

2016 RS:X EUROPEAN WINDSURFING CHAMPIONSHIPS & EUROPEAN WINDSURFING OPEN TROPHY
including the 2016 Helsinki RS:X U21 Windsurfing Championships
and
2016 RS:X YOUTH EUROPEAN WINDSURFING CHAMPIONSHIPS & YOUTH EUROPEAN WINDSURFING OPEN TROPHY
including the 2016 Helsinki RS:X U17 Windsurfing Championships

July 2nd - 9th 2016 Helsinki, Finland



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

In these sailing instructions Division A & B sailors [Class Rule C.2.3 a)] entered in the 2016 RS:X European Windsurfing Championships & Open Trophy and the 2016 RS:X U21 European Windsurfing Championships are referred to as 'Senior(s)'; Division C sailors [Class Rule C.2.3 (b)(i)] entered in the 2016 RS:X Youth European Windsurfing Championships & Open Trophy and the 2016 RS:X U17 European Windsurfing Championships are referred to as 'Youth(s)'. Where there is no reference to either 'Senior(s)' or 'Youth(s)' the rules below refer to all Divisions

[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the International Jury and may be less than disqualification.

[NP] denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for a protest by a board.

[SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing"

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 No National Authority prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.4 Decisions on Measurement Protests: RRS 64.3(a) shall not apply.
- 1.5 Identification on Sails: a '-' may be applied between the national letters and sail number. This changes RRS Appendix B9.
- 1.6 For Youths only, the following Class rules shall be deleted: C.6.5(b), C.7.1(d) and C.7.4(b).
- 1.7 For Medal Races, the Sailing Instructions Addendum Q, *Unpiored Fleet Racing*, will apply and takes precedence over any conflicting instructions.
- 1.8 Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

2. [DP] [NP] ADDITIONAL IDENTIFICATION

- 2.1 Competitors shall wear lycras of the same colour as the fleet in which they are racing that day (see SI 9 – Class Flags & Fleet Colours).
- 2.2 For the first day of single fleets and the duration of Qualification Series for split fleets the top



3 seeds (based on their ranking in the 2016 World Championships for seniors and 2015 Youth World Championships for youth), shall wear lycras as follows: 1st - yellow, 2nd - blue and 3rd - red. From the second day for single fleets and beginning of Final Series for split fleets the 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed competitors shall wear, for that day only, a yellow, blue or red lycra respectively.

- 2.3 The Organising Authority may require a self-adhesive disc to be applied of the same colour on both sides of their sail next to, and at the same level as, the sail number.
- 2.4 The lycras and the discs will be supplied by the Organising Authority.
- 2.5 Lycra shall be worn outside other clothing while racing. Competitors shall not deliberately cut or tear them.

3. CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

- 3.1 **[DP] [NP]** Competitors may be required to carry on their boards cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the Organising Authority. Those competitors competing in the same race that are not issued with such equipment shall carry an equivalent weight in the same position as issued by the Organising Authority.
- 3.2 **[NP]** Personal Cameras and their attachments may be carried provided that they do not affect the function or use of any existing part of the board or associated equipment.
 - 3.2.1 Any footage or recording is to be made available to the RS:X Class Association upon request.
- 3.3 The use of motion pictures by the LOA and the RS:X Class Association as referred to in Notice of Race 21.1 also relates to video taken by competitors.

4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 4.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

5. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions is subject to the approval of the Class Course Representative and will be posted no later than two hours before the warning signal of the race on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Official Flagpole.
- 6.2 A change to the intended race area (SI 10.2) will be signalled by the display of race area flags (SI 10.1) over the relevant class flags no later than 60 minutes before the removal of AP ashore
- 6.3 **[DP] [NP]** When Flag AP is displayed ashore competitors shall not go afloat. '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signals.
- 6.4 **[DP] [NP]** When Flag Y is displayed ashore, RRS 40 applies at all times while afloat. This changes the Part 4 preamble. When Flag Y is subsequently removed on the Race Committee signal boat the requirement to wear personal flotation devices is removed.
- 6.5 **[DP] [NP]** On the last day of racing and if Medal Races are scheduled, boards shall not launch until the display of:

Race	Signal
Men's Medal Race	Flag M over Men's Gold Fleet Class Flag
Women's Medal Race	Flag M over Women's Fleet Class Flag
Final Race	Flag D alone



7. FORMAT OF RACING

- 7.1 The regatta consists of an Opening Series and a Medal Race. If the event is split into fleets, the Opening Series will be divided into a Qualifying Series and a Final Series.
- 7.2 Senior Men and Senior Women will race separately on one race area; Youth Men and Youth Women will race separately on a second race area.
- 7.3 Any other division(s) referred to in the appropriate Notice of Race will race in the fleets of the appropriate 'Open Trophy'. When racing is to be in more than one fleet, the number of fleets and the assignment of competitors to fleets are at the discretion of the Class Course Representative. This is not ground for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 7.4 The number of fleets is likely to be based on the number of entries as follows:

Entries	Fleets
< 50	1
51-60	1 or 2
> 60	2

7.5 Qualifying Series

- 7.5.1 Boards will be assigned to Yellow and Blue fleets of, as nearly as possible, equal size and ability according to their ranking in the 2016 World Championships, then their ranking in the 2015 European Championships and finally in random order. Those assignments will be posted by 2100 on the day before the first scheduled race.
- 7.5.2 Boards will be reassigned to fleets after each day of racing, except if on the first day of racing fewer than two races are completed by both fleets. If all fleets have completed the same number of races, boards will be reassigned on the basis of their ranks in the series. If all fleets have not completed the same number of races, the series score for reassignment will be calculated for those races, numbered in order of completion, completed by both fleets. Reassignments will be made as follows:

Rank in Series	Fleet Assignment
First	Yellow
Second	Blue
Third	Blue
Fourth	Yellow
Fifth	Yellow
Sixth	Blue

and so on. If two or more boards have a same rank, they will be entered in the left column in the order of fleets in SI 7.5.1.

