

# 2018 Windmill National Championship 19-22 July 2018

## Sailing Instructions Rev-4 Final

The Organizing Authority: Rock Hall Yacht Club [www.rockhallyachtclub.org](http://www.rockhallyachtclub.org)

### Windmill Class Association (WCA)

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the SI or Notice of Race (NOR) means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the SIs or NOR means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The By-Laws of the Windmill Class Association (WCA) dated March 29, 2010, will apply.
- 1.3 The Board of the Windmill Class Association voted to delete Classifications – Article "XIII.14.C.i for the 2018 National Championship.
- 1.4 The US Sailing prescriptions that apply are US/RRS Appendix R and the prescriptions to RRS 40, 67, and 76.1. No other prescriptions apply.

#### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the Rock Hall Yacht Club veranda.
- 2.2 On the water, the race committee will attempt to communicate with competitors via Bull Horn.

#### 3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2 Oral changes may be given only on the water as permitted in RRS 90.2 (c). Prior to giving such instructions, the signal boat shall display flag "L" to ask the competitors to "Come within Hail". Failure to hear such oral instructions shall not be grounds for redress.

#### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag pole located on the Rock Hall Yacht Club main dock.
- 4.2 When Flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

#### 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The racing schedule is as follows:

Racing Day	Skippers Meeting	Scheduled time of first Warning Signal	Scheduled number of races
Friday, July 20	0900	1030	5
Saturday, July 21		1000	5
Sunday, July 22		0900	2

- 5.2 No more than 5 races are scheduled each day, with a maximum of 12 races scheduled for the three-day Windmill Championship Regatta.
- 5.3 Races not completed on the scheduled day are rescheduled as the first races on the following day. Races not completed the last day of racing will not be sailed.
- 5.4 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1300.
6. **CLASS FLAGS:** The Class Flag will be a “flag with four blue windmill blades on a white field”.
7. **RACING AREA:** The racing area will be the waters of Chester River.
8. **THE COURSES**
  - 8.1 The diagrams (not to scale) show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left as shown in SI Attachment 2.
  - 8.2 No later than the warning signal the race committee signal boat will display the course to be sailed by black letters and numbers on a white board.
9. **MARKS**
  - 9.1 Starting and finishing line marks will be a Red Hippy Hop. Mark 1a will be red hippy hop ball.
  - 9.2 All other marks of the course will be Orange tetrahedron. New marks used in accordance with SI 12 will be Yellow West Marine cylinder.
  - 9.3 A race committee starting or finishing boat may set a stand-off buoy. When present this stand-off buoy, the line attaching it to the race committee boat and the race committee boat are all part of the starting or finishing mark.
10. **THE START:**
  - 10.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.
  - 10.2 The starting line will be between a staff with and Orange flag displayed on the Race Committee signal boat and the course side of the starting mark.
  - 10.3 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored “Did Not Start” without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.
11. **RECALLS**

The race committee will attempt to announce boats identified as OCS, UFD or BFD. Failure to hear or receive such broadcasts, timeliness of broadcast or the order of sail numbers announced, will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
12. **CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

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. **THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between the staff displaying an Orange flag on the Race Committee Signal boat and the course side of the finishing mark, unless the course is shortened using RRS 32.
14. **PENALTY SYSTEM**
  - 14.1 Penalties while racing: RRS 44.1, One-Turn and Two Turns penalties will apply.
  - 14.2 Penalties after racing: RRS/US Appendix T, (Post-Race Penalties) shall apply.

## **15. TIME LIMIT**

- 15.1 The race will be abandoned if no boat has rounded the first mark within 30 minutes after the start.
- 15.2 The time limit is 90 minutes.
- 15.3 Boats still racing 30 minutes after the first boat finishes, and not thereafter retiring, being penalized or given redress, will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) without a hearing and will be scored 2 points more than the last boat to finish. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

## **16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 16.1 Protest forms are available at the Rock Hall Yacht Club Notice Board. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 16.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee signal boat docks. The race committee will post the protest time limit. As a courtesy flag, B will be displayed with one sound from the flag pole located on the Rock Hall Yacht Club Main Dock when the race committee signal boat docks and removed with one sound at the protest time limit.
- 16.3 The race committee will post a list of boats given starting or finishing penalties no later than the protest time limit.
- 16.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.5 As soon as practicable after the protest time limit, the protest committee will post a notice to inform competitors of the schedule of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Rock Hall Yacht Club building.
- 16.6 **[DP]** Breaches of Windmill Class Rules and RRS 55 may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

## **17. SCORING**

- 17.1 The Low Point System, RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 17.2 If five or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her (1) one race worst score. This changes RRS A2.
- 17.3 Twelve races are scheduled. Three races are required to constitute a Windmill National Championship in accordance with WCA By-law XIII 6.E

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

- 18.1 Competitors must check in with the race committee signal boat on the water before the warning signal of the first race of each day of competition.
- 18.2 A boat that retires from a race, or leaves the racing area between races, shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 18.3 A boat shall carry all equipment required by her class rules. She will carry one USCG approved PFD for each person on board.
- 18.4 Each boat shall have available a line at least 25 feet long which can be used for towing.

## **19. PRIZES**

- 19.1 Prizes will be given to the overall 1<sup>st</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> place finishers.
- 19.2 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of class officers.

## **20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after the regatta.