

RACEBOARD

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the Protest Committee and may be less than disqualification.

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

[SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee without a hearing.

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing as amended by Appendix B - altogether called Windsurfing Competition Rules (WCR).

1.2 No national authority prescription will apply.

1.3 If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions the Sailing Instructions will take precedence. **This changes WCR 63.7.**

1.4 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.

1.5 **[DP] [NP]** The event lycra if supplied by the organiser shall be worn outside other clothing at all times when afloat, and for interviews and official photographs when ashore. Competitors shall not cut or alter the lycra, or the event sticker if supplied, in any way.

1.6 **[DP] [NP]** Competitors may have their sail identification on both sides of the sail with the starboard side uppermost. **The changes WCR G.1.3(a).**

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

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

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board at least 60 minutes before it takes effect, except that any change affecting the schedule of races for the next day shall be posted not later than 60 minutes after the end of the last race of the day.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Official Flag Pole located near the equipment tent.

4.2 When a signal is displayed over a division flag, it applies to that division only.

4.3 **[DP] [NP]** When **Flag Y** is displayed WCR 40 applies at all times while afloat. **This changes WCR Part 4 preamble.**

4.4 When the **AP Flag** is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes'. **This changes WCR Race Signals.**

5. RACE SCHEDULE and FORMAT

5.1 The schedule of races will be as specified in the Notice of Race.

5.2 Three (3) races are required to validate the championship.

5.3 Men and Women shall race separately.

5.4 Regatta format may be as specified in the **Attachment 2 (Group Racing)** to this SI's, depending upon the number of competitor entries in the Mens division.

5.5 A marathon (long distance) race may be included and will be scored as one race.

5.6 No more than three (3) races shall be sailed in marginal planning conditions.

5.7 'Back to back' races shall be run for all divisions/groups.

5.8 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.

5.9 The warning signal for the last race of each day shall not be made later than 17:00, except on the last day when the last possible warning signal shall be at 15:00. **This changes NoR #7.**

5.10 There may be a daily skippers meeting one hour before the scheduled first possible warning signal on that day, except on Tuesday 23rd September when the skippers meeting shall be at 10.30.

6. DIVISION/GROUP FLAGS

Raceboard Men - white flag with class insignia.

If racing in "Groups":

- white flag with class insignia for yellow/gold group;
- blue flag with class insignia for blue/silver group.

Raceboard Women - pink flag with class insignia.

7. RACING AREA

7.1 Races will be sailed in front of Bellaterra Camping.

7.2 The racing area is defined as an area extending 50m beyond the course including the starting line, the finishing line and their extensions, in which a board would normally sail while racing.

7.3 **[DP] [NP]** Boards not racing shall avoid the racing area.

8. COURSES AND MARKS

8.1 The course to be sailed including mark description is specified in the **Attachment 1 (Race Course Diagram)** to this SI's.

8.2 If a marathon race is scheduled the course and instructions will be published on the ONB and described at a skippers meeting.

9. THE START

9.1 Races will be started according to WCR 26.

9.2 The starting line will be between a staff on the Race Committee boat displaying an Orange flag at the starboard-end and a staff displaying an Orange flag on the starting mark at the port-end.

9.3 **[DP] [NP]** Boards whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

9.4 A board starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. **This changes WCR A4 and A5.**

9.5 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 Race Committee Signal Boat before the first board has finished that race. Failure to display the sail number(s) shall not be ground for redress. **This changes WCR 62.1(a) and A5.**

10. THE FINISH

10.1 The finishing line will be between a staff on the Race Committee boat displaying a blue flag at the port-end and a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing mark at the starboard-end.

10.2 **[DP] [NP]** After finishing, a board shall immediately clear the finishing line and marks and avoid boards still racing.

10.3 Flag "H" displayed at the Race Committee finish boat means no more back to back race, further signals will be made ashore.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1 **[DP] [NP]** A board that has taken a penalty or retired under WCR 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the Race Office within the protest time limit.