- 7.5.3 In the case of an odd number of competitors, the last competitor to be assigned will race in Yellow fleet.
- 7.5.4 Fleet assignments will be based on the ranking available at 2100 that day regardless of protests or request for redress not yet decided.
- 7.5.5 If both fleets have not completed the same number of races by the end of a day, the fleets with fewer races will continue racing the following day until all fleets have completed the same number of races. All boards will thereafter race in the new fleets.

7.6 Final Series

- 7.6.1 Boards will be assigned to the Gold and Silver fleets on the basis of their ranks in the Qualifying Series (discards applied) but with no ties broken.
- 7.6.2 The fleet lists shall be posted at least 2 hours before the first scheduled warning

signal of the first race of the Final Series.

- 7.6.3 The top 50% of sailors will race in Gold fleet, with the rest in Silver fleet, but at the break point, any competitors with the same score will race in Gold fleet. In the case of an odd number of competitors Gold fleet shall be larger than Silver fleet.
- 7.6.4 In Final Series there will be the same number (and approximate size) of fleets as in Qualifying Series
- 7.6.5 Any recalculation of Qualifying Series overall rankings after competitors have been assigned to Final Series fleets will not affect the assignments except that a redress decision may promote a competitor to a higher fleet.

7.7 Medal Race

- 7.7.1 At 2100 on the penultimate day the top ten competitors in the overall rankings of Opening Series will be assigned to sail in the Medal Race. The International Jury may extend this time limit.

8. SCHEDULE

8.1 The event:

- 8.1.1 Commences on completion of registration, once the requirements of entry as defined in the Notice of Race (3. Eligibility and Entry Regulation) and the requirements of equipment registration (NoR 7. Equipment and Equipment Checks; SI 23.1; Pre-event equipment form) have been met.
- 8.1.2 Ends on a sailor's last day of racing when the notice as defined in SI 19.3 is posted (within 30 minutes of the Protest Time limit) for those competitors not involved in any hearings. For those involved in any hearing, the event ends once this process has been completed.

8.2 Event Schedule:

Date	Day	Times	Event
July 2 nd	Saturday	1000-1500 hrs	Registration & Equipment Check
July 3 rd	Sunday	0900-1200 hrs 1300 hrs 1700 hrs 1930 hrs	Registration & Equipment Check Practice Race Coaches Meeting Opening Ceremony
July 4 th	Monday	0900 hrs 1100 hrs	Coaches meeting Races
July 5 th	Tuesday	0900 hrs 1100 hrs	Coaches meeting Races
July 6 th	Wednesday		Reserve Day
July 7 th	Thursday	0900 hrs 1100 hrs	Coaches meeting Races
July 8 th	Friday	0900 hrs 1100 hrs	Coaches meeting Races
July 9 th	Saturday	0900 hrs 1100 hrs 1700 hrs 1930 hrs	Coaches meeting Races & Medal Races Last possible warning signal Prize Giving & Closing Ceremony
July 10 th	Sunday		Departure

- 8.3 There will be a maximum of 13 races in total (including a Medal Race) with a maximum of 3 races per day irrespective of planning conditions. If a Medal Race is scheduled on Saturday 9th July there will be only one race scheduled that day.
- 8.4 The Reserve Day may be used for racing but only to achieve completion of 4 races for each fleet. When the reserve day is used 3 races will be scheduled.



- 8.5 Qualifying Series will consist of a maximum of 6 races and a minimum of 4 races, sailed for a minimum of 2 days or as long as necessary for both fleets to complete 4 races.
- 8.6 Final Series will run for a maximum of 3 days with a maximum of 7 races (6 races for those assigned to the Medal Races).
- 8.7 One Medal Race is scheduled for Senior Men, Senior Women, Youth Men and Youth Women.
- 8.8 On the Last Day
 - 8.8.1 if fewer than 4 races have been completed for split fleets, then the last day continues as Qualifying Series.
 - 8.8.2 if fewer than 2 Final Series races for split fleets and fewer than 6 races for single fleets have been completed then the last day will continue as Final/Opening Series.
 - 8.8.3 if 2 or more Final Series races for split fleets and 6 or more Opening Series races for single fleets have been completed then competitors will race in the Medal Race or, for those not assigned to the Medal Race, an additional Final/Opening Series race.
- 8.9 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1100.
- 8.10 The warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous race.
- 8.11 To alert competitors that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed (with one sound) for at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 8.12 The warning signal for the last race of each day shall not be made within 60 minutes of the official sunset time unless after a postponement during a start sequence or a general recall.
- 8.13 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1700 unless after a postponement during a start sequence or a general recall.

