



2026 WASZP
AMERICAS CHAMPIONSHIP

Kingston Yacht Club
1 Matland St. Kingston, ON
August 6-9, 2026
Kingston, Ontario, Canada

[NP] denotes a rule which may not be protested by another boat. This changes RRS 60.1 and 63.2(a).

[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee.

1. Rules

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules stated in the NOR 1.
- 1.2. SI Appendix 1 shows the applicable regional/national prescriptions.
- 1.3. RRS 62.4 is changed as follows:
In addition, the protest committee may also penalize a boat that is a party to the hearing for the breach of a rule by a support person by changing the boat's score in a single race, up to and including disqualification.
- 1.4. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the one 270-degree turn, which is one gybe when on an upwind leg and one tack when on a downwind leg.

2. Changes to the SIs

- 2.1. Any change to the SIs will be communicated to the sailors no later than 2 hours before 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. Communication with Competitors

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Notice Board located at <https://racehub.waszp.com/eventdetail/715>.
- 3.2. A WhatsApp group may be used for unofficial communication with competitors. Link to join is: https://chat.whatsapp.com/EmnDbBxUGwz4vEiafXneM2?mode=gi_t



4. Code of Conduct

- 4.1. [NP] Competitors and support persons shall:
 - 4.1.1. Comply with reasonable requests from the event officials
 - 4.1.2. Handle any equipment provided by the organising authority with care, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.
- 4.2. Boats not racing shall avoid any area where boats are racing and any official vessel.
- 4.3. Boats that are on a racing area to which they are not assigned shall avoid the areas where boats are racing and any official vessel.

5. Signals Made Ashore

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at by the flagpole.
- 5.2. Flag D with one sound means 'The warning signal will not be made less than 40 minutes after flag D is displayed, or at the scheduled time, whichever is later.' Boats shall not leave their berth until this signal is made.
- 5.3. When flag AP is displayed ashore, in RRS Race Signals AP '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 40 minutes'. This changes RRS Race Signals AP.



6. Schedule of races (as agreed upon between RC and OA and subject to change and will be communicated through the WhatsApp chat)

Date	Time	Event
Wednesday, August 5	1600	Registration Opens/Opening Ceremonies
Thursday, August 6	0830	Registration/Check-in
	0900	Competitors Meeting
		Meeting/Vakaros Check-in
	1100	First Warning
Friday, August 7	0900	Competitors meeting
	1000	First Warning
Saturday, August 8	0900	Competitor Meeting
	1000	First Warning
	After Racing	Dinner at KYC
Sunday, August 9	0900	Competitor Meeting
	1030	First Warning
	1400	Last Warning
	1600	Awards

- 6.1. Provisional Schedule will be announced on the morning of racing, and this will be set according to the weather forecast, ensuring the best possibility of wind for the competitors.



7. Format

- 7.1. See NOR 1

8. Racing Areas

- 8.1. Racing areas are presented in Appendix 2.

9. Courses

- 9.1. Course diagrams are shown in Appendix 3.

10. Marks

- 10.1. Racing Marks - all marks will be discussed in the competitor's meeting. We will be using inflatable marks and the colours will be shared at the competitors meeting.

10.1.1. The starting line will be between a red autonomous mark and a yellow autonomous mark.

11. Changing the Next Leg of the Course

- 11.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark or the finishing line to a new position.
- 11.2. The race committee is not required to signal the change if the next leg of the course is changed by less than 10 degrees in angle, or 100 meters in length. This changes RRS 33.

12. The Finish

- 12.1. The Finishing line will be according to the diagram shown in Appendix 3.



- 12.1.1. [DP] If a boat is asked by an official vessel, it shall return to the starting area, and will be scored in their last known position. This changes RRS 28.1, A5.1, and A5.2.

13. Target Times

- 13.1. The Target Time, Race Time Limit and the Finishing Window in minutes will be:

Target Time	Mark 1 Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
13	10	20 minutes NUL	10

- 13.2. Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

14. Hearing Requests

- 14.1. Hearing Requests shall be submitted via paper at the location designated by the Organizing Committee.
- 14.2. Notices will be posted no later than 20 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; location shared in the competitors briefing on the day of racing.
- 14.3. For each fleet, the protest time limit shall be 60 minutes after the later of: the last boat finishing the last race of the day, or no more racing today being signaled. The time will be posted on the Official Notice board.



15. Scoring

- 15.1. See NOR 11.
- 15.2. Three races are required to be scored to constitute a series.

16. Safety Regulations

- 16.1. [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 16.2. [DP] Boats wishing to return to shore before the end of the day's racing shall make every attempt to inform an official vessel before leaving the racing area. The official vessel will instruct boats in the procedure for returning to shore.

