2027 WASZP Mid-winter Championship Regatta

January 16-18, 2027

US Sailing Center of Martin County

Jensen Beach, Florida

Competing for the North American Master's Championship

& Region 2 High School / College Qualifier

Notice of Race

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1. Rules

1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

1.2. The WASZP Class Rules shall apply.

1.3. NO US Sailing Prescriptions will apply except the prescription to RRS 67, listed in full Appendix 1.

1.4. [DP] Vakaros RaceSense system will be used for this regatta. Each boat shall provide their own Vakaros Atlas2 with an active RaceSense license. The instrument shall be turned on 10 minutes prior to the first scheduled warning signal of the day and remain on for a minimum of 15 minutes after the last race of the day has finished. Atlas 2 devices will display a countdown timer, distance to line, and an OCS notification if you are on the course side of the line early. Information provided by the system cannot be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1 (a). See Addendum RS.

1.5. Boats utilizing a loaner Vakaros Atlas 2 will be responsible for loss or damage to the Atlas 2 due to negligence.

2. Sailing Instructions

2.1. The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available on the ONB at Racehub prior to the first day of the event.

2.2. For differences between the NOR and SI, the SIs shall prevail.

3. Communication

3.1. The Official Notice Board is located on the Racehub event Online

3.2. 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

3.3. A WhatsApp group may be used for UNOFFICIAL communication. A link will be sent during check-in.

4. Eligibility and Entry

4.1. The event is open to boats of the WASZP class.

4.2. Every competitor shall be a member of their national WASZP Class association. Additionally, WICA membership shall be required for events Tier 3 and above.

4.3. Boats may enter by registering online via Racehub. To be considered an entry for the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

4.4. Early Entry Details

4.4.1. Entry closes on January 13th. Registration will not be accepted after this date.

4.4.2. Competitors shall complete lodging forms at check-in [DP][NP]. The USSCMC requires lodging forms to be completed. These forms help us qualify for local tourism grants for "putting heads in beds". Whether you are in a hotel, AirBnB or visiting a friend, you must complete this form electronically through "Hello Sign".

5. Fees

Early Entry	Before Dec. 13th 2026	$250
Normal Entry	Dec 14 - Jan 13	$300

5.1. All fees are to be refunded to boats that cancel prior to December 31st less $10 for handling and processing

6. Crew Limitations

6.1. Crew limitations will be in accordance with WASZP Class rules.

7. Advertising

7.1. If requested by the Organizing Authority, boats shall display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority. This may include a requirement to wear supplied podium bibs during competition.

8. Event Format

8.1. Racing will consist of course racing.

9. Schedule

The fleet will launch when conditions are optimal for racing. Sailors should be prepared to launch from dawn to dusk based on wind conditions and direction.

9.1. **Thursday, January 14th**

1000	Sailing Center open for setup and practice
1000-1700	Early registration/check-in welcome in office

Friday, January 15th

1000	Sailing Center open for setup and practice
1000-1700	Early registration/check-in welcome in office

Saturday, January 16th

1000	Check in and registration in office
1100	Competitor Meeting
	6-8 races scheduled

Sunday, January 17th

	6-8 races scheduled

Monday, January 18th

	6-8 races scheduled
1600	No warning after
ASAP	Award Ceremony to follow

10. Equipment Inspection

10.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the rules

10.2. The penalty for infringement of a class rule may be less than disqualification.

11. Clothing and Equipment

11.1. Clothing and equipment shall be in accordance with the class rules. See WICA Class Rule C.4.

11.2. Helmets may be rented for $25 with a $50 deposit. Inquire at check-in.

12. Venue

12.1. The event will be held at the USSCMC on the Indian River Lagoon.

13. Racing area (See Appendix)

13.1. The course area will be the waters of the Indian River Lagoon. See Appendix 2 for details.

13.2. Course diagrams will be provided in the Sailing Instructions

14. Penalty System

14.1. RRS 44.1 and P2.1 are changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

15. Scoring

15.1. 3 races will be required to constitute a championship.

15.2. A single series of races will be scored as follows:

Races Completed	1-3	4-7	8-11	12-15	16+
Discards	0	1	2	3	4

16. Support Vessels

16.1. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official.