12. TIME LIMITS AND REST PERIODS

12.1 Target time for the first finisher is 25 minutes.

12.2 Time limit for the first finisher is 45 minutes. Time limit for the first board to reach the first mark is 15 minutes. Race shall be abandoned if either of these time limits is exceeded.

12.3 Boards failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first board sails the course and finishes, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. **This changes WCR 35, A4 and A5.**

12.4 When racing back to back the minimum interval between the closing of the finishing line and the new warning signal for that division/group shall be 10 minutes.

12.5 No more than 3 races shall be sailed back to back, which may be reduced to 2 in marginal planing conditions. After a series of back to back races there shall be a rest period of a minimum of 30 minutes ashore for the last finisher in the last race.

13. PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

13.1 **Arbitration System** will be used as specified in **Attachment 3**.

13.2 Protest forms are available in the Race Office. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered to the Race Office within the protest time limit.

13.3 The Protest Time Limit is 60 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.

13.4 List of hearings will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors about hearings. Location of the Protest Room will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

13.5 Breaches of WCR 77 and rules in the Sailing Instructions marked **[NP]** will not be grounds for a protest by a board. **This changes WCR 60.1(a)**. Penalties for breaches marked **[DP]** are at the discretion of the Protest Committee and may be less than disqualification if they so decide.

13.6 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.

13.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. **This changes WCR 62. 2.**

13.8 There shall be no appeal against the decisions of the Protest Committee, in accordance with WCR 70.5.

14. SCORING

14.1 Scoring will be according to the WCR Appendix A as amended or changed by this SI's.

14.2 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.

15. SAFETY REGULATIONS AND SAFETY SYSTEM

15.1 **[DP] [NP]** 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.

15.2 **[DP] [NP]** Competitors not leaving the site for the day's racing shall inform the Race Office prior to the first start.

15.3 **[DP] [NP]** Personal buoyancy is mandatory for all competitors under 18 years of age.

15.4 **[SP] Safety System.** The Safety System is in force at all times.

Competitors Sign Out and Sign In at the desk located near the equipment tent.

When going out to race each board intending to race shall personally Sign Out. 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 division/fleet; 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 after the failure; failure to Sign In will result in a 5 point penalty for the last race sailed before the failure. If failure to Sign Out and In penalties applies to the same race, only one 5 point penalty will be used. 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. The scores of the other competitors shall not be changed.

This changes WCR 60.1(a), 63.1 and A5.

Coaches and support boats are requested to be on stand by on the VHF 72 regatta channel.

When the Red Cross emblem is displayed (red cross on white background) on the Race Committee signal boat, coaches and other support boats will collaborate with the organising committee in rescue tasks.

16. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION AND REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

16.1 **[DP] [NP]** Equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules and Sailing Instructions. Competitors shall comply at all times with the directions given by, or requests of, the Equipment Inspectors.

16.2 **[DP] [NP]** Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity, including a written request on the form provided.

17. [NP] OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be marked as follows:

Race Committee boats – ORANGE FLAG

Protest Committee boats - IJ FLAG

Media boats – PRESS FLAG

18. SUPPORT BOATS

18.1 Support Boats and coaches must be registered at the Race Office. Support Boats and coaches must leave the racing area and starting line as soon as the warning signal is displayed and stay out of these zones (except when a boat is in danger and needs assistance) until after the last boat has finished the race.

18.2 Support boat has to comply with the following rules:

a) Support boat and its condition is not in conflict with any legal regulations.

b) The crew is authorized to operate the vessel.

c) Unless otherwise instructed by the Race Committee, support boats shall not be positioned:

- closer than 50 m to any board racing;

- within 50 m of the starting line and marks from the time of the preparatory signal until all boards have left the starting area or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment;

- between any board racing and the next mark of the course.

- between the inner and outer trapezoid courses when boards are racing on both courses;

- within 50 m of any mark of the course while racing boards are in the vicinity of that mark; and

- within 50 m of the finishing line and marks while boards are finishing.

18.3 Coach boats should proceed around the race area in a way to minimize the effect of their wake on racing boats. Boats that are motoring above 5 knots shall remain at least 150 m from any racing boat.

