

ACO 8th MUSTO Skiff World Championships
Club Nautic S'Arenal (Bahia de Palma, Spain)



Date: 26 May – 3 June 2017

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

DRAFT – SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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

[NP] denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for a protest by a boat.

[SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing”

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Musto Skiff Class rules in force at the time of the regatta.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of Real Federación Española de Vela will not apply.
- 1.3 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence
- 1.4 In RRS 44.2 insert after the first sentence: However if Mark 1a is set a boat may delay taking a penalty for an incident in the zone around Mark 1 or on the leg between Mark 1 and Mark 1a until she has passed Mark 1a

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) in the race office module located next to the boat park (See Attachment B)

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 2 hours before the scheduled starting time of the first race on the day, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flag pole in the vicinity of the designated boat rigging area. (See Attachment B)
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 4.3 When flag "AP over H" is displayed ashore, the boats shall not leave the beach/harbour.
- 4.4 Flag B hoisted with one sound means "Protest time has begun". When lowered half way it means, "There are less than 30 minutes of protest time remaining". When lowered it means "Protest time has ended".

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

Pre-Event Series:

Date:	Number of Races	
Saturday 27th May	2	1300 hours

Championship Series: 14 races are scheduled

Date:	Number of Races	
Monday 29th May	3 Races	1300 hours
Tuesday 30th May	3 Races	1300 hours

Wednesday 31st May	3 races	1300 hours
Thursday 1st June	Lay Day (could be used for racing if the schedule requires)	
Friday 2nd June	3 Races	1300 hours
Saturday 3rd June	2 Races	1200 hours

- 5.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on Monday 29th May is 1300 hours.
- 5.4 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound for at least five minutes before a warning signal is displayed.
- 5.5 On the last day of the regatta Saturday 3rd June, there will be no warning signal after 16:00.

6 CLASS FLAGS

The Class flag will be a white flag with the MUSTO Skiff logo.

7 VENUE & RACING AREAS

- 7.1 The venue will be the Club and country identified above. Details of the location of the club and marina can be seen at www.cnarenal.com under the tab "The Club".
- 7.2 The racing area will be located in the Bay of Palma in the vicinity of Club Nàutic Arenal. Attachment C shows the location of racing areas.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The diagram in Attachment A shows the course, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 No later than the warning signal:
 - (a) the race committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg; and
 - (b) numerals 2, 3 or 4 to indicate the number of laps to be sailed, corresponding to LA2, LA3 or LA4 as shown on Attachment A.
- 8.3 The gate may be replaced by a single mark to be left to port.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 Marks 1 and 1A will be Green inflatable; Marks 2S and 2P will be Yellow inflatables.
- 9.2 New marks, as provided in SI 12.1, will be red inflatable marks.
- 9.3 The starting marks will be a Race Committee boat with a staff displaying an orange Flag and another boat displaying an orange flag, or an orange buoy at the port end.
- 9.4 The finishing marks will be a Race Committee boat with a staff displaying a blue Flag and another boat displaying a blue flag, or a buoy with a mast displaying a blue flag at the port end.

10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

There are no designated obstruction areas.

11 THE START

- 11.1 The starting line will be between the masts displaying an orange flag on two Race Committee Boats, or orange buoy when used at the port end.
- 11.2 A buoy may be attached to the anchor line and/or near the stern of the race committee starting boat. Boats shall not pass between this buoy and the race committee starting boat at any time. This buoy is part of the race committee starting boat.
- 11.3 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal
- 11.4 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 11.5 If flag U has been displayed as the preparatory signal, no part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing but not if the race is restarted or re-sailed or postponed or abandoned before the starting signal. This changes rule RRS 26, 63.1 and A5. When flag U is used as the preparatory signal rule 29.1 Individual recall does not apply. The scoring abbreviation for a flag U penalty is UFD. This changes A11 Scoring Abbreviations

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will (a) lay a new mark, (b) move the finishing line), or (c) move the leeward gate; 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 In a change to the windward mark (Marks 1 and 1A), a new mark 1 will be laid; old mark 1 will be removed as soon as practicable; mark 1A may be removed.
- 12.3 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signaling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes rule 28.1

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee boat and either; (a) another boat displaying a blue flag, or (b) a buoy with a mast displaying a blue flag at the port end.

14 'W' FLAG SCORING

- 14.1 When flag 'W' is displayed on an official boat and/or the finish boat, a boat that has not yet finished and is still making its way around the race course will be scored points equivalent to its position in the race at that time.
- 14.2 Should the Race Committee be unable to determine the actual position of boats they will be awarded the average of possible points available to them.