16.2. [DP] All support vessels shall be equipped with a functioning engine safety cut-out switch (kill switch) which shall remain attached to the support person (operator) at all times while the engine is on. Support vessels shall check-in with the RC Signal vessel before the first race of each day to demonstrate compliance

17. Berthing

17.1. Boats shall be kept in their assigned places/area while in the boat park.

18. Data Protection

18.1. The personal information you provide to the Organizing Authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the Organizing Authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

19. Rights to Use Names and Likeness

19.1. Competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event.

20. Risk Statement

20.1. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

21. Insurance

21.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance. The Organizing Authority does not accept any responsibility for verifying that a boat has valid third-party insurance.

22. Prizes

22.1. Prizes will be presented to the boats finishing in:

1st - 3rd overall
Top College
Top High-School
Top U19
Top U21
Top Core (Age 21-29)
Top Master (Age 30-49)
Top Super Masters (Age 50+)

23. Further Information

23.1. For further information, please contact Event Chair, Rick Wood, rick.wood@me.com, +1 (317) 292-1020

24. Additional Information Not Part of the NoR

Some local charters are available, contact the event chair for more information, Local housing information can be found at www.usscmc.org,

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Sailing Instructions

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1. Rules

1.1. The event is governed by the rules stated in the NOR.

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.

1.5. [DP] Vakaros RaceSense system will be used for this regatta. See Addendum RS.

1.6. Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: (2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident.

2. Changes to the SIs

2.1. Any change to the SIs will be posted 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. The official Notice Board shall be located on RaceHub.
https://racehub.waszp.com/eventdetail/602#notices

3.2. WhatsApp may be used for unofficial communication. An invitation will be provided to all competitors at registration.

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 on the USSCMC Flag pole at the end of the dock.

5.2. Flag D with one sound means 'The warning signal will not be made less than 30 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

The fleet will launch when conditions are optimal for racing. Sailors should be prepared to launch from dawn to dusk based on wind conditions and direction.

6.1. Provisional Schedule

Thursday, January 14th

1000	Sailing Center open for setup and practice
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Friday, January 15th

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Saturday, January 16th

0900	Check in and registration in office
1000	Competitor Meeting
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1600	No warning after

ASAP Award Ceremony to follow

6.2. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least two minutes before a warning signal is made.
6.3. A maximum of 8 course races may be sailed in one day.

7. Fleet Flags
7.1. Fleet Flags will be Black WASZP with a yellow background

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. Rounding marks will be Orange.
10.2. The starting marks will be race committee vessels, or a race committee vessel at the starboard end of the line and a Orange buoy at the port end.
10.3. The finishing marks will be race committee vessels, or a race committee vessel as the starboard end of the line and Orange buoy at the port end.

11. Obstructions
11.1. See Appendix 2, Shoal and sandbar locations will be communicated via competitors meeting, Shoal near Racing area will be marked by Red “hip hop” buoys.

12. The Start
12.1. Course Racing
12.1.1. The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

13. Changing the Next Leg of the Course
13.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark or the finishing line to a new position.
13.2. 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.

14. The Finish

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

15. Target Times

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

Target Time	Mark 1 Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
15	20	30	10

15.2. Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).

16. Hearing Requests

16.1. Hearing Requests shall be submitted via the Regatta Protest desk found on the 2nd floor of the USSCMC.

16.2. 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 located on the 2nd floor of the USSCMC in the Founder's Room.

16.3. For each fleet, the protest time limit shall be 60 minutes after the docking of the Race Committee Vessel. The time will be posted on the Official Notice board.

17. Scoring

17.1. See NOR 6.

17.2. One race is required to be scored to constitute a series.

18. Safety Regulations

18.1. [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

18.2. [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.

19. Replacement of Crew or Equipment

19.1. Substitution of equipment shall be in accordance with the class rules.

20. Equipment and Measurement Checks

20.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the rules.

21. Official Vessels

21.1. Race Committee Vessels will be marked with either a yellow or Blue Race Committee Flag.

22. Support Vessels

22.1. The OA will not provide support boats.

22.2. [DP] Support Boat Dock storage must be coordinated with the Regatta Logistics Manager.

22.3. [DP] Support boats shall carry a working VHF radio and during the race monitor the VHF channel which will be communicated at the Competitors Meeting.

22.4. [DP] All Support Boats shall be equipped with a functioning engine safety cut-out switch (kill switch) which shall remain attached to the support person (operator) at all times while the engine is on. Support vessels shall check-in with the RC Signal vessel before the first race of each day to demonstrate compliance.

