



## WELCOME

We hope you and your guests enjoy the racing in this special regatta for America's Cup Class yachts.

Here are some things you can do to help us make each day safer and more enjoyable for spectators and competitors alike:

- Listen to **VHF Channel 77** for official information from the Race Committee and Course Marshal.
- Comply with all instructions received from the Course Marshal or the boats marked "Security".
- Stay outside of the red (tomato) buoys at all times.
- Observe a 5 knot speed limit when near the race course, observe the "Rules of the Road", and use "Common Sense" at all times.
- Be aware that the race boats are very fast and will make radical maneuvers and sharp turns. They may even sail into the spectator fleet. If you are approached by one of the race boats, **hold your position and let the race boat avoid you.**
- In case of emergency, call the usual local emergency services, and then advise the Course Marshal on **VHF channel 77.**

2 races are scheduled each day. The first will start as soon as possible after 1230.

We expect the following 12 competitors:

SUI	Alinghi, Société Nautique de Genève
USA	BMW Oracle Racing, The Golden Gate Yacht Club
ITA	+39, Circolo Vela Gargano
RSA	Shosholoza, Royal Cape Yacht Club
NZL	Emirates Team New Zealand, Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron
ITA	Luna Rossa, Y.C. Italiano
FRA	K-Challenge, Cercle de la Voile de Paris
ESP	Desafío Español, Real Federación Española de Vela
SWE	Victory Challenge, Gamla Stans Yacht Sällskap
ITA	Mascalzone Latino-Capitalia Team, Reale Yacht Club Canottieri Savoia
GER	United Internet Team Germany, Deutscher Challenger Yacht Club
CHN	China Team, Qingdao International Yacht Club

**Thank you for your cooperation.**

W.H. Dyer Jones  
Regatta Director

## **COURSE MARSHAL INSTRUCTIONS – Perimeter I.D. Flag Vessels**

These operating instructions are directed to all owners and captains of the following I.D. Flag Vessels:

Team Tenders, Chase, & Support Boats  
Event Organizer Press, Media, TV, and Photo Boats  
Event Organizer Related Boats

These instructions apply to Perimeter I.D. Vessels carrying special identification flags issued by AC Management, the Event Organizer of the 32<sup>nd</sup> America's Cup, while operating in the vicinity of the Race Diamond. These so-called "**Flagged Vessels**" are under the direction of the Course Marshal, and assist the Race Committee and Course Marshal in defining the line beyond which spectators may not proceed into the Race Diamond.

**Failure to abide by these rules and the instructions of the Course Marshal will result in the immediate removal of the vessel's flag privilege.**

**Obey the instructions of the local marine authorities at all times.**

Please note that "Flagged Vessels" have size limitations and may be asked to position themselves so as not to obstruct other spectator vessels.

## **EMERGENCY PROCEDURES**

Without going into every situation which will require a response to an emergency, please keep in mind that there are responsible organizations working with us who have the capability to deal with any development.





Situations that seem to require an emergency response should be reported to the Course Marshal or marine safety authority with jurisdiction.

## **SAFETY GUIDELINES**

The captain is responsible for the safety and control of his/her boat and all persons on board; and the conduct of his vessel in accordance with maritime law and good seamanship.

Boats must be operated safely at all times.

In particular:

- Observe the 5 knot rule
  -  Within 50 metres of any other boat
  -  Within 50 metres of any person in the water
  -  Within 200 metres of the shore or any structure attached to the shore
  -  **When near the Race Diamond Area**

