



PARQUE METROPOLITANO MARISMA DE LOS TORUÑOS  
Y PINAR DE LA ALGAIDA



NOTICE of RACE

**2009 FORMULA WINDSURFING WORLD FESTIVAL**  
4<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> July 2009 El Puerto de Santa Maria, Cadiz, Spain  
*An International Windsurfing Association sanctioned event*

**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 and the Championship Rules.
- 1.2. In case of a discrepancy with the Notice of Race the Sailing Instructions will take precedence.
- 1.3. No national authority prescription will apply.
- 1.4. If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will prevail.
- 1.5. All the Competitors, coaches and support crew personnel shall wear their buoyancy vest. Rule 40 applies at all times while afloat. **Changes Part4 preamble.**

**2. FORMAT**

- 2.1. Boys and Girls, Men and Women, shall race together.
- 2.2. FE youth and FE masters shall race together with FW Youth and FW Masters respectively.
- 2.3. Senior division sailors may race together with Masters

**3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB), located at the Race 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 scheduled start of racing on the day that it takes effect, except that any change to the schedule of races shall be posted before 20.00 hours on the day before it will take effect.

**5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Official Flag Pole ashore located in front of the Race Office.
- 5.2. **AP flag** (with two sound signals) means: Races are postponed. Flag AP flown over a Class/division Flag means racing for that Class/division is postponed. The warning signal for a Class/division will be made not less than 30 minutes after its AP flag is lowered (with one sound signal). Not board can leave the beach until this signal is lowered. **Changes RRS's**
- 5.3. **"D" flag** (with two sound signals) means: "The safety system (as described in SI.20) 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".
- 6.2. "Pennant 2" displayed on the finishing vessel means: " A further race will be started as soon as possible."

**7. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 7.1. The Racing Schedule is as specified in the Notice of Race.
- 7.2. Fifteen (15) races are scheduled for each Event. No more than 4 races per day shall be sailed.
- 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 10 minutes. The warning signal shall be preceded by a signalled postponement "AP" of not less than 5 minutes.
- 7.4. If two races have been sailed back to back there shall be a rest period of a minimum of 30 mins ashore for the last finisher per class/division in the second race.

**8. CLASS/DIVISION FLAGS**

- 8.1. Division flags and Group flags shall be posted on the official notice board.

**9. RACING AREA**

- 9.1. The Racing Area is located in front of the Valdelagrana Beach.
- 9.2. The Course Area is defined as an area extending 75 metres beyond the course including the "starting line " and the "finishing line" and the extensions, which would normally be taken by a racer when racing.
- 9.3. An orange flag will designate the official boats.

**10. COURSES**

- 10.1 The course for the day will be posted on the official notice board.

## 11. MARKS

- 11.1. The marks of the course shall be inflatable ORANGE and BLACK
- 11.2. The starting marks will be the Race Committee Vessel at the starboard end of the line and a pin end boat at the port end.
- 11.3. The finishing marks will be a Race Committee Vessel and a pin end buoy.

## 12. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 12.1. The following areas are designated as obstructions: Area between the shore line of the Beach and 200 metres parallel at that line.

## 13. THE START

- 13.1. Races will be started according to RRS 26 – System 1.
- 13.2. The starting line will be between mast displaying orange flags on board of the starting marks.
- 13.3. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 13.4. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. **Changes rule 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/division and the Warning signal of the next class/division 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 will only be posted on a board at the stern of the Race Committee Vessel just before the finish of the race.
- 13.8. When a General recall has been signalled, the succeeding start(s) for the same and/or for different class (s) / division(s) will be given according to the flags hoisted on the Race Committee Vessel.

## 14. THE FINISH

- 14.1. The finishing line will be between mast displaying blue flags on board of the finishing marks.
- 14.2. When conditions are unfavourable, the finishing line Race Committee vessels may hold position by using engines.

## 15. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1. RRS 44.1 and 44.2 will apply as amended by RRS Appendix B2.1 (c) – 360° 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 Protest Committee to consider the penalty as not executed. **Changes RRS 44.**
- 15.3 Failure to comply with RRS 77 & App G **OR** B.2.4 will result in a 3-point-penalty being
- 15.4 Failure to comply with RRS B3.2(e) - Rule 23.3 - will result in a 5-point-penalty being implemented by the Race Committee or the Jury, without hearing, in the next race in which they are due to sail. This changes RRS 63.1.

## 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
FW	40 min	15 >20 mins	12 min	20 min
FE	40 min	15 > 20 mins	12 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 board", will be scored Did Not Finish. **Changes rules 35 and A4 and A5.**

## 17. PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 17.1. Protest forms are available in the Regatta Office and shall be lodged there within Protest Time Limit.
- 17.2. For each class/division the Protest Time Limit is 60 minutes after the last board has finished the last race of the day for that class/division. (**Changes the RRS 61.3**). 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 near to the Race Office.
- 17.4. For the purpose of RRS 64.3(b), the qualified authority is measurer appointed by the organisers.
- 17.5. 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 change RRS 62.1a

- 17.6. Breaches of RRS 23.3, 77, Appendix G or B2.4 B and S.I. 15.3 & 15.4 will not be grounds for a protest by a board. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the International Jury so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.
- 17.7. Notices of protests by the Race Committee or International Jury will be posted to inform boards under rule 61.1(b).
- 17.8. On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
  - 17.8.1 Within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
  - 17.8.2 No later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. **Changes RRS 66.**
- 17.9. An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS 91 (b) and Appendix N. Decisions of the International Jury will be final in accordance with RRS 70.5.
- 17.10. Competitors wishing to retire from a race shall make a retirement declaration at the Regatta Office.

## **18. SCORING**

- 18.1. Scoring will be in accordance with Windsurfing Competition Rules, amended as specified in # 18.3, and using the "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 4 races have been completed, a board's series score will be the total of her race scores.
  - 18.3.2 When from 4 to 6 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 from 7 to 10 races have been completed, a board's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her 2 worst scores.
  - 18.3.4 When from 11 to 15 races have been completed, a board's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her 3 worst scores.

## **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. 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, at the regatta office
  - 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 As soon returning returning ashore, after the last race of the day, but not later than the time limit for protest of her Class/Division, each competitor shall personally sign in to confirm that he/she has returned ashore.
- 19.3. Failure to comply with Art# 19.2.3 or 19.2.4 will result in a 2-point penalty being implemented by the Race Committee, without a hearing according with the RRS 64.1d. This changes RRS 63.1.

## **20. REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT**

- 20.1 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **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 shall stamp 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.

- 22.2. Jury and Measurer boats will be identified with white flags with letter "J" or "M" respectively.
- 22.3. Media boats are not under the direct control of the Race Committee. However, they are required to keep clear. Their failure to do so is grounds for redress, whether there is physical damage or not (Alteration of RRS 62.1 (b)). Media boats are identified by a colored flag with the word "PRESS".

### **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. **Changes RRS 63.1.**

### **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**