ADDENDUM RS

Vakaros RaceSense Rules

[NP] Rules and Instructions for Using the Vakaros and RaceSense System

RS1. Each boat shall have a working Vakaros Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge configured for RaceSense at check-in. Boats without a configured Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge may have one provided by the OA, for applicable fees.

RS2. Competitors shall calibrate their Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge before registration/check-in and shall ensure their device remains in proper calibration throughout the event.

Instructions for using the electronic Atlas 2 can be found in the Atlas 2 User Guide or Atlas Edge can be found here Atlas Edge User Guide

RS3. The Vakaros RaceSense system will be used by the Race Committee (RC) and the relevant information will be available to all boats.

RS4. Vakaros devices shall be mounted in accordance with the class rules.

RS5. Competitors shall take all reasonable measures to keep Atlas devices safe and operational and shall promptly notify race officials on the water or ashore of any device issues.

RS6. Information provided by, or any alleged failure of, the RaceSense system or an Atlas device shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4 (b).

RS7. The countdown to the start will use RaceSense time, which shall be the official time. Signal flags will only be used for information purposes. This changes RRS 26.

RS8. The visual signals in RRS 29 are replaced with electronic communication through the RaceSense system. This changes RRS 29. Boats that are on the course side at the starting signal will be informed by the RaceSense system.

RS9. Where the race committee displays flag Oscar (Old School) prior to the warning signal, RS.7 and RS.8 do not apply to that race.

RS10. Where the race committee displays flag Romeo (Re-Boot) prior to the warning signal, competitors shall restart their Atlas device by switching it off, waiting 10 seconds and then switching it back on. Flag R will be displayed for no less than 2 minutes.

RS11. Where requested by the OA, competitors shall perform firmware updates during the competition.

Appendix 1 – Regional Racing Prescriptions

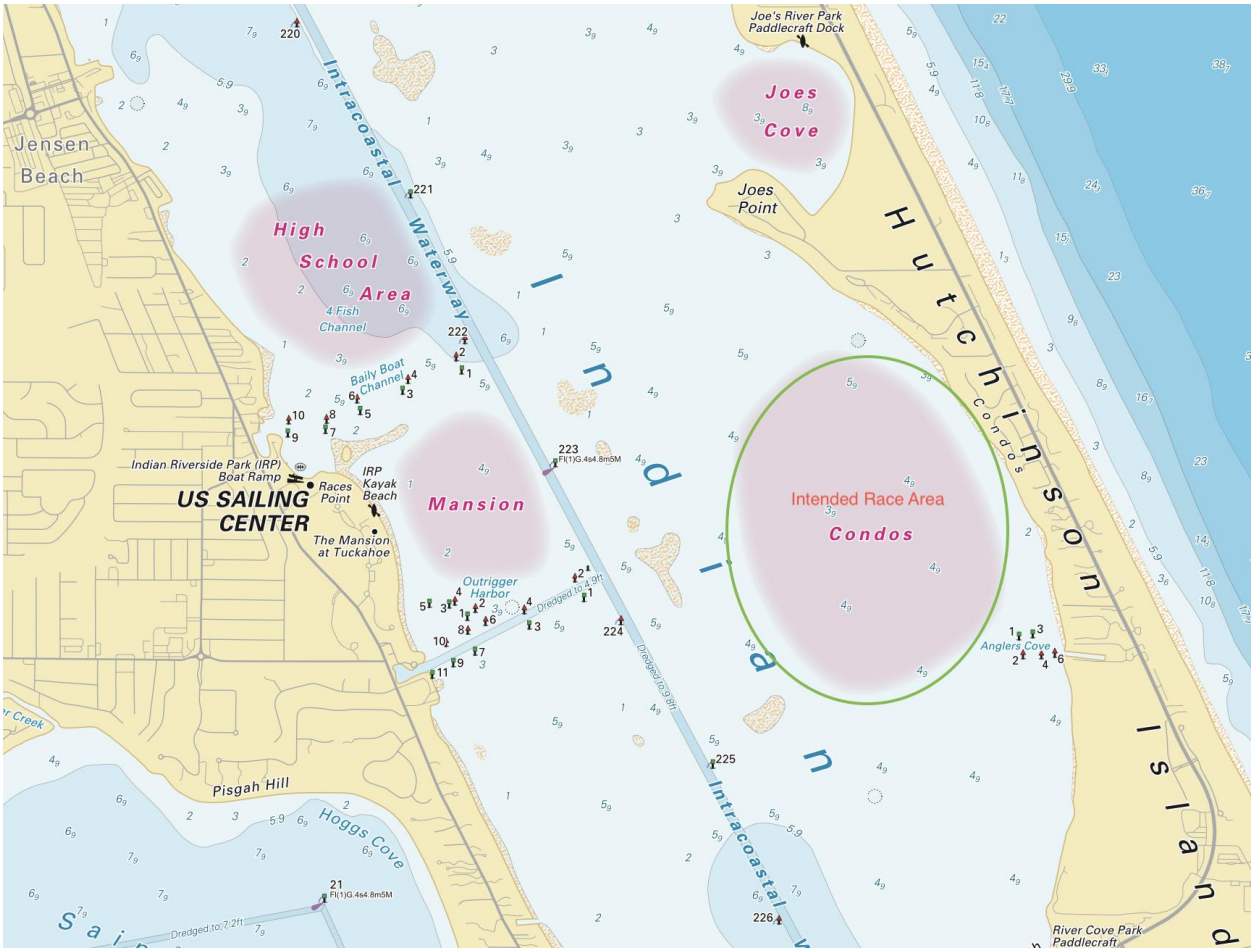
US Sailing prescribes that:

