

2015 Contender Class World Championships

25-31 July 2015

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The 2015 Contender Class World Championship will be sailed on the IJsselmeer off Medemblik, the Netherlands, 25-31 July (inclusive) 2015.

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Royal Yacht Club 'Hollandia' (RYH), in conjunction with the Dutch Contender Association (DCA) in association with the International Contender Association (ICA).

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the RNWA will apply.
- 1.3 The class rules of the ICA and the International Contender Championships Rules will apply.
- 1.4 Appendix P, special procedures for rule 42, will apply.
- 1.5 Rule 77 and Appendix G (Identification on sails) will strictly apply.
- 1.6 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.7 Every person on board who is domiciled in the Netherlands shall have the required license. The licenses will be checked at registration.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) outside and near the entry of the regatta office.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09:00 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 hours on the day before it will take effect. A change will be indicated by the display of flag L at the signalling mast which is situated near the race office. Flag L will be removed at the closure of the protest time except that if the starting time of races for the following day is changed, flag L will remain displayed together with flag T – indicating a time change – until at least 20:00 hours. Any change to these SI's will be numbered and the number will be displayed below flag L.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the signalling mast near the race office. See SI 3.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.

- 4.3 When flag Y is displayed ashore, rule 40 applies at all times while afloat. This changes the Part 4 preamble. Neither a wet suit nor a dry suit constitute adequate personal buoyancy.

5 FORMAT AND SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The regatta will consist of a qualifying series and a final series.
- 5.2 For the qualifying series boats will be assigned to fleets, Yellow, Blue, Red, Green, of – as nearly as possible – equal size. Initial fleet assignments will be made by a seeding committee, appointed by the OA. These assignments will be posted by 20:00 hrs the day before the first day of racing.
- 5.3.1 In the qualifying series boats will be reassigned to fleets after each day of racing, except if on the first day only one race is completed. The series scores for reassignment will be calculated for those races, numbered in order of completion, completed by all fleets. Reassignments will be made as follows:

Rank in series	Fleet Assignment
First	Yellow
Second	Blue
Third	Red
Fourth	Green
Fifth	Green
Sixth	Red
and so on	

- 5.3.2 Assignments will be based on the ranking available at 20:00 hrs that day, regardless of protests or requests for redress not yet decided.
- 5.3.3 If all fleets have not completed the same number of races by the end of a day, the fleet with fewer races will continue racing the following day until all fleets have completed the same number of races. All boats will thereafter race in new fleets. On the last day of the qualifying series, this instruction does not apply, see instructions 17.2 and 17.4.
- 5.4.1 Boats will be assigned to final-series fleets Gold, Silver, on the basis of their ranks in the qualifying series. The final series fleets will have – as nearly as possible – equal size but so that the Silver fleet is not larger than the Gold fleet. Boats with the best qualifying-series ranks will race all final series in the Gold fleet and boats with the next best qualifying series ranks will race in the Silver fleet.
- 5.4.2 Any recalculation of qualifying series ranking after boats have been assigned to final-series will not affect the assignments except that a redress decision may promote a boat to a higher fleet.
- 5.5 Ten (10) races are scheduled for the championship. No more than three races will be sailed per day.
- 5.6 One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that the event becomes no more than one race ahead of schedule. An extra race will be signalled by the display of flag E at the finishing line.

5.7 Racing and events are scheduled as follows:

Date	Time	Race/ event
21 July	16:00-21:00 hrs	Registration open (Pre Worlds and Worlds)
22 July	09:00-11:00 hrs	Registration open (Pre Worlds and Worlds)
25 July	09:00-18:00 hrs	Registration open, measurement and inspection
26 July	09:00-18:00 hrs	Registration open, measurement and inspection
	14:00 hrs	Warning signal practice race
	18:00 hrs	Opening ceremony
27 July	10:30 hrs	Warning signal race 1 (Qualifying series)
	a.s.a.p.	Warning signal race 2 (Qualifying series)
28 July	10:30 hrs	Warning signal race 3 (Qualifying series)
	a.s.a.p.	Warning signal race 4 (Qualifying series)
29 July	10:30 hrs	Warning signal race 5 (Qualifying series)
	a.s.a.p.	Warning signal race 6 (Qualifying series)
30 July	10:30 hrs	Warning signal race 7 (Final series)
	a.s.a.p.	Warning signal race 8 (Final series)
31 July	10:30 hrs	Warning signal race 9 (Final series)
	a.s.a.p.	Warning signal race 10 (Final series)
	18:00 hrs	Closing Awards Ceremony
a.s.a.p. = races will start as soon as practicable at the discretion of the RC.		
No warning signal will be made after 15:00 hrs. on the last day of the regatta		

5.8 To alert boats that a race will begin soon, the orange starting line flags will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

6 CLASS AND FLEET FLAGS

6.1 The Class flag will be flags representing the fleets as follows:

Colour	Fleet (Qualifying-series)	Fleet (Final-series)
Yellow	Yellow	Gold
Blue	Blue	Silver
Red	Red	
Green	Green	

6.2 In the qualifying series each starting group will consist of two fleets.

7 RACING AREAS

Attachment A shows the location of racing areas. The Starting Area is defined as a rectangle covering the area 100 meters to both windward and leeward of the starting line and 100 meters to both port and starboard of either end of the starting line.

