



# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

## Open Nederlands kampioenschap

### A-Cat

### 8-10 July 2011

### Hellevoetsluis, The Netherlands

#### 0. Venue

The ONK A-cat will be sailed at the Haringvliet, Hellevoetsluis, The Netherlands.

#### ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority is catclub Hellecat, in conjunction with the “Watersportverbond”, under the auspice of the Dutch A-Class Association.

#### 1. Rules

- 1.1. The series will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. Changes in the Racing Rules  
Disqualification without a hearing by the race committee will apply to:
  - touching the starting vessel (SI 9.4),
  - violating the safety requirements (SI 17),

#### 2. Notices to competitors

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, inside the club.

#### 3. Changes to the sailing instructions

- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least one (1) hour before the start of the race in which it will take effect.
- 3.2. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 18.30 hours on the day before it will take effect.

#### 4. Signals ashore

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpoles near the race office.
- 4.2. When flag AP (= postponement signal) is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in race signal AP.

#### 5. Class Flag and Starting Sequence

The Class flag will be a yellow flag.

#### 6. Racing and Starting Area

- 6.1. The racing area is at the Haringvliet near catclub Hellecat.



## 7. The Courses

- 7.1. The courses, as well as the order in which the marks are to be rounded or passed, are indicated below:
- Course 1: S-1-2-GATE-F
  - Course 2: S-1-2-GATE-1-2-GATE-F
  - Course 3: S-1-2-GATE-1-2-GATE-1-2-GATE-F
- The course diagram is displayed in Addendum A.
- 7.2. The course number to be sailed will be shown on the starting vessel (SI 0).

## 8. Marks

Course marks are orange cylinders. Starting and finishing marks will be orange buoys.

## 9. The Start

- 9.1. Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.  
The starting vessel will display the course to be sailed in a single number on a coloured surface.
- 9.2. The starting line will be the line between the starting mark at the port end and a staff displaying codeflag F on the starting vessel at the starboard end.
- 9.3. The Black Flag Rule RRS 30.3 is changed so that no individual sail numbers will be shown. Only the first 2 sentences and the last sentence of RRS 30.3 will apply.
- 9.4. If the race committee registers that a boat touches the starting vessel before, during or after a race, that boat will be disqualified for that race by the race committee without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.
- 9.5. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4.

## 10. General Recall

In case of a general recall, the new starting signal of the recalled Class will be given **five (5)** minutes after their invalid start.  
One (1) minute after the general recall, the flag First Substitute will be replaced by the Class flag (= warning signal) together with the preparatory flag and a sound.  
One (1) minute before the start the preparatory flag will be removed with a long sound.  
This procedure changes RRS 26, RRS 29.2 and Race Signals.

## 11. Change of the Position of the Next Mark(s)

To change the position of the next mark(s), the race committee will move the original mark(s) (or the finishing line) to a new position.

## 12. The Finish

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing vessel at the port end and the finishing mark at the starboard end.

## 13. Penalty System

Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.



#### **14. Time Limits**

- 14.1. Boats who will finish 15 minutes after the first finisher of that Class will be scored 'DNF' (This changes RRS 35 ,A4 and A5).

#### **15. Protests and Requests for Redress**

- 15.1. Protests forms are available at the race office. Protests shall be delivered within the protest time limit.
- 15.2. For each Class, the protest time limit is 1 hour after the last boat has finished the last race of that day.
- 15.3. Notices will be posted within 15 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the jury office next to the race office. These witnesses (if any) can only be heard, if they are within calling distance of the jury office at the time of the hearing concerned.
- 15.4. Notices of protests by the race committee or jury will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 15.5. For the purpose of RRS 64.3 (b) the 'authority responsible' is the measurer appointed by the Organising Authority.
- 15.6. Breaches of SI 9.4, 17, 18 and 20 will be no ground for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1.  
Penalties for breaches of SI 9.4, 17 and 18 will be disqualification by the race committee without a hearing (this changes RRS 63.1).  
Penalties for breaches of SI 20 and 22 may be less than disqualification if the jury so decides.
- 15.7. A request for a written decision must be lodged within one hour after being informed of the decision. This changes RRS 65.
- 15.8. On the last day of the series a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day, (b) no later than thirty (30) minutes after the party requesting opening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.
- 16.10 Decisions of the jury will be final as provided in rule 70.5.

#### **16. Scoring**

- 16.1. Twelve races are scheduled, of which four races shall be completed to constitute a championship and series.

#### **17. Safety Requirements**

- 17.1. A boat that retires from the race shall notify the race office as soon as possible.
- 17.2. RRS 40 applies while afloat. Flag Y will not be shown. This changes the Part 4 Preamble and RRS 40.
- 17.3. Boats violating the safety requirements mentioned in the Notice of Race will be disqualified by the race committee without a hearing (this changes RRS 63.1).



## **18. Replacement of Sails and/or Mast**

- 18.1. Substitution of a damaged sail or mast will only be allowed if approved by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 18.2. Boats violating these replacement rules will be disqualified by the race committee without a hearing (this changes RRS 63.1).

## **19. 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 the race committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

## **20. Electronic Equipment**

Except for timing equipment and electronic compasses, a boat shall not have any electronic equipment aboard while racing.

## **21. Prizes**

Prizes will be awarded placing first, second and third, provided the crew (and not their representatives) is present at the awards ceremony.

## **22. Liability and Insurance**

- 22.1. The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for personal or material damage, injury or death, sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after the event.
- 22.2. The Organising Authority disclaims any and all such liability.
- 22.3. Each competing boat has to show at the registration time of the event, a valid third party liability insurance policy, racing at the North Sea included and with a minimum coverage of €750.000,-- per incident. In case a boat has caused damage to another boat and has been disqualified, relevant info of that boat's insurance policy will be made available to the other boat.

### Addendum A

The diagram below, not drawn to scale, shows the approximate angles between the course legs, the order in which the marks are to be rounded or passed.  
The course length and angle between legs may be adjusted to allow for wind conditions.

