



# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

## 2015

## IFCA SLALOM WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Westerland / Sylt - Germany

**Organised by:**

**Choppy Water GmbH** in co-operation with the  
**German Windsurfing Association e.V. (GWA)** and

**Formula Windsurfing Verein Kiel e.V. (FWVK)**

An International Windsurfing Association sanctioned event *including*

2015 IFCA SLALOM WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP  
2015 IFCA WOMEN SLALOM 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 Racing Rules of Sailing including Appendix B of these sailing instructions.
- 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 the changes to the rules are in appendix B of these sailing instructions.





## **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.
- 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 RRS (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. 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.
- 4.5. 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 10:00
- 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 except for the divisions that sail in single fleets.
- 5.8. The numbering of the eliminations shall be in order of sailing

## 6. Class Flags

- 6.1. Class flags will be:

Men



Women



## 7. Racing area [DP] [NP]

- 7.1. 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.
- 7.2. 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 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 yellow cylindrical buoy.
- 9.3. The Finishing marks will be the flagpole with the blue flag on the Race Committee Finishing vessel or ashore and an orange cylindrical buoy.


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

- 10.1. The following areas are designated as obstructions:
  - Jetties are marked with a yellow cross at the beach

## **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. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5
- 11.7. A repetitive sound signals will be given when flag “1st substitute”  (general recall) is displayed. This changes RRS Race Signals

## **12. Recalls**

- 12.1. Slalom general recalls will be signalled:
  - In the first 2 rounds and the C and D- Finals in accordance with RRS 30.3, without displaying the black flag. The “X”  flag will be displayed at the finish vessel to inform the competitors there are one or more recalls in that heat. This modifies RRS 30.3.
  - The A- and B-finals and the semi-finals in accordance with RRS B10-29

## **13. Finish [DP] [NP]**

- 13.1. The finishing line shall be illustrated on the course diagram.
- 13.2. 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.

## **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. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

## **15. Protest Committee & Protests**





- 15.1. An international jury (jury) will handle the slalom protests in accordance to RRS B10-63.
- 15.2. Protest Committee hearings can be held with one or two protest committee members.
- 15.3. Protests and requests for redress shall be made orally to a member of the jury as soon as reasonably possible following the race. The protest committee shall take evidence in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate its decision orally. RRS B10-63.6
- 15.4. The protestor shall make every reasonable effort to bring the protestee to the jury
- 15.5. The location of the protest committee on the beach near competitor area will be signalled by a white flag marked “Jury”.
- 15.6. Special attention will be for RRS B5-61 “.....The competitor shall inform the Race Committee of her intention to protest immediately while she finishes by raising one arm and hailing PROTEST or the Protest Committee if he/she 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 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. RRS Appendix A and RRS B10 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 protest committee 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 [DP] [NP]

- 19.1. A “Equipment Inspection Form” shall be filled out online through the IFCA eventsite before the first skippers meeting.
- 19.2. 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.
- 19.3. National letters: Penalties for breaches of RRS B 9 may be less than disqualification.

## **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, with a minimum of 5 comptitors
- 23.2. The Men winner shall be declared: “2015 Slalom World Champion”.
- 23.3. The Women winner shall be declared: “2015 IFCA Women Slalom Champion”.
- 23.4. A Prize Fund of 15,000 euro (net of taxes) shall be distributed according to IFCA Championship Rules.