This changes appendix A4 and A5.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 The penalties are as follows:
- 15.2 RRS 44.1 and RRS P2.1 are changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-turn Penalty.
- 15.3 Appendix P will apply as changed by SI 15.2, 15.4 and 15.5
- 15.4 Appendix P2.3 is deleted. P2.2 is changed to apply to the second and each subsequent penalty.
- 15.5 Appendix P3 Postponement, general recall or abandonment is deleted and replaced by: If a boat has been penalised under P1 and the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment, the penalty is cancelled and shall not be counted to determine the number of times she has been penalised during the regatta.

16 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIME

- 16.1 Time limits are as follows:

Time limit	Mark 1 time limit	Target time
60 minutes	20 minutes	45 minutes

If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

- 16.2 Boats failing to finish within **20 minutes** after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored points equivalent to its position in the race as determined by the Race Committee using their best endeavors at that time; this decision is final and not subject to a hearing or appeal. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

17 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 17.1 Protest forms are available at the race office, located at the Club Nautic Arenal. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 17.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the hoisting of Code Flag B – SI 4.4. This will be hoisted as soon as practical as the boats return to shore. The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee, technical committee and jury about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
- 17.3 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. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at ground floor of Clubhouse.
- 17.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or jury will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 17.5 A list of boats that, under SI 15 have been penalized for breaking RRS 42 will be posted.
- 17.6 Breaches of sailing instructions marked [NP] and RRS 55 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches, breaches of sailing instructions marked [DP] or breaches of Class Rules may be less than disqualification (DSQ) if the jury so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.
- 17.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered

- (a) Within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - (b) No later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.
This changes RRS 66.
- 17.8 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.
- 17.9 Decisions of the jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

18 SCORING

- 18.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.
- 18.2 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.3 (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
(b) When from 5 to 7 races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
(c) When 8 to 14 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst two scores.

19 [DP][NP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1 Check in and check out:
For safety, each exit and return to harbour including when returning ashore indicated by a flag "AP / H or N / H", a signing in will be established.
This check in is mandatory and must be done by a member of the crew of the boat before leaving the water and back to land.
- 19.1.2 The checking place is:
In the vicinity of the race office module located next to the boat park (See Attachment B)
- 19.1.3 (a) The check- out time for the day will open 1h30 before the scheduled program for the first warning signal of the day. The check- in will open when the first boat finishes the last race of this day.
(b) After AP / H or N / H flags have been displayed on the Committee boat, check out will be open from the time the AP flag ashore comes down.
(c) The check- in time for the day will open when the first boat finishes the last race of the day.
- 19.1.4 Penalties without hearing (changes RRS 63.1):
- Failure to check out,
+ 5pts add on the result to the nearest race following
- failure to check in,
+ 5pts add on the result in the last race of the day
These penalties are calculated according to the terms of Rule 44.3 (c) of the RRS.
- 19.1.5 Time limit for signing:
Check out: will close when the first starting signal of the first race of the day is made.

Check in: will close at the same time as the protest Time limit or 1 (one) hour 30 after display of the "AP / H or N / H" flag on the water.

19.2 A competitor who retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible on the water and by writing to race office within the Club Nautic Arenal.

20 [DP][NP] REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

21 [DP][NP] EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by the class representative, measurer, race committee or the jury to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

22 [DP][NP] EVENT ADVERTISING

Boats are required to fit decals and to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. Such decals will be fitted and maintained for the life of the regatta in accordance with the instructions provided at Registration. See Appendix A

23 OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be marked as follows:

Race Committee	Yacht club de Carnac Flag
Jury/Judges	Jury
Media	Press
Safety boats	Yellow vest

24 [DP] SUPPORT BOATS

Support boats for individual boats or teams will not be permitted. The Class may arrange a boat to carry spare parts and emergency items

25 [DP][NP] TRASH DISPOSALS

As sailors, we seek to protect and restore our oceans and coastal waters. Boats shall not intentionally put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

26 [DP][NP] RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency involving immediate peril to the crew or serious damage to a boat, a boat that is racing shall not make any voice, data, radio or other electronic transmissions and shall not

receive any voice, data, radio or other electronic transmissions that are not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones and other communications devices.

27 PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows:

The prizes will be given as follows, with the addition of extra prizes decided by the international class association.

