



## RACING TOUR

### GC32 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> July 2022. Lagos, PORTUGAL

### EVENT SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The GC32 World Championships Organising Authority (OA) will be the Club de Vela de Lagos, in partnership with the GC32 International Class Association.

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the 'rules' as described in the GC32 Racing Tour (NoR) rule 2.
- 1.2 Identification of Boats. A Boat will be identified by the Team or Boat name.
- 1.3 Penalties for contact between boats.
  - 1.3.1 When the umpires observe or can verify a report of "hard" contact (defined as hulls, rudders, spars or rigging against another boats hull, rudders, spars or rigging), between boats they will impose a two-point penalty on the boat that broke a rule in the incident and a one-point penalty on the other boat without a hearing. The penalty on the other boat may be waived.
  - 1.3.2 When there is contact that causes damage, the umpires may impose further penalties on either one or both boats.

#### 2. NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board (ONB) at <http://www.gc32racingtour.com/onb/> Additionally, a WhatsApp group for registered phone numbers will also be used to communicate notices to competitors. Sign up details are available from the race office.
- 2.2 The VHF call sign for the Race Committee (RC) will be "GC32 RC". VHF channel 69 will be used to communicate with Competitors and Support Boats.

#### 3. TRACKERS/GPS DATA LOGGERS

- 3.1 Each Team will be issued with a GPS data logger that should be securely attached to the aft cross beam of the boat. The GPS data logger shall be collected and signed for at the daily skippers briefing and then returned to the Race Office within 60 minutes of the last boat's finishing time of the last race of the day or when the RC signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

#### 4. MAINSAIL REEFS, BREAKDOWNS, SAFETY AND ONBOARD GUESTS

- 4.1 The RC may display flag R with one sound signal which means all boats are required to race with 1 reef set in the mainsail. When the RC displays or removes flag R with one sound signal, the Attention Signal for the next race will be no sooner than 15 minutes.
- 4.2 Boats with equipment breakdowns may request a delay to the start of the next race, immediately following the last finisher of that race. When a delay is granted by the RC the new Attention Signal will be no sooner than 10 minutes after the last finisher of the previous race.
- 4.3 A boat with "MAN OVERBOARD" shall notify the RC on VHF 69 immediately.

- 4.4 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC on VHF 69 before leaving the race area.
- 5. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**
- 5.1 Any change to the SIs will be posted on the ONB at least 90 minutes before the first Attention signal of each day that they will take effect.
- 5.2 The ONB can be found at <http://www.gc32racingtour.com/onb/>
- 6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**
- 6.1 No signals will be displayed ashore. The RC will use the WhatsApp group and VHF radio to announce its intentions.
- 7. SCHEDULE**
- 7.1 The intended schedule of each days racing will be posted by 1900hrs on the ONB on the day before it will take effect and then confirmed at the daily skippers briefing.
- 8. COURSES AND RESTRICTED AREAS**
- 8.1 The course signal to be sailed shall be displayed on the RC vessel. APPENDIX 1 of the SIs have course diagrams.
- 8.1.1 Course 1, Numeral Pennant One: Start (reaching) – 1S to port – Gate 2 — Gate 1 – Gate 2 –1S to starboard – Finish.
- 8.1.2 Course 2, Numeral Pennant Two: Start (upwind) – Gate 1 – Gate 2 – Gate 1 – Finish.
- 8.2 A Restricted Race Course Area will be marked by a series of grey buoys with a wide bright green stripe. This area is not an obstruction or boundary under the RRS. Access by support boats will be limited and controlled by the OA as described at the skippers briefing.
- 9. MARKS**
- 9.1 For Windward Leeward courses
- 9.1.1 Gate 1 and 2 marks will be yellow inflatable cylinders.
- 9.1.2 The Starting marks will be the main RC vessel and a red inflatable mark.
- 9.1.3 The Finishing marks will be a RC vessel and a red inflatable mark.
- 10. THE START**
- 10.1 To alert boats that a start sequence will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed (with a series of short toots) at least two minutes before the Attention Signal.
- 10.2 The starting line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag and the course side of the red inflatable mark.
- 10.3 A boat starting later than 2 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 10.4 In addition to RRS 29.1(a), Individual recall details will be broadcast on VHF.
- 10.5 OCS Penalties. When Course 1 is sailed 44.3(c) will be used and when Course 2 is sailed 44.3(a) will be used.
- 10.6 A delayed starter is a boat on a reaching start, that crosses the line more than 8 seconds after the starting signal, or a boat that for any reason is not completing leg 1 at normal speed. The decision on whether a boat is a delayed starter is at the discretion of the Race Officer.
- 10.7 If I Flag preparatory signal has been displayed, any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line or one of its extensions during the last minute before her starting signal, she shall sail across an extension to the pre-start side before starting.
- 11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**
- 11.1 The position of any laid inflated mark(s) may be adjusted by up to approximately plus or minus 10 degrees relative to the previous laid mark(s) and/or up to approximately 200 metres to windward or leeward without a signal. This changes RRS 33.
- 11.2 To change the next leg of the course the RC will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position. In addition to RRS 33, the RC will use VHF radio to assist in communicating the change of the next leg of the course.
- 12. THE FINISH**
- 12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an blue flag and the course side of the red inflatable mark.

**13. TIME LIMITS**

**13.1** If no boat has finished within 35 minutes of the starting signal, the race will be abandoned.

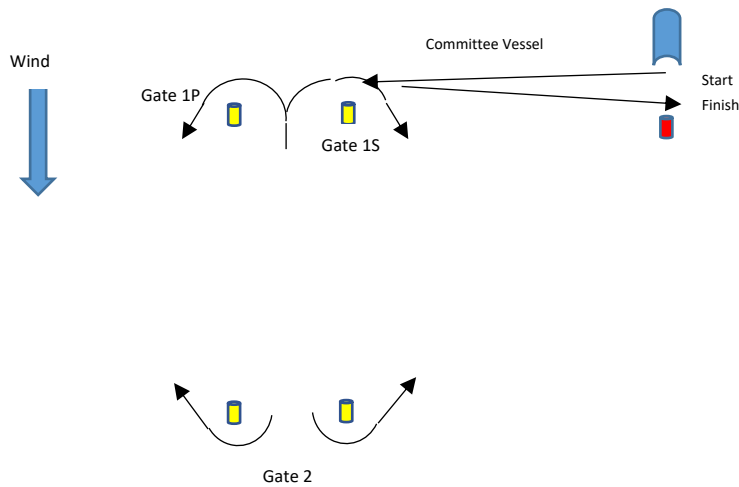
**14. OFFICIAL BOATS**

**14.1** Official boats will be marked as follows:

- 14.1.1 Race Committee Vessel – white flag with RC in red letters
- 14.1.2 Race Committee Boats – white flag with RC and red numbers
- 14.1.3 Umpire Boats – yellow flag with Umpire and black numbers
- 14.1.4 Safety Lead – red flag with Safety and white numbers
- 14.1.5 Support Boats – grey flag with Team and yellow numbers
- 14.1.6 Media Boats – white flag with Press and black numbers

**APPENDIX 1 – COURSE DIAGRAMS:**

**COURSE 1 – Numeral Pennant 1.** 



**COURSE 2 – Numeral Pennant 2** 

