



2022 US Sailing Multihull Championship for the Hobie Alter Cup

August 25-28, 2022

Organizing Authority: US Sailing

Hosted by: Sail Newport

In partnership with the US Formula 18 Class

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), US Sailing's Championship Conditions, the U.S. Multihull Championship Conditions, and the US Sailing Regulations.
- 1.2 US Sailing prescriptions will apply. Prescriptions are available at <https://cdn.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/2021-2024-US-Prescriptions-Final-v2-4.4.2022.pdf>.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS & INFORMATION MEETING(S)

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board online at <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/championships/2022-u-s-multihull-championship/>.
- 2.2. The Race Committee (RC) will use VHF radio to inform competitors of race information as a courtesy. The RC radio channel will be posted on the notice board.
- 2.3. There will be a competitors' meeting at 0900 on the first day of racing in the Great Room at Sail Newport.

3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the SI shall be posted no later than 0900 on the day it will take effect, or in the case of a postponement ashore, not less than 15 minutes before AP is removed. Any change to the schedule of races shall be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole at Sail Newport.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in Race Signal AP. This changes Race Signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACING

Thursday, Aug. 25	0900 1100 After racing	Competitor's meeting at Sail Newport First warning signal of the day Opening dinner sponsored by NAASA
Friday, Aug. 26	1100 After racing	First warning signal of the day Drinks & debrief
Saturday, Aug. 27	1100 After racing	First warning signal of the day Regatta dinner at Sail Newport
Sunday, Aug. 28	1100 1500 After racing	First warning signal of the day No warning signal after this time Awards ceremony & pizza

- 5.1 The regatta will have a maximum of 15 races with a maximum of four races per day unless the race committee determines there is a need to make up for unsailed races.

6. CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be the F18 class insignia on a white background.

7. RACING AREA

The racing area will be in Narragansett Bay north of the Newport Pell Bridge in the vicinity of Potter Cove, or in Rhode Island Sound, depending on conditions. The day's race area will be posted on the official notice board no later than 0900 each day.

8. THE COURSES

- 8.1. Courses will be windward-leeward. **Attachment A – Courses** shows the 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.
- 8.2. No later than the warning signal, the RC signal boat will display the course, bearing and distance to mark 1.
- 8.3. If only one gate mark is in place it shall be left to port.

9. MARKS

- 9.1. Rounding marks 1 and 1a and gate marks 2s and 2p will be orange marks.
- 9.2. The starting marks will be RC boats displaying orange flags.
- 9.3. The finishing marks will be a RC boat displaying a blue flag on the starboard end and either a RC boat displaying a blue flag or a yellow mark at the port end.
- 9.4. New marks will be yellow marks.
- 9.5. If the RC places a new mark 1, it will not place the offset mark 1a.

10. THE START

- 10.1 The starting line will be between staffs displaying an orange flag on the boat at each end of the start line.
- 10.2 To alert boats that a race will begin soon, the orange starting line flags will be displayed with one sound not less than 5 minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 10.3 A boat starting later than four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
- 10.4 The race committee will attempt to hail by VHF boats identified as OCS. Such hails, including failure to hail a boat, failure of a boat to hear such hail, or the order in which boats are hailed, will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

The RC may adjust the course marks up to 10 degrees and 0.1 nm without signaling a course change. This changes RRS 33.

12. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a RC boat and a staff displaying a blue flag on another RC boat or the course side of a nearby mark.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 13.2 Appendix V2 – Post Race Penalties – applies.

14. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

14.1 Time limits and target times are as follows:

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Target Time	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
15 minutes	45 minutes	60 minutes	15 minutes

- 14.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 14.3 Failure to meet the target time is not grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 14.3 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 Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2, and A10.
- 14.4 Boats may be finished on the course at the discretion of the RC. This changes RRS 35 and A4.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Hearing request forms are available from the protest desk at Sail Newport. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 15.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the RC signal boat docks after the last race of the day.
- 15.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of the time and location of hearings in which they are parties or witnesses.
- 15.4 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
 - (a) Within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day.
 - (b) No later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.
- 15.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a PC decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision is posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

16. SCORING

- 16.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.2 When fewer than five races are completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
- 16.3 When five or more races are completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS (DP) (NP)

