

# MCSA Standard Sailing Instructions

## 1 Rules

1.1 The regatta (or series of races) will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

## 2 Notices to Competitors

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board.

2.2 Supplementary sailing instructions (called ‘the supplement’ below) will be posted on the official notice board.

## 3 Competitor’s Briefing

3.1 The time and location of the competitor’s briefing will be listed in The Supplement.

## 4 Changes to the Sailing Instructions

4.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day 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.

## 5 Signals Made Ashore

5.1 Signals made ashore will be made from the flag pole. The supplement will state its location.

5.2 Race Signal AP is changed so that when flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with the ‘AP Ashore Delay’ as stated in the supplement.

## 6 Schedule of Races

6.1 The supplement will include a table showing the days, dates, and number of races scheduled, the scheduled times of the first warning signal each day, and the latest time for any warning signal on the last scheduled day of racing.

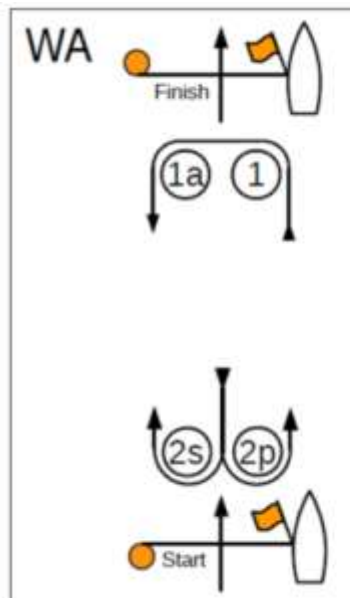
## 7 Class Flag

7.1 The class flag will be the class insignia on a white background or as stated in the supplement.

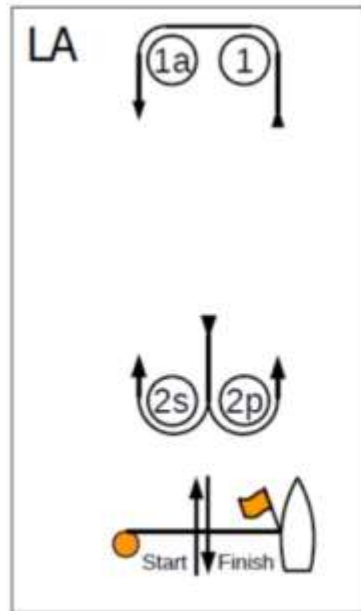
## 8 Courses

8.1 No later than the warning signal, the race committee will designate the course by displaying one or two letters followed by a number, and it may also display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

8.2 The course diagrams show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The supplement may include additional courses.



Course WA – Windward/Leeward with Offset Mark, Windward Finish	
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
WA2	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – Finish
WA3	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – Finish
WA4	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – Finish



Course LA – Windward/Leeward with Offset Mark, Leeward Finish	
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
LA2	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish
LA3	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish
LA4	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish

## 9 Marks

9.1 A list of the marks that will be used, including a description of each one, will be included in the supplement.

## 10 The Start

10.1 The start will be governed by using RRS 26.

10.2 The starting line will be:

10.2.1 Between a staff displaying a Line flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of the starting mark or

10.2.2 Between two staffs displaying Line flags on two race committee vessels or

10.2.3 From a staff displaying a Line flag on a race committee vessel on the starboard end to a staff displaying a Line flag on a race committee vessel at the approximate center of the line to a staff displaying a Line flag on a race committee vessel at the port end of the starting line.

10.2.4 From a staff displaying a Line flag on a race committee vessel on the starboard end to a staff displaying a Line flag on the starboard side of a race committee vessel at the approximate center of the line and from a staff displaying a Line flag on the port side of the race committee vessel at the approximate center of the line to a staff displaying a Line flag on a race committee vessel at the port end of the starting line.

10.3 If a mid-line boat is in place in accordance with SI 10.2.3 or SI 10.2.4, a boat may comply with RRS 30.1 by rounding the mid-line boat, leaving it to port, before *starting*. This changes RRS 30.1.

10.4 RRS A4.1 is changed so that a boat that has not started within 5 minutes of her starting signal shall be scored DNS.

10.5 Following the display of Code Flag “X”, and as soon as practicable, the Race Committee will attempt to hail via the competitor VHF Channel the list of boats identified that shall comply with RRS 30.1. Such announcements are a courtesy and failure by the RC to make the announcement, or of boats to hear and/or understand it, shall not constitute grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## 11 Change of the Next Leg of the Course

11.1 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.

11.2 After the start, minor adjustments in a mark’s location will not be signaled. This changes RRS 33.

## 12 The Finish

12.1 The finishing line will be between two staffs displaying Line flags on race committee vessels.

12.2 If only one Line flag is displayed, the finishing line will be between a staff displaying a Line flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.

12.3 Code Flag “A” displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing indicates “no more racing today.”

12.4 Code Flag “H” displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing indicates “racing will continue after a break ashore.”

12.5 Neither Code Flag “A” nor Code Flag “H” displayed while boats are finishing indicates that another race will follow.

### **13 Time Limits**

13.1 The supplement will state which of the following time limits, if any, will apply and, for each, the time limit.

- Mark 1 Time Limit      Time limit for the first boat to pass Mark 1.
- Race Time Limit        Time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish.
- Finishing Window      Time limit for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes.
- Protest Time Limit     Time limit for a protest to be delivered to the race office per RRS 61.3

13.2 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 Time Limit, if any, the race shall be abandoned

13.3 Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window shall be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired), the position of the last boat that complies with RRS 28 to finish plus 2. This changes RRS 35, A4.2, and A11.

### **14 Protests and Requests for Redress**

14.1 Protest forms are available at the race office or as described in The Supplement. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the race office or as described in The Supplement.

14.2 The protest time limit, if different than RRS 61.3, will be listed in The Supplement.

14.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses and where the hearings will be held.

14.4 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee, or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

14.5 On the last 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

14.6 A boat that is intending to protest or request redress is requested to notify the race committee after finishing.