



Notice of Race & Sailing Instructions

2026 IFCA FOIL SLALOM EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

July 15th – July 19th 2026

St Peter-Ording, North Sea, Germany

<https://www.ifcaclass.com/events/2026-events/2026-ifca-slalom-foil-europeans/>

Organised by:

Choppy Water GmbH

in co-operation with

International Funboard Class Association

An International Windsurfing Association sanctioned event



1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the [Windsurfing Slalom Racing Rules \(WSRR\)](#) and the [IFCA Championship Rules](#).
- 1.2 No national prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.4 In all rules governing this regatta:
 - a. [SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee or technical committee without a hearing, or a discretionary penalty applied by the International Jury with a hearing. This changes WSRR 63 and A5.
 - b. [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a board. This changes RRS 60.1.
- 1.5 Supplemental Sailing Instructions (SSI) will be published at least one hour before the first possible warning signal. The SSI may change or supplement rules in these NoR/SI
- 1.6 In case of a discrepancy within the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions and the Supplemental Sailing instructions, the Supplemental Sailing Instructions will take precedence.

2 DIVISIONS

- 2.1
 - a. The Championships are open for the Foil division
 - b. In case the conditions are not suitable for the Foil racing, races for the Fin division will be held which will not count for the European Championship.
 - c. If conditions are too radical for suitable foil or fin racing, a 'fun' wave race will be held without prize money.
- 2.2 **Age Divisions**
 - a. A Youth shall be under the age of 21 (born in or after 2006).
 - b. A Junior shall be under the age of 17 (born in or after 2010).
 - c. A Master shall be over the age of 40 (born in or before 1985).
 - d. A Grand Master shall be over the age of 50 (born in or before 1975)
 - e. A legend shall be over the age of 60 (born in or before 1965)
- 2.3 A minimum of 3 competitors is required to constitute a prize division.
- 2.4 **Title Divisions** (official titles)
 - a. IFCA Foil Slalom Men
 - b. IFCA Foil Slalom Women

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 All entries shall meet the requirements of World Sailing Regulation 19-Eligibility Code.

- 3.2 Competitors shall be members of a National Class Association which is a paid up member of the international class association, or of the IWA.
- 3.3 Eligible competitors may [enter online](#) - credit/debit card or bank transfer payment required. **Online entry will close on July 9th.**
- 3.4 An entry is not **valid** until the entry fee is paid.
- 3.5 The maximum number of entries for each division is 80.
- 3.6 Entries will be accepted in the order that a **valid** entry (with payment) is received. When the maximum number of **valid** entries is received, further entries will not be accepted.
- 3.7 The following shall be presented upon registration:
- a. Evidence of valid third party insurance
 - b. Proof of age
 - c. [Parental Permission Form](#) – for those under the age of 18
 - d. For **Italian competitors only**: All Italian competitors shall have a valid card of the Italian Sailing Federation which includes a valid medical certificate and the AICW membership card

4 FEES

- 4.1 The entry fee is: 230 euro; except Youth - 200 euro.
- 4.2 A discount of 30 euro applies for entries received before **June 15th.**
- 4.3 Late entries accepted at registration will be surcharged 20 euro.
- 4.4 Entry fees paid at registration shall be paid in cash (euro).
- 4.5 Entry fees paid by bank transfer to:
Account Name: The International Windsurfing Association
IBAN: BE16 9671 7092 4874
SWIFTBIC: TRWIBEB1XXX
Please include "IFCAECFOIL" in your payment advice and e-mail confirmation of payment to: iwaoffice@internationalwindsurfing.com

5 RACE FORMAT

- 5.1 The Championship shall be: a FOIL slalom racing 'open entry'
- 5.2 In case the conditions are not suitable for the Foil racing,(wind, waves, shorebreak etc) races for the Fin division will be held which will not count for the European Championship.
For this event, Championship Rule 9 shall be interpreted in light of the fact that this is a Foil Slalom European Championship. Accordingly, Foil Slalom shall have priority whenever the Class Representative, after consultation with the Principal Race Officer, considers the conditions suitable for safe and fair racing, even if wind strengths exceed those stated in Championship Rule 9.

- 5.3 [NP] The IFCA class representative will decide if the conditions are suitable for Foil racing. His decision is no ground for a redress
- 5.4 Men and women may race together.
- 5.5 There will be a maximum of 4 eliminations per day except for the divisions that sail in single fleets for whom 8 races per day is the maximum.
- 5.6 One completed elimination, including both A and B finals, is required to validate a division in the event.

