



# Abu Dhabi 2020 Kitesurf Open

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP for HYDROFOIL and TWINTIP

13 - 15 February, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

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Abu Dhabi Sailing & Yacht Club



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The Organizing Authority is the Abu Dhabi Sailing & Yacht Club (ADSYC) in conjunction with the Emirates Kiteboarding Committee (EKA)

The venue for the event is the Abu Dhabi Sailing & Yacht Club in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

### Notice of Race & Sailing Instructions (NoR / SI) (to be supplemented by Local Sailing Instructions (LSI))

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) including Appendix F
- 1.2. RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply
- 1.3. The Notice of Race & Sailing Instructions (NoR/SI), which may be changed by an amendment.
- 1.4. Supplementary Local Sailing Instructions (LSI) will be published and may change or supplement rules in the NoR/SIs.
- 1.5. No national prescriptions will apply
- 1.6. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence
- 1.7. A kiteboard shall neither make radio transmissions while competing nor receive radio communications not available to all kiteboards, except in an emergency or when using equipment provided by the organizing authority. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 1.8. In all rules governing the event;
  - 1.8.1. The terms 'rider', 'competitor', 'crew', 'athlete' and 'owner' mean a person competing or intending to compete in the event;
  - 1.8.2. The term 'support person' means persons as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing;
  - 1.8.3. [DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the Protest Committee.
  - 1.8.4. [SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee or Technical Committee without a hearing or a discretionary penalty applied by the Protest Committee with a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
  - 1.8.5. [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a kiteboard. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.9. Changed Rules:
  - 1.9.1. Add rule 62.1(e): the action of a drone, or any other flying device, significantly affecting the safety or the fairness of the competition for a kiteboard.
  - 1.9.2. In rule F.44.2 replace 'hull' with 'hull appendage'.
  - 1.9.3. Add after the first sentence of Appendix A5 "When a kiteboard fails to sail the course in accordance with rule 28.1, she may be scored DNF without a hearing."

#### 2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. The event is open to all competitors in good standing with World Sailing and the Emirates Kiteboarding Committee.
- 2.2. The event will be open to the following classes;

Fleet	Class	Competition	Gender	Age	Max Entries
1	KiteFoil Men	Racing	Male	Open	60
1	KiteFoil Women	Racing	Female	Open	

- 2.3. Competitors may enter only in 1 Class.
- 2.4. Kite Surfers under the age of 18 must have the parental disclaimer signed by a parent or legal guardian on the entry form.
- 2.5. The maximum number of entries over both classes is 60; Entries shall be accepted in the order they are received. The Organizing Authority has the right to increase the maximum number of entries.

- 2.6. All competitors wishing to compete must personally sign the entry forms at registration day at the time and place published. Exceptions may be made at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 2.7. Kite surfers may enter the event by submitting the registration form via email to: info@ridersuae.com or by submitting the registration form at the registration desk on Feb 13<sup>th</sup>.
- 2.8. There is an Entry Fee of AED 100, to be paid at registration on Feb 13<sup>th</sup>
- 2.9. Competitors shall bring their own equipment;
  - 2.9.1. Kiteboards shall comply with the minimum safety equipment requirements of the IKA KiteFoil Class, CR C.3.2(c), C.3.2(d) and C.3.2(e) (Helmet, Hook Knife and Impact Vest) and C.9.1(b) (Quick Release system).

### 3. [SP][NP] IDENTIFICATION AND ADVERTISING

- 3.1. Competitors will be required to wear a racing bib as provided by the OA. Whilst afloat, the racing bib must always be worn over any personal equipment in such a way that the identification number on the back is clearly visible.

### 4. [SP][NP] CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

- 4.1. Competitors may be required to carry on their board or person cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the Organizing Authority. Competitors may also use their own camera recording equipment and attachments. A Competitor shall not be given redress based on a claim involving this equipment. This changes RRS 62.1
- 4.2. No competitor or support team shall use a drone over the racing area.

