



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2015 IFCA JUNIOR, YOUTH & MASTERS

SLALOM EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

28th April to 3rd May 2015
Almanarre Beach – Hyeres - France

Organised by:

Hieres Windsurf Organisation

in co-operation with

International Funboard Class Association & Federation Francaise de Voile

An International Windsurfing Association sanctioned event *including*

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[DP] 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. All the changes to the rules are in appendix -C-





2. Notice to Competitors

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

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. 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 Poles located on the beach in front of the competitor equipment area.
- 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. To alert boats that an elimination or sequence of eliminations will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed at least five minutes before a warning

signal is made on the Race Committee Signal Boat on the windward end of the starting line with one sound

- 5.7. There will be a maximum of 4 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



Youth Under 20



Junior Under 17



7. Racing area [DP] [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 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 Course Marks will be green cylindrical buoys.
- 9.2. The Starting marks will be the flagpole with the orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and a yellow cylindrical buoy.
- 9.3. The Finishing marks will be the flagpole with the blue flag on the Race Committee Finishing vessel or ashore and a yellow cylindrical buoy.

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

- 10.1. The following areas are designated as obstructions:

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11. Starting

- 11.1. The starting line shall be 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, the C- Final and the D – 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 [DP] [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. An international jury (jury) will handle the slalom protests in accordance to RRS B10-63.
- 15.2. Jury hearings can be held with one or two jury members
- 15.3. 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
- 15.4. The protestor shall make every reasonable effort to bring the protestee to the jury
- 15.5. The location of the Jury on the beach near competitor area will be signalled by a yellow flag marked “Jury”.

- 15.6. 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”
- 15.7. Penalties for breaches of instructions marked with [DP] may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty will be DPI.
- 15.8. Breaches of instructions marked with [NP] will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a).
- 15.9. 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.

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 [DP] [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. Competitors U 17 shall wear personal floatation devices at all time while afloat. This changes the Part 4 preamble and RRS 40.
- 17.3. 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).
- 17.4. 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.
- 17.5. Competitors shall go afloat and ashore in the competitors area only.

18. Replacement of equipment [DP] [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. Equipment and measurement checks

- 19.1. 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.

20. Event Advertising [DP] [NP]

- 20.1. 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.
- 20.2. Competitors ranked first, second and third in the series at the beginning of that day, shall wear yellow, blue and red lycra and sailsticker respectively while racing.
- 20.3. The lycra vest shall be worn outside other clothing when going afloat for training or racing.

21. Shore Regulations [DP] [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
- 21.3. Camping is only allowed in designated camping areas.

22. Trash disposal [DP] [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 boy and girl will be declared “2015 IFCA junior Slalom European Champion”.
- 23.3. The first Youth boy and girl will be declared “2015 IFCA youth Slalom European Champion”.
- 23.4. The first Master men and women will be declared “2015 IFCA master Slalom European Champion”.

24. Disclaimer of Liability

- 24.1. 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.

