

# *Nacra 17*

## **Shanghai Cup and Asian Championship 28th to 29th October 2017**

**The Organising Authority is the International Nacra 17 Class Association  
in conjunction with the Shanghai Yacht Club**

# **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

[NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the Jury.

[SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing or a discretionary penalty applied by the International Jury with a hearing

### **1. RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 World Sailing Addendum Q will apply for all races
- 1.3 The Class Rules of the International Nacra 17 Class Association will apply except for any that are altered by the Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions.

### **2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the marina and also available at the reception desk in the sailors' hotel lobby.

### **3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than ONE hour before the scheduled warning signal on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races, will be posted by 2000 the day before it will take effect.

### **4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole of the race committee boat

### **5. FORMAT OF RACING**

The Championships will consist of a Single Series of up to TWELVE races

### **6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

- 6.1 The Championship schedule will be as follows;

Friday 27 October	0900 - 1800	Registration/Inspection
	1800	Competitors Briefing
Saturday 28 October	1100 - 1230	Practice Racing
	1330 - 1630	Racing
Sunday 29 October	1300 - 1600	Racing
	1615 - 1630	Prize Giving
	1645 - 1800	Equipment Return
	1900 - 2130	Closing Ceremony and Dinner
Monday 30 October		Departure from Shanghai

Sightseeing / Shopping (optional)

6.2 On Sunday 29 October there will be no warning signal after 1700

## 7. CLASS FLAGS

The Class flag will be a Nacra class insignia on a red background

## 8. RACING AREAS

The racing area is the Huangpu River in Shanghai

## 9. THE COURSES

9.1 Attachment A shows the courses to be sailed, the order in which the marks are to be passed, the side on which each mark is to be left, and the signals indicating the number of rounds to be sailed.

9.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel may display the approximate compass bearing from the race committee signal vessel to Mark 1.

9.3 There may be a gate at the leeward mark. However the gate may be replaced by a single mark to be left to port

9.4 On the last leg to the finish of the windward/leeward course, the leeward gate is not a rounding mark.

9.5 Courses will not be shortened. This changes RRS 32.

## 10. MARKS

Marks 1 and 2.....Orange tetrahedrons

Change mark .....Yellow tetrahedron

Starting marks.....Race Committee vessels

Finishing marks.....Race Committee vessels

## 11. THE START

11.1 The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the starting marks (race committee starting vessels) at each end of the starting line.

11.2 A boat starting later than TWO minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

11.3 The starting sequence for all races will be;

5 minutes Attention signal / Orange flag displayed

3 minutes Warning signal displayed

2 minutes Preparatory signal displayed

1 minute Preparatory signal removed

0 minutes Start signal

## 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 change mark, which will be a mark as detailed in SI 10

12.2 When a new mark is laid, the original mark will be removed as soon as possible.

## 13. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the finishing marks (race committee finishing vessels) at each end of the finishing line.

## 14. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

Time limit.....30 minutes

Target time.....15 minutes

**15. PENALTY SYSTEM**

Procedure according to Addendum Q

**16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

Procedure according to Addendum Q

**17. INTERNATIONAL JURY**

Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5

**18. SCORING**

18.1 The low point scoring system of Appendix A will apply to the Series.

18.2 When up to 3 races have been completed, a boat's Series score shall be the total of her race scores.

18.3 When 4 to 8 races have been completed, a boat's Series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

18.4 When 9 to 12 races have been completed, a boat's Series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her TWO worst scores

18.5 Series ties will be broken in accordance with RRS A8.

**19. OFFICIAL BOATS**

Official boats will be identified as follows:

Race committee boats..... White flag with RACE COMMITTEE

Jury boats..... White flag with JURY

Measurer boats..... White flag with MEASURER

**20. SUPPORT BOATS [DP][NP]**

20.1 Coaches shall not be in the area where boats are racing or within 50 metres of any boat racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. This SI does not apply during rescue operations.

20.2 At all times while on water, support boats shall display either their national flag on a staff with the top of the hoist minimum 1.5 m above water level or their national code letters (minimum height 200mm) on the outside of the hull or on the outboard motor cover.