9. FLEETS, CLASS FLAGS & COLOURS

9.1 The description of Class flags and lycras will be as follows:

Fleet	Lycra	Class Flag
Men Yellow/Gold	White	White Flag imprinted with 'Helsinki Sport City'
Men Blue/Silver	Navy Blue	Navy Blue Flag imprinted with 'Helsinki Sport City'
Women	Light Green	Light Green Flag imprinted with 'Helsinki Sport City'
Youth Men Yellow/Gold	Orange	Orange Flag imprinted with 'Helsinki Sport City'
Youth Men Blue/Silver	Ocean Blue	Ocean Blue Flag imprinted with 'Helsinki Sport City'
Youth Women	Pink	Pink Flag imprinted with 'Helsinki Sport City'

10. RACING AREAS

- 10.1 Addendum A shows the Racing areas. A white flag with the letter of the race area in black designates that race area.
- 10.2 The intended assignments of either Seniors or Youths to a specific race area will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 10.3 The racing area is defined as an area extending 75 meters beyond the entire course in which a competitor would normally sail while racing.
- 10.4 **[DP]** Boards not racing shall avoid the racing area.



11. THE COURSES

- 11.1 Addendum B shows the courses, including the course signals, approx. angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 11.2 At the discretion of the Class Course Representative either a Trapezoidal Course or Windward/Leeward Course will be set for Opening Series races. The Medal Race will be sailed on a Windward/Leeward Course.
- 11.3 For each course, a 'Slalom End' with 3 marks may be set.
- 11.4 If a gate is either set or replaced by a single mark, it shall be left to port.

12. MARKS

- 12.1 Marks 1, 2, 3, 4, all slalom marks and change marks will all be inflatable buoys.
- 12.2 The starting marks will be a Race Committee Signal Boat at the starboard end of the start line and a Race Committee Pin-end Boat or a laid mark.
- 12.3 The finishing marks will be a Race Committee Boat and a laid mark.
- 12.4 The colour and shape of inflatable and laid marks will be posted on the official notice board.
- 12.5 Any mark, which is a boat may not be anchored but held in place by the use of an engine(s). This will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

13. THE START

- 13.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 13.2 The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel at the starboard end and either
 - 13.2.1 The course side of the port-end inflatable starting mark, or
 - 13.2.2 A staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel at the port end.
- 13.3 **[DP]** When a starting sequence is in progress, competitors whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area. The starting area is defined as a rectangle 75 meters from the starting line and marks in all directions.
- 13.4 A competitor starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 13.5 If a competitor fails to start or breaks RRS 30.3, the Race Committee will display her sail number on the Race Committee Signal Boat before the first competitor has finished that race. Failure to display the sail number(s) will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 13.6 If flag U has been displayed as the preparatory signal, no part of a board's hull, crew, or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a board breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing but not if the race is restarted or resailed or postponed or abandoned before the starting signal. This changes rule 26. The scoring abbreviation under this rule is UFD. This changes rule A11.

14. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 14.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

15. SHORTENING COURSE

- 15.1 During the races, the Race Committee may shorten the course according to RRS 32.

16. THE FINISH

- 16.1 The finishing line will be between the staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing mark and the course side of the laid mark (or the flag on this mark if present) at the other end of the finish line.

17. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 17.1 Penalties for breaches of rules in the Sailing Instructions marked **[SP]** will be 1 point for each infringement. The penalty is applied to each race in which the instruction was infringed except that for a breach of SI 21.2:
- 17.1.1 Failure to Check-Out will result in 1 point penalty for the next race completed even if no race is completed on the day of the infringement.
 - 17.1.2 Failure to Check-In will result in 1 point penalty for the last race completed even if no race is completed on the day of the infringement.
 - 17.1.3 Only one 1 point penalty for infringements of SI 17.1.1 and SI 17.1.2 will be applied to any one race.
- 17.2 If penalties referred to in SI 17.1 are applied by the Race Committee:
- 17.2.1 they will be applied without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.
 - 17.2.2 a competitor shall not be scored worse than a disqualified competitor.
 - 17.2.3 they will be posted on the Official Notice Board within one hour of the protest time limit.

18. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

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

	<i>Time Limit</i>	<i>Mark 1 Time Limit</i>	<i>Finish Window</i>	<i>Target Time</i>
All Races	40	15	15	20-25

- 18.2 Competitors failing to finish within the time stated in the Finish Window, after the first competitor in that group sails the course and finishes, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

19. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 19.1 Protest forms are available at the Race Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 19.2 For each fleet, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last competitor has finished the last race of the day for that fleet or when the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 19.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 19.4 Hearings will be held in the Protest Room.
- 19.5 Notices of protests by the Race Committee, Championship Chief Measurer or International Jury will be posted within the protest time limit to inform competitors under RRS 61.1(b).
- 19.6 Breaches of Class Rules C.1.2, C9.2 and rules in the Sailing Instructions marked **[NP]** will not be grounds for a protest by a competitor. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for breaches marked **[DP]** are at the discretion of the protest committee and may be less than disqualification, if the protest committee so decides.
- 19.7 On the last scheduled day of a competitor's Series (Qualification or Final/Opening), 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. This changes RRS 66.