1st -10th overall

1st – 3rd Youth (under 23)

1st – 3rd Master (over 45)

1st – 3rd Grand Master (over 55)

1st-3rd bronze fleet

1st-3rd silver fleet

28 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk and they are entirely responsible for their own safety - See RRS 4, Decision to Race.

'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 boat and their property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) they accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- (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 organizer 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) their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least 1,500,000 Euros against third party claims.

The organizing authority and Class Association are not liable for any direct or indirect loss, damage, costs, or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. It is for competitors to decide whether their boat, equipment, crew and clothing are fit and suitable to sail in the conditions that they might find. By launching or going to sea competitors confirm they and their boat, clothing and equipment is fit for purpose and for the conditions, and that they are competent to sail and compete in them. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the event and include the organising authority, race committee, race officer, safety officer, patrol boat personnel and beach masters. The provision of patrol boats does not relieve owners and competitors of their responsibilities.

29 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 1 500 000 € per event or the equivalent, and it is the participant's sole and inescapable responsibility to ensure that the insurance is in place and is adequate.

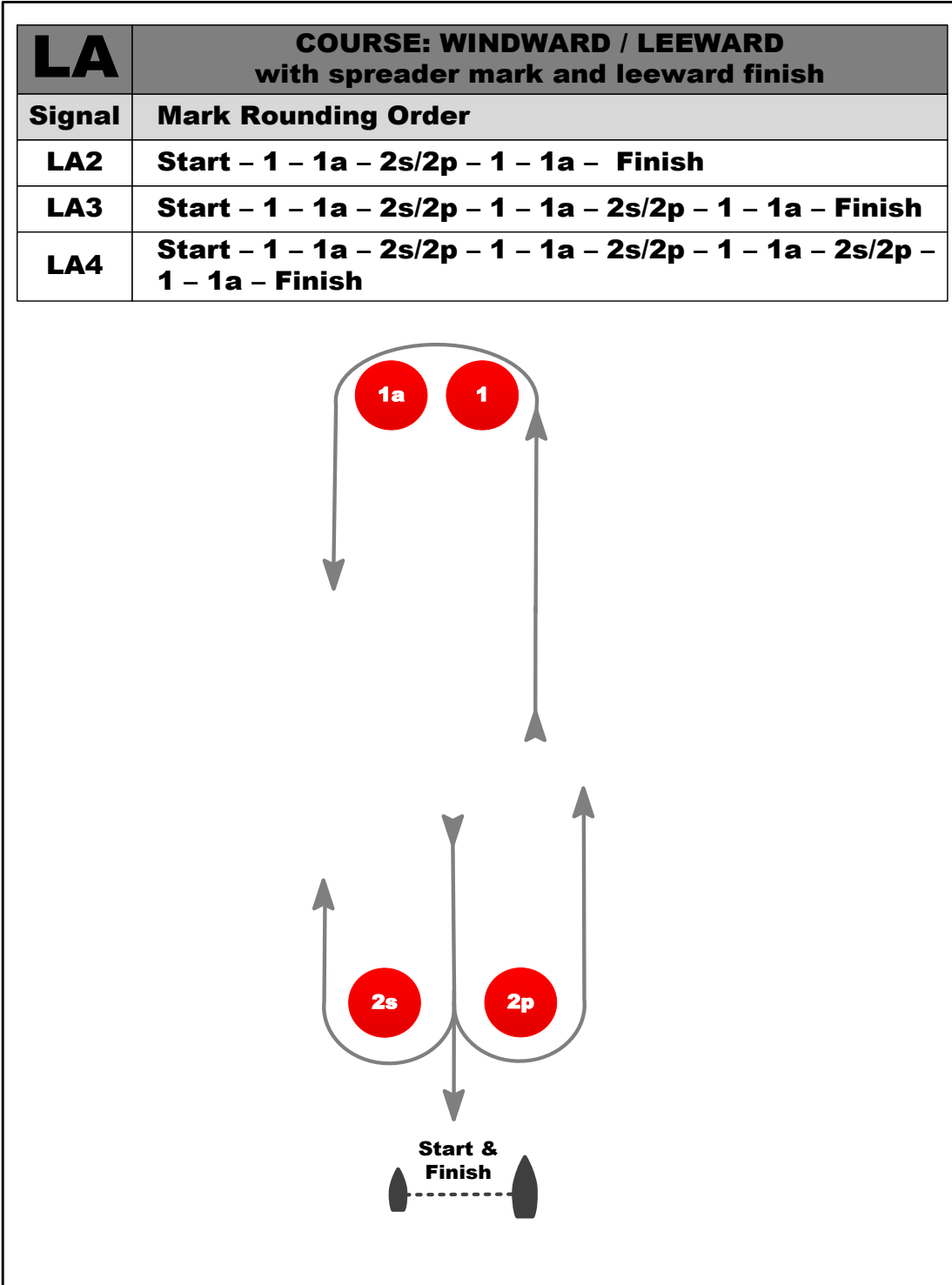
30 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

