

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. RULES

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- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing – Windsurfing Competition Rules (WCR).
- 1.2 No national authority prescription will apply.
- 1.3 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence

### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

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Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located near the Race Office.

### 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board at least 30 minutes before the scheduled start of racing on the day that it takes effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted before 2000 Hrs on the day before it will take effect.

### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

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- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Official Flag Pole located in front of the Race Office.
- 4.2 When a signal is displayed over a Division flag it applies to that Division only.
- 4.3 When the **AP Flag** is displayed '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes'. **This changes WCR Race Signals.**
- 4.4 When the **D Flag** is displayed all competitors shall remain ashore. The warning signal shall be displayed no earlier than 45 minutes after D flag is removed.

### 5. RACE SCHEDULE & FORMAT

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- 5.1 The schedule, and format, of races will be as specified in the Notice of Race.
- 5.2 'Back to back' races shall be run for all divisions.
- 5.3 To alert boards that a race or sequence of races will shortly begin, an Orange Flag will be displayed (with one sound) at least 4 minutes before a warning signal is displayed.
- 5.4 No sound will be made when the Orange Flag is lowered.
- 5.5 The warning signal for the last race of each day shall not be made later than 1930, except on the last day when the last possible warning signal shall be at 1700hrs

### 6. CLASS FLAGS

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The Class flags will be the shown on the ONB.

### 7. RACING AREA

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The racing area is defined as an area extending 75m beyond the course including the starting line, the finishing line and their extensions, in which a board would normally sail while racing.

### 8. COURSES

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- 8.1 The course to be used shall be published on the ONB and at the daily skippers meeting.
- 8.2 If the alternative course option is prescribed for the days racing, no later than the warning

## 9. MARKS

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- 9.1 Marks of the course will be as described on the course diagram.
- 9.2 The starting marks will be the Race Committee Signal Boat at the starboard end and a yellow cylindrical buoy at the pin end.
- 9.3 The finishing marks will be the Race Committee Signal Boat and a thin yellow cylindrical buoy.

## 10. THE START

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- 10.1 Races will be started using WCR 26.1 – System 1.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and the pin end buoy.
- 10.3 Boards whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 10.4 A board starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. **This changes WCR A4 and A5.**
- 10.5 When an individual recall has been signaled, or a board breaks rule 30.3, the Race Committee will display the sail number(s) on a white board on the back of the Race Committee Signal Boat before the first board has finished that race. Failure to display the sail numbers(s) will not be grounds for redress. **This changes WCR 62.1(a) and A5.**

## 11. THE FINISH

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The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat and the finishing buoy.

## 12. PENALTY SYSTEM

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A board that has taken a penalty or retired under rule 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the Race Office within the protest time limit.

## 13. TIME LIMITS, TARGET TIMES & REST PERIODS

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- 13.1 The time limits and target times are as follows:

Time limit	40 minutes
Target time	15>20 minutes
Mark 1 time limit	12 minutes
- 13.2 If no board has passed mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit, the race shall be abandoned.
- 13.3 Boards failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first board sails the course and finish, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. **This changes WCR's 35, A4 and A5.**
- 13.4 Rest Periods-Back to Back races. The warning signal for a subsequent race on the same day will be made as soon as practicable, except that the minimum interval between the closing of the finishing line and the new warning signal for that class will be 10 minutes.
- 13.5 Rest Periods-Ashore. If two races have been sailed back to back there shall be a rest period of a minimum of 30 minutes ashore for the last finisher per division in the second race, before the warning signal for further races.

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### 14. PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

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- 14.1 Protest forms are available at the Race Office. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 14.2 The Protest Time Limit is 45 minutes after the last board 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 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 International Jury Room, located in front of the Race Office.
- 14.4 Breaches of WCR's 23.3 and 77 and Sailing Instructions 10.3, 16, 17 & 20 will not be grounds for a protest by a board, and the penalty may be less than disqualification if Jury so decides. S116.3 applies. **This changes WCR 60.1(a).**
- 14.5 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
- Within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
  - No later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.
- This changes WCR 66.**
- 14.6 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on jury decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. **This changes WCR 62. 2.**

### 15. SCORING

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- 15.1 Scoring will be according to the WCR Appendix A, as amended by the Championship Rules, and using the Low Points Scoring System.
- 15.2 To request correction of an alleged error in the posted races or series results, a board shall complete a Scoring Enquiry Form available at the Race Office.

### 16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

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- 16.1 A board that retires from a race shall, if reasonably possible, notify the Race Committee before leaving the course area and shall report to the Race Office upon arriving ashore.
- 16.2 Competitors not leaving the shore for the day's racing shall inform the Race Office prior to the first start.
- 16.3 **Safety System.** The Safety System is in force when the G Flag is displayed ashore. Sign Out and Sign IN sheets will be provided by the Race Committee at the Race Office. When going out to race each board intending to race shall personally sign out against her name/sail number.

On returning ashore each board shall personally sign in, to confirm that she has returned to shore, within 30 minutes of the end of the time limit of that race, or in the case of back to back races the last race, for that class; or within 30 minutes of being instructed to go ashore by the Race Committee.

Failure to sign out will result in a 5 point penalty for the first race sailed; failure to sign in will result in a 5 point penalty for the second race sailed. After a rest ashore competitors shall sign out and sign in for further races. If only one race is sailed, failure to sign out and in will result in only one 5 point penalty. The penalty for failure to sign out may be reduced to 2 points if the competitor informs the Race Committee Signal Boat before the start of the race. A board shall not be scored worse than a disqualified board. Penalties will be applied by the Race Committee without a hearing. **This changes WCR 63.1.**

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### **17 REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT**

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Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity, including a written request, on the form provided, submitted to the Race Office.

### **18 OFFICIAL BOATS**

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- 18.1 Race Committee boats shall display the Vela Club Marano flag..
- 18.2 Media boats shall display a white flag marked with a black letter "M".

### **19 SUPPORT BOATS**

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- 19.1 All teams support boats shall conspicuously display the national flag of their country of origin (min 600 x 400 mm) or the national 3 letter code in black (min. height 120mm) on a white background while afloat.
- 19.2 Before the Preparatory Signal of any class, support craft shall have left the course areas and remain outside the area, except to assist a crew in distress or at the request of the race committee, until after the finish of the last competitor of the final class racing or the races are postponed or abandoned. Infringements will be subject to action by the Race Committee which may result in preventing a support boat from going afloat.

### **20 TRASH DISPOSAL**

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Boards shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and Race Committee boats.

### **21 PRIZES**

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- 21.1 Prizes will be awarded according to the NOR.
- 21.2 All competitors and coaches are required to attend at the prize giving and closing ceremony. Prize winners not attending may forfeit their prize.