

# Blind Fleet Racing World Championship

Kingston, Ontario Canada  
2 - 8 September 2019

Sailing Instructions



Organizing Authorities: Kingston Yacht Club (KYC) in conjunction with World Sailing (WS), Blind Sailing International (BSI) and Blind Sailing Association of Canada

## 1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and the Para World Sailing Race Management Manual 2017-2020 (RMM) and the Para Classification Rules for World Sailing.
- 1.2. The following Sail Canada Prescription to the Racing Rules will apply: *Sail Canada prescribes that a boat that has been found by a protest committee to have broken a rule and caused damage shall be considered at fault for purposes of Rule 67.*
- 1.3. Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times as per RMM 8.1.
- 1.4. RRS 41 is changed to add: (e) help to recover from the water and return on board a crew member, provided the return on board is at the approximate location of the recovery.
- 1.5. If there is any conflict between languages, English text will take precedence.
- 1.6. If there is conflict between these Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.

## 2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board on the southwest window of the KYC Clubhouse.
- 2.2. Questions concerning the notice of race, sailing instructions, scoring, or other issues shall be submitted in writing, replies will be posted in writing on the official notice board.

## 3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect.
- 3.2. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

## 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Kingston Yacht Club flag pole.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the RRS Race Signal AP.

## 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

### Sunday September 1, 2019

0900-1600	Check-in
1300	Optional practice race
1800-1900	Opening Ceremony

### Monday, September 2

0900	Competitors briefing
1100	Racing begins

### Tuesday, September 3 to Sunday, September 8

1000	Racing days, first warning signal each day
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- 5.1. Addendum D details the schedule of Classes and when they are racing.
- 5.2. Number of races to be sailed per day will be three or more at the discretion of the Race Committee. No division will sail more than 18 races. The target time for races is 30-40 minutes.
- 5.3. There will be no Warning Signal after 1500 on Sunday, September 8.
- 5.4. To alert boats that a race will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

## 6. SUPPLIED BOATS

- 6.1. Boats will be provided for all competitors. Sail numbers shall be used to identify boats. A draw for boats will be made at registration and a rotation shall be created from that draw with all teams rotating on a daily basis.
- 6.2. Addendum B, Handling the Boats, lists items and actions that are prohibited, permitted and mandatory. Addendum C, Equipment List, lists all equipment that shall be onboard at all times.
- 6.3. All equipment provided with the boat for sailing purposes shall be in the boat while afloat.
- 6.4. Competitors shall report any damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the race committee after finishing a race. A breakdown on the water must be brought to the attention of the race committee or a safety boat before the warning signal of the next race. Replacement of broken or damaged gear may only be made with gear sanctioned by the organizing authority.

## 7. CLASS FLAGS

Class	Flag
B1	Numeral Pennant 1
B2	Numeral Pennant 2
B3	Numeral Pennant 3

## 8. RACING AREA

- 8.1. The racing area will be on Kingston harbour, southwest of Kingston Yacht Club.

## 9. THE COURSES

- 9.1. The diagram in Addendum A shows the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2. Mark 4 will normally be a gate. In the event that only one mark is laid, the single leeward Mark 4 shall be left to port.
- 9.3. The course to be sailed will be displayed from the race committee signal boat no later than the warning signal. (See Addendum A)

## 10. MARKS

- 10.1. The starting mark will be a staff with an orange flag
- 10.2. Marks 1 and 4 will be orange inflatable marks.
- 10.3. The offset mark will be a red ball
- 10.4. A new mark 1, as provided in instruction 12.1, will be a green inflatable mark
- 10.5. The finishing mark will be a staff with an orange flag

## 11. THE START

- 11.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port end starting mark.
- 11.2. A boat whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area, defined as the area extending approximately 50 meters to windward, to leeward, and to either end of the starting line.
- 11.3. A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.

## 12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 12.2. An offset mark will not be set on a changed leg of the course.

## 13. THE FINISH

- 13.1. The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the starboard end finishing mark.