## **24. Disclaimer of Liability**

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

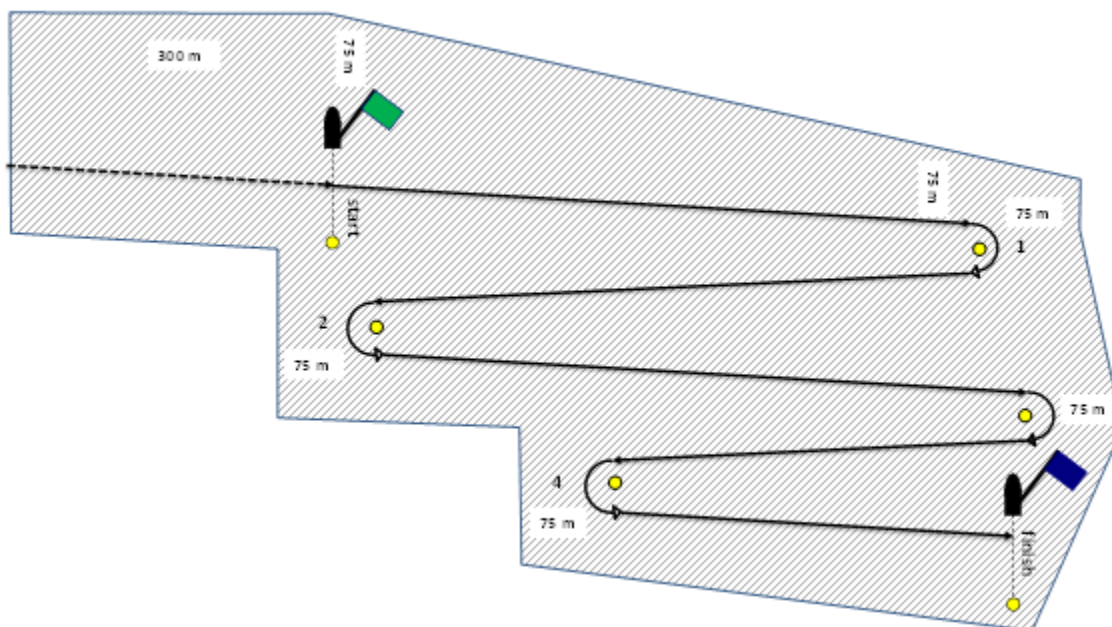
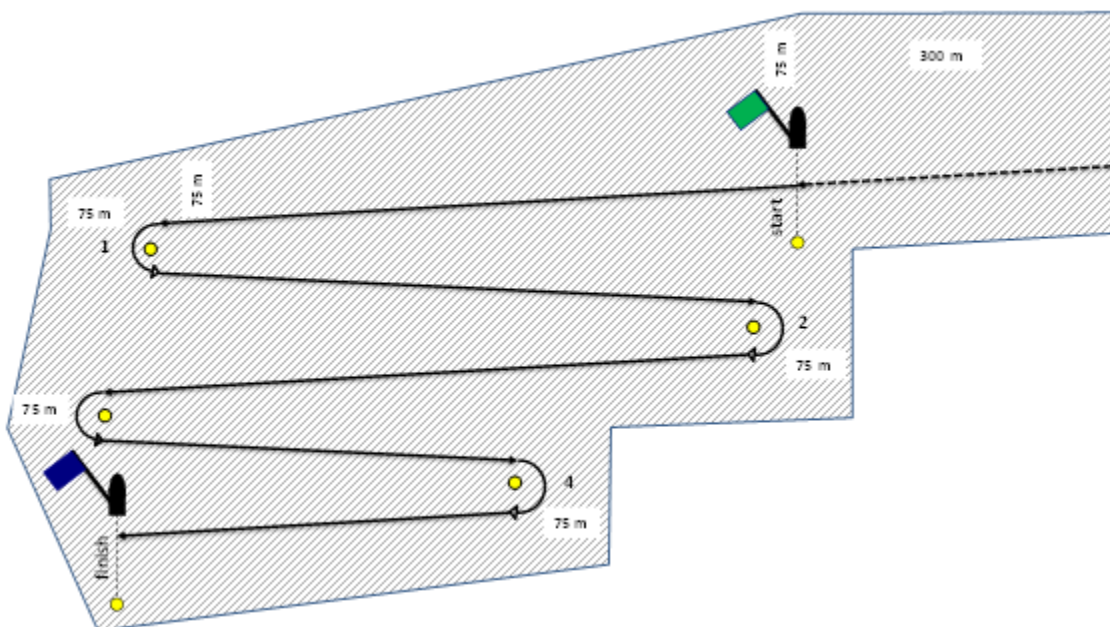
**27. Officials**

