

# 2013 RACEBOARD WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Nové Mlýny, Pavlov, Czech Republic

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## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. RULES

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- 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 While racing, a board may touch but shall not hold on to a starting mark before starting, a mark that begins, bounds or ends the leg of the course on which she is sailing, or a finishing mark after finishing.
- 1.6 The event lycra 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 in any way.
- 1.7 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

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

### 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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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 to the schedule of races will be posted before 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

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- 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 fleet flag it applies to that fleet only.
- 4.3 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

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- 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 Regatta format is specified in the **Addendum B (Regatta Format)** to this SI's.
- 5.4 No more than three (3) races shall be sailed in marginal planning conditions.
- 5.5 'Back to back' races shall be run for all fleets.

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- 5.6 To alert boards that a race or sequence of races will shortly begin, an Orange Flag will 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.
- 5.7 The warning signal for the last race of each day shall not be made later than 18:00, except on the last day when the last possible warning signal shall be at 15:00.

## 6. CLASS/DIVISION/FLEET FLAGS

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- Raceboard Men** - white flag with class insignia for yellow/gold fleet  
- blue flag with class insignia for blue/silver fleet
- Raceboard Women** - pink flag with class insignia

## 7. RACING AREA

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- 7.1 Races will be sailed at the Lake Nové Mlýny III.
- 7.2 The racing area is defined as an area extending 75 m beyond the course including the starting line, the finishing line and their extensions, in which a board would normally sail while racing.

## 8. COURSES AND MARKS

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Race course including mark description is specified in the **Addendum A (Race Course Diagram)** to this SI's.

## 9. THE START

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- 9.1 Races will be started according to WCR 26.
- 9.2 The starting line will be between staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and the staff with yellow flag at the starting mark at the port end.
- 9.3 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 signalled, 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

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- 10.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying the blue flag on the Race Committee Boat and the finishing mark. **This changes WCR Race Signals.**
- 10.2 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

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- 11.1 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.

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11.2 Penalties for breaches of WCR 77, and Sailing Instructions 9.3, 11.1, 15, 16, 17 & 18 may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

## 12. TIME LIMITS AND REST PERIODS

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- 12.1 Target time for the first finisher is 30 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 fleet/division 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

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- 13.1 Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered to the Race Office within the appropriate time limit.
- 13.2 The Protest Time Limit is 45 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.
- 13.3 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.
- 13.4 Breaches of WCR 77 and Sailing Instructions 9.3, 11.1, 15, 16, 17 & 18 shall not be subject of protest by board. **This changes WCR 60.1(a).**
- 13.5 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.**
- 13.6 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.**
- 13.7 There shall be no appeal against the decisions of the Protest Committee, in accordance with WCR 70.5.

## 14. SCORING

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- 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.

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## 15. SAFETY REGULATIONS

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- 15.1 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 Competitors not leaving the site for the day's racing shall inform the Race Office prior to the first start.
- 15.3 Personal buoyancy is mandatory for all competitors under 18 years of age.
- 15.4 **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. **This changes WCR A5.**

## 16. REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

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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. SUPPORT BOATS

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- 17.1 Please keep in mind that generally there is strictly forbidden by law to use motor boats at the Nove Mlyny Lake. However, there is limited number of permissions for the regatta.
- 17.2 All support boats have to register to the organizer. Permissions will be issued based on date and time of registration with exception that each nation is entitled for permission. All support boats shall conspicuously display given registration number.
- 17.3 Support boat has to comply with the following rules:
- Support boat and its condition is not in conflict with any legal regulations.
  - The crew is authorized to operate the vessel.
  - 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;

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- 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.
- 17.4 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.
- 17.5 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.
- 17.6 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.
- 17.7 Infringement of Sailing Instruction 17 may result to withdrawal of the support boat permission.

## 18. TRASH DISPOSAL

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

## 19. PRIZES

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- 19.1 Prizes will be awarded according to the Notice of Race.
- 19.2 All competitors and coaches are required to attend at the prize giving and closing ceremony. Prize winners not attending may forfeit their prize.