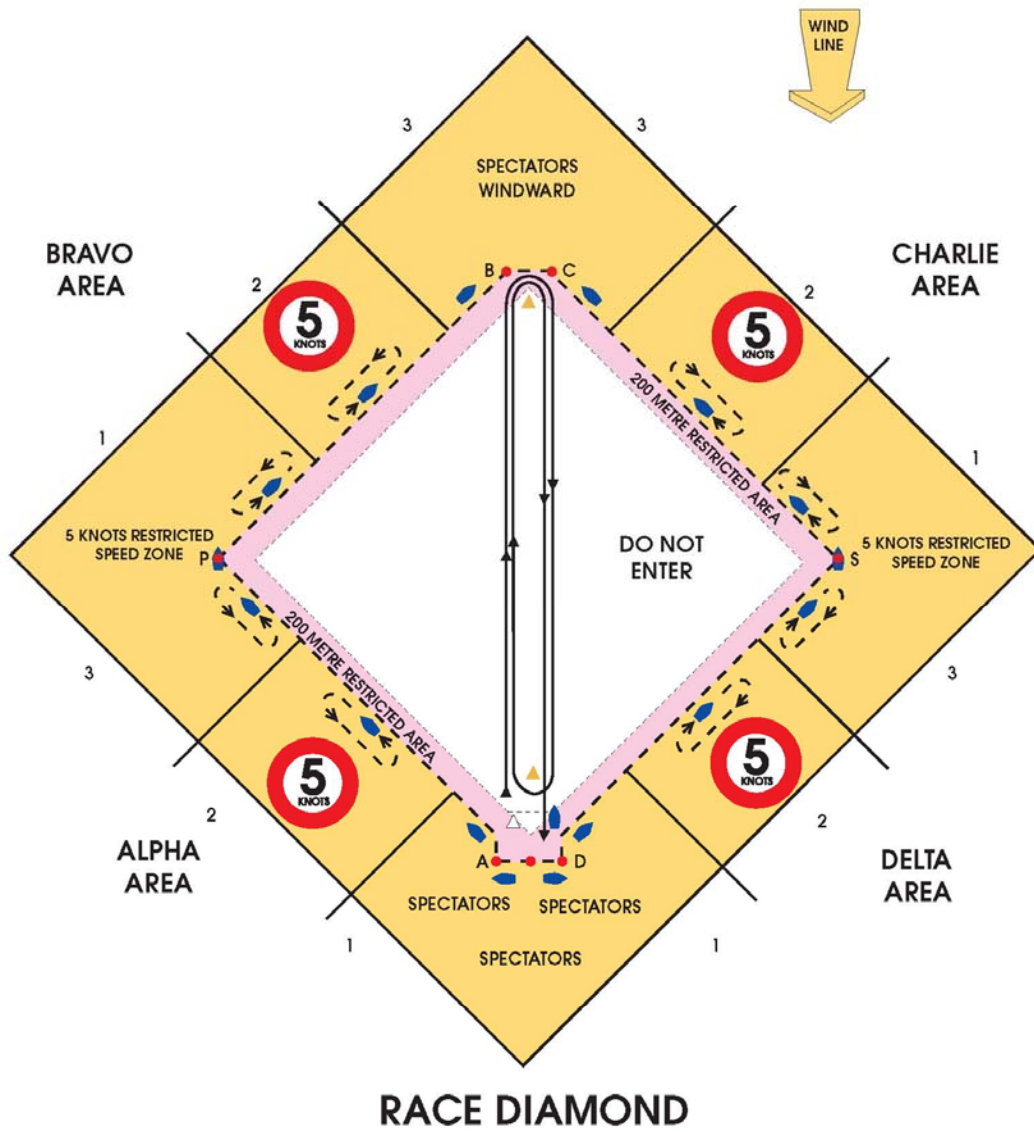
## **WATCH OUT FOR WAKES**

Be aware of the effect of wake on your boat and also how your wake affects other boats.

**COMMON SENSE**

**CARE**

**COURTESY**



## Application for Flag

The Captain of each vessel eligible to receive a Flag shall submit a completed copy of the attached Flag Application.

## Briefing

Prior to the start of the Regatta, the Captain of every vessel authorized to receive a Perimeter I.D. Flag is required to attend a Briefing with the Race Committee and Course Marshal. The Flag will not be issued unless the Captain attends this briefing.

The Briefing will be held in the Jury Hearing Room at the Regatta Operations Office located in the Dogana at a time to be advised.

## Speed Restrictions

There is a need to restrict the speed of boats in the vicinity of the Race Diamond. Speed restrictions will be necessary for two reasons:

- (i) To enhance safety for the spectator fleet, and
- (ii) To reduce the effect on Competitors.

The spectator fleet will be advised of the speed restrictions in force by the Course Marshal on **VHF Channel 77**.

A speed restriction of 5 knots shall apply around the Race Diamond out to a distance of one-half (1/2) nautical mile from the perimeter. See Course Diamond diagram.

This restriction will apply from 15 minutes before the Warning Signal to 15 minutes after the finish.

## Operating Instructions

All vessels departing or entering the Port of Trapani are required to obtain permission from the port authorities to do so.

Observe "The Rules of the Road" at all times.

The Course Marshal usually will be aboard the Port Escort Boat. The Course Marshal will give instructions to spectator vessels from:

Security Boats, and by

Radio on **VHF Channel 77**. This channel must be **monitored at all times** when the Perimeter I.D. Vessel is in the vicinity of the Race Diamond.

## Other Rules of Conduct

No Flagged Vessel is to display any signage on or around the race course without the approval of AC Management. The only signage that will be approved is that of the sponsors of the Event and the *bona-fide* sponsor of a competing team. The Event Organizer may approve other signage in its sole discretion.

In order to ensure that the rights of the Event Organizer and the competitors are protected, the Captain of each Flagged Vessel will ensure that no one on that Flagged Vessel uses:

- any type of equipment for electronic range finding (including so-called laser guns) directed towards the competitors;
- any type of telemetry listening device, or any other device which could pick-up telemetry signals from the competing yachts; or any other device capable of determining the exact or relative positions or speed of the competing yachts;
- any video recording or broadcast equipment in competition with the credentialed rights holders.

Still cameras and home-type video cameras are permitted for personal use only. No commercial exploitation in television, print, Internet or any other media (as news coverage or otherwise) of photographs or video taken aboard a Flagged Vessel, or transmission of any audio commentary of the races (including cellular telephone) from a Flagged Vessel, may be made without the written permission of AC Management except by credentialed media with rights to exploit such photographs, or video, or audio commentary, subject to the restrictions imposed on such media.

### **Before the Start**

The flags issued to most Flagged Vessels are colored RED (Port) and GREEN (Starboard) and numbered. Vessels are to **line-up in numerical order** on their assigned side of the Start Box (see diagram "Start Box") astern of the respective Port and Starboard Escort Vessels. Vessels are not to change sides or position.

At least 15 minutes prior to the Attention Signal of each race, all Perimeter I.D. Vessels shall be in position as directed by the Course Marshal.

Team Chase Boats – At the Preparatory Signal for their yacht, Team Chase Boats shall be in the position shown in diagram "Start Box" or as instructed by the Race Committee. At all times, Team Chase Boats must ensure they do not impede the race boats entering the Start Box or obstruct AC Management official TV or Photo Boats.

Official Event Photo Boats – Photo Boats will assume their initial assigned positions at the Attention Signal. At any time the position of Photo Boats may be adjusted at the discretion of the Race Officer or Course Marshal. For Fleet Racing, Photo Boats shall be stationed a minimum of 200 metres to starboard of the Race Committee Boat and 100 metres to Port of the Starting Mark. For Match Racing, the Photo Boats may proceed upwind to either end of an extension of the Starting Line following the Preparatory Signal of each match. They shall return to their initial position for each subsequent match.

