



## INFORMATION TO COMPETITORS FROM THE RACE COMMITTEE

This document does not in any way modify or replace the rules of the competition.

### 1. Times / Timing / Changes in Schedule

- a. Times will be based on GPS time
- b. The starting sequence will begin on an exact minute – hh:mm:00
- c. Starts will not be delayed for competitors to reach the race area if they could have arrived with reasonable diligence

### 2. Decision to Race

- a. The race will be started at the scheduled time if the wind conditions and visibility are within the parameters outlined in these policies. Waiting for 'better' conditions may be unfair, and will be avoided.
- b. Races will not be started in less than
  - i. KiteFoil and Formula Kite: an average of 6 knots of wind established over the entire course area.
  - ii. TT:R Slalom: an average of 10 knots of wind established over the entire course area.
  - iii. These lower limits may be higher if there is strong current in the racing area or lower wind speeds in the launching area.
- c. When racing back to back, the interval between the finish line closure and the new warning signal for that group will not be less than 5 minutes. This may be varied according to conditions.

### 3. Courses and Course Description

- a. The course to be sailed will be displayed no later than the warning signal. Competitors are advised, that the course assignment can change until the warning signal.
- b. The digit behind the letters refers to the number of upwind legs that shall be sailed.

### 4. Abandonment

- a. On the first half of the first leg, the race management team may abandon in the event of a major, persistent, wind shift (more than 25 degrees). After that, the race management team will let the race continue.
- b. Collapse of wind: The race management team may abandon the race when it is unlikely that the leading kiteboarder will complete the course within the overall time limit, even if a new wind were to arrive. The further into the race, the less likely it is that the race management team will abandon the race. Once a race has been started, the race management team will not abandon the race simply because the average wind speed

decreases beyond the stated limits. The race management team will consider abandoning the race if it is unable to safely manage racing, or a considerable amount of competitors is not able to race anymore.

- c. Competitors are reminded that the decision to race, or to continue to race, is their sole responsibility.

## **5. Race Committee Protests**

- a. Since the primary responsibility for protesting breaches of the rules rests with Competitors, the race management team will not normally protest a kiteboard.
- b. The race committee may protest a kiteboard in the following circumstances:
  - A breach of a sailing instruction that may not be protested by another kiteboard;
  - An apparent breach of good sportsmanship (Rule 2);
  - Failing to take a penalty after knowingly touching the windward mark, without another kiteboard being able to protest
  - Failing to sail the course (Rule 28)
- c. The race committee will strictly apply Standard Penalties for breaches of Sailing Instructions marked [SP]. This applies especially, but not limited to:
  - Sailing in the course area when other kiteboards are racing
  - Failure to comply with post-race equipment checks

## **6. Outside Assistance**

- a. Competitors are advised that rescue / support vessels may be limited. It is the competitors decision to accept outside assistance when offered. Competitors should keep in mind that it is often only possible to relaunch foil kites for a short period of time after capsizing. Competitors should consider accepting immediate relaunch assistance instead of trying to relaunch themselves until it is not possible to relaunch, resulting in rescue and the possibility to miss more than just the race in question.
- b. If a competitor is in doubt whether he complied with RRS 41 he should report the incident to the jury.

## **7. Safety and Coach Boats**

- a. The race committee may display code flag "Victor" at any time to release coach boats from their assigned place.
- b. The race committee may call individual coach boats to request assistance.

## **8. Questions on Race Committee Procedure and Policy**

Competitors, team leaders and coaches are welcome to discuss procedure and policy with the event Technical Director. He will usually be available by the race office or race control tower or can be contacted through the Race Office.