



**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE BONAIRE SAILING
REGATTA AND FESTIVAL 2025
October 7th till October 11th, 2025**

Organizing Authority:

Stichting Aquaspeed Bonaire Windsurfers In co-operation with INDEBON

[NP] Denotes a rule that will not result in protests by a boat. This modifies RRV 60.1 and 63.2(a).

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028, the rules of entered classes, except as any of these are altered by the Notice of Races or by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will prevail.
- 1.3 In case of discrepancy between NOR and SI, the SI prevails. This changes RRS 63.5 (c),
- 1.4 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, applies.
- 1.5 [NP] It's forbidden to sail in the Bonaire National Marine Park, which is the first 75 meters from shore. All participants have to stay at least 75 meters out of the shore.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board at Kas di Regatta.
- 2.2 Opening and Captains meeting for all sailors will be held on Tuesday, 7th October 2024 at 20:00, at Kas di Regatta.
- 2.3 Courtesy announcements for competitors may be made on a WhatsApp group. A notice with the link to join this group will be posted. Competitors may not request redress based on the information shared in this manner, or on the failure to share such information. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board no later than 30 minutes before they will take effect.
- 3.2 Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20.00 on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2 The changes to the Sailing Instructions may also be verbal when boats are on the water, in which case the race committee will display flag L over A. This signal



means “boats are requested to come within hail in order to receive verbal changes to sailing instructions”.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals ashore will be displayed on the flagpole located in Kas di Regatta.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 30 minutes’ in the race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The schedule of races and starting times is indicated in Attachment A. Class flags are indicated in Attachment B.
- 5.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 5.3 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 15:00.

6. CLASS DIVISION AND RATING SYSTEMS

- 6.1 Class Divisions:
 - a.) Yachts **Racing 1** (CSA),
 - b.) Yachts **Racing 2** (CSA),
 - c.) **Open**: Yachts Open, Yachts Cruising, Beachcats, Multihull, Polyvalk, Fisherman Sailing Boats.
 - d.) **Sunfish A/B/C**,
 - e.) **Optimist A/B/C**
- 6.2 The race committee (RC) reserves the right to subdivide or merge any class depending on the entries received.

7. THE COURSES

- 7.1 The diagrams in Attachment C show the courses, the approximate length and the order and side in which marks are to be rounded.
- 7.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee will designate the course to be sailed.
- 7.3 Due to weather or other circumstances the courses as mentioned in Attachment B may vary each race. If changes are made, the new course will be displayed on the starting vessel according to SI 7.2 together with flag L.

8. MARKS

- 8.1 Color and shape of the marks:

Marks “A”, “B”, “C”, “D”, “F”, “I” and “S” will be yellow cylindrical inflatable buoys.
Mark “O” will be an orange cylindrical buoy.



- 8.2 The starting pin for **Racing 1, Racing 2, Open, Sunfish A and Optimist A** will be an orange spherical buoy.
- 8.3 Finishing marks will be one orange spherical buoy and one orange cylindrical inflatable buoy.

9. [NP] AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1 Courses shall be sailed seaward of the imaginary line connecting mooring spars, mooring buoys, dive buoys, moored boats and shallow water marks. The area between this line and the nearest shore shall be considered a continuing obstruction.
- 9.2 Stay at least 300 ft. / 100 m. from a moored dive boat. All dive boats should be recognizable by display a sport dive flag or provided with dive symbols on the hull of the boat.
- 9.3 It's forbidden to sail in the Bonaire National Marine Park, which is the first 75 meters from shore. All participants have to stay at least 75 meters out of the shore.
- 9.4 Violations of the dive boat rule will be enforceable and regatta participants in violation of this rule will be stopped and fined by a law enforcement officer, in addition to penalties under the rules of sailing.

10. THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26. Warning signal will be made 5 minutes before the starting signal of the class; if two or more classes will race in the same course area, the warning signal of the next class will be displayed as soon as possible after the previous starting signal.
- 10.2 For **Racing 1, Racing 2, Open, Sunfish A and Optimist A**: the starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starting vessel and the orange starting mark. Start Signals and course indications will be given from the starting vessel.
- 10.3 For **Optimist B and C and Sunfish B and C**: the start will be between a flagpole displaying an orange flag ashore on the slipway north from Kas di Regatta and a yellow cylindrical buoy. Starting Signals will be given from the flagpole.
- 10.4 [NP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall stay away at least 100 meters from the starting line.
- 10.5 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
- 10.6 Warning signals for the 2nd start in a back-to-back series, will be made as soon as possible after the last boat in their class has finished.