When in the vicinity of the Start Box, all captains are warned to keep a safe distance from other craft **and BE AWARE that the competing yachts may enter your area. If they do, you must HOLD STATION and let yachts maneuver in accordance with the Rules for Prevention of Collision at Sea.**

### **After the Start**

After all yachts have started, the Course Marshal and Starboard Escort Boats will proceed slowly up the perimeter of the Race Diamond passing near the Outer

Perimeter Buoys (red buoys "P" or "S"). Flag Vessels will follow in column line astern.

Follow at a safe distance and at no more speed than your respective Port or Starboard Escort boat. Watch for other spectator boats and Security Boats.

**Be aware of the stopping distance of your boat.**

Advise the Course Marshal of any unauthorized vessels that you observe inside the Flag Vessel fleet.

If you leave the Flag Vessel fleet you can assume that other Flag Vessels astern will move-up into your position.

The Port and Starboard Escort Boat will decide when to turn the Flagged Vessel fleet to return to the Leeward Mark area, or towards the Windward Mark area.

When turning the Flagged Vessel fleet, turns will be away from the Course Diamond, and the fleet is to follow in column.

When in the vicinity of the Windward or Leeward Marks, or the Finish Area, ensure that you conform to the positions depicted on the diagrams for the respective areas.

Official Photo Boats - Do not block the view or pass between the turning mark and Port Judge, Windward Judge or Official TV boats.

All Flagged Vessels must be mindful that the magnetic heading of the course is going to be changed by the Race Committee if the direction of the wind shifts. The Course Marshal will advise course changes on **VHF channel 77**.

**Remember, NO WAKE AND NO WIND SHADOW ON THE RACE DIAMOND.**

**At the Finish**

When the Course Marshal directs that the Finish Box is to be set, all boats in the vicinity of the Leeward Mark must move to positions outside the Finish Box. Remain well clear of the Race Committee Boats, the Mark Set Boat, and the Security Boats while they are setting-up the Finish Box.

All boats must remain clear of the exit of the Finish Area corridor as shown in the diagram Finish Box until all racing yachts have departed the Race Diamond.

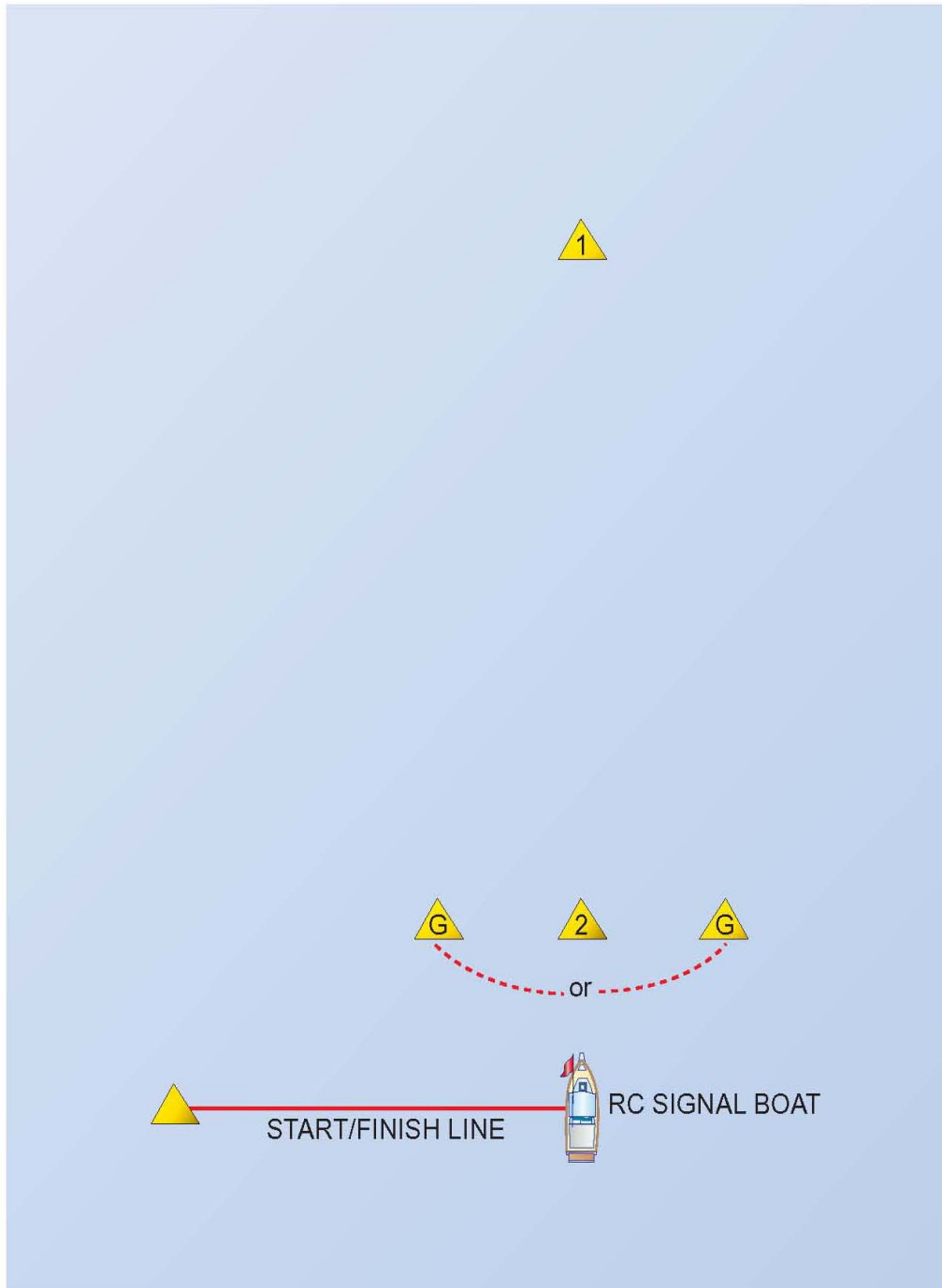
**Issue and Care of Flags**

Each flag is issued to a specific vessel and may not be transferred to another vessel without the consent of the Regatta Director.

