



**IFCA**  
**SLALOM WINDSURFING**  
**WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**TERCEIRA . AZORES**  
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## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 2014 AZORES IFCA SLALOM WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

5<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> May 2014

Praia da Vitória, Ilha Terceira, Açores, Portugal

Organised by:

**Clube Naval Praia da Vitoria**

in co-operation with the  
**Açores Government**

An International Windsurfing Association sanctioned event



[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the Jury.

[NP] denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for a protest by a boat.

## **1. Rules**

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing including Appendix –B- Windsurfing Competition Rules (WCR).
- 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.

## **2. Notice to Competitors**

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) located in front of the Raceoffice.

## **3. Changes to the Sailing Instructions**

- 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. Sufficient effort has to be made to inform all the competitors involved.

## **4. Signals Made Ashore**

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Official Flag Pole located in front of the Raceoffice.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, 1 minute is replaced with "not less than 30 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 60 minutes before first possible warning signal.
- 5.2. The time of the first possible Warning Signal will be at 10:00hrs, except on Tuesday May 6<sup>th</sup> where it will be 13:00 hrs.
- 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. To alert boats that a elimination or sequence of eliminations will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 5.7. There will be a maximum of 3 eliminations per day
- 5.8. The numbering of the eliminations shall be in order of sailing

## 6. Class Flags

6.1. Class flags will be:

Men



Women



Junior Under 17

## 7. Racing area [NP] [DP]

- 7.1. The racing area will be illustrated on the ONB as an area extending 75 meter beyond the course including the finishing line and their extensions, in which a board normally sails while racing and 300 metre below 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 marks shall be described on the course diagram.

## 10. The Start

- 10.1. The starting line shall be illustrated on the course diagram
- 10.2. Slalom on water start; according to the IFCA Championship rules 6.1
- 10.3. Slalom beach start; according to the IFCA Championship rules 6.2
- 10.4. 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.
- 10.5. Competitors whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 10.6. 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
- 10.7. A repetitive sound signals will be given when flag "1st substitute"(general recall) is displayed. This changes RRS Race Signals.

## 11. Recalls

- 11.1. Slalom general recalls will be signalled:

- During finals (Winners/Gold and Runners-Up/Silver) and semi-finals in accordance with RRS B10-29
- In other elimination heats in accordance with RRS 30.3, without displaying the black flag. This modifies RRS 30.3.

## 12. Finish

- 12.1. The finish line shall be illustrated on the course diagram.
- 12.2. 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.

## 13. Time limits

- 13.1. 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.

## 14. Protests and Request for Redress

- 14.1. An international jury will handle the slalom protests in accordance to RRS B10-63.
- 14.2. 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
- 14.3. The protestor shall make every reasonable effort to bring the protestee to the jury.
- 14.4. The location of the Jury on the beach near the finishing line and will be signalled by a yellow "IFCA" flag.



- 14.5. 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"
- 14.6. Breaches of instructions marked with [DP] will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 14.7. 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.
 This changes RRS 66.
- 14.8. Add new RRS 64.1(e): "When there is a minor and unavoidable contact, rule 64.1(a) does not apply and no board shall be penalized.

## 15. Scoring

- 15.1. Appendix A and RRS B10 applies.

- 15.2. IFCA Championship Rule 8.1.1 The Low Point system shall be used however the points for the first place shall be 0,7.

## **16. Safety Regulations [NP] [DP]**

- 16.1. 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.
- 16.2. 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).
- 16.3. If either one of the signals "N over H", "N over A, "AP over H" or "AP over A" is displayed on one or more RC vessels, boards shall return to the competitors area on the beach as soon as possible.

## **17. Replacement of crew or equipment**

- 17.1. 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.

## **18. Equipment and measurement checks**

- 18.1. 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.

## **19. Event Advertising [NP] [DP]**

- 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

## **20. Shore Regulations [NP] [DP]**

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

## **21. Prizes & Titles**

- 21.1. Trophies shall be awarded to the first three Men and Women.
- 21.2. The winners shall be declared: "2014 IFCA Slalom World Champion".

- 21.3. A Prize Fund of 30,000 euro (net of taxes) shall be distributed according to IFCA Championship Rules.
- 21.4. Prize winners may forfeit prizes for non-attendance at the prize giving ceremony.