25. Insurance

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

26. Official Ceremonies

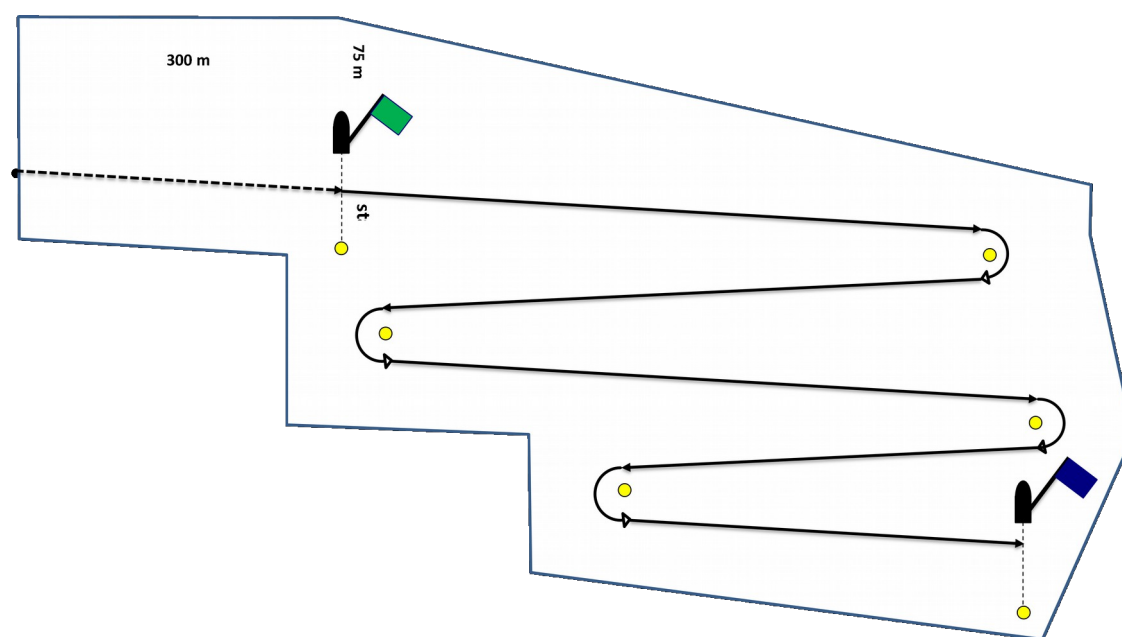
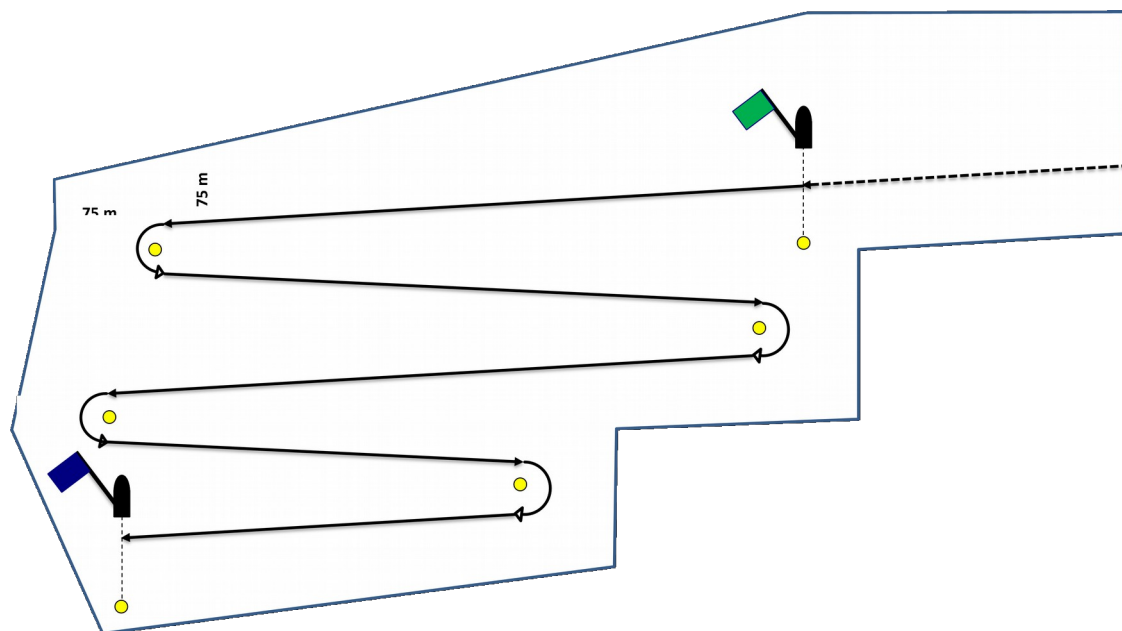
- 26.1. The attendance of all competitors to the opening and closing ceremonies are mandatory, however, the organising authority may refuse entry to those whose standard of attire is not commensurate with the occasion.

27. Officials

Race Organizer	Fabien Arnoux; FRA
Principal Race Officer	Bernard Laffond; FRA
IFCA Race Supervisor	Eric Kling, NED
Jury president	Kamen Filyov, BUL
Judges	Walter Mielke, GER
	Eric Kling, NED
	Bruno de Wannemaeker, BEL
	Calude Vidal, FRA