### 5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1. Competitors may use the venue for practice prior to the event, subject to the approval of the OA.
- 5.2. There will be two official Practice Days during which the OA will provide support boats and staff to allow competitors to practice on the sailing areas;

<b>Tuesday, 11 February</b>	<b>Practice Day</b>
08:00 - 18:00	Venue open to all Teams
TBA	Practice
<b>Wednesday, 12 February</b>	<b>Practice Day</b>
08:00 - 18:00	Venue open to all Teams
TBA	Practice

- 5.3. Schedule of Racing;

<b>Thursday, 13 February</b>	<b>Official Race Day</b>
09:00 - 10:00	Registration
10:00	Sailors briefing
10:30	Departure to Lurching Area
11:00 - 18:00	Racing
<b>Friday, 14 February</b>	<b>Official Race Day</b>
10:00	Sailors briefing
10:30	Departure to Lurching Area
11:00 - 12:00	Racing
12:15 - 13:30	Break Ashore
14:00 - 18:00	Racing
<b>Saturday, 15 February</b>	<b>Official Race Day</b>
10:00	Sailors briefing
10:30	Departure to Lurching Area
11:00 - 16:00	Racing
17:00	Prize giving (or as soon as possible thereafter)

- 5.4. A maximum of 18 races is scheduled.
- 5.5. Not more than a total of 7 races will be sailed per day.
- 5.6. On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 16:00 hours.

## 6. FORMAT

- 6.1. The event will consist of a single series of races
- 6.2. Men and Women will race together in the same fleet.

## 7. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 7.1. The Official Notice Board (ONB) and Flagpole will be located near the Race Office at the venue. When launching from a beach away from the venue; an alternate ONB and Flagpole may be used.
- 7.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 20 minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes Race Signals.
- 7.3. When a visual signal is displayed over an area or flight flag, the signal applies only to that area or flight. This changes the Race Signals preamble.
- 7.4. The LSIs will be posted on the official notice board no later than the first competitors meeting.

## 8. CHANGES TO THE NoR/SI/LSI

- 8.1. Any changes or amendments will be posted on the Official Notice Board at least 30 minutes before it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of racing will be posted before 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

## 9. [SP][NP] LAUNCHING AREA

- 9.1. The OA will provide a dedicated area for launching; Competitors must keep and launch their kites only from within the launching area located on the beach during the competitions. Keep this area clear of any objects other than kiteboard equipment.
- 9.2. The shoreline of the launching area must be kept clear from any equipment (approximately 5 meters from the sea) as this is considered a safety zone.
- 9.3. If the launching area is away from the Abu Dhabi Sailing & Yacht Club, transport to/from the launching area will be provided.
- 9.4. The Launching area will be approximately 5mins sailing from the Racing Area

## 10. [NP] [DP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 10.1. Flag G displayed ashore means 'Kiteboards shall not leave the beach. Wait for further instructions.'
- 10.2. Flag G displayed afloat means 'Kiteboards shall return to the beach as soon as reasonably possible.'

## 11. [DP] CODE OF CONDUCT

- 11.1. Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official.
- 11.2. Kiteboards not racing shall remain clear of areas where kiteboards are racing and any official boat.
- 11.3. The OA may reduce or remove a prize (including prize money) in the case of misconduct or refusal to comply with any reasonable request, including attendance at official functions.

## 12. RACING AREAS AND COURSES

- 12.1. Racing Areas will be described in Appendix A.
- 12.2. The Racing Area to be used will be announced at the Sailors Briefing on the day. Each day, only 1 race area shall be used for all classes.
- 12.3. The Courses to be sailed are described in Appendix B.
- 12.4. Once a race has started, courses shall not be changed or shortened. This changes RRS 32.