In entering and participating in this event each competitor grants to the organising authority, the Class Association and the sponsors of the event, the absolute right, authority and permission in perpetuity, to make, use, distribute, broadcast, edit, re-format, publish and show, from time to time and at their discretion, in any media any motion pictures, still pictures, audio, and live, taped or film, text, television and other reproductions of him/her, their boat, and his/her interviews made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure (and to identify their name) , for all purposes without compensation.

31 DRONES

The Class may arrange for one or more drones to film all or part of the racing. This drone may fly within 10 meters of competitors. Drones are inherently potentially dangerous and competitors recognize this risk and should avoid any contact with them. They should not try to touch them.

Attachment A



Attachment B

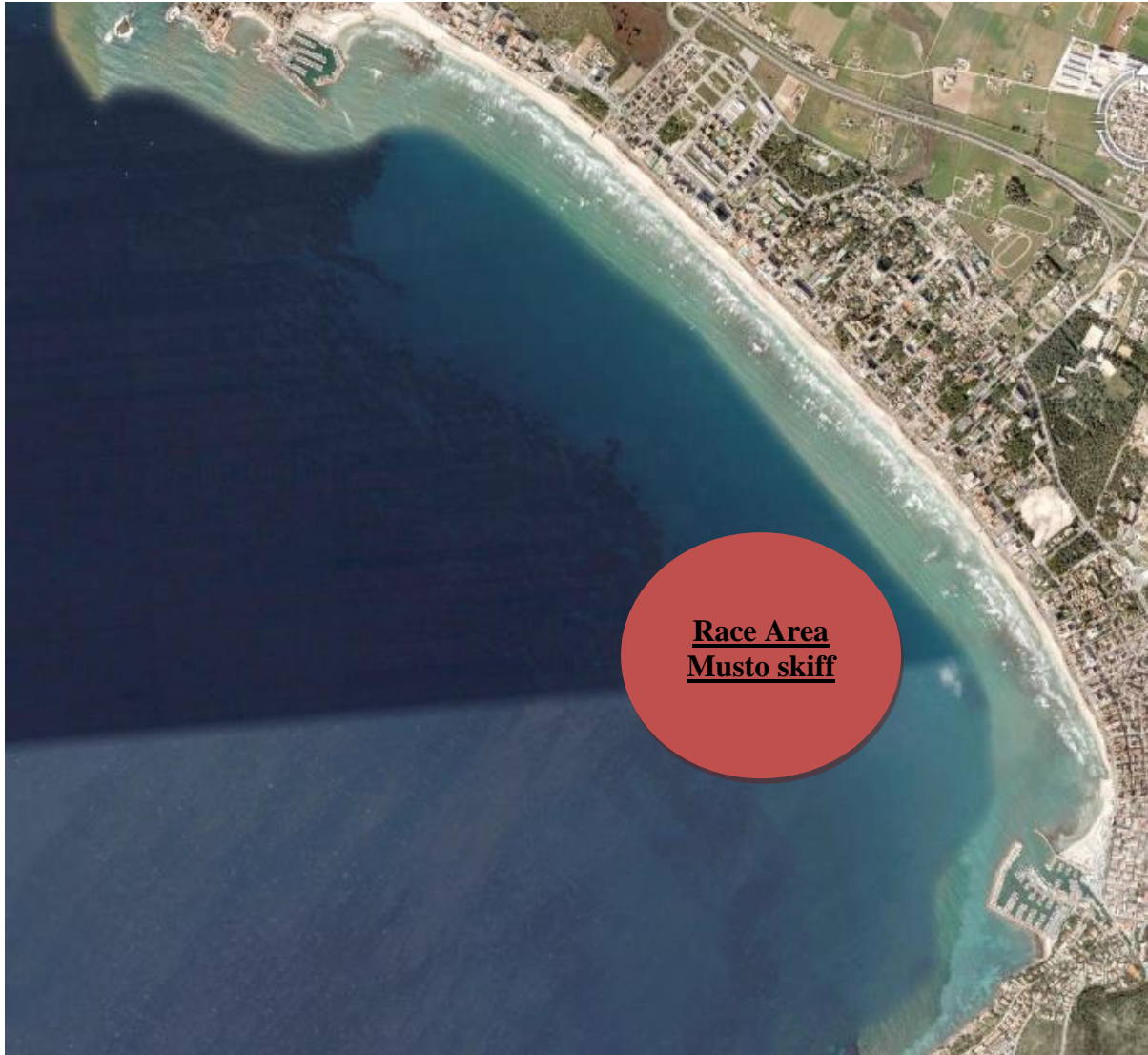
Location of marina and Club house facilities