(a) A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that action alone, admit liability for damages.

(b) A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee or US Sailing appeal authority shall adjudicate any claim for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.

(c) A basic purpose of the rules is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the rules, a boat agrees that responsibility for damages arising from any breach of the rules shall be based on fault as determined by application of the rules, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of 'assumption of risk' for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.

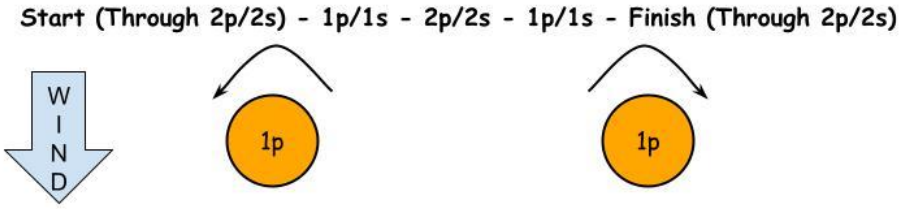
Appendix 2 – Race Areas

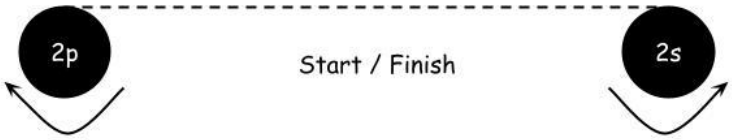


Appendix 3 – Course Diagrams

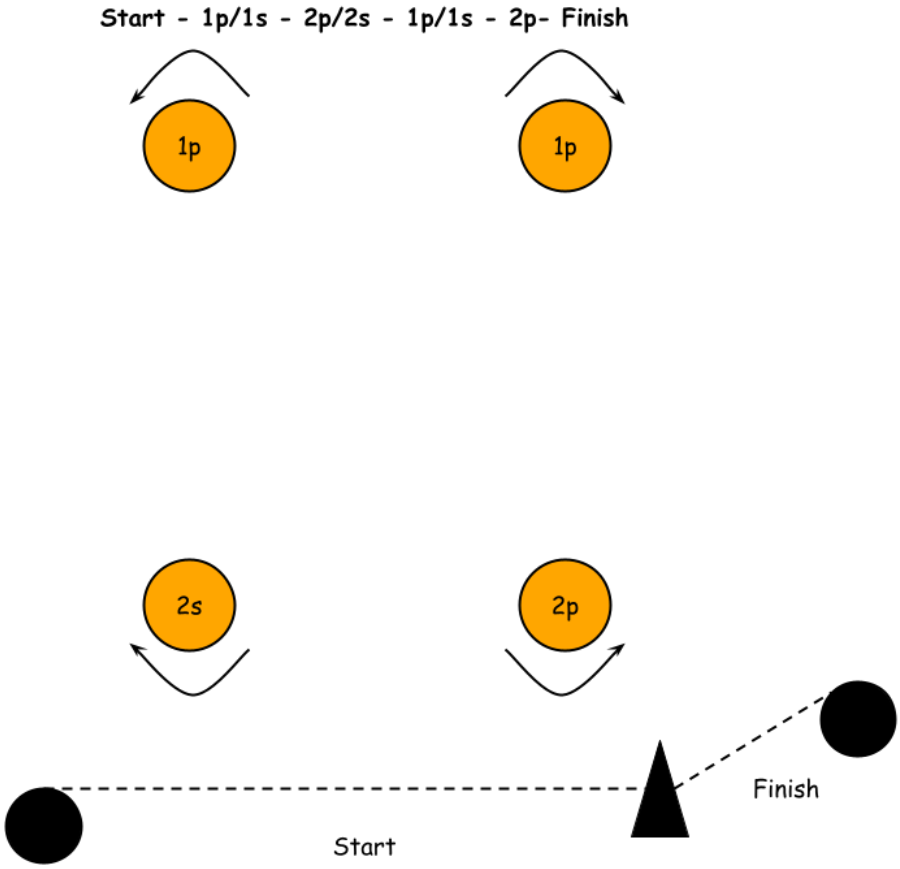
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Windward-Leeward



