

AZORES WINDSURF-FOIL OPEN CHALLENGE

Praia da Vitória, Terceira, Açores

6th to 10th November 2018

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. **This changes Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) - Windsurfing Edition (WE)/Rule 60.1.**

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing – [Windsurfing Edition](#);
- 1.2 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence;
- 1.3 All changes to the sailing Instructions shall be approved by the IWA representative;
- 1.4 [DP] [NP] Event lycras shall be worn outside any other clothing or equipment at all times when afloat and during media interviews ashore;
- 1.5 [DP] [NP] Event lycras shall not be cut, trimmed or altered in any way;
- 1.6 Part of the National Authority (NA) Prescriptions will apply. Prescriptions of the Portuguese Sailing Federation that will apply are the Prescriptions to the rules 60.1, 67, 86.3 88.2 and 91(b).
NA Prescriptions in English, will be posted on the official notice board during the event.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the tent.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board at least 60 minutes before the scheduled start of the first race affected, except that any changes affecting the first possible start of the next day's racing shall be posted not later than end of protest time on the day before.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the official flag pole located at the top of the slipway near the tent entrance;
- 4.2 When the **D Flag** is displayed the Safety System is in force;
- 4.3 When the **AP Flag** is displayed, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 20 minutes'. **This changes RRS - WE/Race Signals.**

5. EVENT SCHEDULE and RACE FORMAT

- 5.1 The schedule of races will be as specified in the Notice of Race;
- 5.2 There will be a daily skippers meeting one hour before the first possible warning signal;
- 5.3 There shall be a maximum of 5 races on any day, in a maximum 16 race series, for each equipment division championship;

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- 5.4 Gender divisions may race separately. Class and age divisions shall race together in their respective gender division;
- 5.5 A maximum of three (3) 'back to back' races will be run;
- 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. No sound will be made when the orange flag is lowered;
- 5.7 The warning signal for the last race on last day shall not be after 17:00.

6. DIVISION FLAGS

- 6.1 The division flags will be:
MEN – “G” Flag / WOMEN “F” Flag.

7. RACING AREA

- 7.1 The intention of the Race Committee is to sail races will within the harbor;
- 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.

8. COURSES

- 8.1 The course or courses to be used will be published on the ONB before the daily skippers' meeting.;
- 8.2 If more than one course option is prescribed for the days racing, no later than one minute before the warning signal the race committee signal vessel shall display the course to be sailed on a white board.

9. MARKS

The starting *mark*, finishing *mark* and *marks* of the course will be as described on the course illustration.

10. THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started using **RRS - WE/Rule26 - System 1**;
- 10.2 The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel at the starboard end and the staff displaying an orange flag on the pin end vessel at the port-end;
- 10.3 A board starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. **This changes RRS - WE/Scoring - A4 and A5**;
- 10.4 When an individual recall has been signaled, or a board breaks **Rule 30.3** or **30.4**, the race committee will display the sail number(s) on a white board on the back of the race committee signal vessel before the first board has finished that race. Failure to display the sail numbers(s) will not be grounds for redress. **This changes RRS - WE/Rule 62.1(a)**.

11. THE FINISH

- 11.1 The finishing line will be between the mast displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel and a yellow inflatable tetrahedral mark;
- 11.2 Flag “AP” over “H” displayed at the Race Committee starting and/or finish boat means go back to shore and wait for more instructions.

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12. TIME LIMITS, TARGET TIMES & REST PERIOD

12.1 The time limits and target times are as follows:

	<i>Time Limit</i>	<i>Mark 1 Time Limit</i>	<i>Target Time</i>	<i>Finish Window</i>
FOIL	24	6	12	12

- 12.2 If no board has passed mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit, the race will be abandoned;
- 12.3 A board failing to finish within time stated in finish window, after the first board in her division sails the course and finishes, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. **This changes RRS - WE/Rules 35, A4 and A5.**
- 12.4 Rest Periods-Back to Back races. 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 division will be 5 minutes;
- 12.5 Rest Periods-Ashore. 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 of that series, before the warning signal for further races.

13. PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 13.1 A Protest Committee will be appointed and their decisions can be appealed;
- 13.2 Protest forms are available at race office. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit;
- 13.3 **[DP]** **[NP]** Boards retiring from racing after finishing shall complete a retirement declaration form at the race office before the end of protest time limit;
- 13.4 **[DP]** **[NP]** Boards taking a voluntary penalty shall complete the penalty acknowledgement form at the race office before the end of protest time limit;
- 13.5 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;
- 13.6 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located near the race office;
- 13.7 Breaches of WCR 77 and rules in the sailing instructions marked **[NP]** will not be grounds for a protest by a board. **This changes RRS - WE/Rule 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;
- 13.8 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 RRS - WE/Rule 62.2.**

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14. SCORING

14.1 Scoring will be according to the **RRS – WE/Appendix A**, as amended in 14.2 for discards;

14.2 Discards will be as follows:

<i>Number of races sailed</i>	<i>Discards</i>	<i>Comments</i>
1 - 3	0	No discard
4 - 6	1	One worst score discarded
7 - 10	2	Two worst scores discarded
11 - 16	3	Three worst scores discarded

14.3 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. [DP] [NP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

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 or "impact vest and a suitable helmet shall be worn by all competitors when afloat. **This changes NoR 14;**

15.4 Safety System: "Sign-In System" is in force when the "D" Flag is displayed ashore. On returning ashore each board shall personally Sign In within 30 minutes of the end of the time limit of the that race, or in the case of back to back races the last race for the fleet; or within 30 minutes of being instructed to go ashore by the Race Committee.

16. EQUIPMENT REGISTRATION and REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

16.1 Competitors are required to submit a completed equipment registration form by the close of event registration;

16.2 [DP] 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, including a written request, on the form provided, submitted to the race office.

17. OFFICIAL BOATS

[NP] Race committee boats display a white flag with **CR** in black letters.

18. SUPPORT BOATS

18.1 All support boats shall conspicuously display their national flag;

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18.2 Before the preparatory signal, support craft shall have left the course areas and remain outside the area, except to assist a crew in distress or at the request of the race committee, until after the finish of the last competitor of the final class racing or the races are postponed or abandoned. Infringements will be subject to action by the race committee which may result in preventing a support boat from going afloat.

19. TRASH DISPOSAL

[DP] [NP] Boards shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

20. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded according to the NOR.

All competitors and coaches are required to attend the opening and closing ceremonies. Prize winners not attending may forfeit their prize.