### 13. STARTING AND FINISHING

- 13.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange chequered flag on the race committee vessel and a yellow cylindrical mark displaying an orange flag on the port-end of the start-line.
- 13.2. A buoy may be attached to the Race Committee starting vessel anchor line just below keel depth. Kiteboards shall not pass between this buoy and the Race Committee starting vessel at any time. This buoy is part of the race committee starting vessel ground tackle.
- 13.3. To alert kiteboards that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 13.4. The table in RRS 26 is deleted and replaced with the following:

Minutes before Start	Visual Signal	Sound Signal	Means
3	Class Flag Displayed	One	Warning Signal
2	Preparatory Flag Displayed "U" or "BLACK"	One	Preparatory Signal
1	Preparatory Flag Removed	One Long	Last Minute
0	Class Flag Removed	One	Starting Signal

- 13.5. [DP] When a starting sequence is in progress, kiteboards whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area. The starting area is defined as an area 100 meters from the starting line and marks in all directions.
- 13.6. The finishing line will be between a blue flag on the finish race committee vessel and the course side of the nearby finish mark.
- 13.7. The finishing line race committee vessel is identified by a blue flag. This changes RRS Race Signals.
- 13.8. [DP] Kiteboards that have finished racing shall sail clear of the finish area.

### 14. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 14.1. Time limits and target times, in minutes, are as follows:

Format	Race Time Limit	Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Target Time	Finish Time Window
Single Series	30 Min	10 Min	15 Min	15 Min

- 14.2. If no kiteboard rounds Mark 1 within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned. Failure to keep the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 14.3. Any kiteboard failing to finish within the Finish Time Window (time after the first kiteboard starts, sails the course as required by RRS 28 and finishes) shall be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

### 15. SCORING

- 15.1. One (1) Race is required to be completed for each class to constitute a regatta.
- 15.2. RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 15.3. For each class; the ranking will be taken from the overall scoring in their fleet.
- 15.4. A kiteboard starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 15.5. A kiteboard's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score when 5 to 9 races are completed, her two worst scores when 10 to 15 races are completed, and her three worst scores when 16 and more races are completed.

## 16. INTERNATIONAL JURY

16.1. An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with the RRS 91(b). Their decisions will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

## 17. PROTESTS, PENALTIES and REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

17.1. Protest forms are available at the race office or jury office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the jury office within the appropriate time limit.

17.1.1. The protest time limits will be described in the LSI.

17.1.2. If rule N1.4(b) applies, the time limit for requesting a hearing under that rule is 30 minutes after the party was informed of the panel's decision.

17.2. 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 beginning at the time posted. Hearings may be scheduled to begin up to 15 minutes before the end of protest time Limit.

17.3. Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee may be posted to inform kiteboards under RRS 61.1(b).

17.4. A list of kiteboards that have been penalized for causing tangles will be posted.

17.5. Penalties for breaches of RRS 55 or rules in the NoR and SIs marked [DP] or [SP], should the case go to a hearing, are at the discretion of the protest committee.

17.6. For breaches of NoR/SI marked [SP], the race committee or technical committee may apply a standard penalty without a hearing to the race closest in time to the incident. The scores of other kiteboards shall not be changed; therefore, two kiteboards may receive the same score. However, the race committee may protest a kiteboard when they consider the standard penalty to be inappropriate. A kiteboard that has been penalized with a standard penalty can neither be protested for the same incident by another kiteboard nor can another kiteboard request redress for this race committee action. This changes RRS 60.1, 63.1 and Appendix A5.

17.7. On the last day of qualifying series or opening series, or on the last scheduled day of racing, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:

17.7.1. within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day; or

17.7.2. no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day; This changes RRS 66.

17.8. On the last day of the qualifying series, or on the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress from a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

## 18. TROPHIES AND PRIZEMONEY

18.1. Trophies shall be awarded to;

Position	Category	Notes
1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kitefoil Men	Awarded to the highest-ranking males in the overall results
1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kitefoil Women	Awarded to the highest-ranking females in the overall results
1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Under 16's	Awarded to the highest-ranking Under 16s in the overall results

18.2. Prizemoney will be awarded to the Hydrofoil Class according to the Overall results;

Position	Amount	Position	Amount	Position	Amount
1 <sup>st</sup>	AED 16000	6 <sup>th</sup>	AED 8000	11 <sup>th</sup>	AED 2000
2 <sup>nd</sup>	AED 14000	7 <sup>th</sup>	AED 7000	12 <sup>th</sup>	AED 2000
3 <sup>rd</sup>	AED 12000	8 <sup>th</sup>	AED 6000	13 <sup>th</sup>	AED 2000
4 <sup>th</sup>	AED 10000	9 <sup>th</sup>	AED 5000	14 <sup>th</sup>	AED 2000
5 <sup>th</sup>	AED 9000	10 <sup>th</sup>	AED 3000	15 <sup>th</sup>	AED 2000

18.3. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organizer.

