



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2014 IFCA EUROPEAN SLALOM WINDSURFING CHAMPIONSHIPS

26th to 31st August 2014
Bol, Brac Island, Dalmatia, Croatia

Organised by:

Zoo Station Bol

in co-operation with

International Funboard Class Association (IFCA)

JK Podstrana and Croatian Windsurfing Association

An International Windsurfing Association sanctioned event



*[DPI] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the Jury.
[NP] denotes a rule which cannot be protested by a competitor*

1. Rules

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing including Appendix –B-.
- 1.2. The International Funboard Class Association (IFCA) Championship Rules shall apply.
- 1.3. No national prescriptions will apply.
- 1.4. In case of a discrepancy within the rules, these Sailing Instructions will take precedence.
- 1.5. If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will prevail.
- 1.6. An International jury is constituted under RRS 70.5 and 91(b).

2. Notice to Competitors

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) located next to the race office.

3. Changes to Sailing Instruction

- 3.1. Any change to the SI will be posted at least 30 minutes before the starting time of the race or races concerned. Changes affecting the schedule of the next day's racing shall be posted not later than 60 minutes after the finish of the last scheduled heat or after AP over A is displayed whichever is later.
- 3.2. If oral instructions or changes to the sailing instructions will be given, the flag ICF "L" shall be shown at least 5 minutes before the instructions or changes.

4. Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Official Flag Poles located on the beach next to the Race office.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, 1 minute is replaced with "not less than 15 minutes". This changes RRS (race signals).
- 4.3. When flag Y is displayed ashore, rule 40 applies at all times while afloat. This changes the Part 4 preamble.
- 4.4. If no division flags are shown the signals will apply to all divisions

5. Schedule of Races and Official Briefings

- 5.1. The daily skippers meeting will be held at 60 minutes before the first possible warning signal.
- 5.2. The time of the first possible Warning Signal will be at 11:00
- 5.3. The daily race schedule will be posted on the Official Notice board at least 30 minutes before the first start.
- 5.4. The schedule is subject to alteration
- 5.5. At the discretion of the Race Committee, races may be rescheduled.
- 5.6. There will be a maximum of 3 eliminations per day.
- 5.7. The numbering of the eliminations shall be in order of sailing.

6. Class Flags

- 6.1. Class flags will be:

Master and
Grandmasters



Men



Youth Under 20 and
Junior Under 17



Women



7. Racing area [DPI] [NP]

- 7.1. The racing area will be illustrated on the ONB as an area extending 75 metre beyond the course including the finishing line and their extensions, in which a board normally sails while racing and 100 metre above the starting line. See Appendix A.
- 7.2. Boards not racing shall avoid the racing area.

8. Courses

- 8.1. The courses will be as illustrated on the ONB. The course diagram (not to scale) will be posted on the ONB at least 30 minutes before the start. Courses will be as prescribed in the IFWC & IFCA Championship Rules or variations of it.

9. Marks

- 9.1. The Course Marks will be red pyramid buoys.
- 9.2. The Starting line marks will be the Race Committee Signal Boat with the orange flag and a red pyramid buoy.
- 9.3. The Finishing line marks will be Race Committee Finishing Boat or ashore the flagpole with the blue flag and a red pyramid buoy.

10. Areas that are Obstructions [DPI] [NP]

- 10.1. The following areas are designated as obstructions:
 - Swimmers area marked with white buoy lines.

11. Starting [DPI] [NP]

- 11.1. The starting line is illustrated on the course diagram
- 11.2. Slalom on water start; according to the IFCA Championship rules 6.1
- 11.3. Slalom beach start; according to the IFCA Championship rules 6.2
- 11.4. The starting signals will be shown from the Race Committee Signal Boat on the windward end of the starting line, seen in the direction of the first mark or from a flagpole windward of the starting line in case of a beach start.
- 11.5. Competitors whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 11.6. Boards failing to start within 2 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5
- 11.7. A repetitive sound signals will be given when flag "1st substitute"(general recall) is displayed. This changes RRS Race Signals

12. Recalls

- 12.1. Slalom general recalls will be signalled:
 - In the first round and the bronze final in accordance with RRS 30.3, without displaying the black flag. The "X" flag will be displayed at the finish vessel to inform the competitors there are one or more recalls in that heat. This modifies RRS 30.3.
 - All the other heats in accordance with RRS B10-29

13. Finish [DPI] [NP]

- 13.1. The finishing line shall be illustrated on the course diagram.
- 13.2. All boards that have finished must keep clear of competitors still racing and the finish line and shall leave the racing area as soon as reasonably possible.