17. Replacement of Crew or Equipment

- 17.1. Substitution of equipment shall be in accordance with the class rules and communication with the Race committee must take place.

18. Official Vessels

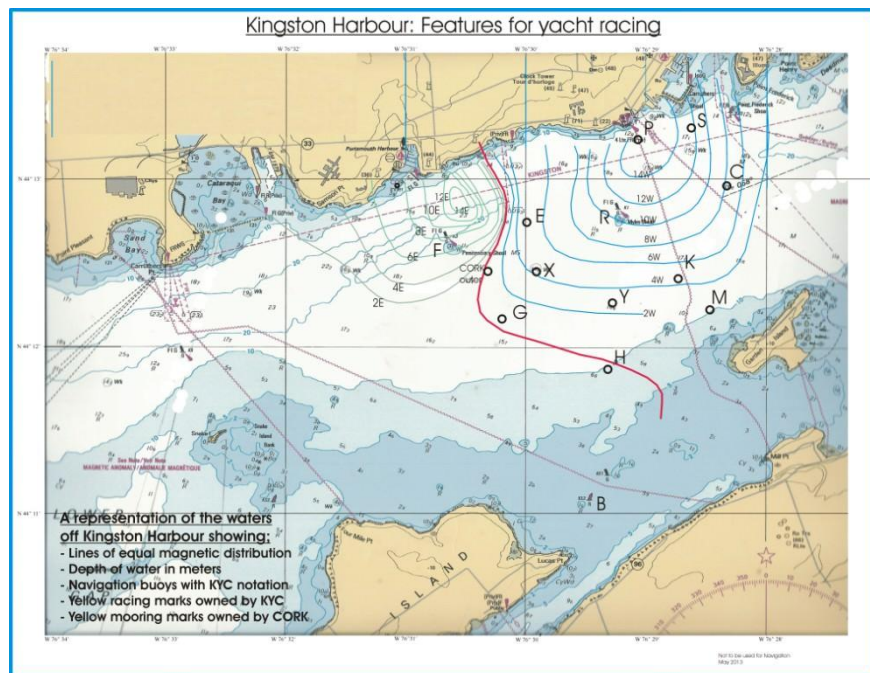
- 18.1. Vessels of the race committee may not be marked with a flag.

Appendix 1 – Race Areas

Race Areas will be determined through weather forecasting and communicated to the sailors in the competitor's briefings each day. However, it will take place in this body of water.