18.4. Prize money will be transferred by bank transfer to the account mentioned on this entry form. Failure to provide the correct bank account details, may result in non-payment of prize money.

## 19. [DP][NP] SUPPORT TEAM PERSONNEL

- 19.1. All support team personnel shall register with the local organizing authority at registration day and shall comply with the local legislation and the Support Team Regulations. The local organizing authority may refuse registrations or accept later registrations at their discretion.
- 19.2. Support boats shall clearly display their national 3 letter country code, or other identification if provided by the organizing authority.
- 19.3. Except when participating in rescue operations as requested or instructed by the race committee, support team personnel shall stay more than 100 m from any point where a kiteboard might be racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first flight to start until all kiteboards have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

## 20. [NP][DP] INSURANCE

- 20.1. Each competitor and 'person in charge' (see RRS 46) shall hold a valid insurance certificate showing proof of third-party liability coverage of at least EUR 1,500,000 or equivalent per incident.
- 20.2. The Organizing Authority is not responsible for verifying the status or validity of certificates.

## 21. RISK STATEMENT

- 21.1. The responsibility for the decision to participate in a race or to continue with it is solely with the competitor. The competitor is responsible for the qualification and race suitable condition of the used equipment.
- 21.2. In cases of force majeure or on grounds of administrative orders or for safety reasons, the organizing authority is entitled to make changes in the realization of the event or to cancel the event. This does not constitute any liability by the organizer towards the participant, if the reasons for the changes or the cancellation do not result from a wilful or grossly negligent behaviour of the organizer.
- 21.3. In case of a violation of obligations that do not constitute primary or material contractual duties (cardinal obligations), the liability of the organizer for financial and property damages incurred by the participant during or in connection with the participation in the event and resulting from a conduct of the organizer, their representatives, servants or agents (including but not limited to race committee, protest committee and technical committee), is restricted to damages that were caused wilfully or grossly negligent. When a violation of cardinal obligations occurs due to minor negligence, the liability of the organizer is limited to foreseeable, typical damages.
- 21.4. Competitors and support team participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk and they are reminded of the provisions of RRS 4, Decision to Race. Kiteboarding is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
  - They acknowledge that there are risks involved in the Event. They fully realise the dangers of participating in the Event, and fully assume the risks associated with their participation and their wellbeing and safety during and after the Event.
  - They understand and acknowledge that the Event organisers (including all officials and event volunteers) provide no warranties, regarding their wellbeing and safety.
  - They acknowledge that participating in this event may involve a test of a person's physical and mental limits and carries with it the potential for death, serious injury, and property loss. The risks include, but are not limited to, those caused by the elements, facilities, temperature, weather, condition of participants, equipment, vehicular traffic, lack of hydration, and actions of other people including, but not limited to, participants, volunteers, officials, and/or producers of the event.
  - They agree that to the extent permissible by law, the International Kiteboarding Association, their classes, the event organisers (including all officials and event volunteers), the sponsors and other parties associated with the Event, have no liability to them whatsoever for any direct or indirect loss, (including, but not limited to injury or death) sustained by them during or in any way related to their participation in the Event.