## 14. TIME LIMITS

- 14.1. The time limit for the lead boat to reach Mark 1 is 20 minutes. If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the time limit the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1 (a).
- 14.2. The time limit for the lead boat to finish each race will be 60 minutes. If no boat has finished within the time limit the race will be abandoned. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat to finish in their fleet, will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 14.3. Failure to meet target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1 (a).
- 14.4. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the two-turn penalty is replaced by the one-turn penalty (one tack and one gybe).
- 14.5. If either the Sighted Tactician or the Sighted Crew touch either the helm or the mainsheet at anytime while racing, whether in an emergency or not, the boat is required to complete a One-Turn Penalty as soon as possible after the incident. Sighted tactician shall wear a red bib and the sighted crew shall wear a yellow bib provided by the OA.
- 14.6. A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgment form within the protest time limit.

## 15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1. Protest forms are available at the Race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 15.2. In accordance with RRS 61.3, the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the rotation shown in Addendum D. The time limit applies separately to the morning and afternoon rotation. The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee and jury about incidents they observe in the racing area and to request redress. This changes RRS 62.2
- 15.3. Notices will be posted no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witness. Hearings will be held in the Kingston Yacht Club beginning at the time posted.
- 15.4. Notices of protests by the race committee or jury will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 15.5. Breaches of instructions 6 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 15.6. Penalties for breaches of rules, except RRS Part 1 and 2 are at the discretion of the Protest Committee.

- 15.7. 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 RRS 62.2.
- 15.8. World Sailing and Sail Canada have approved a three person International Jury. Decisions of the international jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

## 16. SCORING

- 16.1. Eighteen (18) races are scheduled. Five (5) races are required to be completed to constitute a series and the championship.
  - 16.1.1. When fewer than seven (7) races have been completed a team's series score will be the total of their race scores.
  - 16.1.2. When seven (7) to twelve (12) races have been completed a team's series score will be the total of their race scores excluding their worst score.
  - 16.1.3. When thirteen (13) or more races have been completed a team's series score will be the total of their race scores excluding their two worst scores.

This changes RRS A2 and RMM Part 2 (7).
- 16.2. To request correction of an alleged error in posted race of series results, a boat shall complete a Scoring Inquiry Form available at the race office.
- 16.3. MNAs entering teams in all three classifications will have their scores aggregated for the Blind Sailing International Squadron Team Cup. For teams not entering all classifications, the aggregated score shall include points equal to a DNS in each race for those classifications in which they are not entered.
- 16.4. MNA's entering more than one Team in any category will identify which Team is nominated for trophies no later than check-in.

## 17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1. Before the warning signal of her first race of each day, a boat shall pass the stern of the race committee signal boat and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the race committee. Boats not leaving the harbour for any of the day's racing shall so inform the race committee by VHF Channel 71 International.
- 17.2. A boat that retires from a race or leaves the racing area between races shall notify the race committee as soon as practicable, by either sailing by the RC and hailing or hailing on VHF radio channel 71 International.

## 18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 18.1. Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Technical Delegate in accordance with RMM Part I, 7, Change of Crew.
- 18.2. Replacement or change in any supplied equipment will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Organizing Authority.

## 19. SUPPLIED BOATS

- 19.1. A supplied boat suffering a breakdown shall continue to race provided that doing so will not further damage the boat or endanger its crew. At completion of race, boat may signal a breakdown by displaying green flag. Time allowed for repairs will be at the discretion of the RC.
- 19.2. Redress will not be granted if, in the opinion of the protest committee, the breakdown resulted from carelessness, poor seamanship or incompetence.

## 20. SAIL CONFIGURATION

- 20.1 **Normal Sail Configuration (NS)** shall include a mainsail and a 150% jib. **Reduced Sail Configuration (RS)** shall include sailing with the main sail only.
- 20.2 Should the Race Committee display code flag 'O' at the start or at a mark of the course, the Normal Sail Configuration, subsequently, will be in force.
- 20.3 Should the Race Committee display code flag 'R' at the start or at a mark of the course, the Reduced Sail Configuration, subsequently, will be in force.
- 20.4 The Race Committee will, with a sound and prior to the Warning for a race, display flag R or flag O to indicate which configuration shall be used.
- 20.5.1 At a mark of the course, the Race Committee may display a Sail Configuration change (Flag O or Flag R) with ongoing sounds.

