



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2017 IFCA YOUTH & MASTERS SLALOM WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

17th to 22nd April 2017

Almanarre Beach - Hyeres - France

<http://www.hyereswindsurf.fr/>

Organised by:

in co-operation with the

Hyeres Windsurf Organisation

An International Windsurfing Association sanctioned event *including*

2017 IFCA JUNIOR SLALOM CHAMPIONSHIP
2017 IFCA YOUTH SLALOM WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP
2017 IFCA MASTERS SLALOM WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP



[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 2017-2020” (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.
- 1.6. All rules mentioned above are available on www.ifcaclass.com


2. Notice to Competitors

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) located next to the Race Office.

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.
- 3.2. Changes affecting the schedule of the next day’s racing shall be posted
 - within the protest time limit or
 - before AP  over A  is displayed whichever is later.
- 3.3. 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 Race Office.
- 4.2. When flag AP  is displayed ashore, 1 minute is replaced with "not less than 15 minutes". This changes RRS (race signals).
- 4.3. If no class flags or racing area flags are shown the signals will apply to all classes and racecourses.

5. Schedule of Races and Official Briefings

- 5.1. The daily skippers meeting will be held at 10:00.
- 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 with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made on the Race Committee Signal Boat on the windward end of the starting line
- 5.7. There will be a maximum of 4 eliminations per day except for the divisions that sail in single fleets.
- 5.8. The numbering of the eliminations will be in order of sailing

6. Class Flags

6.1. Class flags will be:

Junior Boys



Blue with blue
IFCA logo

Girls



Pink with blue
IFCA logo

Youth Boys



Yellow with blue
IFCA logo

(Grand) masters



White with blue
IFCA logo

7. Racing area [DP] [NP]

7.1. The areas are:



MAP

- 7.2. Pink area: (Grand) masters and Girls
Black area Juniors and Youth
- 7.3. The racing area will be as 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 of these Sis.
- 7.4. Boards not racing shall avoid the racing area.

8. Courses

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 IFCA Slalom Championship Rules or variations of it.


9. Marks

- 9.1. The marks will be:

Mark	Course	
	Pink	Black
Course marks	Red cylindrical buoys	Yellow square buoys
Starting marks	The Race Committee Signal Boat and a green buoy	
Finishing marks	The Race Committee finishing vessel and a greenbuoy	The Race Committee finishing vessel and a checkered mark

10. Starting


- 10.1. The starting line will be between the flagpole with the orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and the starting mark.
- 10.2. Slalom on water start; according to ESCR 26.1

- 10.3. Slalom beach start; according to ESCR 26.2
- 10.4. 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.
- 10.5. Competitors whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 10.6. Boards failing to start within 2 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes ESCR 63.1, A4 and A5
- 10.7. A repetitive sound signals will be given when flag “1st substitute”  (general recall) is displayed. This changes RRS Race Signals

11. Recalls [NP]

- 11.1. Recalls will be according ESCR 29

12. Finish [DP] [NP]

- 12.1. The finishing line will be between the flagpole with the checkered flag  on the Race Committee Finishing Boat and the finishing mark
- 12.2. All boards that have finished shall keep clear of competitors still racing and the finish line and shall leave the racing area as soon as reasonably possible.

13. Time limits

- 13.1. The start time limit is 2 minutes after a valid start in the concerning heat.
- 13.2. Boards failing to finish within 3 minutes after the first board in her class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes ESCR 63.1, A4 and A5.

14. Protest Committee & Protests

- 14.1. An International Jury (Jury) will handle the slalom protests
- 14.2. Jury hearings can be held with one or two Jury members.
Protests and requests for redress shall be made orally to a member of the Jury as soon as reasonably possible after the competitor finished the race.
- 14.3. The protestor shall make every reasonable effort to bring the protestee to the Jury.
- 14.4. The location of the Jury on the beach near competitor area will be signalled by a Yellow flag marked “JURY”.
- 14.5. Special attention will be for ESCR 61.1 “...She shall also inform the Race Committee and the other board of her intention to protest as soon as practicable after she finishes or retires.”