19.8 On the last scheduled day of a competitor's Series (Qualification or Final/Opening), request for redress from a International Jury decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

20. SCORING

20.1 A minimum of 3 races is required for a valid Championship.

20.2 The scoring will be the Low Points Scoring System in accordance with RRS A4 and B8.

20.3 Scores for the:

20.3.1 2016 RS:X European Windsurfing Championships and the 2016 Helsinki RS:X U21 Windsurfing Championships will be extracted from the overall 'European Open Trophy Results' without recalculation.

20.3.2 2016 RS:X Youth European Windsurfing Championships and the 2016 Helsinki RS:X U17 Windsurfing Championships will be extracted from the overall 'Youth European Open Trophy Results' without recalculation.

20.4 A competitor's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score(s) as follows:

20.4.1 When racing in a single fleet:

Opening Series Races	Discards	Comments
1-3	0	No discard
4-10	1	One worst score discarded
11 or more	2	Two worst scores discarded

20.4.2 When racing in a split fleet:

Opening Series Races	Discards	Comments
1-3	0	No discard
4-10	1	One worst score discarded
11 or more	2	The worst score in Qualifying Series and the worst score in Final Series

20.5 To request correction of an alleged error in posted results, a competitor may complete a Scoring Enquiry Form available at the Race Office.

20.6 The scoring abbreviation for a penalty imposed under SI 17.1 will be SCP.

20.7 For Qualification Series, scores are based on the number of competitors assigned to the largest fleet in that Series. This changes RRS A4.2.

20.8 For those competitors not assigned to the Medal Race and scheduled to an additional Opening Series race as detailed in SI 8.8.3, the first finisher will be scored 11 points, 2nd 12 pts. and so on.

20.9 If no race in Final Series is completed, the overall ranking in Qualification Series will be established and this shall count as the official result.

20.10 If no Medal Race is completed, the rankings in Opening Series will be established and this shall count as the official result.

20.11 When racing in multiple fleets, competitors assigned to Gold fleet will be ranked higher in the regatta than competitors assigned to Silver fleet and so forth.

20.12 Competitors assigned to compete in the Medal Races will be ranked highest in the regatta except for a competitor disqualified from a Medal Race under RRS 5 or RRS 69.

20.13 Medal Races:

20.13.1 The Medal Races scores shall not be excluded.

20.13.2 The Medal Races score double points (1st = 2 points, 2nd = 4 points, etc.), and the

scores are based on the number of competitors assigned to compete in that race. This changes RRS A4.2.

20.13.3 For competitors assigned to compete in the Medal Races, ties in the regatta score are broken by the Medal Races scores. This changes RRS A8.

20.13.4 A competitor assigned to compete in the Medal Race shall make a genuine effort to start, sail the course and finish. The penalty for a breach of this instruction will be ranking the competitor tenth in the regatta. If there are two such competitors, they will be ranked ninth and tenth, in order of their Series ranks, and so on. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

21. [DP] [NP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

21.1 [SP] In accordance with Class Rules C.1.2 competitors shall carry a whistle and a 5 m tow rope.

21.2 [SP] Check-Out; Check-In:

21.2.1 When going out to race each competitor intending to race shall personally sign against their name and / or sail number.

21.2.2 On returning ashore, even after the display of AP/H, AP/A, N/H or N/A when no race has been completed after launching, each competitor shall personally sign, against their name and / or sail number, within the protest time limit or within 60 minutes of the display of AP/H, AP/A, N/H or N/A.

21.2.3 Check-Out Lists and Check-In Lists will be available at the Race Office.

21.3 A competitor that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible and shall complete a Retirement Declaration Form, available from the Race Office, within the protest time limit.

21.4 Competitors not racing for any of the racing days shall inform the Race Office.

21.5 When the Race Committee displays flag V with repetitive sounds, all official and support boats shall monitor the Race Committee VHF channel for instructions and assist in search and rescue operations.

22. [DP] REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

22.1 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the Championship Chief Measurer.

22.2 **Replacement ashore:** Requests for substitution of damaged or lost equipment shall be made in writing on a form available at the Race Office and delivered there for consideration. Any request shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity.

22.3 **Replacement afloat:** When an item of equipment is damaged or lost shortly before a race and is replaced, the competitor shall notify the Race Committee before the warning signal. As soon as practicable after coming ashore and within the protest time limit, the competitor shall comply with SI 22.2 and the replaced item shall be presented to the Championship Chief Measurer.

23. [DP] EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

23.1 Only marked equipment shall be used at this event. 'Fast-check' stickers and instructions on placement will be issued to each competitor at registration. Registration and marking shall be completed as follows:

23.1.1 Competitors shall apply the issued stickers, in compliance with the instructions, to one set of equipment to be used for the entire event.

23.1.2 Fins shall be presented to the Championship Chief Measurer for stamping.

23.2 The Championship Chief Measurer will, as far as possible, answer competitors' questions relating to measurement and Class rules.



23.3 Stamped/marked equipment shall not be removed from the venue, the racing area and the waters leading to them, without prior written permission of the Championship Chief Measurer.