6 SCHEDULE

6.1	Monday, July 13th	15.00 – 17.00	Arrivals and Training
6.2	Tuesday, July 14th		Arrivals and Training
		15.00-17.00	Registration
	Wednesday, July 15th	10.00	First possible warning signal
		18.00	Opening Ceremony
	Thursday, July 16th to Sunday July 19th	10.00>	First possible warning signal
	Sunday July 19th	15.00	Last possible warning signal of a heat
		17.00	Awards Ceremony
	Monday, July 20th		Departure

- 6.3 There will be a daily **skipper meeting** 1 hour before the first possible warning signal of that day.
- 6.4 The starting schedule will be posted on the Official Notice board at least 20 minutes before the first warning signal of the elimination involved.
- 6.5 The schedule is subject to alteration.
- 6.6 At the discretion of the Race Committee, races may be rescheduled.
- 6.7 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.
- 6.8 The numbering of the eliminations will be in order of sailing, except if an elimination is abandoned after it has been sailed.

7 **EQUIPMENT & EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**

[SP] [DP]

- 7.1 [SP] An **Online Equipment Registration Form shall be completed** by each competitor and submitted before the end of registration on July 14th at 17:00.
- 7.2 [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made in writing at the first reasonable opportunity. Forms for replacement are available at the Race Office.
- 7.3 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.
- 7.4 [SP] National letters and numbers: Penalties for breaches of WSRR appendix G may be less than disqualification. The penalty for a breach of this SI will be 1 point for every race.

8 **NOTICE TO THE COMPETITORS**

- 8.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) in front of the Raceoffice.
- 8.2 The seeding will be published at least 20 minutes before the starting time of the race or races concerned.
- 8.3 The seeding and scoring will be published in the IFCA scoring program. A QR code will be posted on the Official Noticeboard.
- 8.4 Complementary information will be published on an event Whatsapp group. This information is informal and no ground for a redress. A QR code for this Whatsapp group will be published on the Official Noticeboard.

9 **CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 9.1 Any change to the SI or SSI will be posted at least 20 minutes before the starting time of the race or races concerned.
- 9.2 Changes affecting the schedule of the next day's racing shall be posted before AP  over A  is displayed.
- 9.3 If oral instructions or changes to the sailing instructions will be given on the water, 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.

10 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 10.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Official Flag Poles located on the beach near the launching area.
- 10.2 When flag AP  is displayed ashore, 1 minute is replaced with "not less than 20 minutes". This changes WSRR Race Signals.
- 10.3 [NP] [SP] When flag D  is displayed ashore with one sound signal, competitors shall not leave the shore.
- 10.4 When flag FOIL is displayed the next start will be in the foil division



- 10.5 When flag FIN is displayed the next start will be in the fin division



11 CLASS FLAGS

- 11.1 The class flags will be prescribed in the SSI

12 RACING AREA AND COURSES [SP] [NP]

- 12.1 The racing area will be as illustrated in Appendix – A and defined as follows:
 - a. At least 75 meters from any board racing (except a board in distress requiring assistance) or to a mark, finish line or lay line.
 - b. From the attention signal until the starting signal at least 300 metres from the preside of the starting line.
- 12.2 Courses will be as prescribed in the IFCA Slalom Championship Rules or variations of it. The course diagram (not to scale) will be posted on the ONB at least 20 minutes before the start of the heats to which it applies.
- 12.3 [SP] Boards whose warning signal has not been given and support vessels shall avoid the racing area.
- 12.4 [SP] The restricted areas, if any, will be prescribed in the SSI

13 MARKS

- 13.1 The marks will be prescribed in the SSI

14 **START**

- 14.1 The starting line will be between the flagpole with the orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and the starting mark.
- 14.2 Start on water; according to WSRR 26.1
- 14.3 Start from beach; according to WSRR 26.2
- 14.4 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 to windward of the starting line in case of a beach start.

15 **RECALLS [NP]**

- 15.1 Recalls will be signalled in accordance with WSRR 29.1

16 **FINISH [SP] [NP]**

- 16.1 The finishing line will be between the finishing mark and a pole with a checkered flag.



- 16.2 [SP] All boards that have finished shall keep clear of competitors still racing and shall leave and clear the racing area as soon as reasonably possible.
- 16.3 When flag H  is displayed on the finish line boards shall go ashore for more information after finishing.

17 **TIME LIMITS**

- 17.1 Boards failing to start within 1 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes WSRR 63.1, A4 and A5.
- 17.2 Boards failing to finish within 3 minutes after the first board in their heat has sailed the course and finished will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes WSRR 63.1, A4 and A5.

