



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2016 IFCA JUNIOR, YOUTH & MASTERS SLALOM EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

11th April to 16th April 2016
Almanarre Beach – Hyeres - France

Organised by:

Hyeres Windsurf Organisation

in co-operation with

International Funboard Class Association & Federation Francaise de Voile

An International Windsurfing Association sanctioned event *including*

**2016 IFCA JUNIOR SLALOM EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP
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[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the Jury.

[NP] denotes a rule which cannot be protested by a competitor.






1. Rules

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the “Experimental Slalom Competition Rules 2016” (ESCR).
- 1.2. The International Funboard Class Association (IFCA) Championship Rules shall apply.
- 1.3. No national prescriptions will apply.
- 1.4. In case of a discrepancy within the rules, these Sailing Instructions will take precedence.
- 1.5. If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will prevail.





2. Notice to Competitors

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) located on the beach in front of the competitor equipment area.

3. Changes to Sailing Instruction

- 3.1. Any change to the SI will be posted at least 30 minutes before the starting time of the race or races concerned. Changes affecting the schedule of the next day’s racing shall be posted not later than 60 minutes after the finish of the last scheduled heat or after AP    over A  is displayed whichever is later.
- 3.2. If oral instructions or changes to the sailing instructions will be given, the flag ICF “L”  shall be shown at least 5 minutes before the instructions or changes. Sufficient effort has to be made to inform all the competitors involved.

4. Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Official Flag Poles located on the beach in front of the competitor equipment area.
- 4.2. When flag AP    is displayed ashore, 1 minute is replaced with "not less than 15 minutes". This changes ESCR (race signals).
- 4.3. When flag Y  is displayed ashore, rule 40 applies at all times while afloat. This changes the Part 4 preamble.
- 4.4. If no division flags are shown the signals will apply to all divisions

5. Schedule of Races and Official Briefings

- 5.1. The daily skippers meeting will be held at 60 minutes before the first possible warning signal.
- 5.2. The time of the first possible Warning Signal will be at 11:00
- 5.3. The daily race schedule will be posted on the Official Notice board at least 30 minutes before the first start.
- 5.4. The schedule is subject to alteration
- 5.5. At the discretion of the Race Committee, races may be rescheduled.
- 5.6. To alert boats that an elimination or sequence of eliminations will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed at least five minutes before a warning

signal is made on the Race Committee Signal Boat on the windward end of the starting line with one sound

- 5.7. There will be a maximum of 4 eliminations per day
- 5.8. The numbering of the eliminations shall be in order of sailing

6. Division Flags

- 6.1. The division flags will be:
Junior Under 17
BOYS

Junior Under 17
BOYS



Blue background

Youth under 20
BOYS



Yellow background

Youth under 20
GIRLS (including
under 17)



Pink background

(Grand)Masters



White background

7. Racing area [DP] [NP]

- 7.1. The racing area will be illustrated on the ONB as an area extending 75 metre beyond the course including the finishing line and their extensions, in which a board normally sails while racing and 300 metre below the starting line. See appendix A
- 7.2. Boards not racing shall avoid the racing area.

8. Courses

- 8.1. The courses will be as illustrated on the ONB. The course diagram (not to scale) will be posted on the ONB at least 30 minutes before the start. Courses will be as prescribed in the IFWC & IFCA Championship Rules or variations of it.

9. Marks

- 9.1. The Course Marks will be orange cylindrical buoys.
- 9.2. The Starting marks will be the flagpole with the orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and a green cylindrical buoy.
- 9.3. The Finishing marks will be the flagpole with the blue flag on the Race Committee Finishing vessel or ashore and a yellow cylindrical buoy.


10. Areas that are Obstructions [DP] [NP]

- 10.1. The following areas are designated as obstructions:
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11. Starting

- 11.1. The starting line shall be illustrated on the course diagram
- 11.2. Slalom on water start; according to the IFCA Championship rules 6.1
- 11.3. Slalom beach start; according to the IFCA Championship rules 6.2
- 11.4. The starting signals will be shown from the Race Committee Signal Boat on the windward end of the starting line, seen in the direction of the first mark or from a flagpole windward of the starting line in case of a beach start.
- 11.5. Competitors whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 11.6. Boards failing to start within 2 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing.