23.3.1 The venue will be defined and that definition placed on the Official Notice Board.

23.4 Equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and the sailing instructions according to the following procedures:

23.4.1 A competitor may be instructed by the Race Committee or Championship Chief Measurer, either ashore or on the water, to proceed immediately to the Inspection Area for inspection.

23.4.2 Until permission is given by the Championship Chief Measurer, a competitor once instructed to proceed for inspection, shall have no unauthorised contact with any support personnel, no person shall join or leave the board, no equipment or other item shall be taken on or off that board and the board shall not leave the Inspection Area.

23.5 The Championship Chief Measurer may protest a competitor for an alleged breach of the class rules or sailing instructions. This changes RRS 60 and 78.3.

24. [DP] [NP] ADVERTISING

24.1 Each competitor shall place stickers issued by the Organising Authority, back to back on the sail immediately below batten 5 and as close to the leach as possible but without overlapping the sail corner reinforcement. Competitors shall not cut or adapt the stickers in any way.

25. LOCATIONS OF IMPORTANCE

25.1 The Race Office is located in the corner of Hernesaarenranta and Hernematalankatu

25.2 The Official Notice Board is located in front of the Race Office.

25.3 The Official Flagpole is located in front of the Race Office.

25.4 The locations of the Beach Desk, the Inspection Area and the Jury Room will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

26. OFFICIAL BOATS

26.1 Official boats will be marked as follows:

Boat	Flag
Jury and Umpires	Yellow flag with black letters JURY
Race Committee	White flag with black letters RC
Measurer	Yellow flag with black letter M
Rescue	White flag with red letters SAFETY
Press, Media	White flag with black letters MEDIA

26.2 Actions by the official boats or helicopters shall not be grounds for redress by a competitor. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

27. [DP] SUPPORT BOATS

27.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall comply with the Support Boat Regulations. See Addendum C

27.2 Any support boat breaking Support Boat Regulations SI Addendum C will be subject to a hearing which may result in (1) a support boat being prevented from going afloat, (2) in a report to their national authority and World Sailing, (3) a competitor associated with the skipper of the support boat may be penalized in the race closest to the time of the infringement.



28. [DP] TRASH DISPOSAL

28.1 Trash may be placed aboard support and Race Committee boats.

29. [DP] RADIO COMMUNICATION

29.1 While on the water, a competitor shall not carry equipment capable of making radio transmissions or receiving radio communications, except for equipment provided by the Organising Authority. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

29.2 For purposes of safety, support boats may monitor the Race Committee working channel, but cannot transmit on this channel except in the case of an emergency.

30. PRIZES

30.1 Prizes will be awarded according to the Notice of Race.

31. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

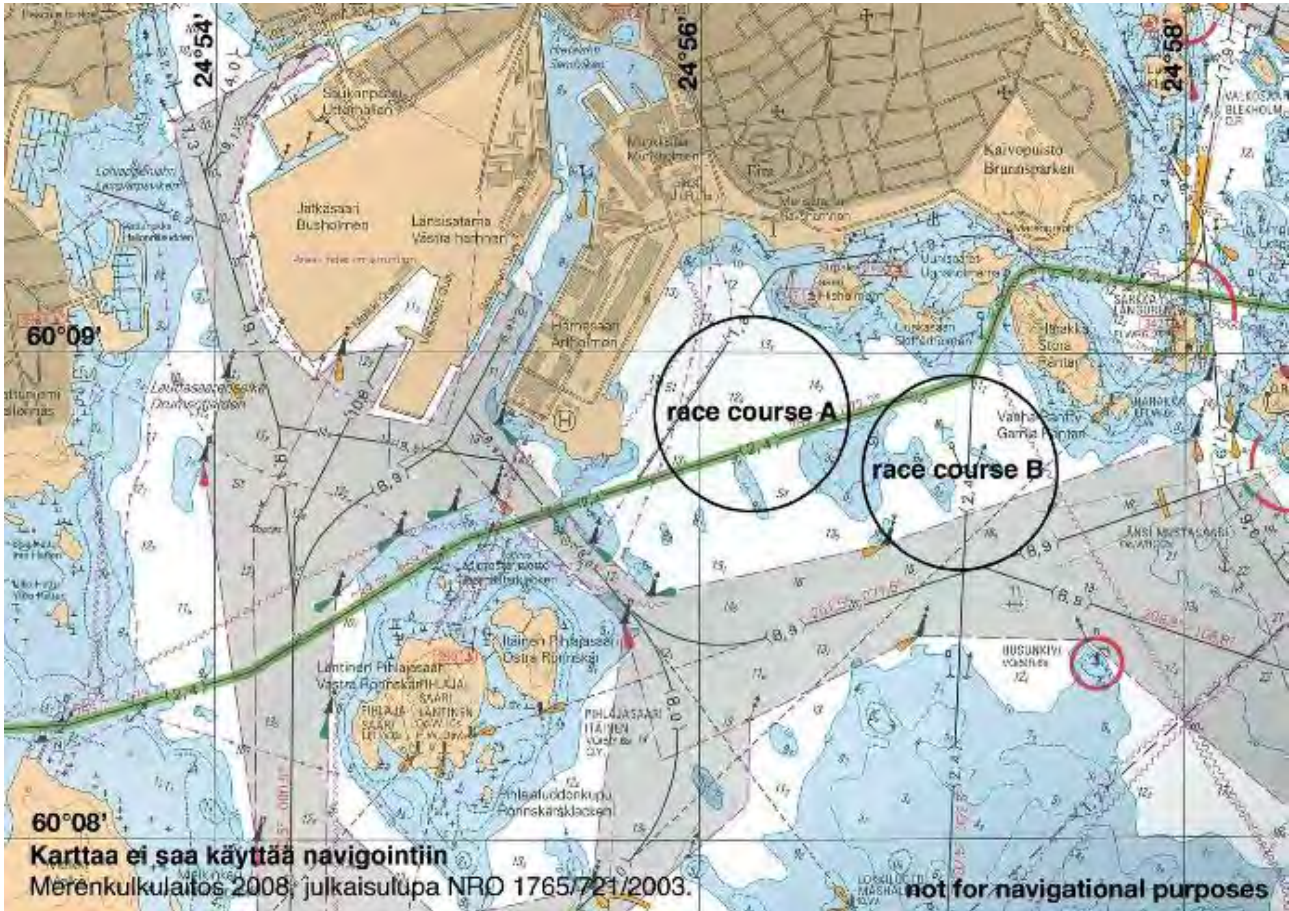
31.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

