



2010 Raceboard World Championships

2010 Baltic Sea Cup - T293 & RS:X youth

An International Windsurfing Association sanctioned event



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS 2009-2012) - Windsurfing Competition Rules.
- 1.2. No national authority prescription will apply.
- 1.3. If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will prevail.

2. FORMAT

- 2.1. Men and Women in the **Raceboard World Championship** shall race together.
- 2.2. Mistral One Design sailors shall race in the Raceboard fleet.
- 2.3. Boys and Girls in the **BSC** Techno shall race together.
- 2.4. Techno 6.8 and Techno 7.8. shall race together.
- 2.5. Boys and Girls in the **BSC** RS:X youth shall race together.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB), located at registration office.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1. Any change to the sailing instructions shall be posted, after approval of the Class Representative, on the Official Notice Board, 1 hour before the start of any race affected, except that any change to the schedule of races shall be posted before 18:00 hours on the day before it will take effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at registration office. When a signal is displayed over a Class flag it applies to that Class only.
- 5.2. **"AP" flag** means: '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes'. **This changes RRS Race Signals.**
- 5.3. **"Y" flag** means: "Competitors, coaches and support crew personnel shall wear their buoyancy vest. Rule 40 applies at all times while afloat." **This changes Part4 preamble.**
- 5.4. **"D" flag** (with one sound signals) means: "The safety system (as described in SI.19.2) is in force" (*The D Flag will be hoisted not less than 1 hour before the next start*).

6. SIGNALS MADE AFLOAT

- 6.1. **"R" flag** means: "A rescue operation is in progress. Coach boats shall assist".

7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 7.1. The Racing Schedule is as specified in the Notice of Race.
- 7.2. No more than 3 races per day shall be sailed in marginal planning conditions. A fourth race may be sailed if two races were sailed in planning conditions.
- 7.3. 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 fleet/division shall be 15 minutes. The warning signal shall be preceded by a signalled postponement "AP" of not less than 5 minutes.
- 7.4. No more than 3 races shall be sailed back to back, which may be reduced to 2 races in marginal planning conditions. After a series of back to back races there shall be a rest period of a minimum 30 minutes ashore for the last finisher in the last race of each Class.

8. CLASS FLAGS

- 8.1. Raceboard - Raceboard Class logo on white background.
- 8.2. Techno 293 - Techno 293 Class logo on white background.
- 8.3. RS:X - RS:X Class logo on white background.

9. RACING AREA

- 9.1. The Racing Area is shown in Attachment 1.
- 9.2. The Course Area is defined as an area extending 75 metres beyond the course which would normally be taken by a racer when racing.
- 9.3. The starting area is defined as a rectangle extending 75 metres beyond the extensions of the starting line and 50 metres to windward and leeward of the starting line.

10. COURSES

- 10.1. The diagram in Attachment 2 shows the course (s), including the course signals, the order in which marks are to be rounded and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 10.2. When there is a gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.
- 10.3. No later than warning signal the Race Committee signal boat will display the course to be sailed.

11. MARKS

- 11.1. The marks of the course (1 -4) shall be yellow cylindrical buoys.
- 11.2. The starting marks will be a Race Committee signal boat at the starboard end of the line and a cylindrical red buoy at the port end.
- 11.3. The finishing marks will be a Race Committee boat at the starboard end and a red buoy at the port end.

12. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 12.1. No areas are designated as obstructions.

13. THE START

- 13.1. Races will be started according to RRS 26 – System 1.
- 13.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on Race Committee signal boat and the red buoy.
- 13.3. Boards whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area (see SI 9.3). Failure to comply may result in a 5 point penalty being implemented by the Race Committee, without a hearing, in the next race in which they are due to sail. In the case of the last race in the series, the penalty will apply to the penultimate race. **This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.**
- 13.4. A board starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. **This changes RRS A4 and A5.**
- 13.5. When conditions are unfavourable, the starting line Race Committee vessels may hold position by using engines.
- 13.6. The interval between the Starting signal of one class and the Warning signal of the next class will be at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 13.7. When an individual recall has been signalled, the sail numbers of the identified competitors may be posted on the Race Committee signal boat just before the finish of the race. Failure to display the sail numbers shall not be grounds for redress. **This changes RRS 62.1(a).**
- 13.8. When a General recall has been signalled, the succeeding start(s) for the same and/or for different class (s) will be given according to the flags hoisted on the Race Committee signal boat.

14. THE FINISH

- 14.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on Race Committee boat and the red buoy. The approximate position of the finishing line is shown in Attachment 2.
- 14.2. When conditions are unfavourable, the finishing line Race Committee boat may hold position by using engines.
- 14.3. Flag "L" displayed on the finishing vessel means: "A further race will be started as soon as possible." **Changes RRS Race Signals.**

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1. RRS 44.1 and 44.2 will apply – one turn penalty.
- 15.2. A board that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the Race Office within the protest time limit of her group. Failure to follow this procedure may lead the International Jury to consider the penalty as not executed. **This changes RRS 44.**

16. TIME LIMITS & TARGET TIMES

16.1. The time limits and target times are as follows:

Class	Time limit	Target time	Mark 1 time limit	Time limit after the first board
All Classes	45 min	30 min in planning conditions 30 min in non planning conditions	15 min	20 min

16.2. If no board has passed mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit, the race shall be abandoned.

16.3. Boards failing to sail the course and finish within "Time limit after the first boat", will be scored Did Not Finish without hearing. **This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.**

17. PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

17.1. Protest forms are available in the Registration Office and shall be lodged there within Protest Time Limit.

17.2. For each class the Protest Time Limit is 60 minutes after the last board has finished the last race of the day for that class. Protests time limits will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

17.3. Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses, and the approximate time of the hearings. Parties are requested to remain in the vicinity of the Jury Room to expedite hearings. Hearings will be held in the jury Room, located at beach.

