

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing – Windsurfing Competition Rules (WCR) and Championship Rules
- 1.2 No national authority prescription will apply.
- 1.3 If there is conflict between the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions the Sailing Instructions will take precedence.
- 1.4 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence
- 1.5 A board may touch a *mark* but shall not hold on to it. **This changes WCR 31.**

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the beach at Cape Liberan

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board at least 60 minutes before the scheduled start of any race 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

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Official Flag Pole located on the beach at Cape Liberan
- 4.2 When the **AP Flag** is displayed, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes'. **This changes WCR Race Signals.**
- 4.3 **When a Group/Division Flag is displayed the warning signal for that Group/Division shall be made in not less than 20 minutes.**
- 4.4 When the **D Flag** is displayed the Safety System is in force.

5. RACE SCHEDULE and FORMAT

- 5.1 The schedule, and format, of races will be as specified in the Notice of Race.
- 5.2 Men shall race in Groups – see Appendix A **Group Racing.**
- 5.3 'Back to back' races will be run for all groups/divisions.
- 5.4 To alert boards that a race or sequence of races will shortly begin, an Orange Flag may be displayed (with one sound) at least 5 minutes before a warning signal is displayed. 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 1930hrs, except on the last day when the last possible warning signal shall be at 1800hrs

6. GROUP FLAGS

The group/division flags will be: White with FW logo – Yellow/Gold group
Blue with FW logo – Blue/Silver group
Pink with FW logo – Women's division

7. RACING AREA

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

- 8.1 The courses to be used are in SI Appendix A and shall be published on the ONB, and, at the daily skippers meeting.
- 8.2 If more than one course option is prescribed for the days racing, no later than the warning signal the Race Committee Signal Boat shall display the course to be sailed on a white board.

9. MARKS

- 9.1 The starting *marks*, finishing *marks* and *marks* of the course will be as described on the course illustration.

10. THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started using WCR 26.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between two masts with orange flags positioned on starting *marks* as described on the course illustration.
- 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** If flag I has been displayed, and any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first *mark* during the last minute before her starting signal, she shall thereafter sail from the course side across an extension to the pre-start side before *starting*. **This changes WCR 30.1.**
- 10.6 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

The finishing line will be between the mast with blue flag on the RC boat and the finishing buoy as described on the course illustration.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

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 PERIOD

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 will be abandoned.

13.3 A board failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first board in her group/division sails the course and finishes, 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 group/division 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 group/division in the second race, before the warning signal for further races.

14. PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

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 for each group/division 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 Protest Room, located near the Race Office.

14.4 Breaches of WCR 77 and Sailing Instructions 10.3, 12, 16, 17, 19 & 20 will not be grounds for a protest by a board, and the penalty may be less than disqualification if the jury so decides. **This changes WCR 60.1(a).**

14.5 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:

- a. Within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
- b. 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.**

14.7 An International Jury will be composed as per WCR 91(b) and N1 and its decision will be final as per WCR 70.5.

15. SCORING

- 15.1 Scoring will be according to the WCR Appendix A, as amended by the Championship Rules.
- 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

- 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 site for the day's racing shall inform the Race Office prior to the first start.
- 16.3 **Safety System.** The Safety System, if prescribed, is Championship Rule #12.2.

17. REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

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

- 18.1 Race Committee boats may display a white flag with letters 'RC' in black.
- 18.2 Media boats shall display a white flag marked with a black letter "M".

19. SUPPORT BOATS

- 19.1 All teams support boats shall conspicuously display the national flag of their country of origin
- 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

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

21 PRIZES

- 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.

22 OFFICIALS

Principal Race Officer – Drazen Zdelarec, IRO (CRO)
Event Organizer – Mario Roso
Class Representative – Ceri Williams
Equipment Inspector – Guido Verlaeckt, IM (BEL)
Jury Chairman – Henry Sleutel, IJ (NED)

APPENDIX A - GROUP RACING

When the fleet is divided and raced in a "Qualifying Series" followed by a "Final Series".

GR.1 SEEDING LIST

- GR.1.1 Racers shall be divided into two Groups, of approximately equal ability, according to the current **Formula Ranking**, except for the World Championship where the result from the last world championship shall be the first method of dividing into groups.
- GR.1.2 The racer heading the ranking list shall initially be in the first Group, racers in 2nd and 3rd positions on the ranking list shall be in the second Group, racers in 4th and 5th positions on the ranking list shall be in the First Group and so on.
- GR.1.3 The first Group shall be designated the Yellow Group and the second the Blue Group.
- GR.1.4 The Blue Group (silver fleet) may carry a blue ribbon provided by the local organiser tied to the batten-retaining strap of the second batten above the boom. The LOA will post a notice stating where and when these ribbons will be issued before the first race of the day.
- GR.1.5 An alternative method of identification may be prescribed in the Sailing Instructions.
- GR.1.6 The decision of the Class Race Supervisor is final.

GR.2 QUALIFYING SERIES

- GR.2.1 The Qualifying Series consists of 4 races.
- GR.2.2 When, at the end of each day, the two Groups have completed an equal number of races, they shall be intermixed according to their current standing. At other times they may be intermixed according to their current standing provided that each Group has completed the same number of races.