Race Organizer	Choppy Water Matthias Regber, GER
Principal Race Officer	Holger Lass, GER
IFCA Race Supervisor	Eric Kling, NED
Jury president	Walter Mielke, GER
Judges	Cesar Sans, ESP
	Bruno De Wannemaeker, BEL
	Eric Kling, NED
	Uli Gasch, GER
International Measurer	Bruno De Wannemaeker, BEL
IFCA Media Rep	Ruben Petrisie, NED

APPENDIX -A-

# RACING AREAS:

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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-

# Changes of Racing Rules of Sailing

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## B10 CHANGES TO RULES FOR EVENTS THAT INCLUDE ELIMINATION SERIES

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For a race in an elimination series that will qualify a board to compete in a later stage of the event (like slalom, border cross, short track, freestyle, wave performance, etc...) the next new or changed definitions and rules apply.

### **CHANGES TO THE DEFINITIONS**

The definitions: *About to Round or Pass*, *Capsize*, *Keep Clear*, *Proper Course* and *Room*, are deleted and replaced by:

***Rounding or Passing*** A board is *rounding or passing* a *mark* or an *obstruction* from the time when her *proper course* is to begin to manoeuvre to round or pass it, until the *mark* or *obstruction* has been rounded or passed.

***Capsized*** A board is *capsized* when the competitor is water starting or the competitor being separated from the board or the board slows down significantly due to her sail being in the water.

***Keep Clear*** A board *keeps clear* of another board when the last one can sail her *proper course* including the manoeuvre for *rounding or passing* a *mark* or *obstruction* with no need to take avoiding action.

***Proper Course*** A course a board would sail to complete the course prescribed in the sailing instructions and *finish* as soon as possible in the absence of the other boards referred to in the *rules* using the term.

***Room*** The space a board needs in the existing conditions to sail her *proper course* to a *mark* or an *obstruction* and space to manoeuvre when *rounding or passing* this *mark* or *obstruction* including space to gybe, if it is a part of the manoeuvre.

### **Add new definitions:**

***Inside/Outside board*** *Inside* board is the closest board to a *mark* or an *obstruction* or which *proper course* to to the next *mark* or *obstruction* is the closest to it. The other board is the *outside* board.

***Serious damage*** A damage which worses the performance of a board.

The next definition is deleted: ***Mark-room***

## **CHANGE TO THE RULES OF PART 1**

Add new rule 7:

### **7 LAST POINT OF CERTAINTY**

When there is a doubt as to relationship or change of relationship between boards, the last point of certainty will apply.

## **CHANGES TO THE RULES OF PART 2**

### **WHEN BOARDS MEET**

*The rules of Part 2 apply between boards that are sailing in or near the racing area and intend to **race**, or are **racing**, or have been **racing**. However a board not **racing** shall not be penalized for breaking one of this rules, except rule 14 when the incident resulted in injury, capsize or serious damage or rule 24.*

*When rules 23 or 24 apply, the other rules in Part 2 do not.*

**Next rules are deleted and replaced by:**

### **11 ON THE SAME TACK, OVERLAPPED**

When a board *clear astern* becomes *overlapped* of board on the same leg of the course, until they remain *overlapped* the overtaking board shall *keep clear* and the overtaken board shall not change course if as a result the other board would need to take action to avoid contact.

The *inside* board is entitled to *room*.

### **12 ON THE SAME TACK, NOT OVERLAPPED**

When boards are on the same tack and not *overlapped*, the board *clear astern* shall *keep clear* of a board *clear ahead* which is entitled to *room*.

