

**Charm City Ya Gotta Regatta**  
**October 2nd, 2021**  
**The Downtown Sailing Center (DSC)**  
**Baltimore, Maryland, U.S.A.**

**Hansa (Access Dinghy) 303W Sailing Instructions**  
Posted August 16, 2021

The notation “[NP]” in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

**1 RULES**

**1.1** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in “The DSC Hansa (Access) 303W Racing Rules 2021-2024” and the *World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024* as they apply to these Sailing Instructions. The World Sailing RRS 2021-2024 are referenced in the Sailing Instructions for guidance. For references to rules based on the World Sailing RRS, the notation shall be “RRS.”

**1.2** US Sailing Prescriptions as they relate to these sailing instructions apply.

**1.3** The latest version of The DSC Hansa (Access) 303W Racing Rules 2021-2024 are posted on the Ya Gotta Regatta Website, [www.downtownsailing.org/yagottaregatta](http://www.downtownsailing.org/yagottaregatta)

**1.4** If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions, these Sailing Instructions will govern.

**2 COMMUNICATIONS TO COMPETITORS**

**2.1** Notices to competitors will be posted on the DSC website at <http://www.downtownsailing.org/yagottaregatta>.

**2.2** All information to competitors on the course will be broadcast by verbal hail. All participants shall be responsible for complying with all instructions provided.

**3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**3.1** Changes to these Sailing Instructions will be posted on the DSC Ya Gotta Regatta page (see link above) not later than 12 hours prior to the scheduled first Warning Signal for which they will be in effect.

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**3.2** Changes to a sailing instruction may be made on the water prior to the warning signal for each race by broadcasting via verbal hail.

**4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

**4.1** No visual signals will be displayed ashore

**5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

**5.1** The schedule will be as follows:

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Registration
12:30 PM	Skippers' Meeting @ Compass Rose or Pavilion
1:30 PM	Access Dinghy Racing begins - 5-8 races scheduled
3:15 PM	No Hansa 303W races to start after 3:15 PM

**5.2** The Race Committee intends to run 5-8 races. The Race Committee will announce the intended number of races at the skippers' meeting. A minimum of 1 race will be required to constitute a regatta.

**5.3** The race committee will notify the competitors of the completion of racing via verbal hail.

**6 RACING AREA**

**6.1** The racing area will be directly off The DSC's primary 'T-head' on it's 'A dock' marina.

**7 THE COURSES**

**7.1** Courses will be either an upwind triangle course (Modified Triangle) once around, or a reaching diamond course (Modified Diamond) once around.

**7.2** Course Diagrams are posted in Attachment 'A'. Course postings will be made by verbal hail.

**8 MARKS**

**8.1** All marks will be drop marks as follows:

- A. Rounding marks will be orange tetrahedron drop marks unless replaced due to change of course.
- B. The starting/finishing mark will be a round orange "hippity-hop" buoy.

**9 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS**

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**9.1** There are no continuing obstructions in the racing area. Care should be made to avoid the shipping channel, Domino Sugars (and ships), and General Ship Repair.

**10 THE START**

**10.1** Races will be started using Appendix U (the Audible Signal Racing System). This changes RRS 26.

**10.1.b** The Starting Sequence is listed in Attachment 'B'.

**10.2** The starting line will be between an orange flag on the signal boat and the orange starting/finishing mark.

**11 THE FINISH**

**11.1** The finishing line will be between an orange flag on the signal boat and the orange starting/finishing mark.

**12 PENALTY SYSTEM**

**12.1** Appendix T of the RRS applies.

**13 PROTESTS AND HEARING REQUESTS**

**13.1** Hearing Request Forms and Scoring Penalty and Protest Withdrawal Forms are available from the Race Committee. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within one hour after the last race is completed. Forms can also be downloaded from <https://downtownsailing.org/tnofficialnoticeboard>.

**13.2** If the fouling boat exonerates herself on the water and there is no damage, the protest need not be in writing.

**13.3** Promptly following the completion of each race, a boat that intends to protest an incident in that race shall notify the Race Committee.

**13.4** Directly following the close of the protest time limit, Arbitration shall be held for each protest according to the prescriptions in Appendix T.

**13.5** Arbitration will be held near the DSC docks in the order of protest forms received.

**13.6** Protest Hearings

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As soon as practical after arbitration, and before either involved team leaves the dockage area, the jury will hold a “3 minute justice” hearing, comprised solely of a protest committee and a single representative from each party to the protest hearing:

- A. Once the hearing has begun, the Protestor has one minute to explain the reason for his/her party’s protest to the Protest Committee.
- B. The Protestee has one minute to explain his/her party’s position.
- C. The Protest Committee shall dismiss the two competitors and will deliberate and reach a decision in 1 minute.

This sailing Instruction changes the proceedings outlined in Part 5 Section B and Appendix M.