32. INSURANCE

32.1 Each participating competitor shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €1,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

32.2 Support boat drivers shall also have valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €1,500,000 per event or the equivalent.

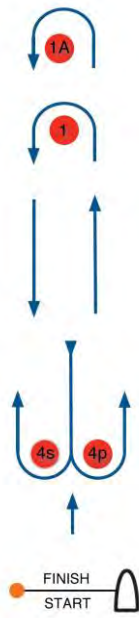
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ADDENDUM B – COURSES

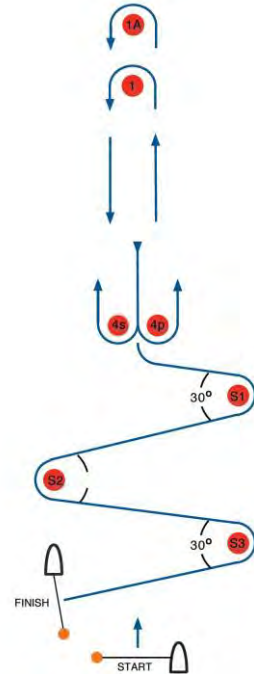
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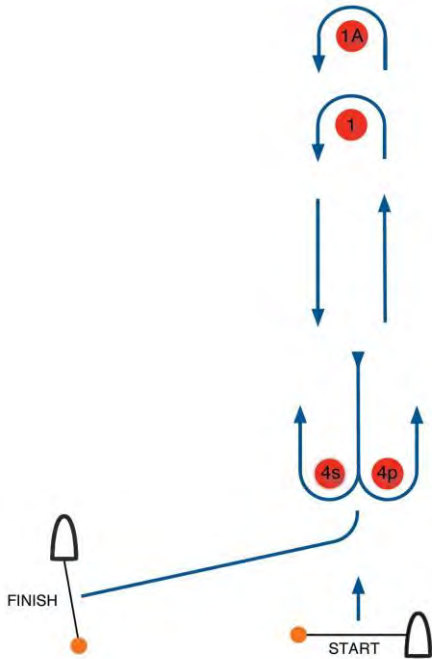
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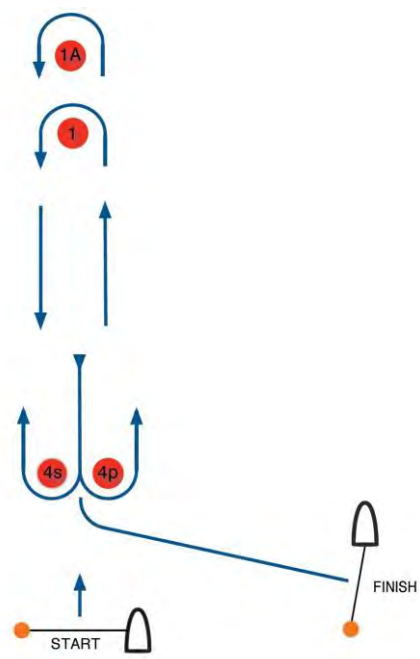
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ADDENDUM C – SUPPORT BOAT REGULATIONS

1. GENERAL

- 1.1 This Support Boat Regulations (SBR) shall apply from 1000 on Saturday July 2nd until 1900 on Saturday July 9th.
- 1.2 For the purposes of these regulations, a support boat includes any boat that is under the control or direction of a person who is or may provide physical or advisory support to an athlete, including the gathering of data that may be used at a later time.
- 1.3 The Organizing Authority may inspect boats at any time to ensure that they comply with these regulations, and the person responsible for the boat shall facilitate such inspection.
- 1.4 An alleged breach of any of these regulations may be referred to the International Jury for a hearing. As a result of the hearing, the International Jury may instruct the Organizing Authority to withdraw accreditation and access rights from the offending party, with or without the option of substitution, either for a specified period or for the remainder of the competition.
- 1.5 The Organizing Authority may change these regulations at any time. Any changes will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 1.6 Support boats and designated drivers shall be registered at the Regatta Office either before leaving the venue by water for the first time or by 18:00 on the day before the first race of a competitor that it is supporting, whichever is earlier.
- 1.7 Each boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of € 1,500,000 euro (or equivalent) per incident.
- 1.8 Only the registered person may be a designated driver.
- 1.9 The person registering the support boat shall sign to confirm that:
 - 1.9.1 he / she holds a valid insurance certificate showing proof of third-party liability coverage as required by 1.7;
 - 1.9.2 the designated driver has a motorboat driving license recognized by a national authority appropriate to that boat;
 - 1.9.3 anyone who will be using a radio has an appropriate radio operation license recognized by a national authority.
- 1.10 Support boats shall be marked as follows:
 - 1.10.1 The three-letter NOC code shall be clearly displayed on both sides of the boat in strongly contrasting colors at all times while afloat;
 - 1.10.2 The minimum height for the letters shall be 200mm. The letters will not be provided by the Organizing Authority.