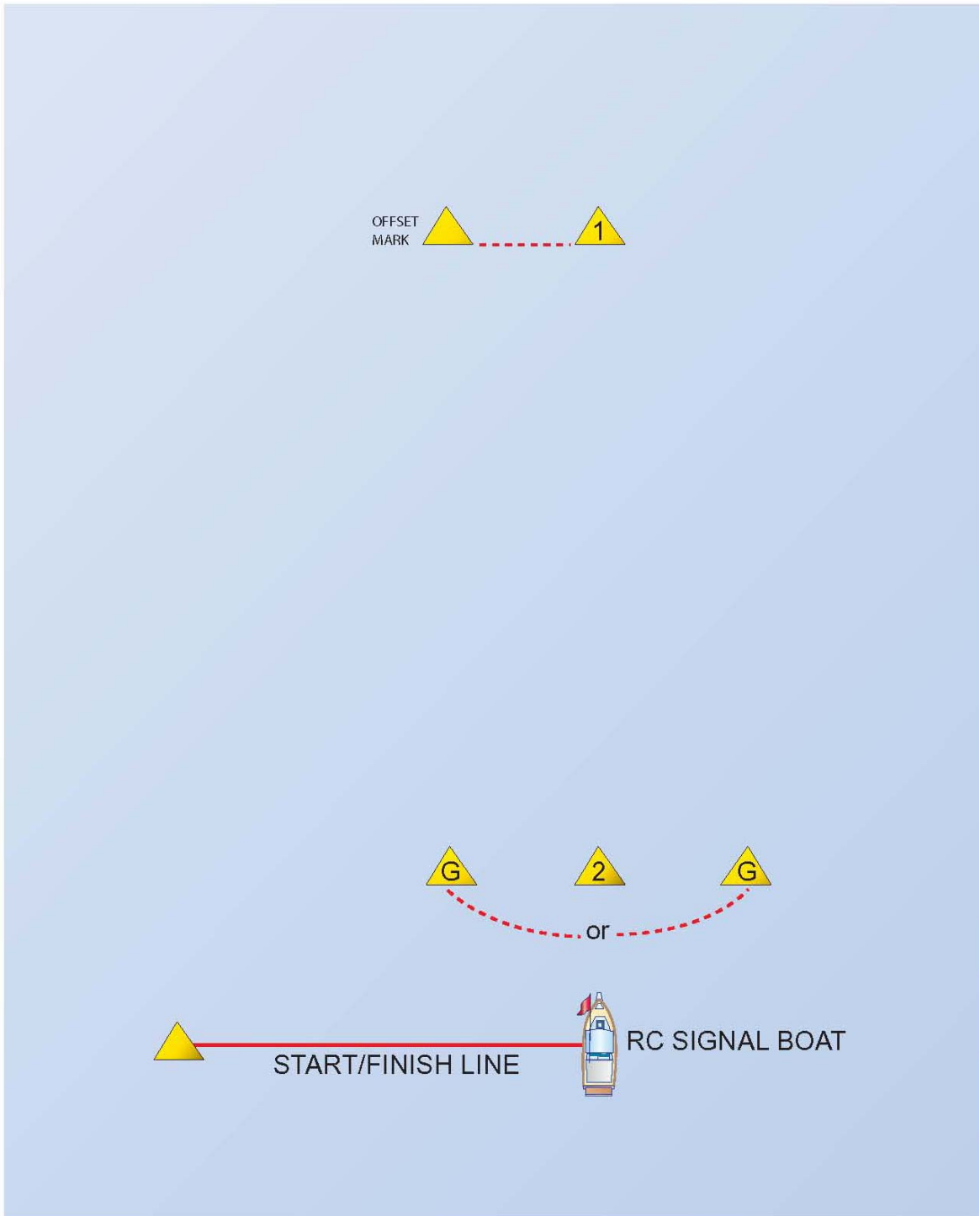
Perimeter I.D. Vessel Flags shall be displayed prominently only when in the vicinity of the Race Diamond. If Security Boats are unable to see your flag you will be asked to move from your position.

The I.D. Flag must be removed or secured when running at speed and when in the harbor or at the dock. Lost I.D. Flags will not be replaced.