8 THE COURSE

- 8.1 The diagram in Attachment B shows the course, 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 race committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 Marks are described in Attachment B.
- 9.2 A race committee boat signalling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in instruction 12.2.

10 THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made five (5) minutes before the starting signal.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat at the port end (line boat).
- 10.3 If possible the line boat will repeat the following visual signals of the race committee signal boat: Flags X, and 1st Substitute.
- 10.4 If flag U has been displayed as the preparatory signal, no part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing but not if the race is restarted or re sailed or postponed or abandoned before the starting signal. This changes rules 26 and 63.1. When flag U is used as the preparatory signal, rule 29.1 does not apply. The scoring abbreviation of a flag U penalty is UFD. This changes rule A11.
- 10.5 A boat starting later than four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4.

11 RECALLS

If rule 30.3 has been broken by one or more boats, a race committee boat near mark 1 will, if possible, display the sail numbers of the boats concerned and, if possible, make repetitive sound signals. Failure to display the sail numbers or failure to make repetitive sound signals will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.
- 12.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes rule 28.

13 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat at the starboard end and a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat at the port end.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 Appendix P, Special procedures for rule 42, will apply.
- 14.2 Rule 42 is changed as follows, per ICA Class Rule 22 and Appendix P5:
 - a) When the wind speed exceeds 10 knots across the course, the race committee may signal that except on a beat to windward, pumping,

rocking and ooching are permitted, as specified in the class rules, by displaying flag O before or with the warning signal.

- b) If the wind speed exceeds 10 knots after the starting signal, the race committee may display flag O with repetitive sounds at a rounding mark to signal that the actions are permitted, as specified in the class rules. This applies to a boat after she has passed the mark.
- c) If the wind speed becomes less than 10 knots across the course after flag O was displayed, the race committee may display flag R with repetitive sounds at a rounding mark to signal that rule 42, as changed by the class rules, applies to a boat after she has passed the mark.

15 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 15.1 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within 30 minutes after the starting signal, the race may be abandoned.
- 15.2 The target time for a race will be 60 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 15.3 Boats failing to finish within 45 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.
- 15.4 The time limit for each race will be 90 minutes.
- 15.5 A race that has been abandoned may be re sailed at the discretion of the race committee. Races will be numbered in the order in which they are completed.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.2 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat of her fleet has finished the last race of the day or after instruction 15.3 has been applied to that race or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 16.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at the race office, beginning at the time posted.
- 16.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 16.5 A list of boats that, under instruction 14, have been penalized for breaking rule 42, will be posted.
- 16.6 Breaches of instructions 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 29 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty under this sailing instruction will be DPI.
- 16.7 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 rule 66.
- 16.8 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

17 SCORING

- 17.1 Six (6) races are scheduled in the qualifying series and four (4) races are scheduled in the final series.
- 17.2 Three (3) races are required to be completed by each fleet to constitute a qualifying series. If three (3) races are not completed on the scheduled day for qualifying series, the qualifying series will be extended until the day of completion of race 3.
- 17.3 Four (4) races, consisting of the qualifying races completed by each fleet and any final race completed by the Gold fleet, are required to constitute a World Championship for all boats.
- 17.4 (a) If at the end of the qualifying series some boats have more races scored than others, scores from the most recent races will be excluded so that all boats have the same number of race scores.
- (b) For the qualifying series, rule A4.2 is changed so that the scores are based on the number of boats assigned to the larger fleet.
- 17.5 Except for race scores excluded under instruction 17.4(a), a boat's series score for the regatta will be the total of her race scores from those qualifying races completed by all fleets and her final series races, if any. Different final series fleets need not have completed the same number of final series races. The boats in the Gold fleet will be ranked highest in the regatta except for a boat disqualified from a final series race under rule 5 or rule 69.
- 17.6 (a) When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When five (5) to eight (8) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. However, a score from a final series race may be excluded only if two (2) or more final races in her fleet have been completed.
- (c) When nine (9) or ten (10) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores. However, only one score from the final series may be excluded.
- 17.7 To request correction of an alleged error in posted race series results, a boat shall complete a scoring enquiry form available at the race office.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 A mandatory tally system shall be employed. Each helm will be allocated a number at registration which will be their tally number. Before launching each competitor shall remove the appropriate tally band from a board in the garage of the race office and wear this on their left wrist at all times whilst afloat. On returning ashore they shall replace the band on the correct hook on the tally board. Failure to take out, or return the band correctly may result in the competitor being reported to the protest committee for appropriate action. The penalty may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. Competitors shall return the tally bands as soon as they come ashore.
- 18.2 A boat that retires from a race shall inform the race committee as soon as possible and before leaving the race area, and shall notify the race office at once on coming ashore.
- 18.3 Boats not leaving the harbor for a day's race shall inform the race office prior to the start.
- 18.4 If any one of the race signals AP over A, AP over H, N over H, or N over A is made on a race committee boat, all boats shall return to the harbor immediately.
- 18.5 While afloat it is strongly recommended to wear adequate personal buoyancy under all circumstances.

