

Sailing Instructions



2016 Albacore Ontario Championship Regatta May 28-29

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1 Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The regatta will be governed by the prescriptions of Sail Canada.
- 1.3 The *Canadian Albacore Class Rules* shall also apply. Where there is a conflict between the Racing Rules of Sailing, the Sail Canada prescriptions, and the Class Rules, the Class Rules shall prevail.

2 Safety

- 2.1 Every competing boat must carry the required safety equipment and an approved life jacket or P.F.D. for each sailor. Life jackets must be worn if the code flag 'Y' is flown from the signal vessel.
- 2.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 2.3 If the signal boat is flying the "L" flag prior to the first race of the day, all competitors are required to pass across the stern of the signal boat on starboard tack to have their sail number recorded and acknowledged.

3 Notices to Competitors

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board at Mooredale.

4 Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 4.1 Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted by 0900 on the day it will take effect.

5 Signals Made Ashore

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag pole at Mooredale.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in the race signal AP.

6 Schedule of Races

- 6.1 Racing will be held on May 28 and 29.
- 6.2 A competitors meeting will be held at 930 on May 28.
- 6.3 The first warning signal will occur at 1100.
- 6.4 The race committee will endeavor to conduct as many races as possible.
- 6.5 No warning signal will be made after 1530 on May 28 or after 1430 on May 29.
- 6.6 Dinner will held at the Hot House Restaurant at 1900 on May 28.
- 6.7 Prizes will be awarded following the last race on May 29 at Mooredale.

7 Racing Area

- 7.1 Racing will take place either in the Outer Harbour or on Lake Ontario approximately 0.5 nm South of Toronto Island. The regatta will be held on Lake Ontario unless conditions make it unsuitable to do so.
- 7.2 The venue will be announced by 0900 each day.

8 Class Flag

- 8.1 The class flag will be the Albacore pennant or code flag '2'.

9 Course and Marks

- 9.1 Orange tetrahedron marks will be used for marks of the course. The start/finish line will use a mark displaying the code 'M' flag.
- 9.2 All marks are to be rounded to port.
- 9.3 The course will be one of:
 - Course 'T' – Triangle, 7 legs
 - Course 'W' – Windward/Leeward, 5 legs
- 9.4 Course diagrams are available in the appendix.
- 9.5 A mark may be floating behind the signal vessel. If present, this should be treated as an extension of the signal vessel. Any boat hitting the mark, hitting the signal vessel, or passing between the mark and the signal vessel will be disqualified.

10 The Start

- 10.1 Races will be starting according to rule 26 of the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between the orange flag on the signal vessel and a mark displaying the code 'M' flag.
- 10.3 The start/finish line will be open.
- 10.4 Any boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored DNS. This changes rules A4.1.

11 Course Changes

- 11.1 The Race Committee may change or shorten the course at its discretion.
- 11.2 A course change will be signaled from a boat stationed at one of the marks, making short sound signals, and displaying code flag 'C'.
- 11.3 The Race Committee can shorten the course at any mark by making two sound signals. The race will be finished at the mark ending the leg of the course sailed by the lead boat at the time of the signal.

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. The replacement mark is a green tetrahedron.

13 The Finish

- 13.1 The finish line will be the same as the starting line.
- 13.2 Any boat that does not finish within 30 minutes of the lead boat will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4, and A5.

14 Time Limits

- 14.1 If no boat has completed the first leg within 30 minutes of the starting signal the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 14.2 If no boat has completed the course within 90 minutes of the starting signal the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

15 Protests and Requests for Redress

- 15.1 The race committee shall be notified of a competitor's intent to protest by 1700.
- 15.2 Protest forms must be filed by 1730.

16 Scoring

- 16.1 The low point scoring system of Appendix A of the RSS will apply.
- 16.2 Completion of at least once race shall constitute a series.
- 16.3 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 16.4 When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17 Replacement of Crew or Equipment

- 17.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race chair.

18 Equipment and Measurement Checks

- 18.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.
- 18.2 All competitors must possess a valid and current buoyancy endorsement.

19 Radio Communication

- 19.1 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 telephones.

20 Prizes

- 20.1 Prizes will be award to the top three boats overall.

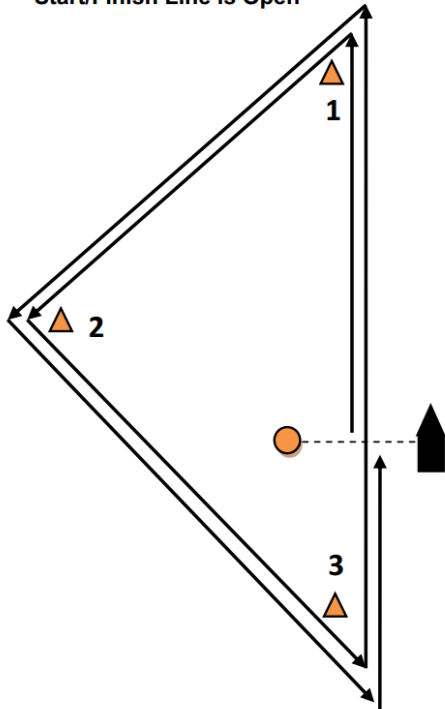
21 Disclaimer of Liability

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

22 Insurance

- 22.2 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1,000,000 per incident.

Triangle Course
"T" Flag
Start-1-2-3-1-2-3-Finish
Start/Finish Line is Open



Windward-Leeward Course
"W" Flag
Start-1-1A-2-1-1A-2-Finish
Start/Finish Line is Open