14. Time limits

- 14.1. The start time limit is 2 minutes after a valid start in the concerning heat.
- 14.2. Boards failing to finish within 5 minutes after the first board in her class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

15. Jury & Protests

- 15.1. The International jury will handle the slalom protests in accordance to RRS B10-63.
- 15.2. Protests and requests for redress need not be in writing; they shall be made orally to a member of the jury as soon as reasonably possible following the race. The jury shall take evidence in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate its decision orally. RRS B10-63.6
- 15.3. The protestor shall make every reasonable effort to bring the protestee to the jury.
- 15.4. The location of the Jury will be next to the race office.
- 15.5. Special attention will be for RRS B5-61 ".....She shall inform the Race Committee of her intention to protest immediately after she finishes or retires"
- 15.6. [DPI] penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 15.7. [NP] will not be grounds for a protest by a boat this changes rule 60.1(a).
- 15.8. On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered

- Within protest limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day
 - No later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.
- 15.9. Add new RRS rule 64.1(d): "When there is a minor and unavoidable contact, nobody shall be penalized"

16. Scoring

- 16.1. Appendix A and RRS B10 applies.
- 16.2. IFCA Championship Rule 8.1.1 The Low Point system shall be used however the points for the first place shall be 0,7.

17. Safety Regulations [DPI] [NP]

- 17.1. The safety of the sailboard and its entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the competitor racing the sailboard who must ensure that the sailboard is adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the race. Neither the establishment of these sailing instructions nor the inspection of the board under these conditions in any way limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the competitor for his/her board and entire management thereof. The race organizers, the race committee and the jury will not be responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury however caused to the competitors as a result of their taking part in the race or races.
- 17.2. Flotation devices: If personal buoyancy is prescribed, every competitor shall wear a personal flotation device that shall conform to the minimum standard ISO 12402-5 (Level 50).
- 17.3. 2.3. If either one of the signals "N over H", "N over A", "AP over H" or "AP over A" is made on one or more RC vessels, boards shall return to the competitors area on the beach as soon as possible.

18. Replacement or equipment [DPI] [NP]

- 18.1. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the Race Committee. Request for substitution shall be made in writing at the first reasonable opportunity. Forms for replacement are available at the Race Office.

19. Event Advertising [DPI] [NP]

- 19.1. Competitors are required to wear the advertising vest, provided by the organizer at the registration, while racing and training and on the race site. In case of loss or damage of the original Lycra vest a new Lycra vest can be collected at the race office. A refundable deposit of <25> euro shall be paid and returned if the spare Lycra vest is returned undamaged at the end of the event.
- 19.2. The lycra vest shall be worn outside other clothing when going afloat for training or racing.
- 19.3. There will be no event sail stickers although the required place for event stickers shall be without any other event stickers.

20. Equipment and measurement checks

- 20.1. A board or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class Rules and Sailing Instructions. On the water, a board can be instructed by the Race Committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

21. Shore Regulations [DPI] [NP]

- 21.1. The instructions of the RC or the Beach master shall be strictly obeyed.
- 21.2. Unless otherwise directed by the organising authority, boards and equipment shall be launched and retrieved from the designated area at the event sit

22. Trash disposal [DPI] [NP]

- 22.1. Boards and support boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard of support- and race committee boats

23. Prizes & Titles

- 23.1. Trophies shall be awarded to the first three competitors of each properly constituted division.
- 23.2. The first Junior, Youth, Men, Women, Master and Grandmaster winners shall be declared: "2014 IFCA (division) European Slalom Windsurfing Champion".
- 23.3. A Prize Fund of 10,000 euro (net of taxes) shall be distributed according to IFCA Championship Rules within the senior Men & Women Division.
- 23.4. Prize winners may forfeit prizes for non-attendance at the prize giving ceremony.

24. Disclaimer of Liability

- 24.1. Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See RRS rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority or any of their officials or representatives or the sponsors or their officials or representatives will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.

25. Insurance

- 25.1. Each participating competitor shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 1.000.000 euro per event or the equivalent.

