agrees that responsibility for damages arising from any breach of the rules shall be based on fault as determined by application of the rules, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of 'assumption of risk' for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.

Rule 76.1 After rule 76.1, add: US Sailing prescribes that an organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason or for reason of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or age.