20.3 Support boats that are motoring at more than 5 knots shall remain at least 150 metres from any boat that is racing.

20.4 Support boats shall comply with any reasonable request from a regatta official.

20.5 All support boats are at all times submitted to the Organising Committee and Race Committee authority, are legally considered as assistance / rescue boats and must comply with any instructions given by these authorities or by the police.

20.6 The International Jury may direct the Organising Authority to revoke privileges from any boat or person found to be in breach of SI 20.

**21. PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded for the first three places overall and for the first Asian team.

**22. RISK STATEMENT**

RRS 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

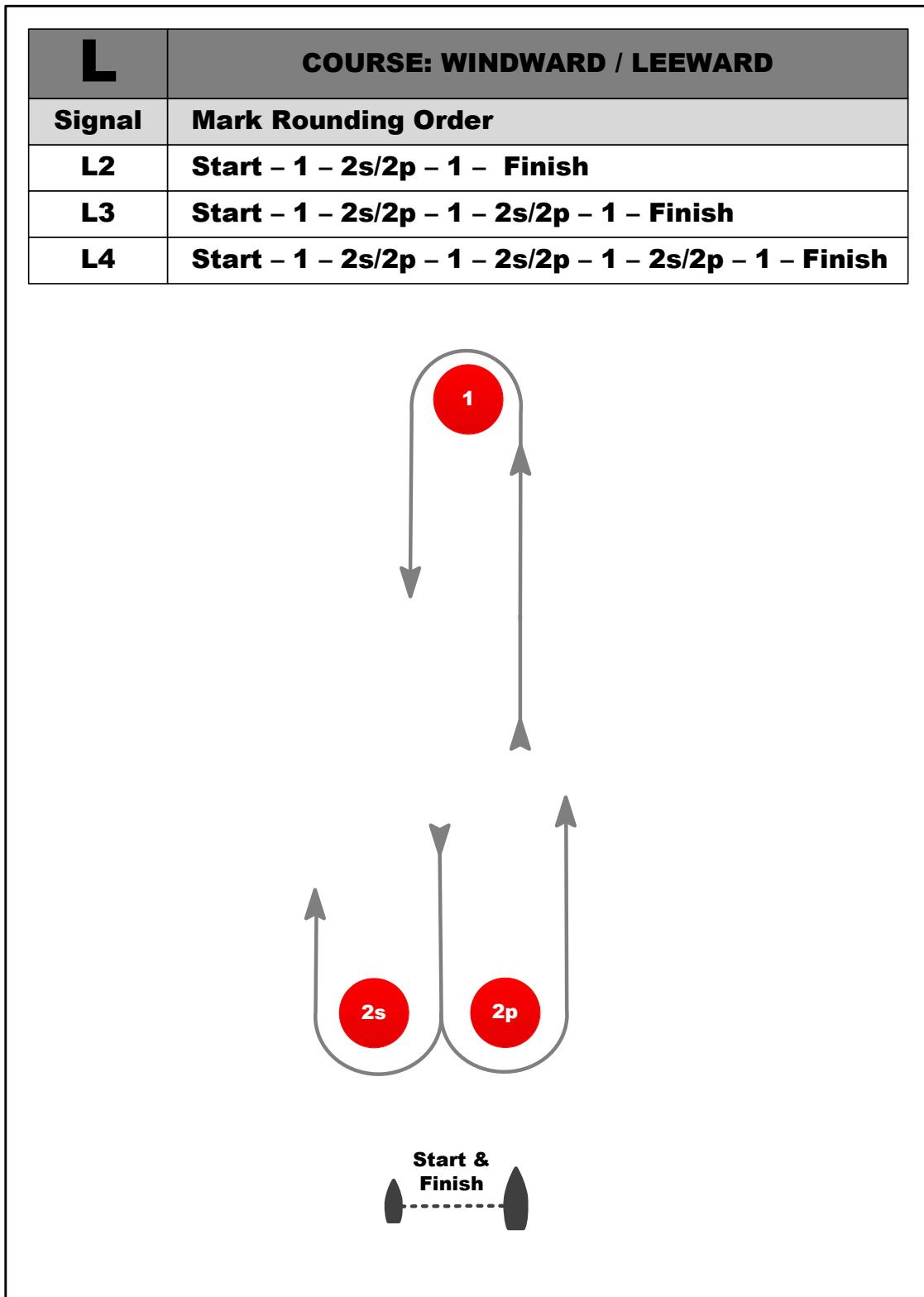
- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for this event and to attend any competitors meetings held for this event.