- They WAIVE, RELEASE, AND DISCHARGE from any and all liability, including but not limited to, liability arising from the negligence or fault of the entities or persons released, for their death, disability, personal injury, property damage, property theft, or actions of any kind which may hereafter occur to them including their traveling to and from this event, THE FOLLOWING ENTITIES OR PERSONS: The International Kiteboarding Association, their classes, the event organisers (including all officials and event volunteers), the sponsors and other parties associated with the Event, employees, volunteers, representatives, and agents, and the event holders, sponsors, and volunteers;
- They INDEMNIFY, HOLD HARMLESS, AND PROMISE NOT TO SUE the entities or persons mentioned in the above paragraphs from any and all liabilities or claims made as a result of participation in this event, whether caused by the negligence of release or otherwise.
- They have taken medical advice on any pre-existing medical conditions and confirm that it is medically safe for them to participate in the Event.
- They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their equipment and their other property at any time.  
They are satisfied that their equipment is in good order, equipped to compete in the event and they are fit to participate;
- They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- They consent to receive medical treatment which may be deemed advisable in the event of injury, accident, and/or illness during this event.
- They acknowledge that the provision of a race management and rescue team, judges, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- They acknowledge that the provision of rescue craft cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

## 22. MEDIA RIGHTS

By participating in the event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and their sponsors the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the athlete during and after the period of the competition without compensation.

## 23. FURTHER INFORMATION

### Emirates Kiteboarding Association

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## Appendix A – Venue and Sailing Areas

### Venue Location

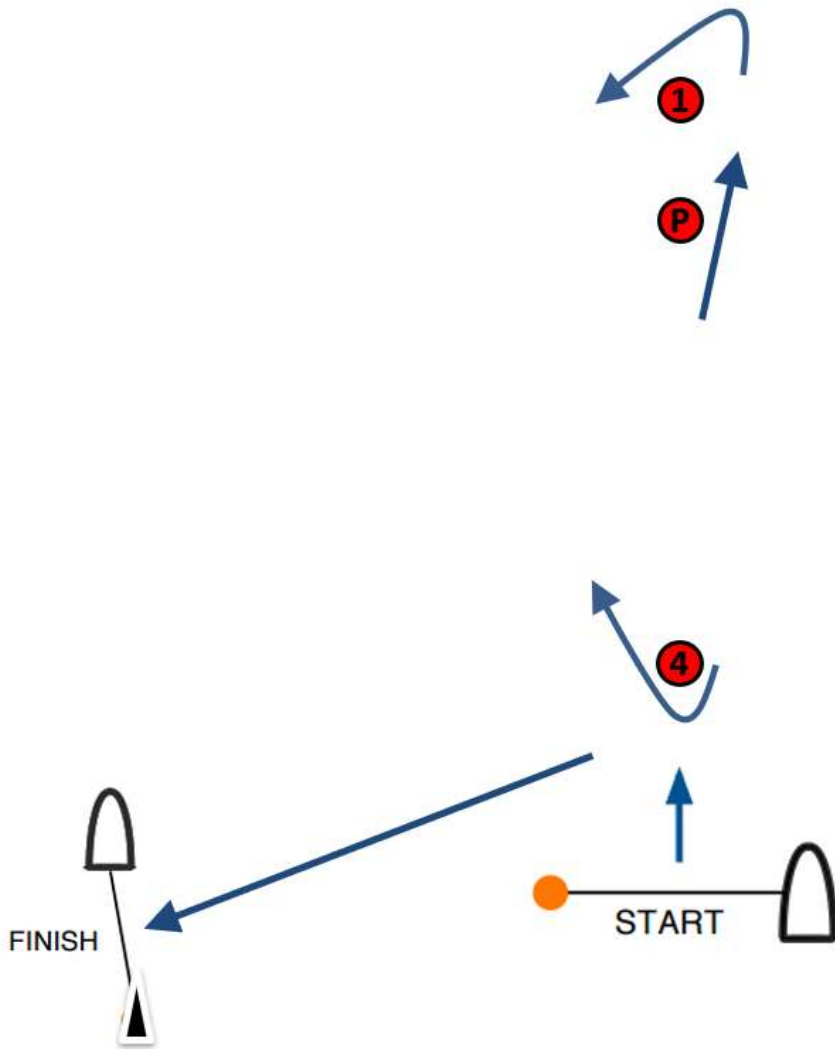
*Abu Dhabi Sailing & Yacht Club, Theatre Road, Near Marina Mall in Abu Dhabi*