18 **JURY AND PROTESTS**

- 18.1 An International Jury shall be appointed in accordance with ESCR Appendix N. There shall be no appeal against their decisions.
- 18.2 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.
- 18.3 The protestor shall make every reasonable effort to bring the protestee and the witnesses if any, to the jury.
- 18.4 The location of the jury will be as prescribed in the SSI and will be signaled by a white flag with "JURY".

JURY

- 18.5 Special attention will be for WSRR 61.1: “The protesting board shall inform the other board at the first reasonable opportunity. She shall also inform the race committee on the finishing line of her intention to protest as soon as practicable after she finishes or retires and shall inform the protestee.”

19 SCORING

- 19.1 WSRR Appendix A applies.

- 19.2 WSRR A.4.1 is changed in:

A.4.1 Each board, except board given redress, shall be scored points as follows:

<i>Finishing place</i>	<i>Points</i>
First	0,7
Second	2
Third	3
Fourth	4
Fifth	5
Each place thereafter	Add 1 point

20 SAFETY REGULATIONS [SP] [NP]

- 20.1 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.
- 20.2 [SP] 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).
- 20.3 [SP] 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 reasonably possible.
- 20.4 [SP] Competitors shall go afloat and ashore in the competitors' area only on the beach in front of the Race office.
- 20.5 [SP] For men and women helmets are mandatory in the Foil division (see Class rule C.3.2)
- 20.6 [SP] For youth and junior helmets are mandatory in the Foil and Fin division (see Class rule C.3.2)
- 20.7 All participants are advised to wear an impact vest.

21 EVENT ADVERTISING [SP] [NP]

- 21.1 Sailors may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority. World Sailing Regulation 20 - 'Advertising Code' shall apply.
- 21.2 [SP] Competitors are required to wear the advertising bib, as provided by the organizer at the registration, while racing, training and on the race site. In case of loss or damage of the original bib a new bib can be collected at the race office. A refundable deposit of 20 euros shall be paid and returned if the spare bib is returned undamaged at the end of the event.
- 21.3 [SP] The bib shall be worn outside other clothing when going afloat for training or racing.
- 21.4 [SP] Organizers sail stickers are mandatory on all sails while racing. The sticker shall not be cut or adopted in any way.
- 21.5 [SP] The IFCA class stickers are mandatory on all sails at all times during the event.

22 SHORE REGULATIONS [DP] [NP] [SP]

- 22.1 [DP] The instructions of the RC or the Beach master shall be strictly obeyed.

23 TRASH DISPOSAL [DP] [NP]

- 23.1 While afloat, trash may be placed on board support and race committee boats.

24 COACHES & SUPPORT BOATS

- 24.1 Coaches and support boats shall be registered at the Race Office.
- 24.2 Support boat drivers shall have a valid boat license and third party liability insurance.

- 24.3 Team leaders, coaches and other support persons shall stay outside the racing area
- 24.4 Support boats shall be marked as follows:
- a. the three-letter NOC code shall be clearly displayed on both sides of the boat in strongly contrasting colors at all times while afloat;
 - b. the minimum height for the letters shall be 200 mm. The letters will not be provided by the Organizing Authority.

25 PRIZES

- 25.1 Prizes shall be awarded to the top 3 competitors in each properly constituted division.
- 25.2 The first Foil Slalom Men will be declared - **“2026 IFCA Foil Slalom Men European Champion”**.
- 25.3 The first Foil Slalom Women will be declared - **“2026 IFCA Foil Slalom Women European Champion”**.
- 25.4 There will be a **40.000 euro** euro prize fund, to be distributed as per Appendix A of the IFCA Championship Rules for the Foil division and Fin division with a **maximum of 15.000** for the Fin division.
- 25.5 There may be additional prizes for Junior U17, Masters, Grandmasters or Legend, depending on the number of participants
- 25.6 There will be **additional prize money for special rankings**. Information will be published in the SSI.

26 OFFICIAL CEREMONIES

Competitors are requested to attend the event's social functions; however, the organising authority may refuse entry to those whose standard of attire is not commensurate with the occasion. **Prize winners may forfeit prizes for non-attendance at the prize giving ceremony.**

27 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk, see ESCR 4 - Decision to Race. The organising authority or any of their officials or representatives or the sponsors or their officials or representatives 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.

28 INSURANCE

Each participating competitor/support boat driver shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 1,500,000 euro per event or the equivalent.

29 RIGHT TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

In registering for the event, competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority the right in perpetuity to make, use and show from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproduction of them, taken during the period of the event, for the said Event as defined in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions in which he/she participates without compensation.