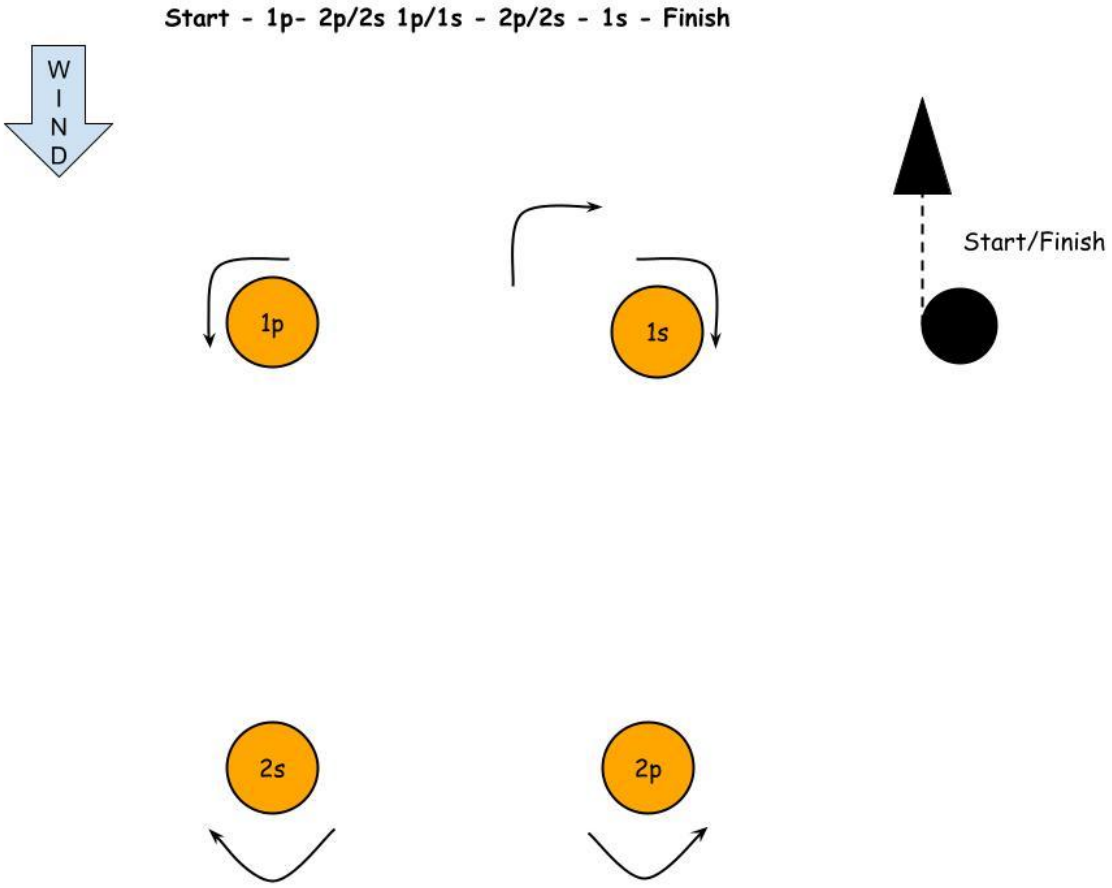


Course 2 Identified with Numeral Pennant 2



Course 3 Identified with Numeral Pennant 3

SailGP Course



Course 4 Identified with Numeral Pennant 4
Compact Course