1	BOAT PARK, RACE OFFICE, ONB & SIGNAL MAST
2	TRAILERS & VANS
3	GYM, SHOWERS & WC
4	PETROL STATION
5	RESTAURANT

Attachment C

Location of the racing areas



APPENDIX A

SPONSOR STICKERS READ THIS BEFORE STICKING Sailing Instruction 22.

Boats shall display advertising stickers on the bow, boom and mainsail during the event. These stickers will be supplied by the organising authority. The instructions on positioning of the stickers will be posted on the official notice board. It is the responsibility of the crew to ensure the stickers remain on the boat and obtain replacements as necessary.

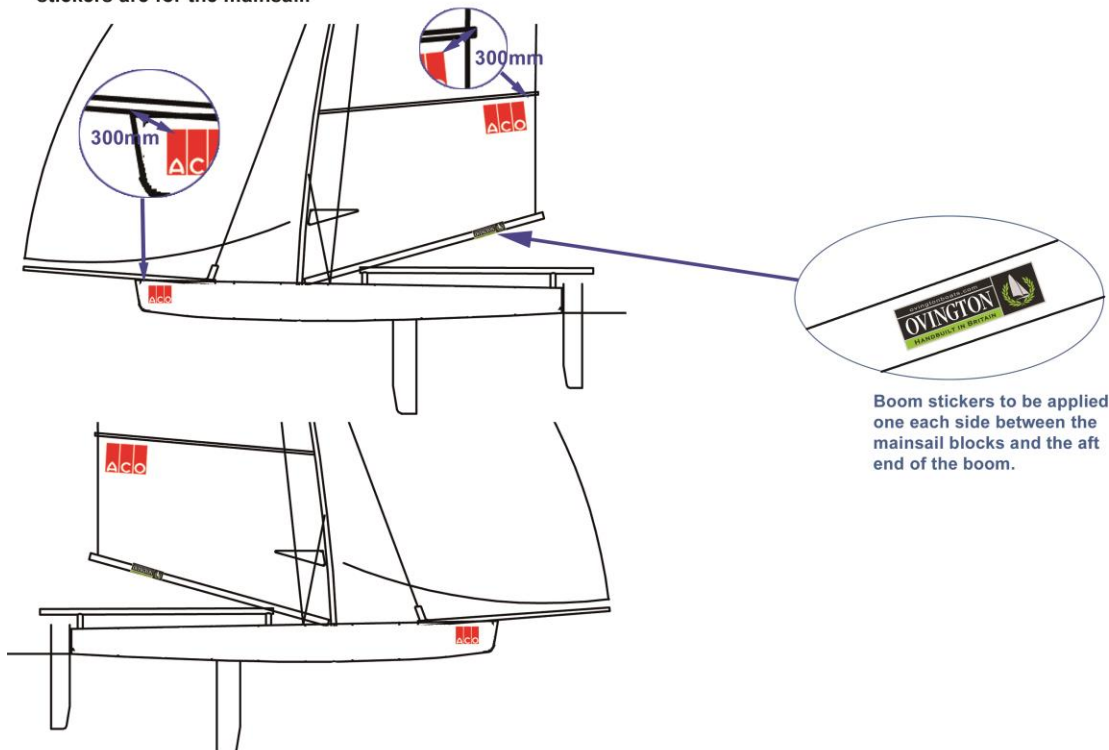
Each sailor will be issued 4 ACO stickers and 2 Ovington Boats stickers.

They are to be applied as shown below. If any stickers fall off during sailing then the sailor is to request replacements and apply them prior the start of the first race the next day. Before applying the stickers please make sure the surface is clean and dry.

Positioning Detail:

The top front corner of the bow stickers is to be within 300mm of the bow.

The rear top corner of the mainsail stickers is to be within 300mm of the aft end of the lower batten. Note the BIGGER stickers are for the mainsail.



Boom stickers to be applied one each side between the mainsail blocks and the aft end of the boom.