**13.7** Protest hearings will be held immediately following arbitration near the entrance to ‘A’ Dock (or another suitable, nearby, announced location) at The Downtown Sailing Center, 1425 Key Hwy Baltimore, MD 21230, in the order in which they are received.

## **14 SCORING**

**14.1** The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A of the RRS will apply.

### **14.2**

- A. When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores.
- B. When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## **15 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

**15.1** RRS 40.1(b) applies. Life Jackets shall be worn properly at all times during competition and when sailing to- and from- the racecourse except to add or remove clothing. Failure to comply with this rule will result in a disqualifying score of DNE (do not exclude) without a hearing.

**15.2** [NP] All boats shall check in with the race committee prior to racing by verbal hail to the signal boat.

**15.3** [NP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

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**15.4 [NP]** A boat that leaves the racing area prior to finishing the last race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

**15.5** No check-out is required after completion of the last race.

**15.6** No racing will occur if a Gale Warning is currently issued by the National Weather Service.

**16 Boats Provided by the Organizing Authority**

**16.1** Boats will be provided for all competitors, who shall not modify them or cause them to be modified in any way except that:

- A. a compass may be tied or taped to the hull or spars;
- B. wind indicators, including yarn or thread, may be tied or taped anywhere on the boat;
- C. hulls, keels, and rudders may not be cleaned except at the discretion of the Organizing Authority, Downtown Sailing Center.
- D. adhesive tape may be used anywhere above the water line.

**16.2 [NP]** The Penalty for not complying with one of the above instructions will be disqualification from all races sailed in which the instruction was broken.

**17 ADVERTISING**

**17.1** Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

**18 PRIZES**

**18.1** Prizes will be given to the top three (3) finishing boats.

**19 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

**19.1** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority or its agents 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.

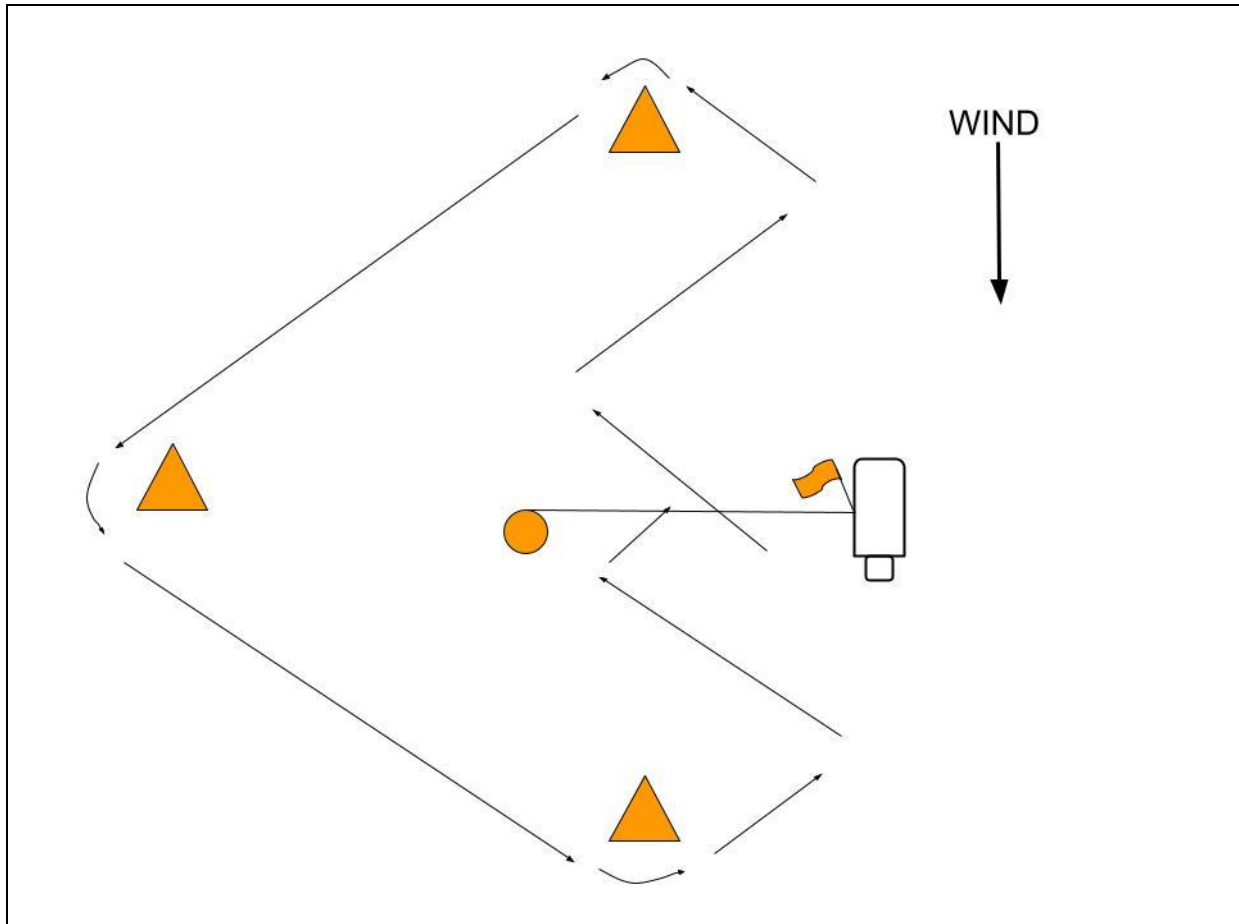
**20 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS**