### Approximate location of Racing Areas



Appendix B – Race Courses



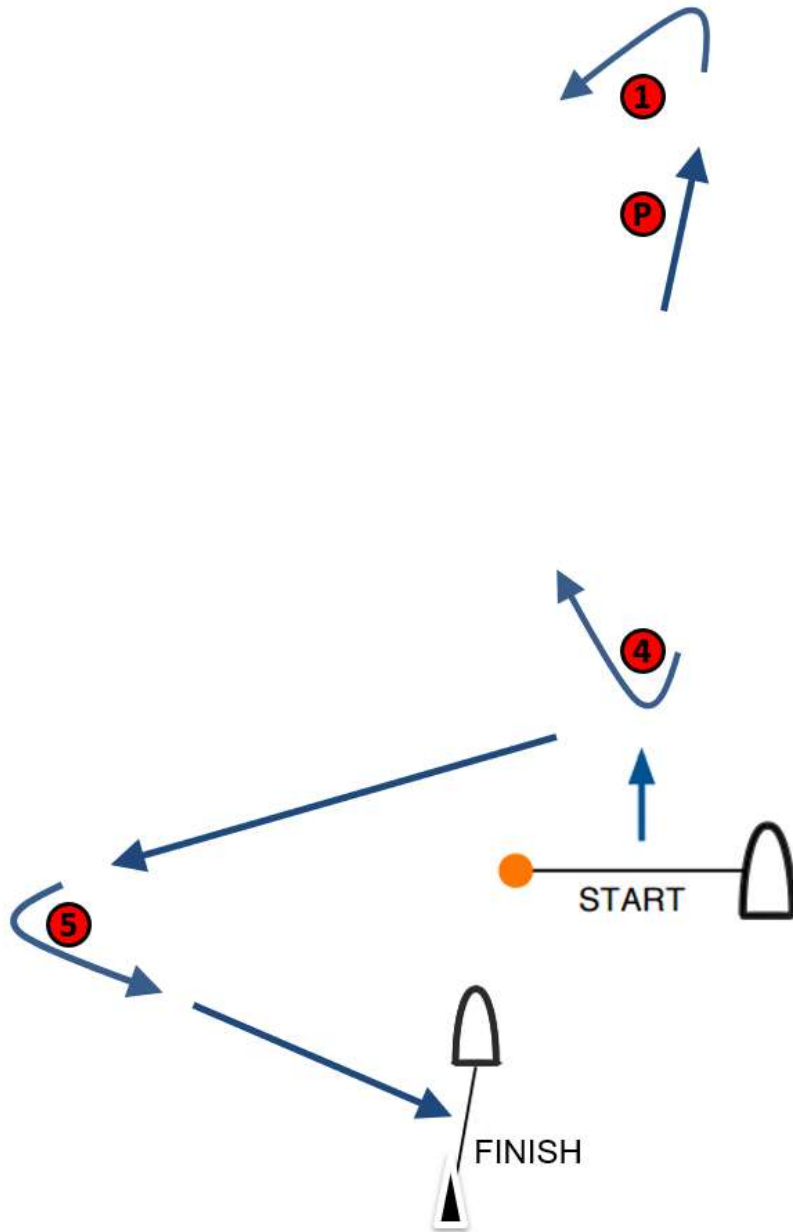
**X 1: Start – Pp – 1p – Pp – 4s – Finish**

**X 2: Start – Pp – 1p – Pp – 4s – Pp – 1p – Pp – 4s – Finish**

**X 3: Start – Pp – 1p – Pp – 4s – Pp – 1p – Pp – 4s – Pp – 1p – Pp – 4s – Finish**

All distances and course angles are approximate.

Appendix B – Race Courses (cont.)



**XS 1: Start – Pp – 1p – Pp – 4s – 5p – Finish**

**XS 2: Start – Pp – 1p – Pp – 4s – Pp – 1p – Pp – 4s – 5p – Finish**

**XS 3: Start – Pp – 1p – Pp – 4s – Pp – 1p – Pp – 4s – Pp – 1p – Pp – 4s – 5p – Finish**

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