26. Official Ceremonies

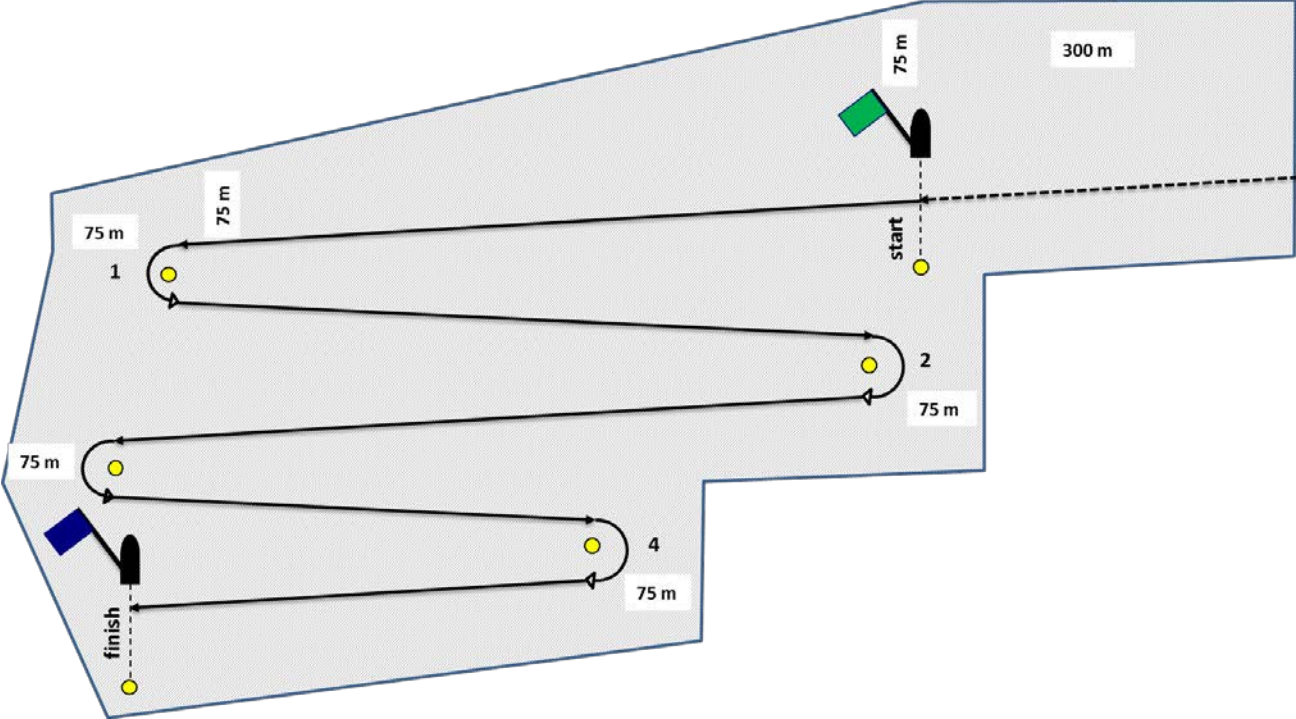
- 26.1. The attendance of all competitors to the opening and closing ceremonies are mandatory, however, the organising authority may refuse entry to those whose standard of attire is not commensurate with the occasion.

27. Officials

Race Organizer	Zoo Station / KJD Podstrana
Principal Race Officer	Drazen Zdelarec (IRO CRO)
Measurer	Bruno De Wannemaeker (BEL)
IFCA Race Supervisor	Eric Kling (NED)
Jury chairman	Kamen Fillyov (IJ BUL)
Judges	Bruno de Wannemaeker (IJ BEL)
	Tullio Giraldi (IJ ITA)
	Zvonko Hocevar (IJ SLO)
	Zdravko Kelecic (NJ CRO)

APPENDIX -A-

RESTRICTED AREAS:



SAIL AREAS

If you dissect the sail above the boom into three parts, from the luff:



In the top third you have space for the red rhomboid (for women only) or (see class rules) the class insignia the Board Manufacturers name or logo

The middle third is where you place your national letters and sail numbers (and if required the national flag)

The lower third, and in the back half of that area, is the place reserved for event sponsors, maximum 0,4 square meter.

The rest of the sail (below the boom and the front half of the lower third above the boom and even above the sail numbers..) can be used for personal sponsors.