## 21. SUPPORT BOATS

- 21.1 Support boats shall register with the organizing authority and shall not interfere with the racing.
- 21.2 Support boats shall be marked with their national letters (minimum size 200 mm) in accordance with the table in RRS Appendix G1.1 prominently on both sides of the outside of the hull or the outboard motor casing. Except when participating in rescue operations, Support boats shall not exceed 5 knots within 100 meters of the area where boats are racing.
- 21.3 Support persons may go to the assistance of competitors, without interfering with other boats, if they consider that the safety of the sailor is at risk. Once assistance has been provided, a boat shall retire immediately from the race. A competitor who retires shall inform the race committee as soon as possible. This changes RRS 41.
- 21.4 Official boats will be described at the competitors briefing.

## 22. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 22.1 Competitors and support teams shall comply with any reasonable request from a regatta official.
- 22.2 All competitors, coaches and supported personnel shall comply with the current Sail Canada Code of Conduct as displayed on the official notice board.

## 23. PRIZES

- 23.1. Prize giving is scheduled for 1800 on Sunday September 8.
- 23.2. Medals will be awarded for gold, silver and bronze in each division.
- 23.3. Blind Sailing International Squadron Cup for the team event.
- 23.4. Blind Sailing International Colin Spanhake Trophy for the B1 division.
- 23.5. Other prizes may be awarded.



## 24. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 24.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority 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

## 25. PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO RIGHTS

- 25.1. Competitors give absolute right and permission for any photographs or video footage taken of themselves or their competing boat to be published in any media whatsoever for editorial, commercial purposes, or to be used in press information

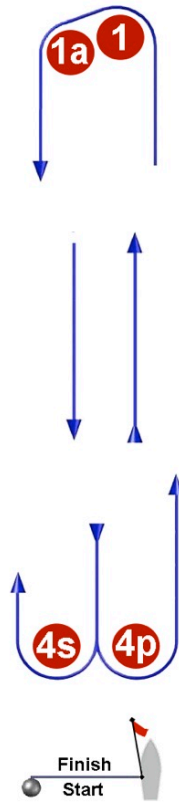
## 26. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 26.1. For further information please contact:  
Kingston Yacht Club (Registration, Race Documents and Venue Information)  
<http://www.blindsailingworlds2019.org>  
email: [info@blindsailingworlds2019.org](mailto:info@blindsailingworlds2019.org)  
Blind Sailing International  
<http://www.blindsailinginternational.com>  
Para World Sailing Race Management Manual (RMM) 2017-2020  
<http://sailing.org/tools/documents/FinaldraftRMM270318V2-%5b23696%5d.pdf>



## ADDENDUM A – THE COURSE

**LA**



Signal	Marking Rounding Order
LA2	Start - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - Finish
LA3	Start - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p
	- 1 - 1a - Finish
LA4	Start - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p
	- 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - Finish

## ADDENDUM B - HANDLING THE BOATS

### 1. GENERAL

- 1.1. Reasonable steps will be taken to equalize boats. Differences among the boats shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.
- 1.2. A boat shall not protest a breach of Addendum B. This changes rule 60.1(a).

### 2. PROHIBITED ITEMS AND ACTIONS

Except in an emergency or in order to prevent damage or injury, or when directed by a member of the race committee otherwise, the following are prohibited:

- 2.1 Any additions, omissions or alterations to the equipment supplied.
- 2.2 The use of any equipment for a purpose other than that intended or specifically permitted.
- 2.3 The replacement of any equipment without the sanction of the race committee.
- 2.4 Sailing the boat in a manner that it is reasonable to predict that significant further damage would result.
- 2.5 Moving equipment from its normal stowage position except when being used.
- 2.6 Boarding a boat without prior permission.
- 2.7 Taking a boat from its berth or mooring without having paid the required damage deposit or having permission from the race committee, or, on race days, while "AP" is displayed ashore.
- 2.8 Hauling out a boat or cleaning surfaces below the waterline.
- 2.9 Moving the mast blocks.
- 2.10 Using a flattener as a reef.
- 2.11 Perforating sails, even to attach tell tales.
- 2.12 Adjusting or altering the tension of standing rigging, excluding the backstay.
- 2.13 The use of electronic instruments other than compass, VHF and watches.
- 2.14 Marking directly on the hull or deck with permanent ink.
- 2.15 The use of the shrouds (including any inner shrouds) above the lower bottle screw (turnbuckle) to facilitate tacking or gybing, or to aid the projection of a crew member outboard is prohibited.
- 2.16 Sitting outboard (including legs) of the toe rail is prohibited, but the upper body may lean outboard.
- 2.17 Omitting any headsail car or turning block before sheeting except when sailing beyond 90 degrees to the wind.

### 3. PERMITTED ITEMS AND ACTIONS

The following are permitted:

- 3.1 Taking on board the following equipment:
  - a) basic hand tools
  - b) Electrical tape
  - c) line (elastic or otherwise of 4 mm diameter or less)
  - d) marking pens
  - e) tell-tale material
  - f) ) watch, timers and hand held compass
  - g) shackles and clevis pins
  - h) velcro tape
  - i) spare flags

- 3.2. Using the items in 3.1 to:
  - a) prevent fouling of lines, sails and sheets
  - b) attach tell tales
  - c) prevent sails being damaged or falling overboard
  - d) mark control settings
  - e) make minor repairs and permitted adjustments
- 3.3. Changing the number of mainsheet or jib sheet purchases except that the mainsheet may not be changed to less than 3:1.

#### **4. MANDATORY ITEMS AND ACTIONS**

The following are mandatory:

- 4.1 The completion of a written damage report before leaving a boat and submitting it to the Event Harbour Master, even if no damage or loss is recorded. Reports shall include any evidence of matters which could cause damage or disadvantage to the boat in future matches.
- 4.2 At the end of each sailing day:
  - a) mooring the boat as directed by the Event Harbour Master.
  - b) rolling, bagging and placement of the sails as directed
  - c) leaving the boat in the same state of cleanliness as when first boarded that day
  - d) Releasing backstay tension
- 4.3 At the end of the final day for a particular boat, cleaning the boat (cabin and decks), removing all trash and recycling and removing all tape and marks.
- 4.4 Any request to alter, in any way, the equipment on a boat shall be in writing and worded to permit a yes/no answer.

## ADDENDUM C - EQUIPMENT LIST

The following non-fixed items, provided by the organizing authority, are to be carried onboard at all times in their designated place while sailing. Any loss shall be reported on the daily damage report. Competitors may not protest a breach of Addendum C. This changes rule 60.1(a).

Mainsail and set of battens

Jib

Two Sail bags

Jib sheets

Tiller extension

Two headsail track cars

Green flag

Red flag

### *Safety Gear*

One (1) bailer or manual bilge pump (Bucket is OK)

Two (2) paddles or oars

Bilge Pump

One (1) sound-signalling device or appliance

One (1) buoyant heaving line at least 15 m

**OR** One (1) lifebuoy attached to a buoyant line at least 15 m

One (1) watertight flashlight

One (1) re boarding device (Rope Ladder is OK)

Six (6) Canadian Approved Flares

\*\* as required under rule 9.3a of the Shark Class Rules

### Ground Tackle

Anchor

Anchor line

\*\* as required under rule 9.3a of the Shark Class Rules

### Moorings and Fenders

2 Mooring Lines

Fenders (minimum 2)

## ADDENDUM D - ROTATION SCHEDULE

Date	Scheduled racing time am	Team switch	Scheduled racing time pm (Warning Signal: 1355)
Monday September 2	B1		B2 & B3
Tuesday September 3	B2 & B3		B1
Wednesday September 4	B1		B2 & B3
Thursday September 5	B2 & B3		B1
Friday September 6	B1		B2 & B3
Saturday September 7	B2 & B3		B1
Sunday September 8	B1		B2 & B3

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