



The Organising Authority is the  
**Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron Ltd**, in conjunction with **Windsurfing Queensland Inc**

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

*[NP]* denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for a protest by a board. This changes RRS 60.1.  
*[DP]* denotes a rule for which the penalty is applied according to the RRS Introduction – Notation.

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing. RRS Appendix B Windsurfing Fleet Racing Rules shall apply.
- 1.2. Australia Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 (2017-2020) for Off the Beach Boats will apply.
- 1.3. The Equipment Rules for this Event are detailed in Attachment 3 of the Notice of Race.
- 1.4. If there is a conflict between these Sailing Instructions and any other document governing the event, the Sailing Instructions will take precedent. This changes RRS 63.7.

### 2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.
- 2.2. Changes to the SIs may be made on the water by flying Code flag L and displaying the change on a board on the Race Committee (RC) Signal Vessel.

### 3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the RQYS Windsurfing Centre.
- 3.2. *[DP]* While racing, except in an emergency, a board shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boards. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.

### 4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1. *[DP]* Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 4.2. *[DP]* Competitors and support persons shall place advertising provided by the organizing authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

## 5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Flagpole at the RQYS Windsurfing Centre.
- 5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

## 6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1. Event Schedule is as follows:

DATE	EVENT	TIME (hours)
Friday, 29/01/21	Registration at Sailing Office at RQYS Windsurfing Centre	0900 to 1030
	Competitor's Briefing	1045
	First Warning Signal	1200
Saturday, 30/01/21	Competitor's Briefing	0945
	First Warning Signal	1100
Sunday, 31/01/21	Competitor's Briefing	0945
	First Warning Signal	1100

- 6.2. There will be a maximum of six (6) races on any one day in a championship series with a maximum of 15 races.
- 6.3. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1600 hours.
- 6.4. The Presentation will be held as soon as reasonably possible after the completion of racing on Sunday.

## 7. CLASS FLAG

- 7.1. The Class flag for all Classes and Divisions is the red and blue Formula Foil insignia on a white background except as noted below in SI 9.5

## 8. RACING AREA

- 8.1. All races will be conducted on Waterloo Bay, Manly. The racing area is shown in Attachment 2 of the Notice of Race.

## 9. COURSES & RACE FORMAT

- 9.1. The diagrams in Attachment A shows the course(s), including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2. The intention is to sail the three formats described below over the course of this Event on the basis of wind conditions and forecasts:
  - Windward Leeward (W/L) Course Racing (predominant format)
  - Sprint Slalom Racing (in lighter winds generally less than 10 knots)
  - Marathon – one (1) race
- 9.3. The proposed racing formats for the day will be advised at the Competitor's Briefing.
- 9.4. The course for the Marathon will be displayed on the Notice board and described at the Competitor's briefing on the day.
- 9.5. All Classes and Divisions shall race together for the W/L Course races and the Marathon.
- 9.6. The Free Foil Division will sail a shortened course for W/L Course races and the Marathon. The Free Foil Division will race as a separate fleet for the Sprint Slalom. The Class Flag for the Free Foil Division in the Sprint Slalom format is a black and orange Bic Techno insignia on a white background.

- 9.7. No later than two (2) minutes before the warning signal, the RC Signal Vessel will display the courses to be sailed and an approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- 9.8. The courses for W/L Course and Sprint Slalom races will not be shortened. This changes RRS 32. The course for the Marathon may be shortened.
- 9.9. Legs of the course will not be changed after the preparatory signal. This changes RRS 33.

**10. MARKS**

- 10.1. The starting mark, finishing marks and marks of the course will be as described in Appendix A.

**11. THE START**

- 11.1. All races will be started by using RRS B3.26.1 with the following amendments:

<b>Minutes before Starting Signal</b>	<b>Visual Signal</b>	<b>Sound Signal</b>	<b>Means</b>
3	Class Flag displayed	One	Warning signal
2	U or Black Flag displayed	One	Preparatory signal
1	U or Black Flag removed	One long	One Minute
0	Class Flag removed	One	Starting signal

- 11.2. The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 11.3. To alert boards that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the Orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least two (2) minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 11.4. All boards shall start on starboard tack.
- 11.5. Boards whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 11.6. A board that does not start within two (2) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

**12. THE FINISH**

- 12.1. The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the RC Signal Vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port end finishing mark.

