

Event: 2009 Albacore Mid-Atlantic Championships
Date: May 19th - 20th, 2012
Organizing Authority: United States Albacore Association
Venue: Monmouth Boat Club, Red Bank, NJ

1 RULES

The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012* (RRS).

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board on the east wall of the main first floor room of Monmouth Boat Club.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions on May 19th will be posted immediately after the Competitors' Meeting. Any changes for May 20th will be posted before 9:00 on that day, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 5:30pm on May 19th.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be announced by an audible signal from the MBC RC boat and will be displayed on that boat.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 The racing schedule is as follows:

Date	Time	Event
May 19 th , Saturday	11:00 AM	Competitors' Meeting.
	12:00 PM	First Warning signal.
May 17 th , Sunday	9:30 AM	First Warning signal.

5.2 When more than one race will be held on the same day, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that another race will begin soon, multiple short sound signals will be made before the warning signal.

5.3 On Saturday, no Warning signal will be made after 4:30pm.

5.4 On Sunday, no Warning signal will be made after 2:30pm.

6 RACING AREAS

The racing area will be in the east of the Club. The RC boat will display the USSA RC flag from its mast.

7 THE COURSES

The diagrams in Attachment 1 show the courses. All marks will be left to port unless “S” is posted.

8 MARKS

9.1 Marks will be described at the Competitors’ Meeting.

9 THE START

9.1 Races will be started using either (sequence to be specified at Competitors’ Meeting):

9.1.1 RRS, B3.3(a) [Rule 26] except that Minutes before starting signal for Warning will be 3 and for Preparatory will be 2. The “Class flag” will be specified at the Competitors’ Meeting

9.1.2 Dinghy Start – a series of sounds to get attention; 3 minutes, three long sounds; 2 minutes, 2 long sounds; 1 minute 30 seconds, 1 long, 3 short sounds; 1 minute, 3 long sound; 30 seconds, 3 short sounds; 20 seconds, 2 short sounds; 10 seconds, 1 short sound; short sounds at 5,4,3,2,1 seconds; start, one long sound .

9.2 The starting line will be between the Start mark and a yellow flag on the RC Boat.

9.3 A boat starting later than 3 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS, Rule A4.1.

10 CHANGE OF THE POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK

A change of course after the start will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not be in position. Any mark to be rounded, after rounding the new mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration.

11 THE FINISH

11.1 The finish line will be between the Finish mark and a yellow flag on an RC Boat. The finish boat may or may not be the same vessel as used for starting.

11.2 Code flag “H” (red and white), flown by the RC boat while on station at the finish, shall indicate that no further races are to be started.

12 TIME LIMITS

12.1 Time limits and target times are as follows:

<i>Time limit (first boat)</i>	<i>Mark 1 time limit</i>
90 Minutes	30 minutes

If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned.

12.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35 and A4.1.

13 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

13.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

13.2 For each fleet, the protest time limit is 30 minutes after PRO RC Boat returns to dock after the last race of the day.

14 SCORING

14.1 The Low Point scoring system of RRS, Appendix A will apply, except as modified below.

14.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

14.3 When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. If five or more races are completed the boat's highest discardable point score under the RSS shall be discarded.

14.4 A boat that starts correctly but fails to finish correctly (except for a boat that is disqualified or retires after finishing), i.e., DNF shall be scored 1 point more than the last boat to finish correctly. If there is more than one boat in this category, then they are all scored as tied at that place and scored per RRS, Appendix A7 [if there are N such boats, they are awarded points for the last boat to finish correctly plus $(0.5 + N/2)$, no rounding].

14.5 A boat which does not start correctly, retires after finishing, or is disqualified, i.e., DNC, DNS, BFD, OCS, RAF, DSQ, DNE, DGM, shall be awarded points equal to the number of boats in the start area at the start plus 1. If the count of boats in the start area is changed by protest, the change applies to all boats scored under this rule. Boats scored as BFD for a race shall be counted as in the start area for that race even if they have left the start area.