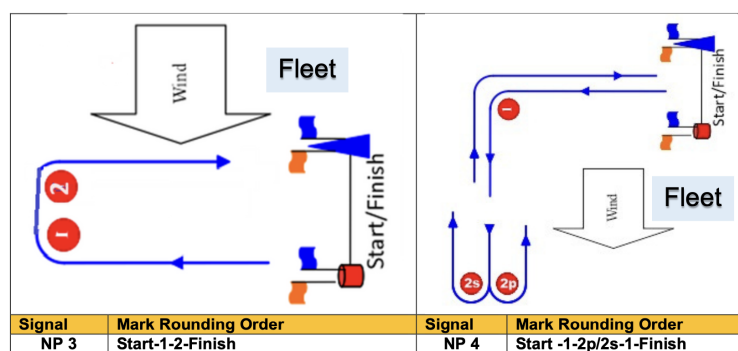
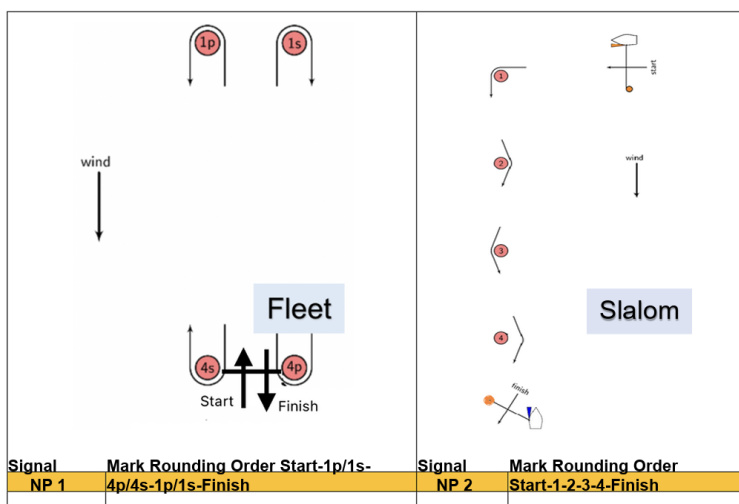
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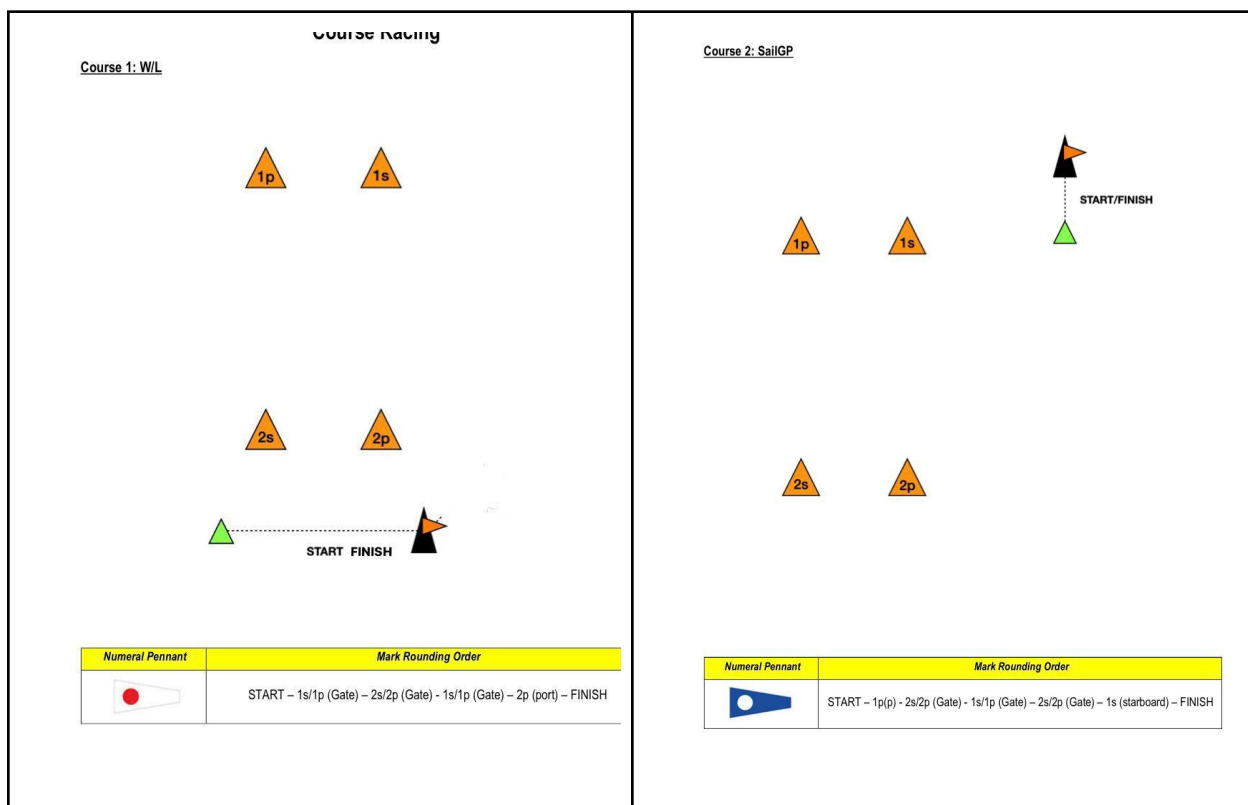


Appendix 2 – Possible Course Diagrams



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Addendum 1 – Vakaros Use for RaceSense

Vakaros System Usage Each boat shall have a working Vakaros Atlas 2 using a WASZP Vakaros mount and configured for RaceSense at check-in.

Failure of an Atlas 2 or the RaceSense system shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 63.1, 60.1(b), 60.2(b) and 60.3(b). All the telemetry will be saved on the units. The intention is that the units will be used to call the start line with regard to if a boat is on course side.



Additionally, the Race Officers may use their discretion to call additional boats OCS. Therefore, it is unlikely that there will be General Recalls, as all boats should be identified as OCS if they are OCS. The system works by having a unit on each end of the start line. At the moment of the start, the unit carried by each boat will make a determination if the boat is over the line or not, and automatically deliver a message of OCS with a red light on the boats that are determined to be over the line.

The system does not track boats that are over the line within one minute, so in the case of U flag or Black flag starts, the Race Officers will manually track OCS boats like normal. In the case of P flag starts, boats that return behind the line will be notified by their unit that they have returned beyond the start line and will be cleared to race. For the purpose of these starts, the race officers may use electronic means to determine OCS. This will include boats that did not return and/or boats that are determine OCS by the Race Officer.

If, while on the water, the Race Officers wish to continue racing without using the Vakaros system, they will display Lima flag and verbally inform the competitors to resume to normal race procedures.