2. SAILING VENUE

- 2.1. Support boats shall use the designated slipway/area for launching. Once launched, trailers shall be moved immediately to the trailer park or as otherwise directed by the Organizing Authority.
- 2.2. Only support boats that will be registered will be allowed into the sailing venue.
- 2.3. When not in use, support boats shall be appropriately berthed at the sailing venue in the allocated areas for support boats for the entire time that these SBR apply.



3. SAFETY

- 3.1. Support boats shall carry on board:
 - 3.1.1. Life jackets / buoyancy aid for all passengers and the driver (it is recommended that they are worn at all times when afloat);
 - 3.1.2. First-aid kit;
 - 3.1.3. VHF radio;
 - 3.1.4. Device for making a sound signal;
 - 3.1.5. Compass;
 - 3.1.6. Adequate anchor and tackle for conditions and depth;
 - 3.1.7. Tow rope (minimum 15m long and 10mm thick);
 - 3.1.8. Operational engine kill cord (also known as a safety lanyard or automatic engine immobilizer);
 - 3.1.9. Knife.
- 3.2. It is strongly recommended that the kill cord be used at all times when the engine is running.
- 3.3. Team leaders are responsible for overseeing the safety of their support boats on the water, including knowledge of who is afloat and ensuring their safe return to the venue.
- 3.4. At all times, the registered driver(s) of a support boat shall comply with directions given by a Race Official. In particular, this includes assisting in rescue operations when requested to do so.

4. GENERAL RESTRICTIONS

- 4.1. The registered driver(s) of a support boat will be responsible for the control of the boat at all times and will be held responsible for any inappropriate behavior, dangerous actions or improper practices, or actions affecting the fairness or safety of competition.
- 4.2. Support boats shall not leave any device, piece of equipment, buoy, marker or similar item permanently in the water. Temporary use of floating objects is allowed for current measurement. These objects shall be removed as soon as the measurement has been taken.
- 4.3. Support boats should take particular care to minimize their wash when transiting the course areas.

5. SUPPORT BOAT ZONE

- 5.1. Support Boats shall not be positioned:
 - 5.1.1. Closer than 75 meters of any board racing;
 - 5.1.2. Within 75 meters of the starting line and marks from the time of the preparatory signal until all boards have left the starting area, or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment;
 - 5.1.3. Between any board racing and the next mark of the course;
 - 5.1.4. Between the inner and outer trapezoid courses when boards are racing on both courses;
 - 5.1.5. Within 75 meters of any mark of the course while boards are in the vicinity of that mark;
 - 5.1.6. Within 75 meters of the finishing line and marks while boards are finishing.
- 5.2. In addition, support boats that are motoring above 5 knots shall remain at least 150 meters from any board racing.

ADDENDUM Q – UMPIRED FLEET RACING

This addendum has been approved by ISAF in accordance with rule 86.2 and ISAF Regulation 28.1.3.

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Marginal marks indicate important changes from the previous version.

These sailing instructions change the definition Proper Course, and rules 20, 28.2, 44, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64.1, 65, 66, 70, 78.3 and B5.

Q1 CHANGES TO RACING RULES

Additional changes to rules are made in instructions Q2, Q3, Q4, and Q5.

Q1.1 Changes to the Definitions and the Rules of Part 2 and Part 4

- (a) Add to the definition Proper Course: 'A boat taking a penalty or manoeuvring to take a penalty is not sailing a *proper course*.'
- (b) When rule 20 applies, the following arm signals are required in addition to the hails:
 - (1) for 'Room to tack', repeatedly and clearly pointing to windward; and
 - (2) for 'You tack', repeatedly and clearly pointing at the other boat and waving the arm to windward.

Instruction Q1.1(b) does not apply to boards.

Q1.2 Changes to Rules Involving Protests, Requests for Redress, Penalties and Exoneration

- (a) The first sentence of rule 44.1 is replaced with: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 (except rule 14 when she has caused damage or injury) or rule 31 or 42 while *racing*.'
- (b) For boards, the One-Turn Penalty is one 360° turn with no requirement for a tack or a gybe.
- (c) Rule 60.1 is replaced with 'A boat may protest another boat or request redress provided she complies with instructions Q2.1 and Q2.4.'
- (d) The third sentence of rule 61.1(a) and all of rule 61.1(a)(2) are deleted. Rule B5 is deleted.
- (e) Rules 62.1(a), (b) and (d) are deleted. In a race where this addendum applies, there shall be no scoring adjustments for redress given under any of these rules for a previous race.
- (f) Rule 64.1(a) is changed so that the provision for exonerating a boat may be applied by the umpires without a hearing, and it takes precedence over any conflicting instruction of this addendum.
- (g) Rules P1 to P4 shall not apply.