Signal	Flag	Sound	Minutes to the start
Warning	Class Flag up	1	5
Preparatory	"P", "U" or Black flag up	1	4
Last minute rule	"P", "U" or Black flag down	1	1
Start	Class Flag down	1	0

11. RECALLS

- 11.1 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1.
- 11.2 General recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.2.
- 11.3 In the event of a general recall, starts for succeeding classes will be postponed accordingly.

12. THE FINISH

- 12. The finish line for **Racing 1, Racing 2, Open, Sunfish A and Optimist A:** will be between the orange spherical buoy to windward and the light orange cylindrical buoy to leeward, approximately on the level of the Kas di Regatta.
- 12.2 The finish for **Optimist B and C and Sunfish B and C** will be between a flagpole displaying an orange flag ashore on the slipway north from Kas di Regatta and a yellow cylindrical buoy (same as the start line).

13. TIME LIMITS

13.1

Class	Time Limit			Finish Window		
	Back to back or short race	Long race	Long-distance race	Back to back or short race	Long race	Long-distance race
Racing 1, 2	120 minutes	3 hours	4 hours	20 minutes	30 minutes	45 minutes
Open	150 minutes	3 hours	4 hours	30 minutes	60 minutes	90 minutes
Sunfish A	90 minutes			20 minutes		
Optimist A	75 minutes			20 minutes		

- 13.2 Boats failing to finish within the finish window will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.

14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1 A protest committee will be on call during the regatta. Hearings will be held in a room of Kas di Regatta.
- 14.2 Protest forms are available at the regatta office. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered at Kas di Regatta within the appropriate time limit.



- 14.3 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat of their class has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals AP/A, whichever is later.
- 14.4 Notices and time of hearing 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.
- 14.5 For the Racing 1, Racing 2 and Open classes the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

15. SCORING

- 15.1 For all classes, the low points scoring system (Appendix A) will apply.
- 15.2 One completed race shall constitute a series.
- 15.3 For all classes when at least 3 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
When at least 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

16. [DP][NP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1 For all classes: boats which do not start, which retire or do not finish shall inform the race committee as soon as possible.
- 16.2 For participants in the Beach Cats, Optimist and Sunfish: the use of a life jacket is compulsory.

17. ADVERTISING

- 17.1 The World Sailing Advertising code will apply. The organizing authority may require competitors to display sponsor advertising according to World Sailing Advertising code.

18. [NP] SUPPORT BOATS

- 18.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

19. TRASH DISPOSAL

- 19.1 Boats shall not put trash in the water according to RRS 47. Garbage bins are available in the Harbour Village. Marina and at Fort Oranje and at Kas di Regatta.

20. RADIO COMMUNICATION



- 20.1 [NP] Except in an emergency or as permitted by the race committee, a boat shall not make radio transmissions while racing.
- 20.2 The race committee may transmit over the VHF radio frequency 11 a time check and identity of boats identified OCS. This information is provided as a courtesy to competitors. Any errors or omissions in the transmission will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).
- 20.3 Safety reasons recommend participants in the Racing 1, Racing 2 and Open classes to have a working VHF radio and cellular telephone on board.

21. PRIZES

- 21.1 When competing in the Bonaire International Sailing Regatta, prizes will be awarded to: Winners of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place of each class.
- 21.2 The award ceremony will take place on Saturday night, 11th October 2025 on the Plasa Stage at the festival area at Playa.

22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 22.1 The responsibility for the safety and security of each participating boat, its crew and its gear as well as for the decision whether or not to race or continue to race lies entirely with the participant. Participants in the race do so entirely on their own risk. HYPE Events as organizing committee and any member of the race committee shall not and cannot be held liable for any damage, loss of life or injury of whatever nature which directly or indirectly is a result of participating in the regatta. Attention is called to RRS 3 Decision to Race.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For yachts arriving and departing Bonaire you are required to check in with immigration and customs at (599) 7158593.

Kas di Regatta is open from Tuesday 7th October to Saturday 11th October 2025 from 08.00 till 19.00 hr.