17.4. For the purpose of RRS 64.3(b), the qualified authority is the Class Representative.

17.5. Breaches of RRS 23.3 and SI's 5.3, 13.3, 19, 20, 23 and 24 shall not be subject for a protest by a board. **This changes RRS 60.1(a).** Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the Jury so decides.

17.6. Competitors wishing to clarify a scoring enquiry shall initially do so by completing a "Scoring Enquiry Form" and by lodging it at the Regatta Office. Only if the response given by the Race Committee is unsatisfactory in the opinion of the competitor should he request a hearing under RRS 62. **This changes RRS 62.1.**

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

17.7.1 Within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;

17.7.2 No later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. **This changes RRS 66.**

17.8. An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS 91(b).

18. SCORING

18.1. Scoring will be in accordance with RRS Appendix A and RRS A4 "Low Points Scoring System".

18.2. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

18.3. Discards:

18.3.1 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a board's series score will be the total of her race scores.

18.3.2 When from 5 to 11 races have been completed, a board's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

18.3.3 When 12 or more races have been completed, a board's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst score.

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS

19.1. Abandoning:

19.1.1 A board that retires from a race shall, whenever possible, notify a Race Committee boat before leaving the course area. Notwithstanding such notification, she shall then proceed, as soon as possible, to the beach and the competitor shall immediately report to the Regatta Office, in person or, if the competitor has come ashore along way from the race site, by phoning the Regatta Office ph.no.+371 29490993. Failure to comply with this instruction may result in action under RRS 60.2 or 60.3.

19.1.2 Competitors not leaving the site for the days racing shall inform the Beach Office prior to the first start.

19.2. Safety System:

19.2.1 The Safety System is in force when the "**D**" flag is displayed on the "Official Flag Pole".

19.2.2 Sign-out/in sheets will be provided, by the Race Committee, outside the regatta office at registration tent.

19.2.3 Each competitor, intending to race, shall personally sign-out, against his name/sail number, when going out to race.

19.2.4 When returning ashore each competitor shall personally sign in to confirm that he/she has

returned to shore:

- 19.2.4.1 Within 30 minutes of the end of the time limit of that race or, in the case of back to back races, the end of the time limit for the second race.
- 19.2.4.2 Within 30 minutes after being instructed to go ashore by the Race Committee.
- 19.2.5 This system applies also if SI 7.4 will be in use.
- 19.3. Safety system penalties:
 - 19.3.1 Failure to comply with Art# 19.2.3, 19.2.4 or 19.2.5 will result in a 5-point penalty being implemented by the Race Committee, without a hearing. **This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.**
 - 19.3.2 The board's penalty under Art# 19.3.1 shall be reduced to a 2-point penalty if:
 - 19.3.3 a competitor who has not signed out reports to the starting vessel before the Warning signal of the first start of the period for his/her Class.
 - 19.3.4 a competitor who has not signed in according to Art # 20.2.4 reports to the Race committee before the end of protest time for his/her Class.
 - 19.3.5 Failure to sign-out will result in the penalty applied to the first race sailed. Failure to sign-in will result the penalty applied to the last race sailed. However a board shall not be scored worse than a disqualified board.

20. REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

- 20.1. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment, limited by the class rules, will not be allowed without the approval of the race committee. Request for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 20.2. **Changing Rigs.** When changing to a rig with a different size sail, the crew must obtain the new rig from, and return the old rig at the same time to, the equipment storage area.

21. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 21.1. It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure a completed Equipment Registration Form is signed by event Equipment Inspector before registration closes.
- 21.2. The Official Equipment Inspector may mark all equipment a competitor intends to use during the regatta before registration closes.
- 21.3. The competitors shall ensure that the Equipment is maintained to comply with her Class Rules.

22. OFFICIAL BOATS

- 22.1. A Race Committee (RC) boats shall fly an **orange** flag.

23. SUPPORT BOATS

- 23.1. Coach and support personnel may use support boat to assist their competitors on the water. They shall register at the regatta office prior to the first scheduled race, providing details of their boats and distinctive identification.
- 23.2. All teams support boats shall conspicuously display the national flag of their country of origin (min 600 x 400 mm) or the national 3 letter code in black (min. height 120mm) on a white background while afloat.
- 23.3. When a support boat is supporting competitors, from more than one nation and is registered as such, they shall be required to display only one national flag or national 3-letter code.
- 23.4. Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the Preparatory signal for the first Class/Division to start until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 23.5. If a support boats fails to comply with this SI, all competitors supported by that boat, shall be subject to a 5-point penalty for the next race, without a hearing. In the case of the last race of the series, the penalty will apply to the penultimate race. **This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.**

24. ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT, COMPASSES & GPS

- 24.1. Electronic equipment and compasses are prohibited, with the exception of devices whose sole capability is timing and GPS.

25. PRIZES

- 25.1. Prizes will be awarded according to the NOR.
- 25.2. All competitors and coaches are reminded to attend at the prize giving and closing ceremony. Prize winners not attending may forfeit their prize.

Good luck!
Race Committee