18.4 Between sequences of races or when all racing for that course area has been postponed or abandoned, support boats may enter the course area to service their athletes, but shall restrict their speed to 5 knots.

18.5 When there is hoisted "Pennant No. 1" without sound signal on the starting vessel, support boats may enter the race area to rescue competitors. After "Pennant No. 1" is lowered without a sound signal, going to the race area by support boats is prohibited again.

18.6 Infringement of Sailing Instruction 18 may result to withdrawal of the support boat permission.

19. [DP] [NP] TRASH DISPOSAL

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

20. PRIZES

20.1 Prizes will be awarded according to the Notice of Race.

20.2 All competitors and coaches are required to attend at the prize giving and closing ceremony. Prize winners not attending may forfeit their prize.

21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

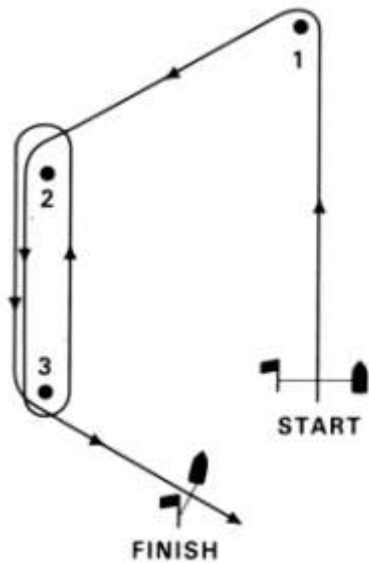
Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See WCR rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

SAILING INSTUCTIONS – ATTACHMENT 1

RACE COURSE DIAGRAM

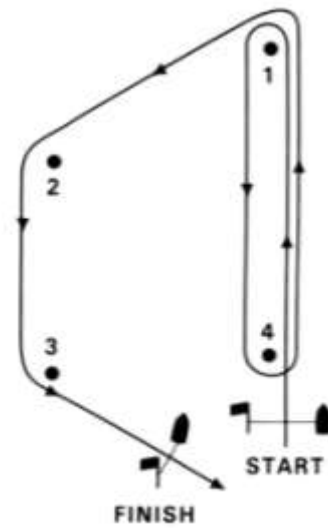
Course "O2"

Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – Finish



Course "I2"

Start – 1 – 4 – 1 – 2 – 3 – Finish



Marks 1-4 will be inflatable buoys, orange cylindricals, with the FCV logo.

Starting Marks – a Race Committee Boat and a buoy displaying an Orange flag

Finishing Marks – a Race Committee Boat and a buoy displaying a Blue flag

SAILING INSTUCTIONS – ATTACHMENT 2

REGATTA FORMAT – GROUP RACING [NP]

GR1

- (a) Men may compete in qualifying and final series with sub-division into Groups.
- (b) If the number of entries is 80 or less they shall compete as one fleet.
- (c) If the number of entries is between 81>99 it shall be the decision of the Class Representative if they compete as one fleet or in groups.
- (d) If the number of entries is 100 or more they shall race in groups.

GR2 [DP]

While racing in groups, each board shall display a coloured ribbon - yellow/gold fleet has yellow ribbon and blue/silver fleet has blue ribbon - attached to her top batten. Ribbons and instructions for attachment will be available at registration.

GR3

For the qualifying series boards will be assigned to two groups - Yellow and Blue. Initial ranking for group assignment will be based on results of the 2013 Raceboard World Championship, competitors not attended to 2013 Worlds will be ordered by national letters and sail number.

GR4

In the qualifying series boards will be reassigned to groups after each day of racing, except if only one race is completed. If both groups have completed the same number of races, boards will be reassigned on the basis of their overall ranking in the series.

GR5

Assignment/reassignment to groups, based on the ranking, will be made as follows:

- First Yellow
 - Second Blue
 - Third Blue
 - Fourth Yellow
 - Fifth Yellow
 - Sixth Blue
 - Seventh Blue
- and so on.

GR6

- (a) Assignments will be based on the ranking available at 21:00 that day regardless of protests or requests for redress not yet decided.
- (b) If both groups have not completed the same number of races by the end of a day, the group with fewer races will continue racing the following day until both groups have completed the same number of races. All boards will thereafter race in the new groups.

