

Sailing instructions

Open Dutch ChallengerCup 2020 powered by Nacra Racing

August 8th and August 9th 2020

Organized by Catamaran Vereniging Hellecat on behalf of Nacra Racing, Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th August 2020.

Location: Duinweg 11^b, Hellevoetsluis The Netherlands. Navigate to: Oever Hellevoetsluis.

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

- 4.1 The Open Dutch ChallengerCup 2020 will be governed by the rules as defined in 'The 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing' (RRS).
- 4.2 The Texel Rating Rules will apply.
- 4.3 Class rules will apply.
- 4.4 The following sailing instructions contain changes to the Racing Rules:
- 4.5 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
- 4.6 If there is a conflict between languages the original text will take precedence.
- 4.7 Every person on board who has his domicile in the Netherlands shall have the appropriate license.





2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 4.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official digital noticeboard.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1 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.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals ashore will be displayed at the flag poles next to the Regatta Office.
- 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 To alert boats that they must not go afloat until further notice, flag AP  will be displayed over flag B  with two sounds. To alert boats that they are allowed to go afloat, flag AP over flag B will be removed with one sound. The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after flag AP over flag B has been removed.
- 4.4 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.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACE



- 5.1 The skippers briefing for the Open Dutch ChallengerCup 2020 powered Nacra Racing, will be held at 11:00 in front of the club, on the beach.
- 5.2 A total of 10 races are scheduled as follows.

Saturday August 8 th 2020	4 course races	1st warning signal 11:55 hr
Saturday August 9 th 2020	4 course races	1st warning signal 10:55 hr

- 5.3 The scheduled time is the time of the warning signal of the 1st starting class of the first race of the day.
- 5.4 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.
- 5.5 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.

6 CLASS FLAGS AND STARTING SEQUENCE

6.1 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)

7 RACING AREA AND STARTING AREA

- 7.1 The racing area is at the Haringvliet off the beach near Hellecat.
- 7.2 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.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 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.
- 8.2 The course length and the angles between the legs may be adjusted for wind conditions.
- 8.3 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.

9 MARKS

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

10 RESERVE

11 THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2 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.
- 11.3 [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.
- 11.4 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 AP, X and First Substitute. Signals from the race committee signal boat at the starboard end of the line will prevail.
- 11.5 [NP] [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been given shall avoid the starting area (as defined in SI 7.2).
- 11.6 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This changes RRS A4 and A5.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 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.
- 12.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signaling 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.

13 THE FINISH

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

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

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

15 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 15.1 Time limits for both classes are as follows:

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

- 15.2 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 rule 62.1(a).
- 15.3 Boats of a Class failing to finish 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, A4 and A5.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

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

16.2 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.

16.3 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.

16.4 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.

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

16.6 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)

16.7 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.

16.8 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.

16.9 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.

16.10 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.

17 SCORING


17.2 (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.

17.3 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.

18. [NP] [DP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1 The race committee will protest a boat for a breach of these safety regulations.

18.2 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.

18.3 Safety regulations will apply as written in the Notice of Race (NOR 11). All the mentioned safety requirements shall not be removed after finishing and arrival on the beach until the protest time limit has expired.

18.3 Competitors shall wear dry suit or wetsuit at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.

18.4 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.

18.5 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.

18.6 [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.

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

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

19.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Jury. Request can be submitted to the Regatta Office via email to president@nacraracing.com.

20 [DP] EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

20.1 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 to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

21 **reserve**

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. A penalty for breaking rule 55 may be less than disqualification if the jury so decides. This changes rule 64.1.

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27 **[NP] [DP] RADIO COMMUNICATION & ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT**

27.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.

27.2 Except for timing equipment and electronic compasses, a boat shall not have any electronic equipment aboard while racing.

15 PRIZES

- 15.1 Prizes will be awarded for each class with a minimum of 5 boats for each class. Whenever a class has less than 5 boats in its class, the result will be calculated and listed in the open class TR < 107 or TR >= 107 related to the latest Texel rating yardstick.
- 15.2 The 1st 2nd and 3rd of each class will receive a prize.
- 15.3 There will be an overall Nacra winner per Class

16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 16.1 Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or 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 while 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 organizers 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. The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.
 - h. **All participants will have to accept the COVID-19 statement when registering for this event and will follow COVID-19 rules as laid down by the Dutch Authority. Participants will accept and follow request made by RC and prior mentioned event bodies.**

17 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

- 17.1 By participating in this event, a competitor automatically grants the Organizing Authority, the organizers and the sponsors of the event to use name and likeness.

18 INSURANCE

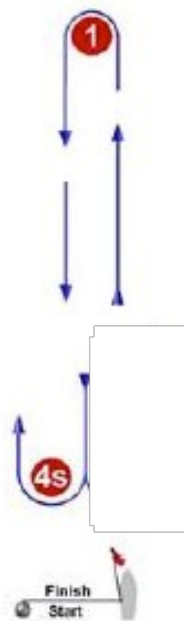
- 18.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of € 1.000.000 per event or the equivalent due to the sailing area and the event.

Attachment A

COURSE RACING

Course LA

L



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