15. Scoring

- 15.1. ESCR Appendix A applies.

16. Safety Regulations [DP] [NP]

- 16.1. 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 International 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.

- 16.2. Flotation devices: When flag “Y”  is displayed, every competitor shall wear a personal flotation device that shall conform to the minimum standard ISO 12402-5 (Level 50).
- 16.3. 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.
- 16.4. Competitors shall go afloat and ashore in the competitors’ area only on the beach in front of the club.

17. Replacement of equipment [DP] [NP]

- 17.1. 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.

18. Equipment and measurement checks [DP] [NP]

- 18.1. An Online Equipment Inspection Form shall be completed by each competitor and submitted before the end of registration on Monday April 17th 17:00 hrs.
- 18.2. 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.
- 18.3. National letters and numbers: Penalties for breaches of ESCR appendix G may be less than disqualification.

19. Event Advertising [DP] [NP]

- 19.1. 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.
- 19.2. The lycra vest shall be worn outside other clothing when going afloat for training or racing.

20. Shore Regulations [DP] [NP]

- 20.1. The instructions of the RC or the Beach master shall be strictly obeyed.
- 20.2. Unless otherwise directed by the organising authority, boards and equipment shall be launched and retrieved from the designated area at the event site.

21. Trash disposal [DP] [NP]

- 21.1. Trash may be placed aboard of support- and race committee boats

22. Prizes & Titles

- 22.1. Trophies shall be awarded to the first three competitors of each properly constituted division, with a minimum of 5 competitors
- 22.2. The first Junior boy and girl will be declared - “**2017 IFCA Junior Slalom Champion**”.
- 22.3. The first Youth girl will be declared - “**2017 IFCA Youth Girls Slalom Champion**”
- 22.4. The first Youth boy will be declared - “**2017 IFCA Youth Slalom World Champion**”.
- 22.5. The first Master man or woman will be declared - “**2017 IFCA Masters Slalom World Champion**”.

23. Disclaimer of Liability

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

24. Insurance

- 24.1. 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.