12. Recalls

- 12.1. Slalom general recalls will be signalled:
 - In the heats 1-6 and the C- Final rule ESCR 29.a, does not apply. The IFC "X"  flag will be displayed at the finish vessel to inform the competitors there are one or more recalls in that heat. This modifies ESCR 29.
 - In the A-Final and B-Final in accordance with ESCR 29. (General recall)

13. Finish [DP] [NP]

- 13.1. The finishing line shall be illustrated on the course diagram.
- 13.2. All boards that have finished must keep clear of competitors still racing and the finish line and shall leave the racing area as soon as reasonably possible.

14. Time limits

- 14.1. The start time limit is 2 minutes after a valid start in the concerning heat.
- 14.2. Boards failing to finish within 5 minutes after the first board in her class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing,

15. Jury & Protests





- 15.1. An international jury (jury) will handle the slalom protests in accordance to ESCR 63.
- 15.2. Jury hearings can be held with one or two jury members

- 15.3. Protests and requests for redress need not be in writing; they shall be made orally to a member of the jury as soon as reasonably possible following the race. The jury shall take evidence in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate its decision orally. ESCR 63.6
- 15.4. The protestor shall make every reasonable effort to bring the protestee to the jury
- 15.5. The location of the Jury on the beach near competitor area will be signalled by a yellow flag marked "Jury".
- 15.6. Special attention will be for ESCR 61 ".....She shall inform the Race Committee of her intention to protest immediately after she finishes or retires"
- 15.7. Penalties for breaches of instructions marked with [DP] may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty will be DPI.
- 15.8. Breaches of instructions marked with [NP] will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule ESCR 60.1(a).
- 15.9. On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
- Within protest limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day
 - No later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.

16. Scoring

- 16.1. ESCR Appendix A applies.
- 16.2. IFCA Championship Rule 8.1.1 The Low Point system shall be used however the points for the first place shall be 0,7.

17. Safety Regulations [DP] [NP]

- 17.1. The safety of the sailboard and its entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the competitor racing the sailboard who must ensure that the sailboard is adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the race. Neither the establishment of these sailing instructions nor the inspection of the board under these conditions in any way limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the competitor for his/her board and entire management thereof. The race organizers, the race committee and the jury will not be responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury however caused to the competitors as a result of their taking part in the race or races.
- 17.2. Flotation devices: If personal buoyancy is prescribed, every competitor shall wear a personal flotation device that shall conform to the minimum standard ISO 12402-5 (Level 50).
- 17.3. If either one of the signals "N"  over H" , "N over A" , "AP"  over H" or "AP over A" is made on one or more RC vessels, boards shall return to the competitors area on the beach as soon as possible.
- 17.4. Competitors shall go afloat and ashore in the competitors area only.

18. Replacement of equipment [DP] [NP]

- 18.1. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the Race Committee. Request for substitution shall be made in writing at the first reasonable opportunity. Forms for replacement are available at the Race Office.

19. Equipment and measurement checks

- 19.1. A board or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class Rules and Sailing Instructions. On the water, a board can be instructed by the Race Committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

20. Event Advertising [DP] [NP]

- 20.1. Competitors are required to wear the advertising vest, provided by the organizer at the registration, while racing and training and on the race site. In case of loss or damage of the original Lycra vest a new Lycra vest can be collected at the race office. A refundable deposit of 25 euro shall be paid and returned if the spare Lycra vest is returned undamaged at the end of the event.
- 20.2. Competitors ranked first, second and third in the series at the beginning of that day, shall wear yellow, blue and red lycra and sailsticker respectively while racing.
- 20.3. The lycra vest shall be worn outside other clothing when going afloat for training or racing.

21. Shore Regulations [DP] [NP]

- 21.1. The instructions of the RC or the Beach master shall be strictly obeyed.
- 21.2. Unless otherwise directed by the organising authority, boards and equipment shall be launched and retrieved from the designated area at the event sit
- 21.3. Camping is only allowed in designated camping areas.

