



2019 FIREBALL NORTH AMERICAN AND  
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS  
POINTE CLAIRE YACHT CLUB  
**August 20-30, 2019**

Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Organised by Pointe Claire Yacht Club in conjunction with Fireball International, the Canadian Fireball Association and the Quebec Fireball Association.

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation of '[DP]' in a rule in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than a disqualification.

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. The Sail Canada prescriptions which apply are listed in attachment C.
- 1.3. RRS Appendix G3 is changed to allow loaned or chartered boats to use a sail number different from the hull number, providing it is not the sail number of any other boat in the regatta.
- 1.4. Appendix P, Special Procedures for RRS 42 will apply except that Rule P2.3 will not apply and Rule P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one.
- 1.5. With regard to Fireball Class Rule 8 (Prohibitions), the prohibition of the use of electrical or electronic instruments will be interpreted to include a prohibition of the use of smart phones.
- 1.6. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedent.

### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board on the veranda of the main club house.

### 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instruction will be posted before 09h00 on the day it will take effect except that any change to the schedule will be posted before 20h00 on the day before it will take effect.

### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the main flag pole located south of the main club-house.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" will be replaced with "not less than 60 minutes in the race signal AP."

### 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

#### Dates of Racing

#### FIREBALL NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Day	Date	Races
Wednesday	August 21, 2019	2
Thursday	August 22, 2019	2
Friday	August 23, 2019	2

## FIREBALL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Day	Date	Races
Sunday	August 25, 2019	2
Monday	August 26, 2019	2
Tuesday	August 27, 2019	2
Wednesday	August 28, 2019	No Racing
Thursday	August 29, 2019	2
Friday	August 30, 2019	2

Competitors' briefings are scheduled at 11h00 on Wednesday, August 21 and at 11h00 on Sunday, August 25. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 13h00 except Friday, August 30 when the scheduled time is 11h00. One additional race per day may be added at the discretion of the race committee to a maximum of 6 races for the North American Championship and a maximum of 10 races for the World Championship.

On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15h00.

### 6. CLASS FLAGS

The class flag will be a red disk on a blue background.

### 7. RACING AREAS

The racing area will be approximately 1 nautical mile southwest of the club. See attachment A.

### 8. THE COURSES

8.1 The diagrams in Attachment B show the courses, 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 the Race Committee will display the course to be sailed on a white board on the starboard side of the signal boat.

### 9. MARKS

9.1. Marks 1, 2 and 3 will be orange tetrahedrons.

9.2. New marks, as provided in SI 12.1 will be yellow tetrahedrons.

### 10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

See attachment A for information on areas of Lac St. Louis that should be avoided.

### 11. THE START

11.1. The starting line will be between the staffs displaying oranges flags on the starting vessels.

11.2. A boat that does not start within 5 minutes of her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing.  
This changes RRS A4 and A5.

### 12. CHANGES TO THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

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 practical. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by the original mark.

### **13. THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the finishing vessels.

#### **TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

13.1. The time limit for each race is 90 minutes.

13.2. The time limit for mark 1 is 30 minutes. If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned.

13.3. The target time for each race is 65 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RSS 62.1(a)

13.4. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

### **14. PROTEST AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

14.1. Protest forms are available from the jury secretary in the race office, located in the 'Upstairs Lounge' of the main club house. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

14.2. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

14.3. Notices will be posted no later than 10 minutes after a protest is filed to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located upstairs adjacent to the club office as soon as possible after all parties have been notified.

14.4. Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee, or international jury will be posted to inform

boats under rule 61.1(b).

14.5. A list of boats that have been penalized for breaking rule 42 will be posted.

14.6. Breaches of instructions 16, 17, 20, and 21 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a).

14.7. 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 rule 62.2.

14.8. Decisions of the international jury will be final as provided in rule 70.5.

### **15. SCORING**

15.1. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

15.2. When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

15.3. When from 5 to 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race score excluding her worst score.

15.4. When 9 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

### **16. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

16.1. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. [DP}

### **17. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

17.1. Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior permission of the protest committee. [DP}

17.2. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the technical committee. [DP}

## **18. TRASH DISPOSAL**

Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

## **19. PRIZES**

For the North American Championship prizes will be awarded for the top 3 finishers.

Prizes will be given as follows for the World Championship:

Race 1	Moore Trophy
Race 2	Rondar Cup
Race 3	Volvo Trophy
Race 4	Certina Trophy
Race 5	Mildara Wines Trophy
Race 6	Bell Bowl
Race 7	Sponsor Trophy
Race 8	RVYC Trophy
Race 9	Safaricom Kenya Trophy
Race 10	P & B Trophy
Overall Crew	Humboldt Trophy
Overall Worlds	Worlds Trophy
Overall Classic	Classic Boat Trophy
Woman	Thelassa Trophy
Perseverance	Geest Trophy

Other prizes may be awarded.