**20.1** By participating in the *Ya Gotta Regatta*, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any

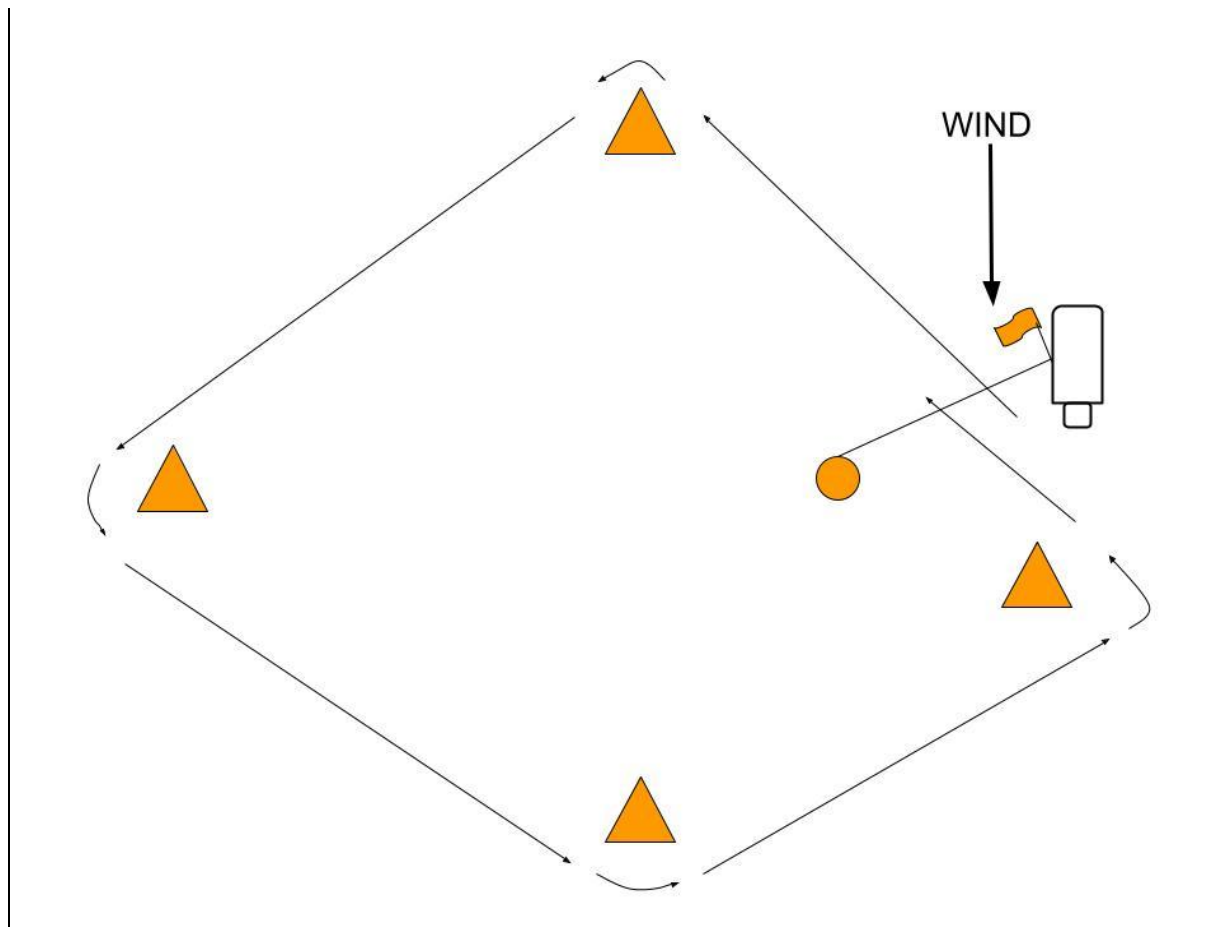
photography, audio, and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue without compensation.

**Attachment 'A'**  
**COURSE DIAGRAMS**

**Triangle Course (MT)**



### Diamond Course



### ATTACHMENT 'B'

#### Audible-Signal Racing System

- A series of short blasts for attention, then a (roughly) five second break
- 3 long blasts for 3 minutes (this is the "warning signal")
- 2 long blasts for 2 minutes (this is the "preparatory signal")
- 1 long and three 3 short for 1 minute, 30 seconds
- 3 short for 30 seconds
- 2 short for 20 seconds
- 1 short for 10 seconds
- 5 short blasts for 5, 4, 3, 2, 1
- 1 long for the start

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