22. Trash disposal [DP] [NP]

- 22.1. Boards and support boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard of support- and race committee boats

23. Prizes & Titles

- 23.1. Trophies shall be awarded to the first three competitors of each properly constituted division,
- 23.2. The first Junior boy will be declared “2016 IFCA junior boy Slalom European Champion”.
- 23.3. The first Youth boy will be declared “2016 IFCA youth boy Slalom European Champion”.
- 23.4. The first Junior girl will be declared “2016 IFCA junior girl Slalom European Champion”.
- 23.5. The first Youth girl will be declared “2016 IFCA youth girl Slalom European Champion”.
- 23.6. The first Master men and women will be declared “2016 IFCA master Slalom European Champion”.

24. Disclaimer of Liability

- 24.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See 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.

25. Insurance

- 25.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 1.000.000 euro per incident or the equivalent.

26. Official Ceremonies

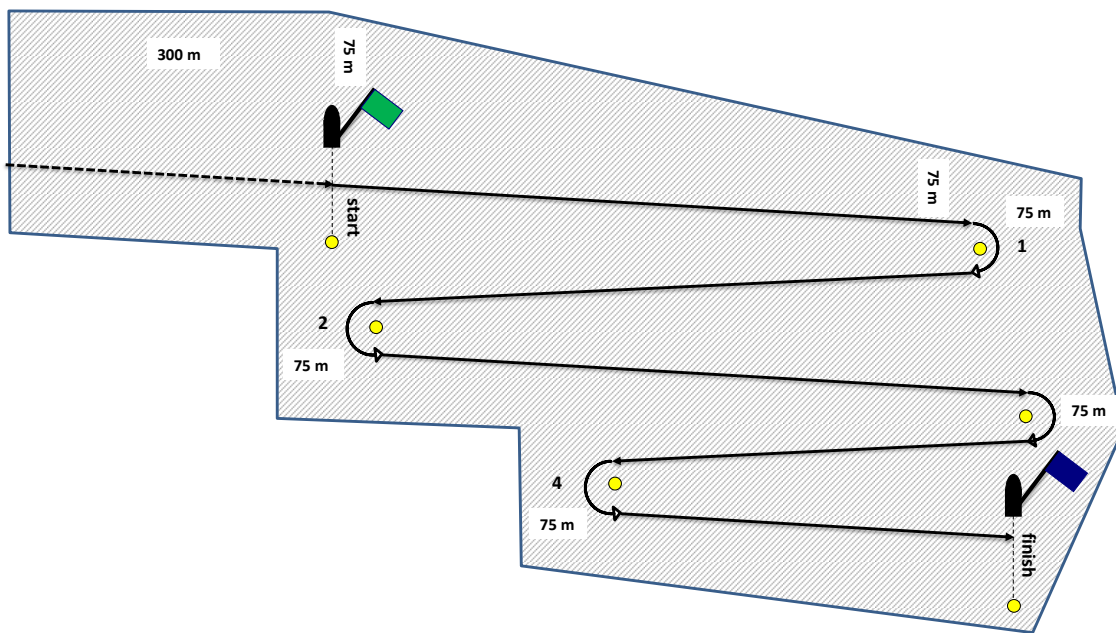
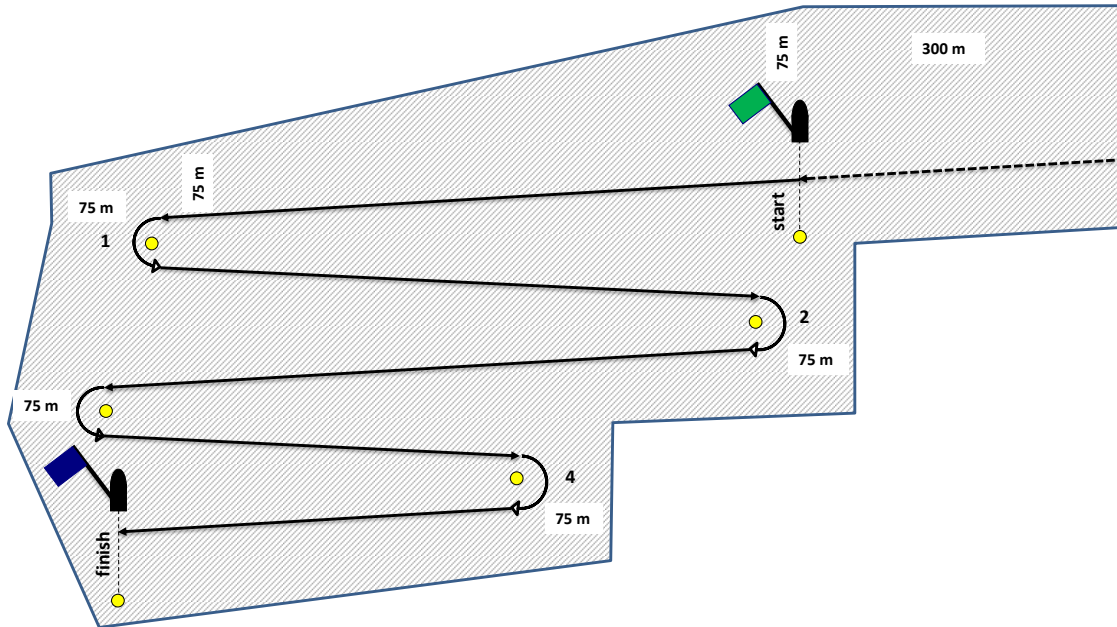
- 26.1. The attendance of all competitors to the opening and closing ceremonies are mandatory, however, the organising authority may refuse entry to those whose standard of attire is not commensurate with the occasion.