GR.3 OVERALL STANDING

- GR.3.1 At the end of the Qualifying Series, an overall standing will be established. A **boards** overall standing shall be the sum of her scores for all first round races excluding their single worst score.
- GR.3.2 If racing in the Final Series is not possible, this shall count as the official result. The competitor with the lowest score will head the overall standing.

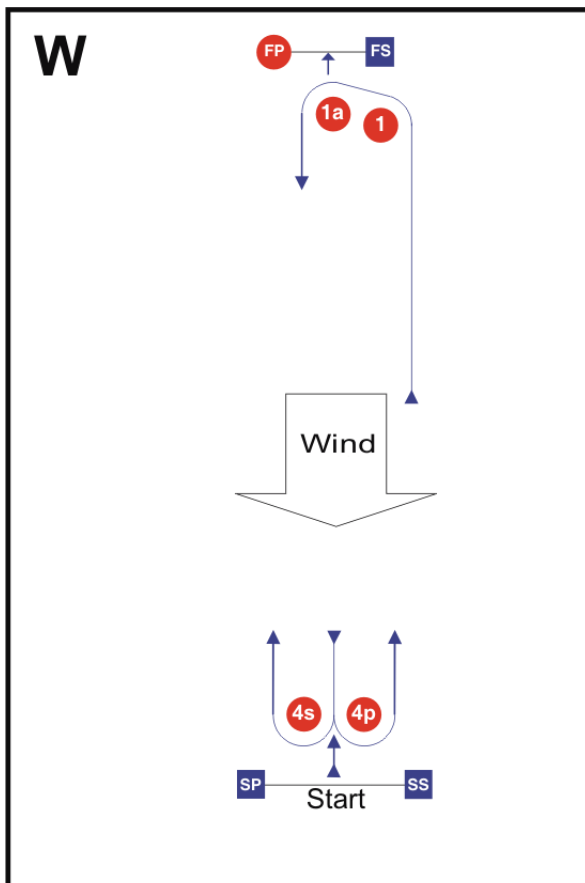
GR.4 FINAL SERIES

- GR.4.1 Racing in the Final Series will take place in the Gold and Silver Fleets. The Gold Fleet shall consist of the top 50% of racers based on the Overall Standings, plus one in the case of an odd number of entries.
- GR.4.2 In case of ties at the break point those racers so tied shall sail in the Gold Fleet. The fleet lists shall be posted at least 1 hour before the first scheduled starting time of the first race of the Final Series.

GR.5 FLEET STANDING

- GR.5.1 A racer's fleet standing will be the sum of their scores for all races excluding their worst score(s) in accordance with Championship Rule **#13.5**.
- GR.5.2 The racers result from the Qualifying Series shall be carried forward as one race (the first race) of the Final Series.
- GR.5.3 The Final Series shall consist of a further 11 races.
- GR.5.4 The racer with the lowest total score will head the fleet standing. Silver Fleet racers will be ranked in the fleet standing after those in the Gold Fleet.

Appendix B - Course Illustration

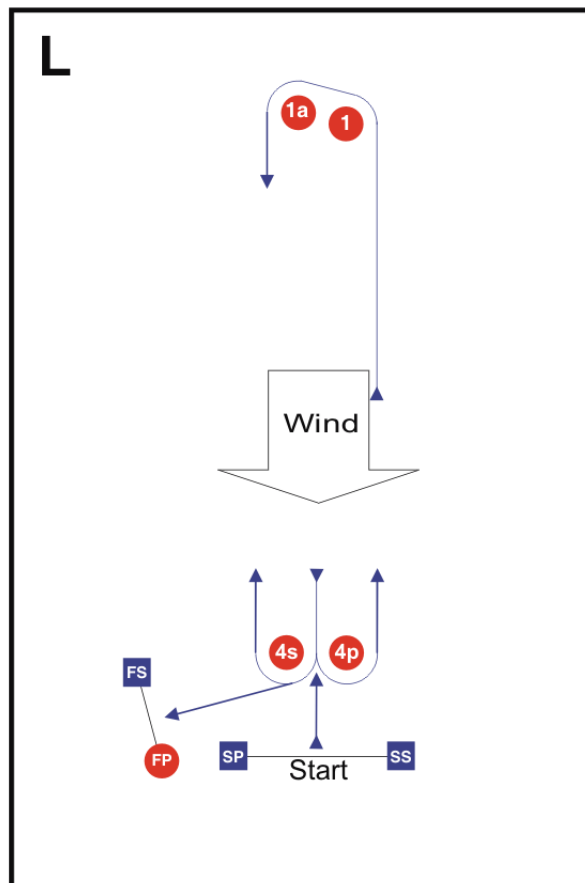


Course: Windward finish

Signal Mark Rounding Order

W 2 Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – Finish

W 3 Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – Finish



Course: Leeward finish

Signal Mark Rounding Order

L 2 Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s – Finish

L 3 Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s – Finish

Mark	Description	
1	Yellow cylindrical buoy	
1a	Orange cylindrical buoy	
4s 4p	Red rounded buoy	
SS Starting mark starboard end	RC Boat (signal boat)	
SP Starting mark port end	RC Boat	
	W	L
FS Finishing mark starboard end	RC Boat	RC Boat
FP Finishing mark port end	Red rounded buoy	Orange cylindrical buoy