**23. INSURANCE [DP][NP]**

Each participating boat shall have valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of at least \$ 500,000 (or equivalent) per incident.

## Attachment A

## Course Diagram



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## ADDENDUM Q

### UMPIRED FLEET RACES

This addendum has been approved by World Sailing in accordance with rule 86.2 and Regulation 28.1.3. It applies to all medal races and all pre-race or post-race activities related to them.

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These sailing instructions change the definition Proper Course, and rules 20, 28.2, 44, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64.1, 65, 66, 70 and B5.

#### **Q1 CHANGES TO RACING RULES**

*Additional changes to rules are made in instructions Q2, Q3, Q4, and Q5.*

##### **Q1.1 Changes to the Definitions and the Rules of Part 2 and Part 4**

- (a) Add to the definition Proper Course: ‘A boat taking a penalty or manoeuvring to take a penalty is not sailing a *proper course*.’
- (b) When rule 20 applies, the following arm signals are required in addition to the hails:
  - (1) for ‘Room to tack’, repeatedly and clearly pointing to windward; and
  - (2) for ‘You tack’, repeatedly and clearly pointing at the other boat and waving the arm to windward.

Instruction Q1.1(b) does not apply to boards.

##### **Q1.2 Changes to Rules Involving Protests, Requests for Redress, Penalties and Exoneration**

- (a) The first sentence of rule 44.1 is replaced with: ‘A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty in accordance with rule 44.2 when, in an incident while *racing*, she may have broken one or more of the rules of Part 2 (except rule 14 when she has caused damage or injury), rule 31 or rule 42.’
- (b) For boards, the One-Turn Penalty is one 360° turn with no requirement for a tack or a gybe.
- (c) Rule 60.1 is replaced with ‘A boat may protest another boat or request redress provided she complies with instructions Q2.1 and Q2.4.’
- (d) The third sentence of rule 61.1(a) and all of rule 61.1(a)(2) are deleted. Rule B5 is deleted.
- (e) Rules 62.1(a), (b) and (d) are deleted. In a race where this addendum applies, there shall be no scoring adjustments for redress given under any of these rules for a previous race.
- (f) Rule 64.1(a) is changed so that the provision for exonerating a boat may be applied by the umpires without a hearing, and it takes precedence over any conflicting instruction of this addendum.
- (g) Rules P1 to P4 shall not apply.

#### **Q2 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS BY BOATS**

- ##### **Q2.1**
- While racing, a boat may protest another boat under a rule of Part 2 (except rule 14) or under rule 31 or 42; however, a boat may only protest under a rule of Part 2 for an incident in which she was involved. To do so she shall hail ‘Protest’ and conspicuously display a red

flag at the first reasonable opportunity for each. She shall remove the flag before, or at the first reasonable opportunity after a boat involved in the incident has taken a penalty voluntarily or after an umpire's decision. However, a board need not display a red flag.

**Q2.2** A boat that protests as provided in instruction Q2.1 is not entitled to a hearing. Instead, a boat involved in the incident may acknowledge breaking a rule by taking a One-Turn Penalty in accordance with rule 44.2. An umpire may penalize any boat that broke a rule and was not exonerated, unless the boat took a voluntary penalty.

**Q2.3** At the finishing line, the race committee will inform the competitors about each boat's finishing place or scoring abbreviation. After this has been done, the race committee will promptly display flag B with one sound. Flag B will be displayed for at least two minutes and then removed with one sound. If the race committee changes the scoring information provided at the finishing line while flag B is displayed, it will display flag L with one sound. Flag B will continue to be displayed for at least two minutes after any changes are made.