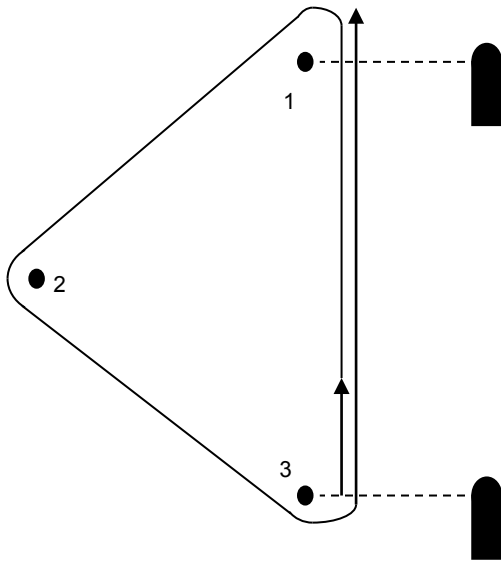
15 SAFETY REGULATIONS

15.1 All boats are required to check in with the RC boat before the start of the first race that boat intends to sail each day.

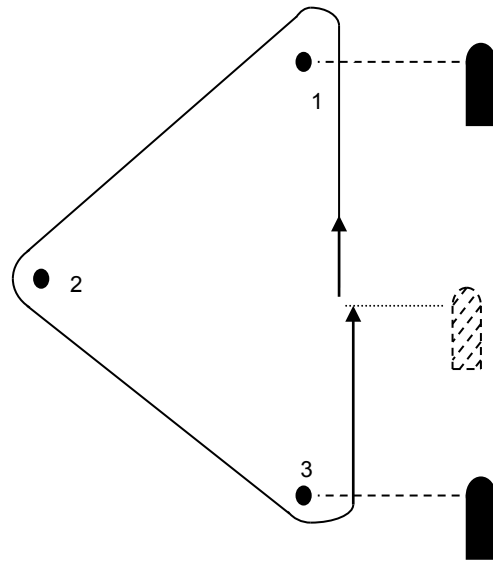
15.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

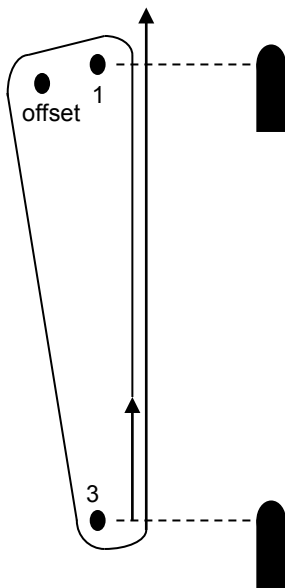
Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS, Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority and the venue will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.



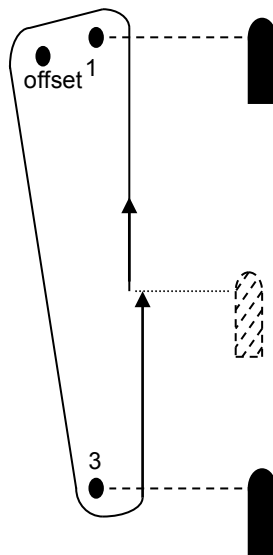
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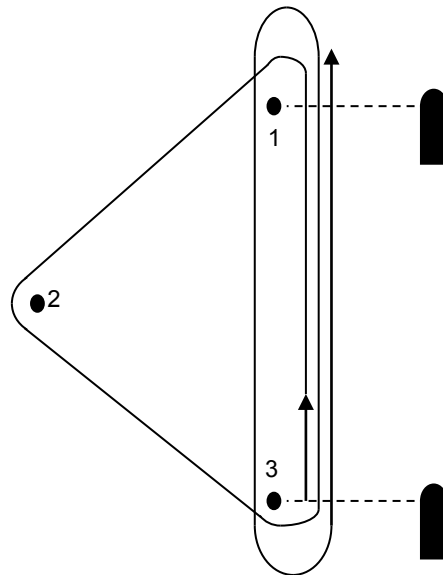
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– Start and/or finish may be in mid-leg**



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**E – Additional laps may be signaled, e.g., "2" (three windward legs)
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