## **22. Disclaimer of Liability**

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

## **23. Insurance**

- 23.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 300.000 euro per incident or the equivalent.

## **24. Official Ceremonies**

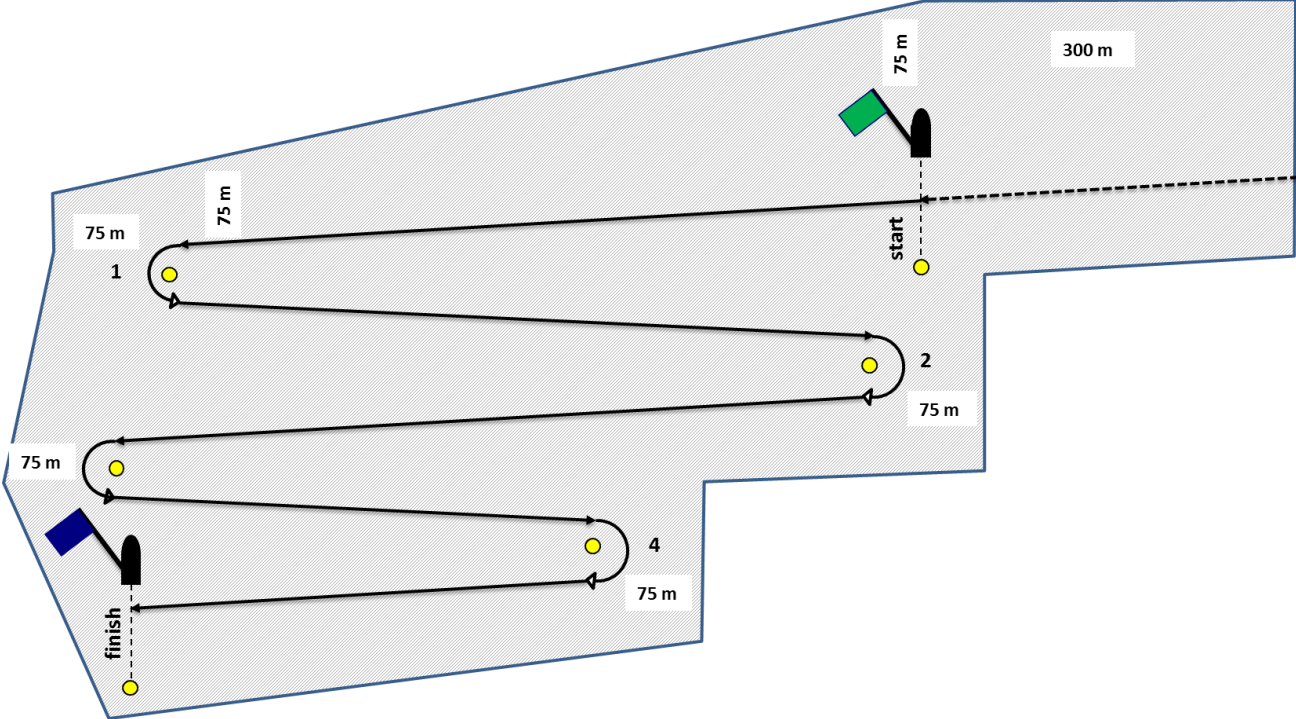
- 24.1. The attendance of all competitors to the opening and closing ceremonies are mandatory, however, the organising authority may refuse entry to those whose standard of attire is not commensurate with the occasion.

## **25. Officials**

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| Race Organizer         | Clube Naval Praia da Victoria |
| Principal Race Officer | Bruno De Wannemaeker (BEL)    |
| Class Measurer         | Eric Kling (NED)              |
| IFCA Race Supervisor   | Eric Kling (NED)              |
| Jury President         | Walter Mielke (IJ GER)        |
| Judges                 | César Sans (IJ ESP)           |
|                        | Bruno Marques (IJ BRA)        |
|                        | João Simões (NJ POR)          |
|                        | Manuel Simão (NJ POR)         |

**APPENDIX -A-**

**RESTRICTED AREAS:**



The areas are defined as: Not closer than 75 metres to any board racing (except a board in distress requiring assistance) or to a mark, layline or rumpline, and inside the course configuration. Until the starting signal boards NOT RACING and coach boats shall be at least 300 metres leeward of the starting line or its extensions.