**Q2.4** A boat intending to

- (a) protest another boat under a rule other than instruction Q3.2 or rule 28, or a rule listed in instruction Q2.1,
- (b) protest another boat under rule 14 if there was contact that caused damage or injury, or
- (c) request redress

shall hail the race committee before or during the display of flag B. The same time limit applies to protests under instruction Q5.5. The protest committee may extend the time limit if there is good reason to do so.

**Q2.5** The race committee will promptly inform the protest committee about any protests or requests for redress made under instruction Q2.4.

### **Q3 UMPIRE SIGNALS AND IMPOSED PENALTIES**

**Q3.1** An umpire will signal a decision as follows:

- (a) A green and white flag with one long sound means 'No penalty.'
- (b) A red flag with one long sound means 'A penalty is imposed or remains outstanding.' The umpire will hail or signal to identify each such boat.
- (c) A black flag with one long sound means 'A boat is disqualified.' The umpire will hail or signal to identify the boat disqualified.

**Q3.2** (a) A boat penalized under instruction Q3.1(b) shall take a One-Turn Penalty in accordance with rule 44.2.

- (b) A boat disqualified under instruction Q3.1(c) shall promptly leave the course area.

### **Q4 PENALTIES AND PROTESTS INITIATED BY AN UMPIRE; ROUNDING OR PASSING MARKS**

**Q4.1** When a boat

- (a) breaks rule 31 and does not take a penalty,
- (b) breaks rule 42,
- (c) gains an advantage despite taking a penalty,
- (d) deliberately breaks a rule,
- (e) commits a breach of sportsmanship, or
- (f) fails to comply with instruction Q3.2 or to take a penalty when required to do so by an umpire,

an umpire may penalize her without a protest by another boat. The umpire may impose one or more One-Turn Penalties to be taken in accordance with rule 44.2, each signalled in

- accordance with instruction Q3.1(b), or disqualify her under instruction Q3.1(c), or report the incident to the protest committee for further action. If a boat is penalized under instruction Q4.1(f) for not taking a penalty or taking a penalty incorrectly, the original penalty is cancelled.
- Q4.2** The last sentence of rule 28.2 is changed to ‘She may correct any errors to comply with this rule, provided she has not rounded the next *mark* or *finished*.’ A boat that does not correct any such error shall be disqualified under instruction Q3.1(c).
- Q4.3** An umpire who decides, based on his own observation or a report received from any source, that a boat may have broken a rule, other than instruction Q3.2 or rule 28 or a rule listed in instruction Q2.1, may inform the protest committee for its action under rule 60.3. However, he will not inform the protest committee of an alleged breach of rule 14 unless there is damage or injury.
- Q5 PROTESTS; REQUESTS FOR REDRESS OR REOPENING; APPEALS; OTHER PROCEEDINGS**
- Q5.1** No proceedings of any kind may be taken in relation to any action or non-action by an umpire.
- Q5.2** A boat may not base an appeal on an alleged improper action, omission or decision of the umpires. A party to a hearing may not base an appeal on the decision of the protest committee. In rule 66 the third sentence is changed to ‘A *party* to the hearing may not ask for a reopening.’
- Q5.3**
- (a) Protests and requests for redress need not be in writing.
  - (b) The protest committee may take evidence and conduct the hearing in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate its decision orally.
  - (c) If the protest committee decides that a breach of a rule has had no effect on the outcome of the race, it may impose a penalty of points or fraction of points or make another arrangement it decides is equitable, which may be to impose no penalty.
  - (d) If the protest committee penalizes a boat in accordance with instruction Q5.3 or if a standard penalty is applied, all other boats will be informed about the change of the penalized boat’s score.
- Q5.4** *The race committee will not protest a boat.*
- Q5.5** *The protest committee may protest a boat under rule 60.3. However, it will not protest a boat for breaking instruction Q3.2 or rule 28, a rule listed in instruction Q2.1, or rule 14 unless there is damage or injury.*