27. Officials

Race Organizer	Fabien Arnoux; FRA
Principal Race Officer	Bernard Laffond; FRA
IFCA Race Supervisor	Eric Kling, NED
Jury president	Walter Mielke, GER
Judges	Bruno de Wannemaeker, BEL Eric Kling (NED)

APPENDIX -A-

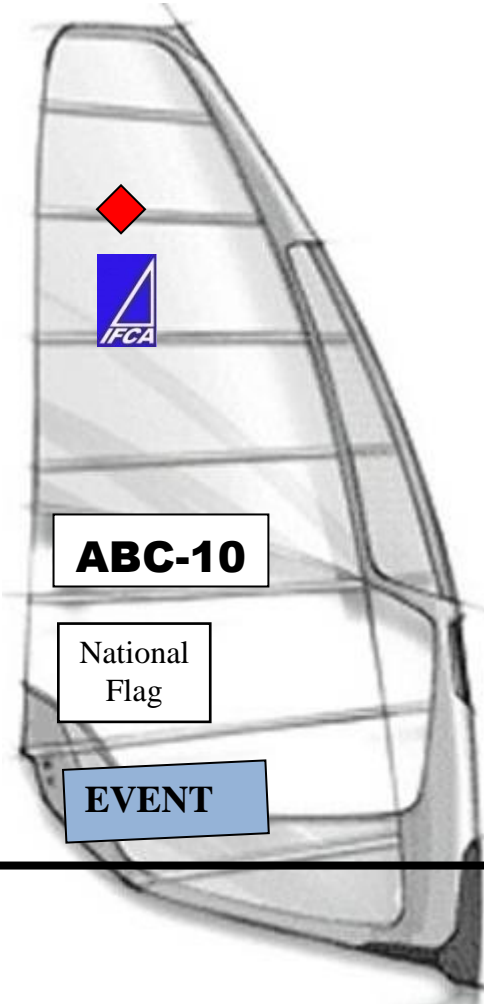
RESTRICTED AREAS:



The areas are defined as follows: not closer than 75 metres to any board racing (except a board in distress requiring assistance) or to a mark, layline or rumblin, and inside the course trapezoid. Until the starting signal boards NOT RACING and coach boats shall be at least 300 metres below the starting line or its extensions.

APPENDIX -B-

SAIL AREAS



If you dissect the sail above the boom into three parts, from the luff:

In the top third you have space for the red rhomboid (for women only) or (see class rules) the class insignia, the Board Manufacturer's name or logo

The middle third is where you place your national letters and sail numbers (and if required the national flag)

The lower third, and in the back half of that area, is the place reserved for event sponsors, maximum 0,4 square meter.

The rest of the sail (below the boom and the front half of the lower third above the boom and even above the sail numbers..) can be used for personal sponsors.