25. Official Ceremonies

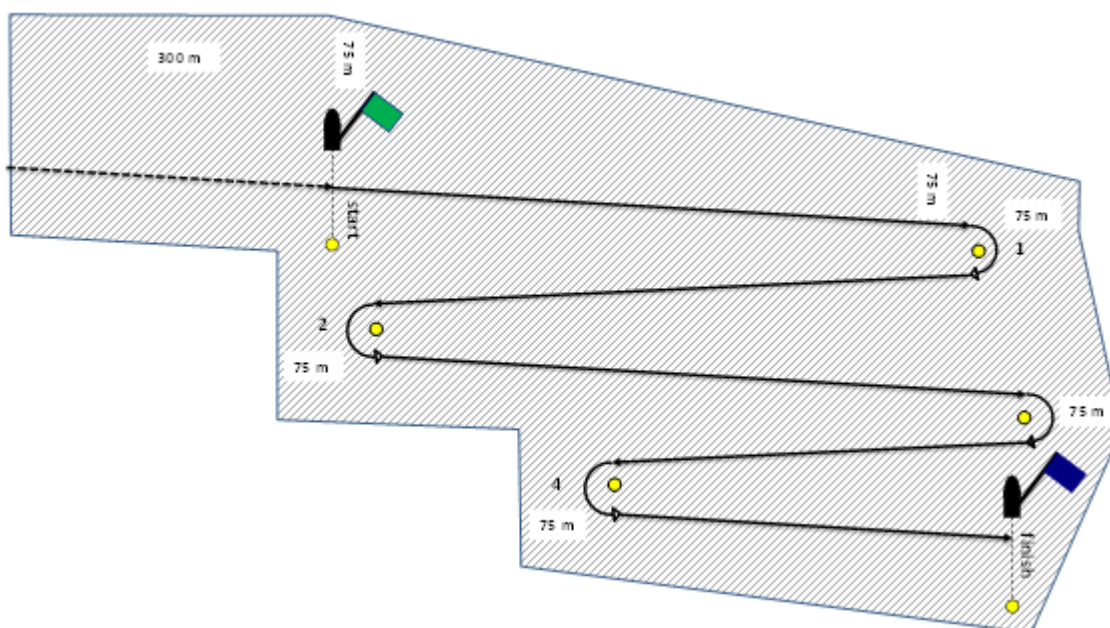
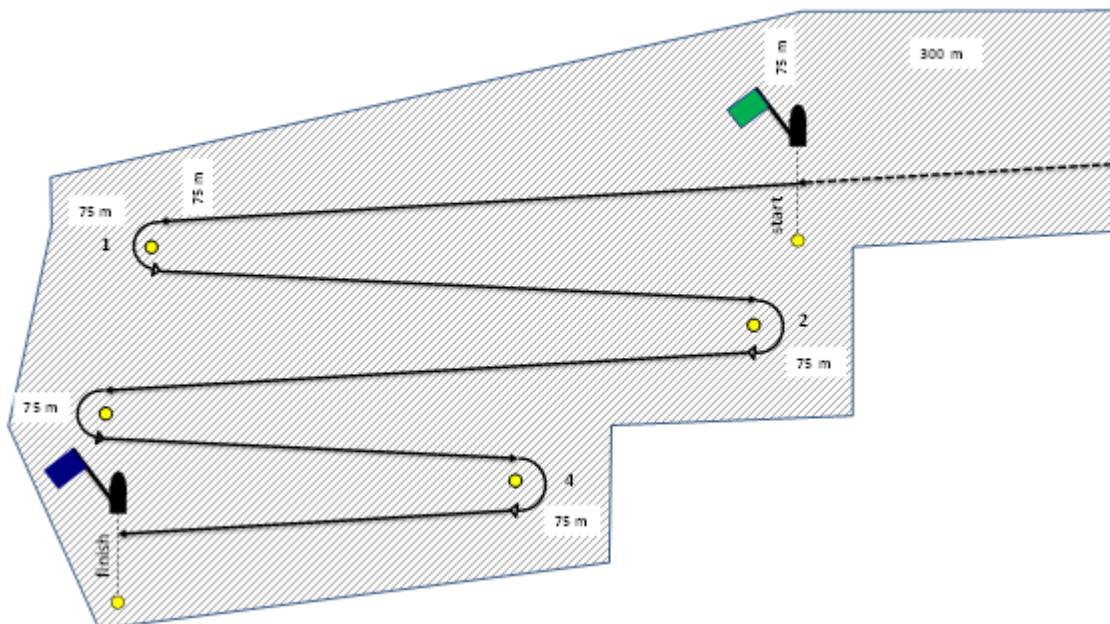
- 25.1. The attendance of all competitors to the opening and closing ceremonies are mandatory, however, the organising authority may refuse entry to those whose standard of attire is not commensurate with the occasion.

26. Officials

Race Organizer	Hyeres Windsurf Organisation
Organizer Representative	Fabien Arnoux (FRA)
Principal Race Officer	Bernard Laffond (FRA)
Race officer pink course	Bernard Laffond (FRA)
Race officer black course	Anthony Riqueaut (FRA)
IFCA Representative	Eric Kling (NED)
International Jury Chairman	Walter Mielke (IJ-GER)
International Jury members	Bernadette Delbard (IJ-FRA) Bruno De Wannemaeker (IJ-BEL) Peter Lamass (NJ-FRA) Eric Kling (NJ-NED)
Measurer	Bruno De Wannemaeker (BEL)
IFCA Media Rep	Ruben Petrisie (NED)

APPENDIX -A-

RACING 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.