30 FURTHER INFORMATION

20.1 Registration will be in the race office located at the club regatta office.

20.2 For further information contact:

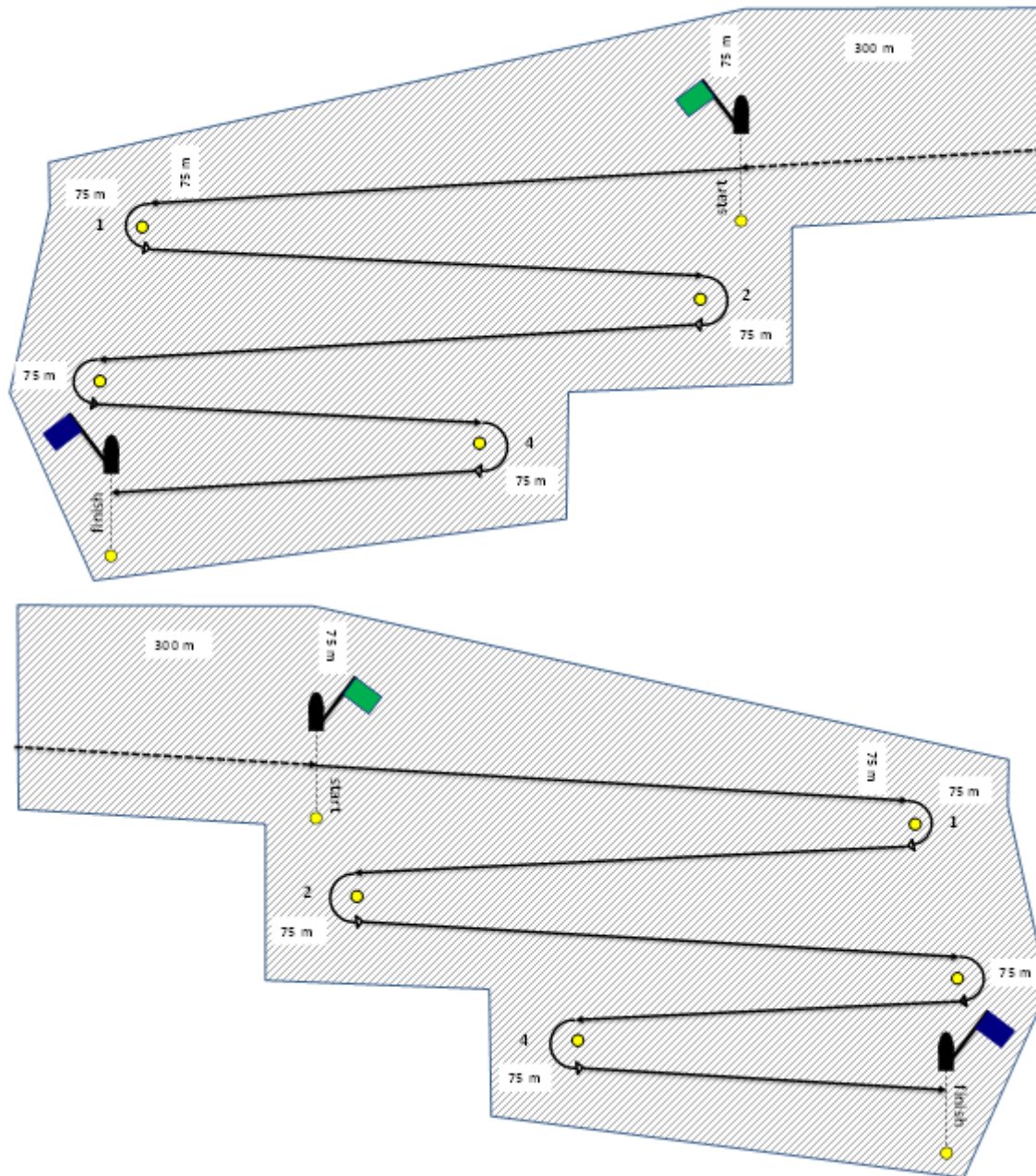
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APPENDIX –A-