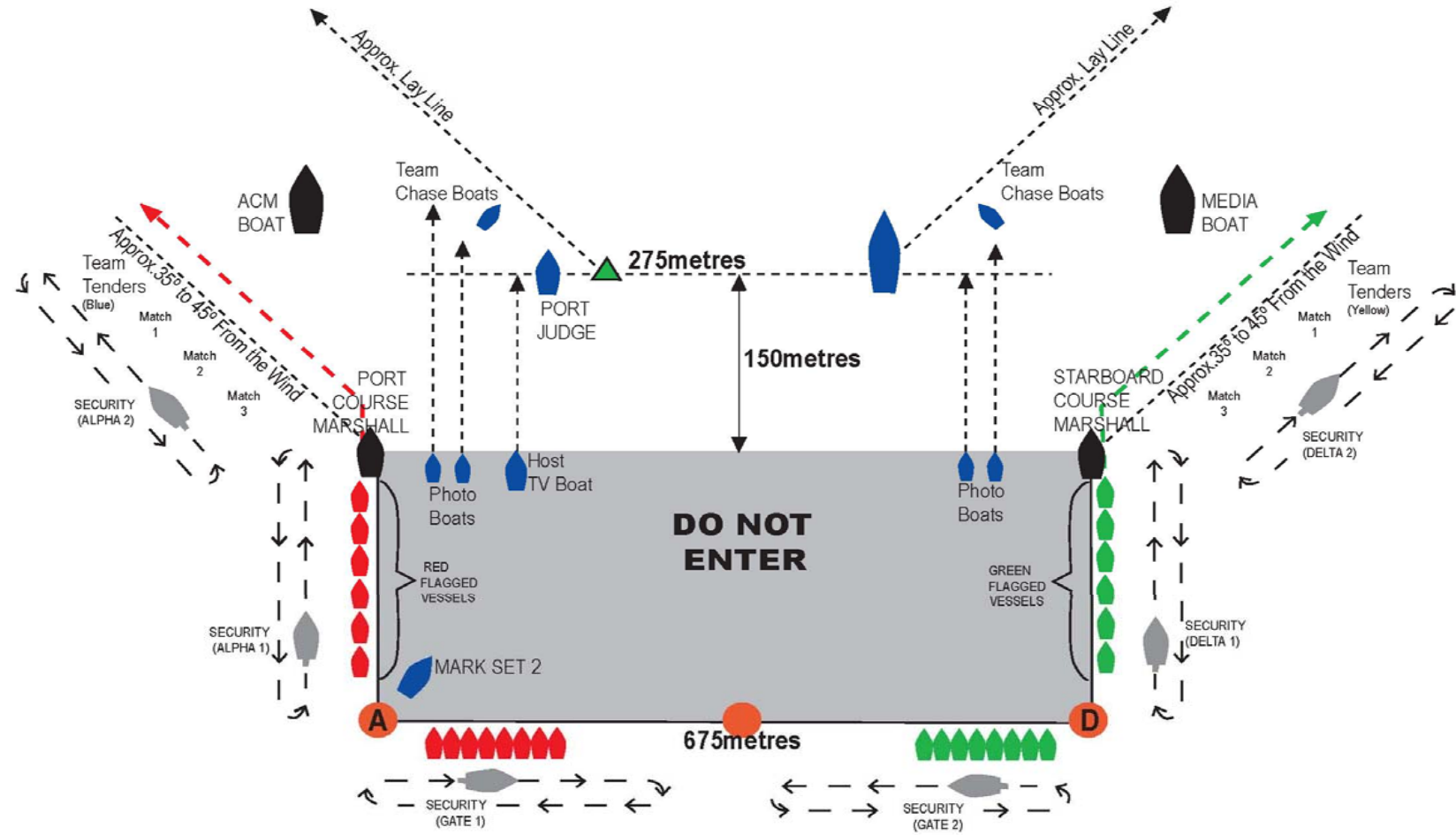
# MATCH RACING COURSE DIAGRAM



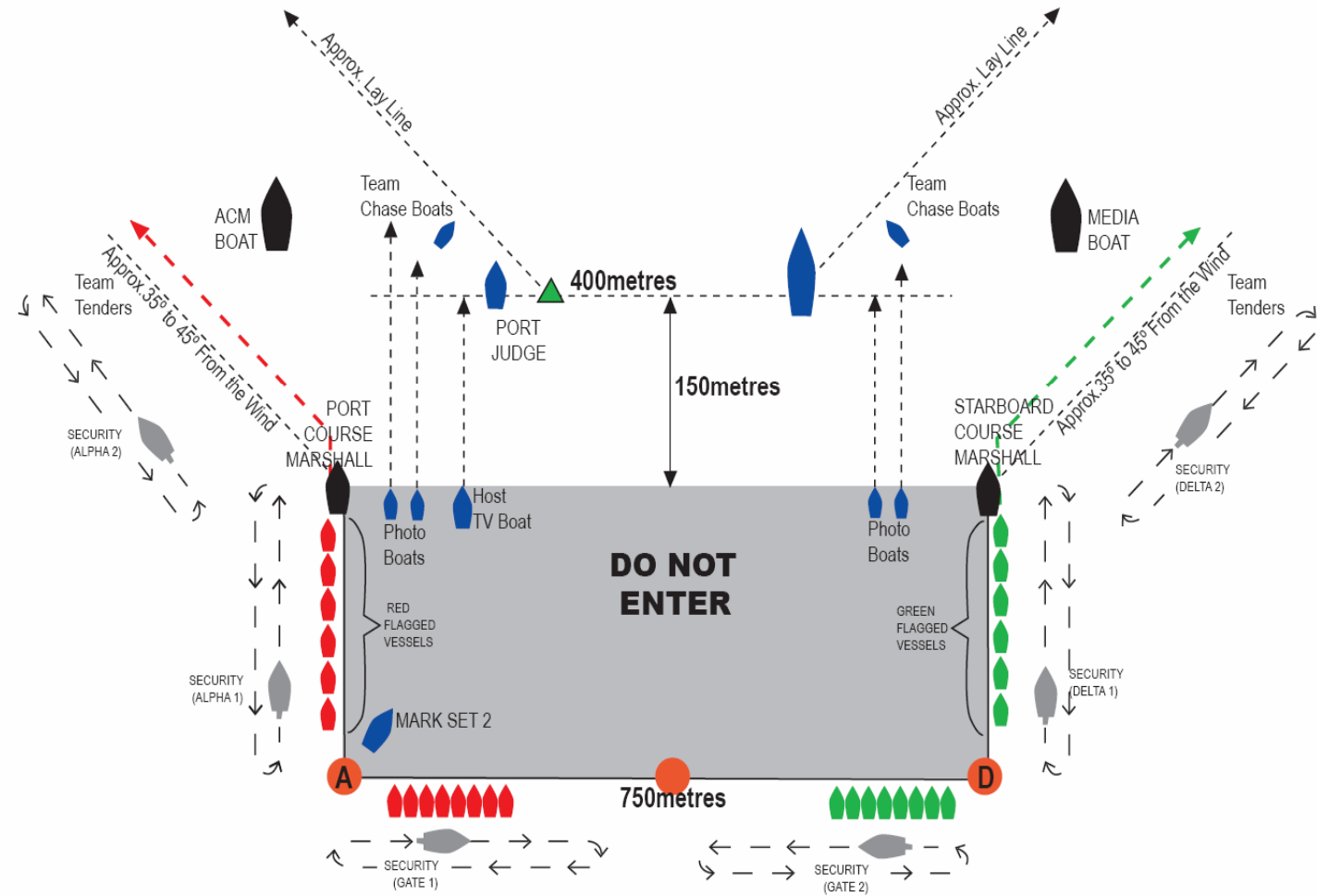
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