### **14 AVOIDING CONTACT**

A board shall avoid contact with another board if reasonably possible but no board shall be penalized under this rule unless there is contact that causes injury, capsize or serious damage.

### **16 CHANGING COURSE OR SPEED**

When a right-of-way board changes course or speed, she shall give the other board room to keep clear.

### **18. ROUNDING/PASSING MARK OR OBSTRUCTION**

**18.1** When an *inside* board or a board *clear ahead* begins *rounding/passing a mark* or *obstruction*, the *outside* board or the board *clear astern* at that moment shall thereafter give her *room*.

**18.2** When an *inside* board must gybe at the mark to sail her *proper course*, until she gybes she shall sail not farther from the *mark* than needed to sail that course.

### **21 EXONERATION**

When a board is sailing within the *room* to which she is entitled, she shall be exonerated if, in an incident with a board required to give her *room*, she breaks a rule of Part 2.

### 23. CAPSIZE OR AGROUND; RESCUING

**23.1** If possible, a board shall avoid a board that is *capsized* or has not regain control after *capsizing*, is aground, or is trying to help a person or vessel in danger.

**23.2** A board that is *capsized* or aground shall not interfere with another board.

### 24 INTERFERING WITH ANOTHER BOARD

**24.1** A board not *racing* shall not interfere with a board that is *racing* and shall not sail in the course area defined in the sailing instructions when races are taking place except when the race is her own. A board that breaks this rule shall be penalized without a hearing and her penalty shall apply to the race sailed nearest to the time of the incident.

**24.2** A board taking a penalty shall keep clear of one that is not.

**24.3** During the last 30 seconds before her starting signal a board that changes course, stops, slows down or is not making significant forward progress shall keep clear of all others, except when accidentally *capsized*.

**24.4** During the last 10 seconds before her starting signal a board shall not prevent another board to sail to and cross the starting line. Infringement of this rule may result in a penalty under rule 2.

**The next rules are deleted:** 13, 15, 16.2, 17, 19, 20, 22 the titles and the preambles of Sections A, and C of Part 2.

### CHANGES TO THE RULES OF PART 3, 4 and 5

Rule 26 is changed for slalom starts to:

26.1 Starts on water

(a) Races shall be started by using the following signals. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

<i>Minutes before start signal</i>	<i>Visual signal</i>	<i>Sound signal</i>	<i>Means</i>
Not less than 3	Heat number	None	
3	Class flag	One	Attention signal
2	Red flag; Class flag removed	One	Warning signal
1	Yellow flag; Red flag removed	One	Preparatory signal
½	Yellow flag removed	One	Half minute
0	Green flag	One	Starting start

(b) Rabbit start

In the case of a rabbit start signals can be used to show the approximate time of the start. The Rabbit can start his upwind run at any moment during the last 30 seconds.

26.2 Beach Start

26.2.1 The starting stations shall be numbered so that station 1 is the most windward one.

The position of the competitors on the starting grid is according the position in the heat or by drawing. The first on station 1, the second on station 2, etc.

26.2.2 After boards have been called to take their positions, the race committee shall make the preparatory signal by displaying a red flag with one sound. The starting signal shall be made, at any time after the preparatory signal, by removing the red flag with one sound.

26.2.3 After the starting signal each board shall take the shortest route from her starting station to the water and then her beach start position without interfering other boards. Part 2 rules will apply when both of the competitor's feet are on the board.

Add new rule 29 (d)

29 (d) Act as state in the sailing instructions.

Remove the preamble of Rule 37

Change rule 62.1(b)

Replace 'injury or physical damage' with 'injury, capsize or serious damage'

Add new rule 70.7

70.7 Appeals are not permitted in disciplines and formats with elimination series.

**Delete rules:** 28.2, 32, 36, 37.4(c)(d), 42, 43.2, 44.3, 45-52, 54, 61.2, 61.3, 62.1(e), 62.2, 66, 67 and 71.