GR7

- (a) Boards will be assigned to final-series fleets Gold and Silver on the basis of their overall ranking in the qualifying series. The final-series groups will be as nearly as possible of equal size, but so that the Silver group is not larger than the Gold group. Boards with the best qualifying-series ranking will race all final-series races in the Gold fleet, boards with the next-best qualifying-series ranking will race in the Silver fleet.
- (b) Any recalculation of qualifying-series ranking after boats have been assigned to final-series groups will not affect the assignments except that a redress decision may promote a boat to a higher fleet.

GR8

- (a) At least five (5) races are required to be completed by each group to constitute a qualifying series. There will be maximum of eight (8) races in the qualifying series.

(b) If five (5) races are not completed at 21:00 Wednesday, the qualifying series will be extended to Thursday.

(c) If five (5) races are not completed at 21:00 Thursday, the qualifying series will be extended to Friday.

(d) If qualification is extended to Friday, GR8(a) is changed to: three (3) races are required to be completed by each group to constitute a qualifying series.

(e) If qualification series is not completed by 21:00 Friday, the qualifying series is dismissed and all competitors promoted to a final-series. In this case there will be no division to the groups in final-series.

GR9

For the qualifying series, rule A4.2 is changed so that the scores are based on the number of boards assigned to the largest group.

GR10

Except for race scores excluded under instruction GR11, a boards series score for the regatta will be the total of her race scores from qualifying races and her final races.

Different final-series groups need not have completed the same number of final races. The boards in the Gold fleet will be ranked highest in the regatta except for a board disqualified from a final race under rule 5 or 69.

GR11

(a) When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boards series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When from five (5) to eleven (11) races have been completed, a boards series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

(c) When twelve (12) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding:

- her worst score from the qualifying series; and
- her worst score from the final series.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS – ATTACHMENT 3

ARBITRATION SYSTEM

1.1. Rule Changes:

- 1.1.1. Add new rule WCR A4.3: "A board that may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing may take a penalty after she has finished or retired and prior to the start of a protest hearing involving the incident. Her penalty shall be a Scoring Penalty of 30% calculated as described in rule 44.3(c), but not more than half of the difference between the board's score prior to applying the penalty and the score for DNF, unless the sailing instructions state a different penalty. However, if she caused injury or serious damage or gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach, her penalty shall be to retire."
- 1.1.2. Rule WCR 63.1 is changed to add: "An appointed arbitrator may hear a protest or request for redress and take a decision, or may allow the protest to be withdrawn."
- 1.2. An arbitration meeting will be held prior to a protest hearing for each incident resulting in a protest involving a rule of Part 2, and/or request for redress, unless the arbitrator deems the incident inappropriate for arbitration. Both parties will meet with the arbitrator. If both parties to a protest are not represented, the arbitration meeting shall not be held. No witnesses will be permitted, except on the request of the arbitrator.
- 1.3. After hearing the testimony, the arbitrator will offer one of the following opinions:
 - The arbitrator would find the protest to be invalid.
 - The arbitrator will allow the protestor to withdraw the protest.
 - The arbitrator would find that no board broke a rule. The arbitrator will allow the protestor to withdraw the protest.
 - The arbitrator would find that one or more boards represented in the arbitration meeting broke a rule of Part 2. The arbitrator would offer each of those boards the option to accept a Scoring Penalty, or to retire. The arbitrator will then give the protestor an opinion about whether the protest committee would be likely to assign any additional penalties. The arbitrator will allow the protestor to withdraw the protest.
 - A protest goes to the Protest Committee for a hearing.
- 1.4. The protest committee will schedule a protest hearing for any protests that are not withdrawn. Any board that accepted a penalty in accordance with Addendum A 1.1.1 will not be penalized further as a result of the protest hearing unless the protest committee concludes that the boat caused injury or serious damage, gained a significant advantage in the race or series, or broke a rule other than a rule of Part 2.
- 1.5. If a protest is withdrawn, no protest hearing will be held; and the protest cannot be the subject of a request for redress or appeal.