**13. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 13.1. In SI 17.1, failure to sign ON will result in a two (2) point [DP] for the first race sailed on the day; failure to sign OFF will result in a two (2) point [DP] for the last race sailed on the day. If only one race is sailed, failure to sign on and sign off will result in only one [DP] of two (2) points being applied. A board shall not be scored worse than a DNF score.

**14. TIME LIMITS, TARGET TIMES and REST PERIODS**

- 14.1. Time limits and target times are in minutes and as follows:

<b>Racing Format</b>	<b>Target Time</b>	<b>Time Limit</b>	<b>Finish Window</b>
W/L Course race	15	25	10
Sprint Slalom race	4	8	4
Marathon	40		30

- 14.2. The Finishing Window is the time for boards to finish after the first board sails the course and finishes. Boards failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.
- 14.3. The closure of the Finish Window for the Formula Foil Class shall apply to the IQFoil Class sailing the same course and to the Free Foil Division sailing a shorter course.
- 14.4. Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 14.5. A maximum of three (3) races may be sailed back to back.
- 14.6. Rest Period – back-to-back races. The Warning Signal for a subsequent race will be made as soon as practical except that the minimum interval between the closing of the finishing line and the new Warning Signal will be 5 minutes.
- 14.7. Rest Period – ashore. After a group of back-to-back races there shall be a rest period of 30 minutes ashore for the last finisher in the last race of that group, before the Warning Signal for further races. The Rest Period – ashore will be signalled by displaying the Flag AP over Code Flag H on the RC Signal Vessel at the finish of a race.

**15. HEARING REQUESTS**

- 15.1. RRS Appendix T (Arbitration) shall apply.
- 15.2. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last board finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 15.3. Hearing request forms are available from the Race Office.
- 15.4. 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. Parties will be advised of the location for the Protest Room.
- 15.5. On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day or no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.
- 15.6. On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress from a hearing decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

**16. SCORING**

- 16.1. A minimum of three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.2. The low point system applies according to RRS A4 and B8.
- 16.3. A W/L Course race and a Sprint Slalom race will be scored as one race and the Marathon will be scored as two races.
- 16.4. A competitor's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score(s) as follows:

Races	Discards	Comments
1-2	0	no discard
3-7	1	one worst score discarded
8-12	2	two worst scores discarded
13-16	3	three worst scores discarded

- 16.5. Overall scores will be published for the Formula Foil Class and the Free Foil Division.
- 16.6. The finishing position for the IQFoil Class, all Age Divisions, and the Women Division will be determined by their respective scoring position in the overall scores.
- 16.7. To request correction of an alleged error in the posted races or series results, a competitor shall complete a scoring enquiry form which shall be lodged before 1100 hours the following day and before the protest time limit on the last day of the Event.

## **17. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 17.1. Sign ON and sign OFF sheets will be provided by the race committee at the race office. Competitors intending to race shall personally sign ON at the beginning of each day's racing and sign OFF at the earliest possible time after the completion of racing (but not later than the end of protest time); or within 30 minutes of being instructed to go ashore by the race committee.
- 17.2. **[DP] [NP]** A board that retires from a race shall, if reasonably possible, notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity. Promptly after returning to shore, the competitor shall complete a retirement declaration form.
- 17.3. **[DP] [NP]** Competitors not leaving the shore for the day's racing shall inform the race committee.
- 17.4. Competitors shall wear, whilst afloat, a lifejacket/personal flotation device that complies with a standard equivalent to those listed in AS Special Regulations 5.01 Lifejackets.
- 17.5. Competitors shall wear helmets that shall be to the minimum standard EN1385, EN1077, EN 966, ASTM 2040, Snell S98 or equivalent,

## **18. REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT**

- 18.1. [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

## **19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

- 19.1. A board or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.
- 19.2. [DP] When instructed by a race official on the water, a competitor shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

## **20. TRASH DISPOSAL**

- 20.1. [DP] Trash may be placed aboard official or support person vessels.

## **21. PRIZES**

- 21.1. Prizes will be awarded to:
  - Windfoil Pro 2021 Champion
  - Female Champion
  - Winners of the IQFoil Class, Youth, Grand Master Age Divisions and Free Foil Division.