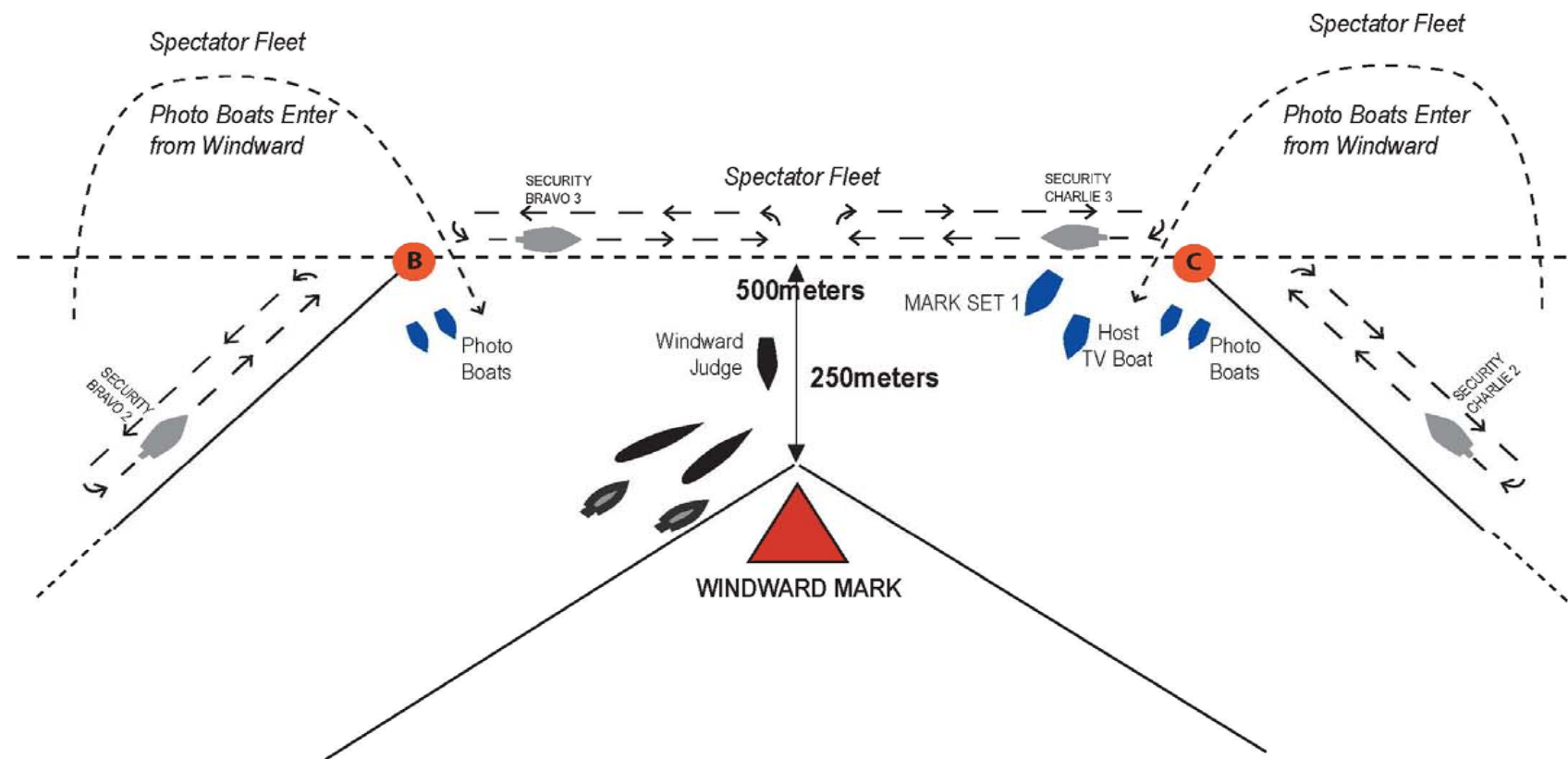
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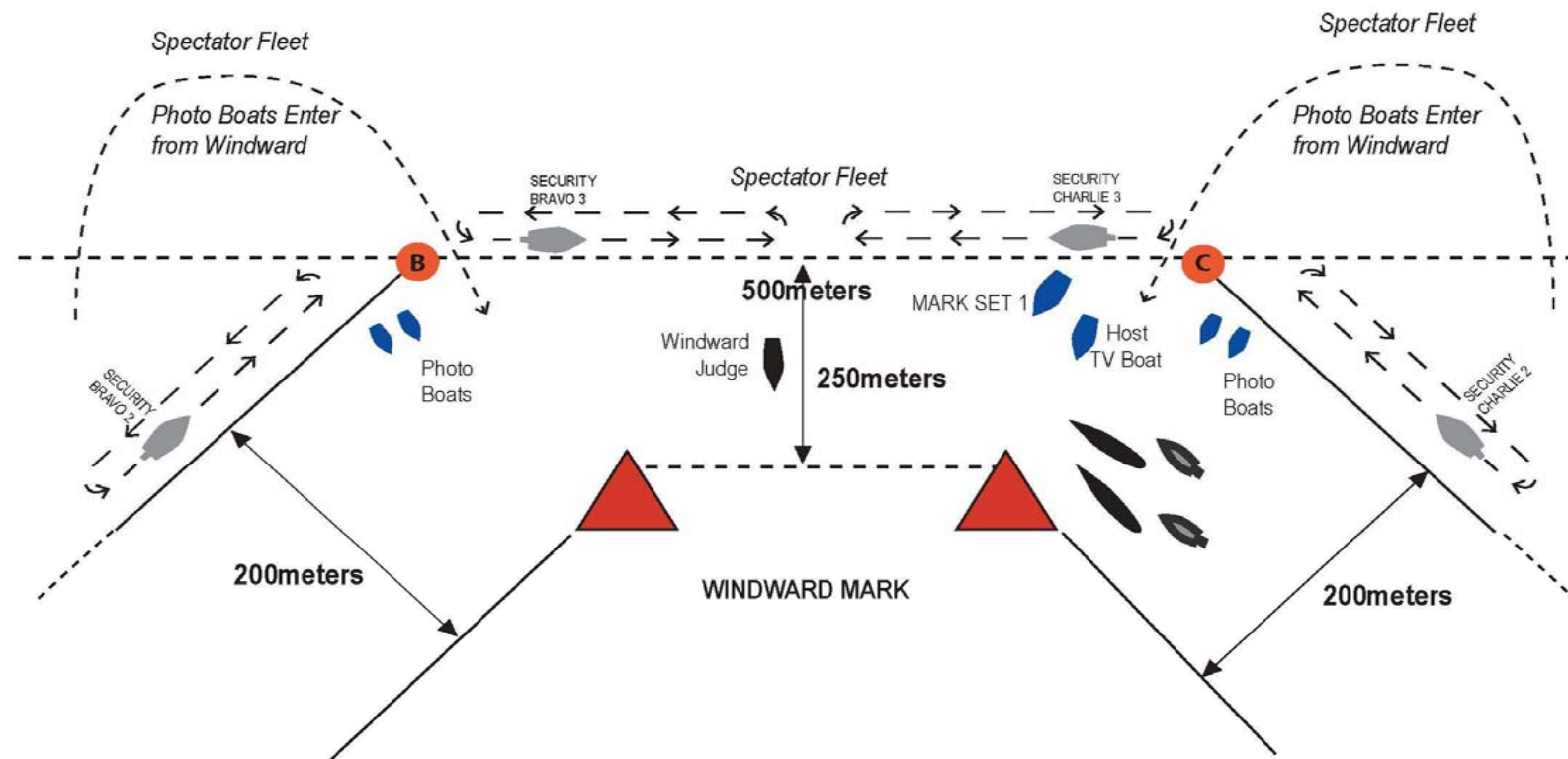