- 17.1 Competitors shall check in by hailing their sail number to the RC signal boat and being acknowledged before the start of the first race each day and the first race following a postponement ashore.
- 17.2 A competitor retiring from a race or intending not to start a race shall notify the RC or a safety vessel as soon as possible, or if that is not possible, an OA representative immediately upon returning to shore.
- 17.3 Competitors shall wear a properly fitted USCG-approved life jacket that is 100% dependent on foam for flotation while on the water, except for brief periods while adjusting clothing. Modifications of the life jacket are prohibited.
- 17.4 Competitors from outside the U.S. may wear a life jacket approved by their nation's certification authority.
- 17.5 Life jackets shall be worn outside of all clothing except that a thin shirt may be worn over the life jacket to prevent snagging.

18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 18.1 Substitution of competitors is permitted only with prior written approval of the RC.
- 18.2 Substitution of damaged equipment is permitted only with written approval of the RC. Requests for substitution of equipment shall be made to the RC at the first reasonable opportunity.

19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules and SIs. A boat or crew member shall promptly comply with instructions from race officials.

20. RADIO COMMUNICATION [DP]

Competitors are encouraged to carry VHF radios and monitor the RC channel while on the water. While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

21. PRIZES

- 21.1 US Sailing medals will be awarded to the top three finishers.
- 21.2 The highest-ranking U.S. team will be named the 2022 United States Multihull Champion and their names will be placed on the perpetual Hobie Alter Trophy.

22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization, official or volunteer) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

23. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a coverage US \$100,000.00 per event, or the equivalent thereof. Proof of liability coverage may be required.

24. PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

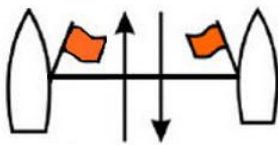
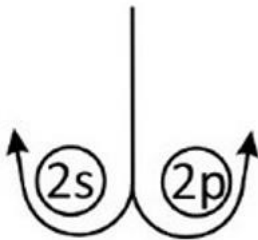
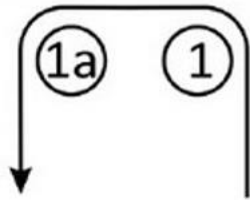
- 24.1 US Sailing Regulation 10.03 - Prohibited Substances will apply.
- 24.2 For US Sailing championship events, no competitor shall use or possess, either on or off the water: marijuana or any other substance if possession is illegal under state or federal law.
- 24.3 An alleged breach of one of these regulations shall not be grounds for a protest. However, when the protest committee believes that a competitor may have breached one of these regulations, it shall follow the process described in the Championships Code of Conduct. If a competitor is found to have breached one of the elements within the Code of Conduct, they shall be excluded from the remaining races of the series and, where practicable, removed from the regatta venue and sent home. The competitor's boat shall be disqualified from all races of the series.

25. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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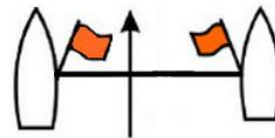
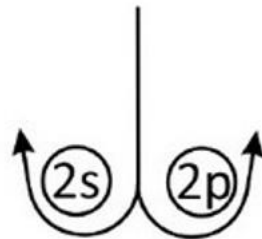
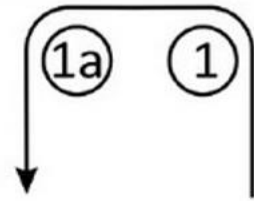
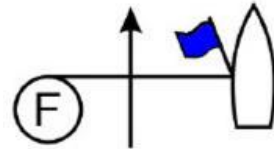
ATTACHMENT A – Courses

Even Number of Legs:



Start-Finish

Odd Number of Legs:



Start

Courses:

Name	Description
2	S – 1 – 1a – F (downwind)
3	S – 1 – 1a – 2p/2s – F (upwind)
4	S – 1 – 1a – 2p/2s – 1 – 1a – F (downwind)
5	S – 1 – 1a – 2p/2s – 1 – 1a – 2p/2s – F (upwind)
6	S – 1 – 1a – 2p/2s – 1 – 1a – 2p/2s – 1 – 1a – F (downwind)