COURSE AREAS

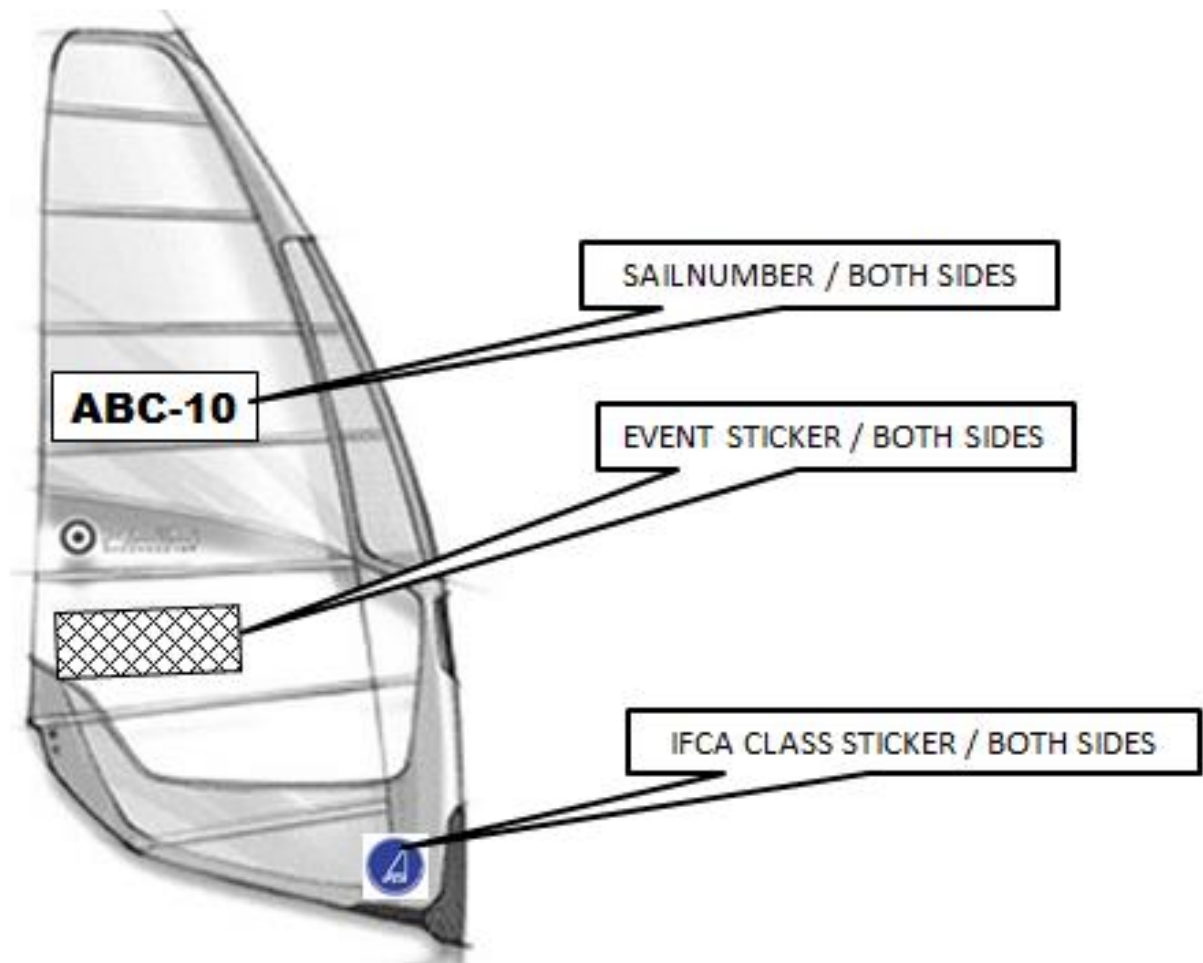


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APPENDIX –B-

SAIL LAYOUT



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SHEET

The following information is not part of the rules for the Event.

A SIDE EVENT

There will be a Wave expression as a standby event if conditions are too radical for Foil or Fin racing.

Competitors who want to participate in the discipline wave may register on site if 'wave alarm' should be given.

The entry fee for this wave event is free for competitors who have already registered for the IFCA Foil Slalom European Championships. Or 50 euro for sailors who register only for the wave competition.

There will be no prizemoney for this event.

B VENUE

Venue location, address or geo codes :

Google Link for navigation: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/duqgQDoKo9ZRJRpFA>

geo codes: 54.334297, 8.603920

C PREVAILING CONDITIONS

https://www.windfinder.com/windstatistics/skt_peter-ording

D EQUIPMENT STORAGE

- An area for equipment storage is provided at the event village on the beach from Monday, July 13th until after the prize giving.
- Security service during the night (21:00-09:00) from Tuesday, July 14th to Sunday July 19th.
- Trailers and rigg bags may be placed in equipment area.
- Optionally pagoda tents (5m x 5m with solid floor) may be rented for 700 euro as personal equipment storage or

shelter. tents may be shared with multiple competitors.
Please contact organizer for further info.

E TRAVEL & TRANSFER

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F ACCOMMODATION

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G TRANSFERS

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