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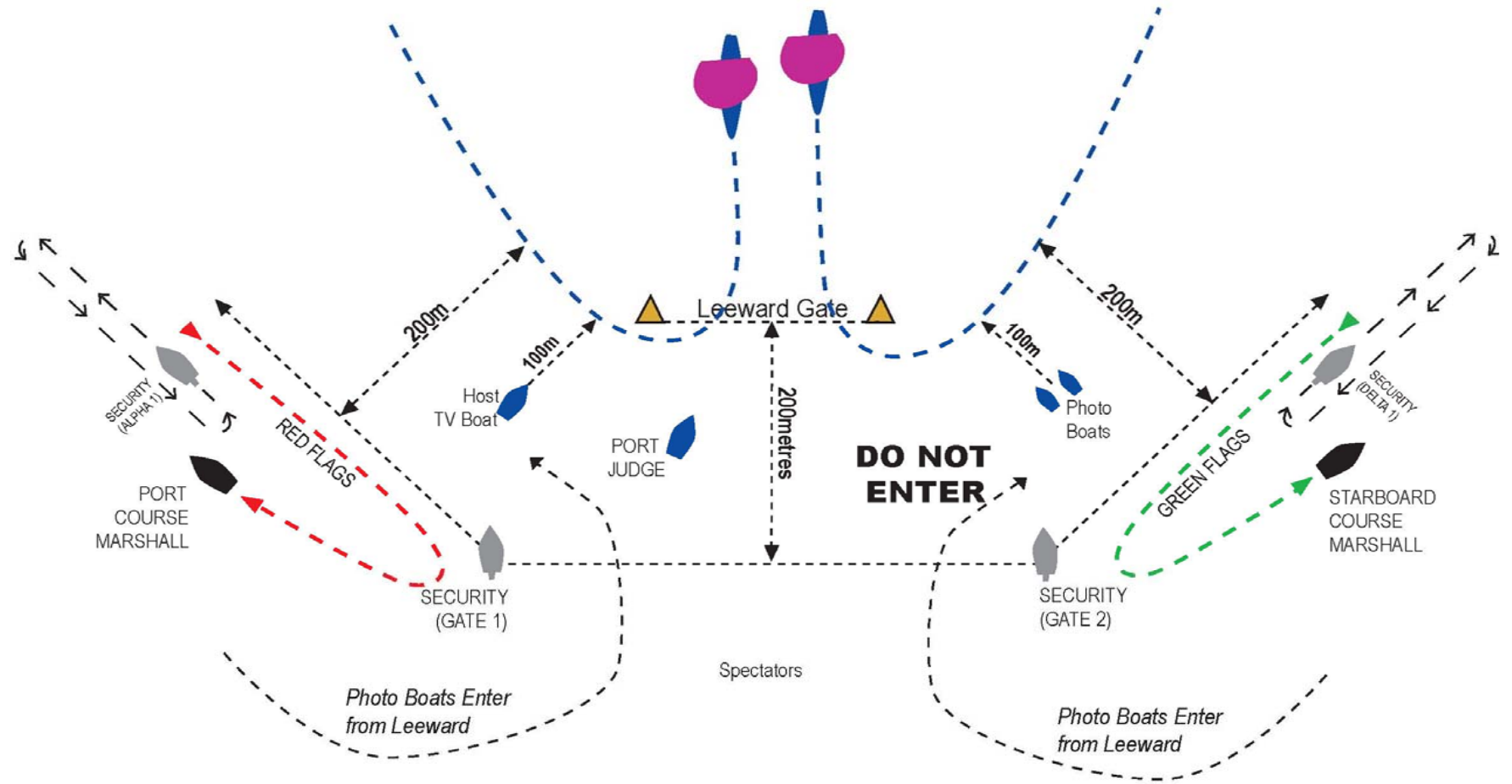
# Match Racing - Windward Mark