APPENDIX -A-

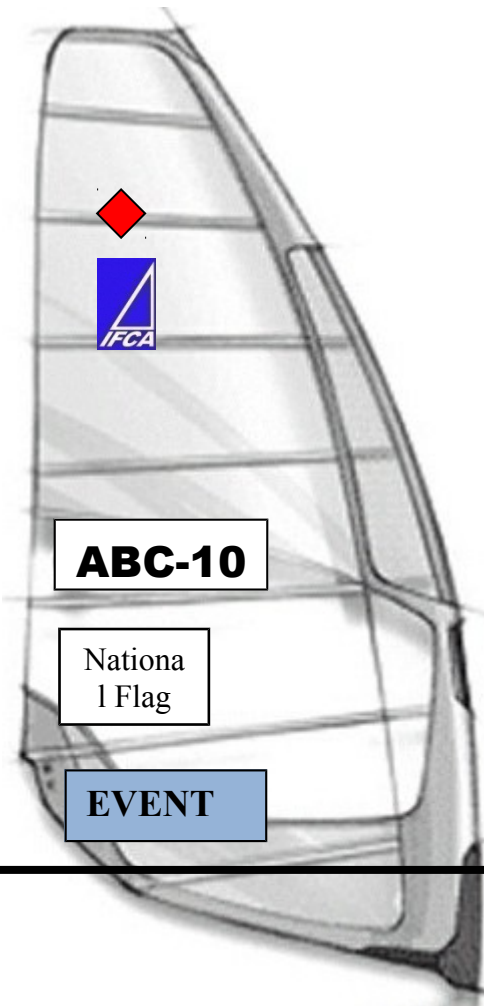
RESTRICTED AREAS:



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

APPENDIX -B-

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 Manufacturer's 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.

APPENDIX -C-

Changes of Racing Rules of Sailing

CHANGES TO THE DEFINITIONS

The definitions: *About to Round or Pass*, *Capsize*, *Keep Clear*, *Proper Course* and *Room*, are deleted and replaced by:

Rounding or Passing A board is *rounding or passing* a *mark* or an *obstruction* from the time when her *proper course* is to begin to manoeuvre to round or pass it, until the *mark* or *obstruction* has been rounded or passed.

Capsized A board is *capsized* when she slows down significantly due to her sail being in the water and/or the competitor being separated from the board and/or the competitor is water starting.

Keep Clear A board *keeps clear* of another board when the last one can sail her *proper course* including the manoeuvre for *rounding or passing* a *mark* or *obstruction* with no need to take avoiding action.

Proper Course A reasonable course a board would sail to complete the course prescribed in the sailing instructions and *finish* as soon as possible in the absence of the other boards referred to in the *rule* using the term.

Room The space a board needs in the existing conditions to sail her *proper course* to a *mark* or an *obstruction* and space to manoeuvre when *rounding or passing* this *mark* or *obstruction* including space to change the tack, if it is a part of the manoeuvre.

CHANGES BASIC PRICIPLES and PART 1 FUNDAMENTAL RULES

Add new rule 7

7 LAST POINT OF CERTAINTY

When there is a doubt as to relationship or change of relationship between boards, the last point of certainty will apply.

CHANGES PART 2 WHEN BOARDS MEET

Change preamble in:

*The rules of Part 2 apply between boards that are sailing in or near the racing area and intend to **race**, are **racing**, or have been **racing**. However, a board not **racing** shall not be penalized for breaking one of these rules, except rule 14 when the incident resulted in injury, capsize or serious damage and rule 24.*

When rules 16.3, 22, 23 or 24 apply, the other rules in Part 2 do not.

Next rules are deleted and replaced by:

13 CHANGING A TACK

A board which is changing a tack shall *keep clear* of a board which is not until her sail has filled. If two boards are subject to this rule at the same time, the one outside or the one astern shall *keep clear*.

14 AVOIDING CONTACT

A board shall avoid contact with another board if reasonably possible but shall not be penalized under this *rule* unless there is contact that causes injury, *capsize* or serious damage. However, a right-of-way board or one entitled to *room* need not act to avoid contact until it is clear that the other board is not *keeping clear* or giving *room*.

Section C

The preamble of Section C is deleted.

24 INTERFERING WITH ANOTHER BOARD

24.1 A board not *racing* shall not

(a) interfere with a board that is *racing and*

(b) shall not sail in the course area defined in the sailing instructions when races are taking place except when the race is her own.

A board breaks this rule shall be penalize without hearing and her penalty shall apply to the race sailed nearest in the time of the incident.

24.4 During the last 30 seconds before her starting signal a board that changes course, stops, slows down or is not making significant forward progress shall keep clear of all others and shall not prevent another board properly to sail to and cross the starting line.

CHANGES in Parts 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7

Add 29(d) act as state in the sailing instructions.

62.1(b) replace ‘injury or physical damage’ with ‘injury, capsize or serious damage’ **and** delete RRS 62.1 (e).

B10.70 Appeals are not permitted in disciplines with elimination series.