## 20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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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.

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## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS - ADDENDUM A

### RACE COURSE DIAGRAM

#### Outer course

Start – 1 – 2 – 4 – 2 – 4 – Finish

“Flag B (red)” hoisted together with Division/Fleet Warning signal means

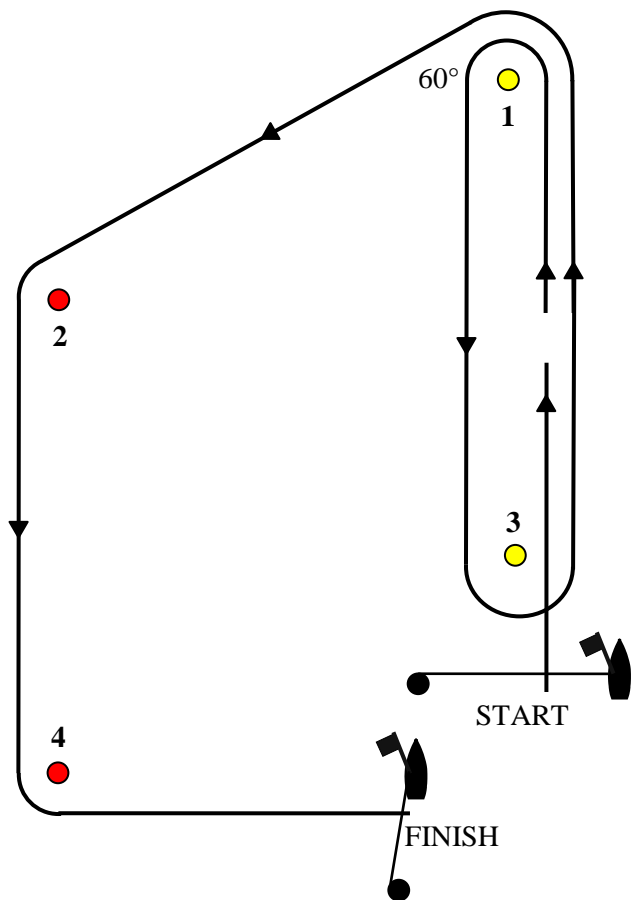
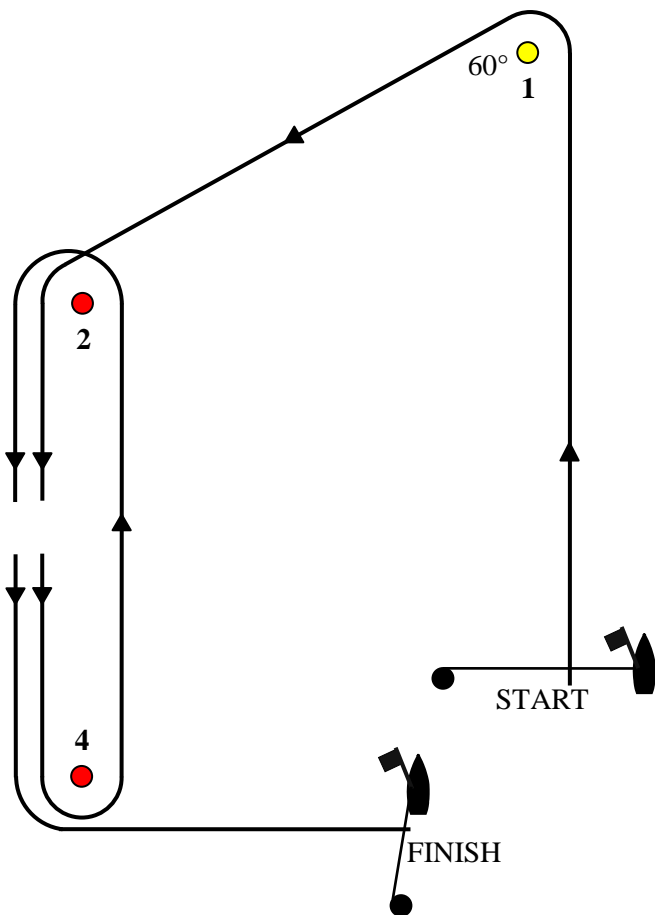
**Outer** course apply for starting Division/Fleet