Q2 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS BY BOATS

Q2.1 While racing, a boat may protest another boat under a rule of Part 2 (except rule 14) or under rule 31 or 42; however, a boat may only protest under a rule of Part 2 for an incident in which she was involved. To do so she shall hail 'Protest' and conspicuously display a red flag at the first reasonable opportunity for each. She shall remove the flag before, or at the first reasonable opportunity after a boat involved in the incident has taken a penalty voluntarily or after an umpire's decision. However, a board need not display a red flag.

Q2.2 A boat that protests as provided in instruction Q2.1 is not entitled to a hearing. Instead, a boat involved in the incident may acknowledge breaking a rule by taking a One-Turn Penalty as described in rule 44.2. If the protested boat does not take a penalty voluntarily,



an umpire will decide whether to penalize any boat and signal the decision as provided in instruction Q3.1.

Q2.3 At the finishing line, the race committee will inform the competitors about each boat's finishing place or scoring abbreviation. After this has been done for all boats, the race committee will promptly display flag B with one sound. Two minutes later flag B will be removed with one sound.

Q2.4 A boat intending to

- (a) protest another boat under a rule other than instruction Q3.2 or Q4.2(a), or a rule listed in instruction Q2.1,
- (b) protest another boat under rule 14 if there was contact that caused damage or injury, or
- (c) request redress

shall hail the race committee before or during the display of flag B. The same time limit applies to protests under instructions Q5.4 and Q5.5. The protest committee may extend the time limit if there is good reason to do so.

Q2.5 The race committee will promptly inform the protest committee about any protests or requests for redress made under instruction Q2.4.

Q3 UMPIRE SIGNALS AND IMPOSED PENALTIES

Q3.1 An umpire will signal a decision as follows:

- (a) A green and white flag with one long sound means 'No penalty.'
- (b) A red flag with one long sound means 'A penalty is imposed or remains outstanding.' The umpire will hail or signal to identify each such boat.
- (c) A black flag with one long sound means 'A boat is disqualified.' The umpire will hail or signal to identify the boat disqualified.

Q3.2 (a) A boat penalized under instruction Q3.1(b) shall take a One-Turn Penalty as described in rule 44.2.

(b) A boat disqualified under instruction Q3.1(c) shall promptly leave the course area.

Q4 PENALTIES AND PROTESTS INITIATED BY AN UMPIRE; ROUNDING OR PASSING MARKS

Q4.1 When a boat

- (a) breaks rule 31 and does not take a penalty,
- (b) breaks rule 42,
- (c) gains an advantage despite taking a penalty,
- (d) deliberately breaks a rule,
- (e) commits a breach of sportsmanship, or
- (f) fails to comply with instruction Q3.2 or to take a penalty when required to do so by an umpire,

an umpire may penalize her without a protest by another boat. The umpire may impose one or more One-Turn Penalties to be taken as described in rule 44.2, each signalled in accordance with instruction Q3.1(b), or disqualify her under instruction Q3.1(c), or report the incident to the protest committee for further action. If a boat is penalized under instruction Q4.1(f) for not taking a penalty or taking a penalty incorrectly, the original penalty is cancelled.

Q4.2 (a) A boat shall not round or pass a mark on the wrong side. If she does so, she may correct her error as provided in rule 28.2 only if she does so before she rounds or passes the next mark or finishes.



- (b) When a boat breaks instruction Q4.2(a) and fails to correct her error before rounding or passing the next mark or finishing, an umpire may disqualify her under instruction Q3.1(c).

Q4.3 An umpire who decides, based on his own observation or a report received from any source, that a boat may have broken a rule, other than instruction Q3.2 or Q4.2(a) or a rule listed in instruction Q2.1, may inform the protest committee for its action under rule 60.3. However, he will not inform the protest committee of an alleged breach of rule 14 unless there is damage or injury.

Q5 PROTESTS; REQUESTS FOR REDRESS OR REOPENING; APPEALS; OTHER PROCEEDINGS

Q5.1 No proceedings of any kind may be taken in relation to any action or non-action by an umpire.

Q5.2 A boat may not base an appeal on an alleged improper action, omission or decision of the umpires or the protest committee. In rule 66 the third sentence is changed to 'A *party* to the hearing may not ask for a reopening.'

- Q5.3**
- (a) Protests and requests for redress need not be in writing.
 - (b) The protest committee may take evidence and conduct the hearing in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate its decision orally.
 - (c) If the protest committee decides that a breach of a rule has had no effect on the outcome of the race, it may impose a penalty of points or fraction of points or make another arrangement it decides is equitable, which may be to impose no penalty.

Q5.4 The race committee will not protest a boat, except following a report under rule 43.1(c) or 78.3.

Q5.5 The protest committee may protest a boat under rule 60.3. However, it will not protest a boat for breaking instruction Q3.2 or Q4.2(a), a rule listed in instruction Q2.1, or rule 14 unless there is damage or injury.