18.6 It is advised that footwear be worn at all times, particularly when on the slipway.

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

19.1 Substitution of helmspersons will not be permitted.

19.2 Substitution equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made in writing to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

20 REGATTA SPONSORED ADVERTISING

Boats shall display advertising supplied by the OA.

21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

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 an equipment inspector or measurer for the event to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection

22 OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be marked as follows:

- a) Race committee boats will fly a flag with 'RC' on a white background.
- b) Jury boats will fly a flag with 'Jury' on a yellow or white background.

23 SUPPORT BOATS

23.1 All support boats shall be registered with the OA before launching.

23.2 Except in case of emergency, team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay at least 50 meters outside areas where boats are racing and shall not communicate with boats from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

23.3 Support boats shall be marked with the national flag of the country they represent.

23.4 Support boats should be prepared to offer assistance to competing boats in the event of adverse weather if requested to do so by the race committee.

24 TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats. A penalty of breaking rule 55 may be less than qualification if the protest committee so decides.

25 RADIO COMMUNICATION

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.

26 PRIZES

26.1 The winner of the World Championship will obtain the title '2015 International Contender Class World Champion' and will be awarded the International Contender World Champion Perpetual Trophy.

26.2 The first 15% placed boats will be awarded prizes, with a minimum of three prizes. If separate fleets have been used, then prizes will be awarded to each fleet.

26.3 The following prizes will also be awarded:

- The Junior Champion will be the first overall under the age of 21 on the date of the first scheduled race of the World Championship;
- The Master Champion will be the first overall aged 50 years old or more on the date of the first scheduled race of the World Championship;

- The Grand Master Champion will be the first overall aged 60 years old or more on the date of the first scheduled race of the World Championship;
- Woman World Champion will be the first female overall of the World Championship.

27 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The OA 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.

28 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of € 1.500.000 per incident or the equivalent.

29 TELEVISION & MEDIA

29.1 Attendance at a media / press conference each day may be required of the top three competitors as well as the individual race winners. Suitable notice will be given.

29.2 By participating in the event competitors automatically grants to the OA and the sponsors of the event, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the athlete during the period of the competition for said event in which the competitor participated and in all material related to the said event, without compensation.

30 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

A boat chartered or loaned for the event may carry national letters or sail number in contravention of her class rules.

ATTACHMENT B

MARKS:

Port-end starting mark:

RC boat displaying an orange flag

Starboard-end starting mark:

RC Signal boat displaying an orange flag

Marks 1, 2 and 3s/3p:

Black/white inflatable shapes with the sponsor logo "Magic Marine"

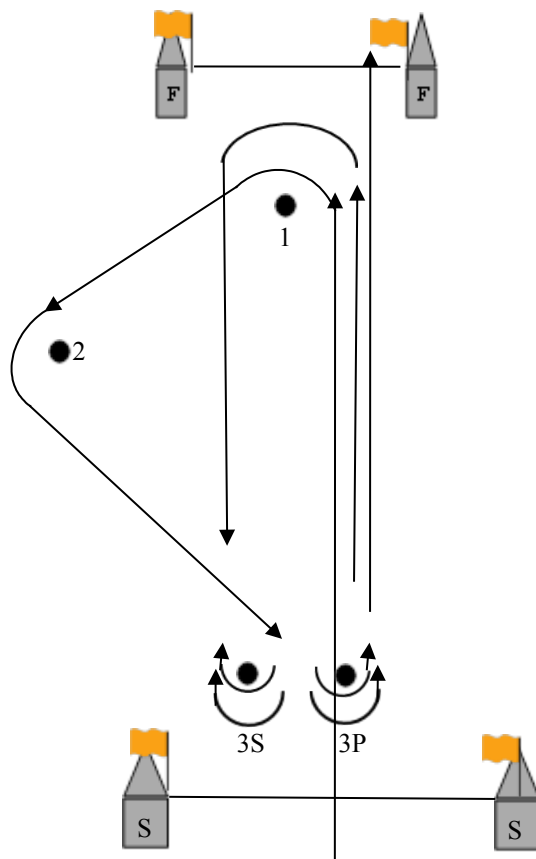
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Starboard-end finishing mark:

RC boat displaying an orange flag

Port-end finishing mark

RC boat displaying an orange flag



Course: Start – 1 – 2 – 3s/3p – 1 – 3s/3p - Finish