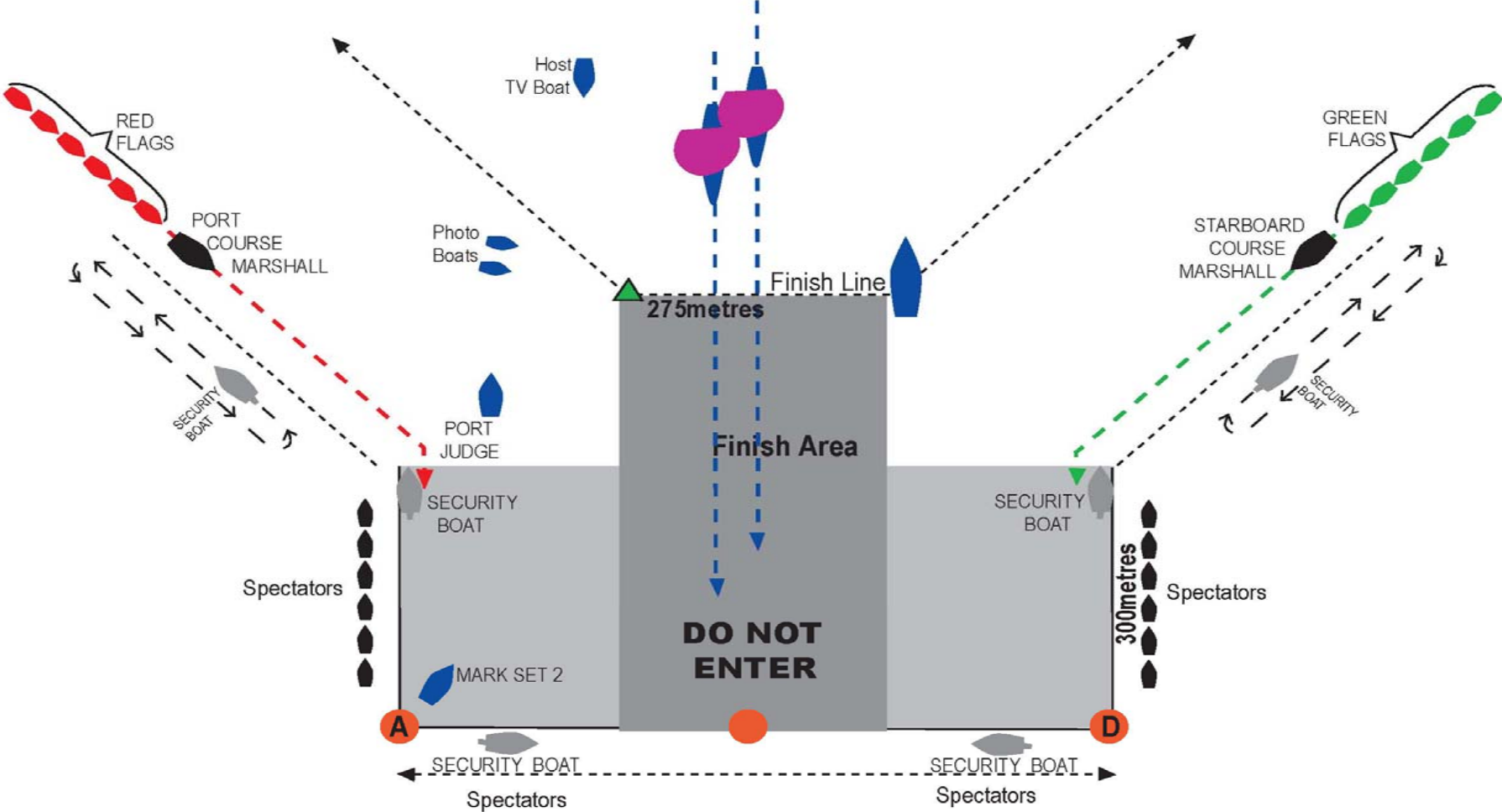
# Fleet Racing - Windward Mark



# Leeward Mark/Gate Rounding



# Finish Box



**PERIMETER I.D. VESSEL FLAG APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT**

Note: This Application shall be sent to:

REGATTA DIRECTOR  
AC MANAGEMENT LIMITED  
[dyer.jones@americascup.com](mailto:dyer.jones@americascup.com)

As Captain of the vessel designated below, I acknowledge that I have read these Course Marshal Instructions for Acts 8 and 9.

I agree to be bound by these Instructions (including amendments as they may be issued from time to time) and verbal instructions from the Course Marshal or Security Boats; and understand that if I fail to do so, the Perimeter I.D. Flag privilege provided to my vessel may be revoked.

In addition, I agree that my vessel will be operated in accordance with the Rules for Prevention of Collision at Sea, and in compliance with applicable maritime rules.

VESSEL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE of VESSEL: Sail. \_\_\_\_\_ or Power \_\_\_\_\_

LENGTH of VESSEL (Overall) \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF CAPTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_  
Please Print

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

FLAG NUMBER ISSUED: \_\_\_\_\_