Sailing Coordinator via e-mail: wsurfing.ruben@mail.com or aquaspeed.bonaireregatta@gmail.com



ATTACHMENT A

SCHEDULE

Tuesday, 7th October 2025

- 16:00** Registration Day and Goodie bags
- 18:00** Captains' Meeting at Kas di Regatta
- 19:00** Official Opening and BBQ night for participants, Staff & VIPs

Wednesday, 8th October 2025

- 09:00** Captains meeting: Yachts, Open, Sunfish A, Optimist A at Kas di Regatta
- 10:00** Captains meeting: Sunfish B/C and Optimist B/C at Kas di Regatta
- 11:00** First Warning Signal: Yachts, Open, Sunfish A, Optimist A (2 races)
- 14:00** Warning signal: Yachts, Open (1 long race); Sunfish A, Optimist A (1 race)

Thursday, 9th October 2025

- 09:00** Captains meeting: Yachts, Open, Sunfish A, Optimist A at Kas di Regatta
- 10:00** Captains meeting: Sunfish B/C and Optimist B/C at Kas di Regatta
- 11:00** First Warning Signal: Yachts, Open, Sunfish A, Optimist A (2 races)
- 14:00** Warning signal: Yachts, Open (1 long race); Sunfish A, Optimist A (1 race)

Friday, 10th October 2025

- 09:00** Captains meeting: Yachts, Open, Sunfish A, Optimist A at Kas di Regatta
- 10:00** Captains meeting: Sunfish B/C and Optimist B/C at Kas di Regatta
- 11:00** First Warning Signal: Yachts, Open, Sunfish A, Optimist A (2 races)
- 14:00** Warning signal: Yachts, Open (1 long race); Sunfish A, Optimist A (1 race)
- 16:00** Happy Hours in Kas di Regatta

Saturday, 11th October 2025

- 09:00** Skipper's meeting for Windsurf Fin/Foil, Kitesurf TT:R/Foil and Wing Foil at TeAmo Beach
- 10:00** Start for the Long-Distance Race: Windsurf, Kitesurf, and Wing Foil
- 10:30** Captains meeting: Yachts, Open, Sunfish A, Optimist A at Kas di Regatta
- 12:30** Warning signal for Yachts, Open (1 long-distance race); Sunfish A, Optimist A (2 races)
- 19:00** Closing Ceremony on main stage.



ATTACHMENT B
CLASS FLAGS

CLASS	RATING	CLASS FLAG
Racing 1	CSA	Green flag with letters C1
Racing 2	CSA	
Open	See NOR	
Sunfish A	None	White flag with black Sunfish logo
Optimist A	None	Pink flag with white letter O



ATTACHMENT C COURSE DIAGRAMS

COURSE B - Yachts, Open back-to-back

Start boat - Pinboei → A stb → B prt → A prt → Finish in front of Kas di Regatta



COURSE A - Yachts, Open long

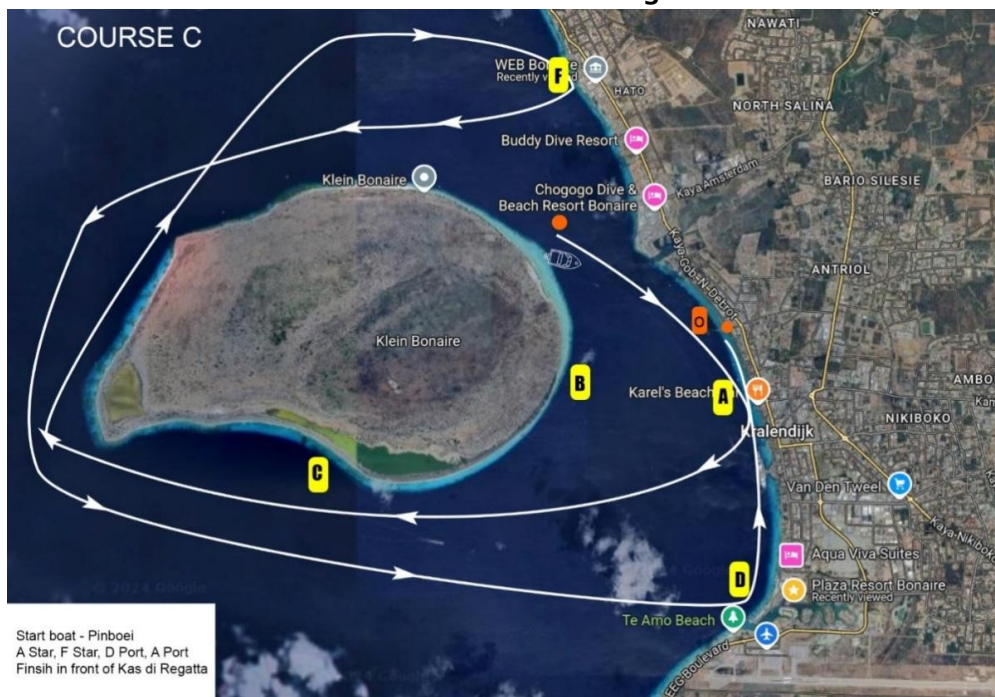
Start boat - Pinboei → A stb → C stb → D prt → Finish in front of Kas di Regatta