## **22. RISK STATEMENT**

- 22.1. Competitors participate in the Event entirely at their own risk. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes. The Organizing Authority and or Windsurfing Queensland Inc will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the Event.
- 22.2. Rule 3 of the RRS states: "The responsibility for a board's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone." Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the Event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
  - They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their board to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
  - They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their board and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
  - They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
  - Their board and equipment is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
  - The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the race organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
  - The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;

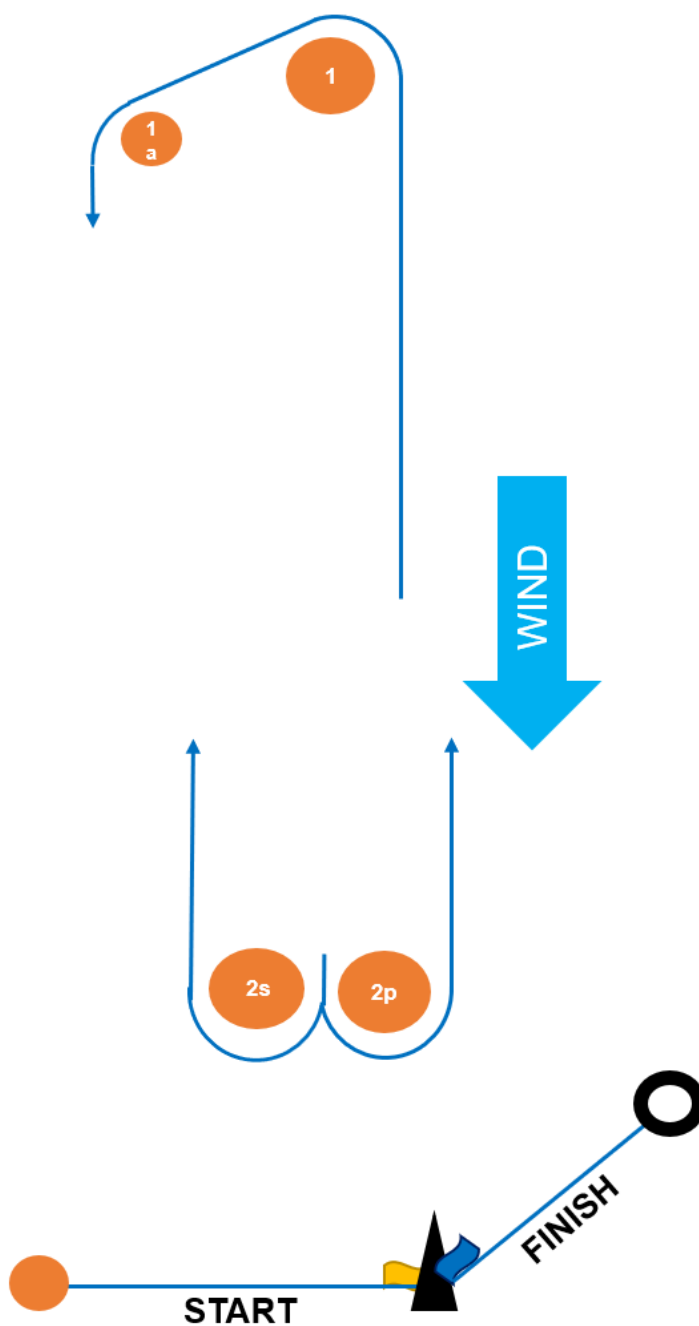
- The fact that the race committee conducts inspections, or not, of a board and equipment does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in the NOR and SIs.

### **23. INSURANCE**

- 23.1. Each participating competitor and coach/support boat driver shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10 million per incident or the equivalent.
- 23.2. Members of AWA through their respective state class association automatically have their coverage. AWA Membership of competitors will be checked at Registration.

## Attachment A – Windward Leeward Course Racing

Code	Course	Mark Description
L1	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – Finish	Marks 1, 2s & 2p: Yellow Inflatable
L2	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p - Finish	Mark 1a: Orange Teardrop
L3	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s – 2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p - Finish	Start Pin: Orange Teardrop Finish Pin: Black and White Inflatable



## Attachment 2 – Sprint Slalom Racing

Code	Course	Marks Description
S1	Start – 1 – 2 – 1 Finish	Marks 1,2: Yellow Inflatables
S2	Start – 1 – 2 – 1 – 2 – 1 - Finish	Start Pin: Orange Teardrop Finish Pin: Orange Teardrop