## **20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

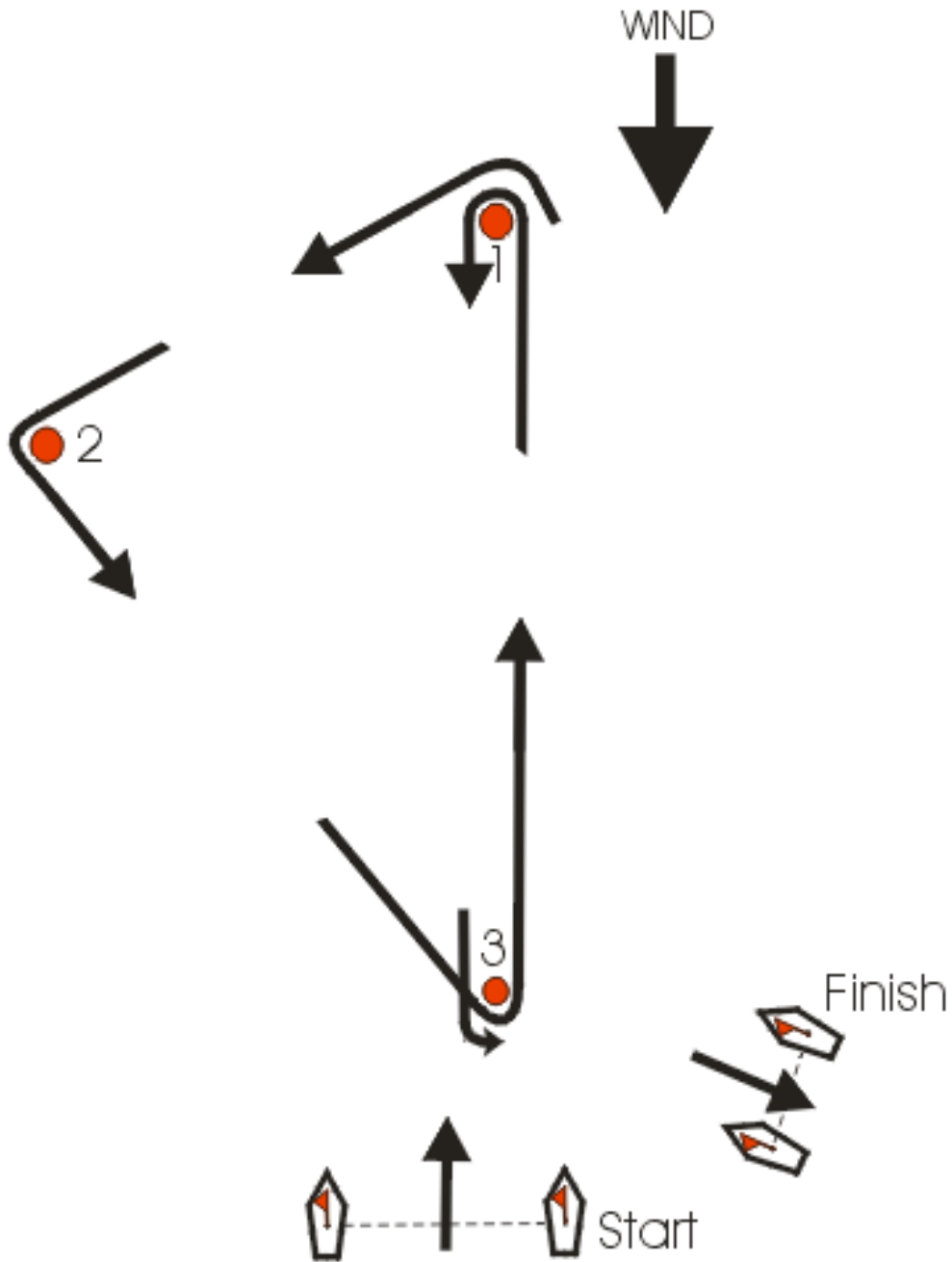
Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

## **21. INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of C\$1,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.



ATTACHMENT B: COURSE DIAGRAM



Course 1: Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Finish

Course 2: Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – Finish

Course 3: Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Finish

## **ATTACHMENT C:**

Sail Canada Prescriptions in effect:

Rule 61.2 – **Protest Contents** Sail Canada prescribes that no fee shall be charged for delivering a protest or a request for redress.

Rule 67 – **Damages** Sail Canada prescribes that a boat that has been found by a protest committee to have broken a rule and caused damage shall be considered at fault for the purposes of rule 67.

Rule 91(b) – **Protest Committee** Sail Canada prescribes that a request for an international jury formed under rule N1.7 comprised of only three members requires written approval be obtained from Sail Canada before making the request to World Sailing.