COURSE C – Yachts, Open long-distance

Start boat – Pinboei → A stb → Klein Bonaire stb → F stb → Klein Bonaire prt → D prt →
Finish in front of Kas di Regatta



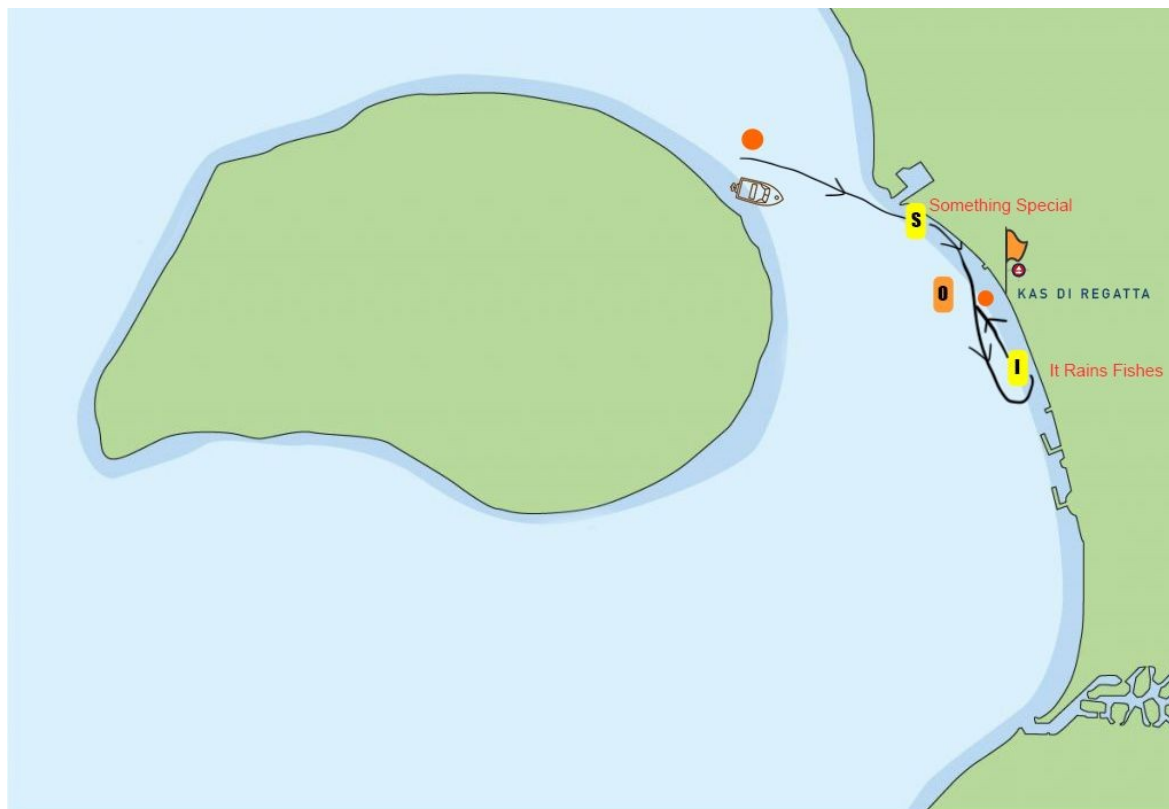
COURSE D – Sunfish

Start boat – Pinboei → O prt → Pinboei prt → Finish in front of Kas di Regatta





COURSE H – Optimist A
Start boat – Pinboei → S stb → I prt → Finish in front of Kas di Regatta



COURSE Y – Sunfish B/C and Optimist B/C

TO BE ANNOUNCED