#### Inner course

Start – 1 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 4 – Finish

“Flag Q (yellow)” hoisted together with Division/Fleet Warning signal means

**Inner** course apply for starting Division/Fleet



**Marks 1** and **3** will be **Yellow** inflatable buoys. **Marks 2** and **4** will be **Red** inflatable buoys. Black numbers on the marks are not relevant.

**Starting marks** will be Race Committee Signal Boat at the starboard end and a white mark with yellow flag at the port end. **Finishing marks** will be Race Committee Boat and a white mark with blue flag.

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## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS - ADDENDUM B

### REGATTA FORMAT

- RF1** (a) Men and Women divisions will race in separate series.  
(b) Men will compete in qualifying and final series with division to the fleets.  
(c) Women will compete in final series from the first race without any division to the fleets.
- RF2** While racing in fleets, 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. Women's board shall display red diamond sign at the sail.
- RF3** For the qualifying series boards will be assigned to two fleets - Yellow and Blue of, as nearly as possible, equal size and ability. Initial ranking for group assignment will be based on results of the 2012 Raceboard World Championship, competitors not attended to 2012 Worlds will be ordered by national letters and sail number.
- RF4** (a) In the qualifying series boats will be reassigned to fleets after each day of racing, except if only one race is completed. If all fleets have completed the same number of races, boats will be reassigned on the basis of their ranks in the series. If all fleets have not completed the same number of races, the series scores for reassignment will be calculated for those races, numbered in order of completion, completed by all fleets. Reassignments will be made as follows:

| <i>Rank in series</i> | <i>Fleet assignment</i> |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| First                 | Yellow                  |
| Second                | Blue                    |
| Third                 | Blue                    |
| Fourth                | Yellow                  |
| Fifth                 | Yellow                  |
| Sixth                 | Blue                    |
| Seventh               | Blue                    |
| Eighth                | Yellow                  |

and so on

If two or more boats have the same rank, they will be entered in the left column in the order of fleets in instruction RF3.

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

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- RF5**
- (a) Boats will be assigned to final-series fleets Gold and Silver on the basis of their ranks in the qualifying series. The final-series fleets will have, as nearly as possible, equal size but so that the Silver fleet is not larger than the Gold fleet. Boats with the best qualifying-series ranks will race all final-series races in the Gold fleet, boats with the next-best qualifying-series ranks will race in the Silver fleet.
  - (b) Any recalculation of qualifying-series ranking after boats have been assigned to final-series fleets will not affect the assignments except that a redress decision may promote a boat to a higher fleet.
- RF6**
- (a) At least five (5) races are required to be completed by each fleet to constitute a qualifying series. There will be maximum of eight (8) races in 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, RF6(a) is changed to: One (1) race is required to be completed by each fleet to constitute a qualifying series.
  - (e) If there is no qualification race completed by each fleet at 21:00 Friday, qualifying series is dismissed and all competitors promote to final-series. In this case there will be no division to the fleets in final-series.
- RF7**
- (a) If at the end of the qualifying series some boats have more race scores than others, scores for the most recent races will be excluded so that all boats have the same number of race scores.
  - (b) For the qualifying series, rule A4.2 is changed so that the scores are based on the number of boats assigned to the largest fleet.
- RF8**
- Except for race scores excluded under instruction RF9, a boat's series score for the regatta will be the total of her race scores from those qualifying races completed by all fleets and her final races. Different final-series fleets need not have completed the same number of final races. The boats in the Gold fleet will be ranked highest in the regatta except for a boat disqualified from a final race under rule 5 or 69.
- RF9**
- (a) When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
  - (b) When from five (5) to eleven (11) races have been completed, a boat's 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 two worst scores.