



**ANTIGUA
SAILING
WEEK 2023**



ANTIGUA WINGFOIL CHAMPIONSHIP 2023

Organizing Authority:
Antigua Sailing Week in conjunction with the Antigua and Barbuda Sailing
Association

1 – 3 May 2023

Falmouth Harbour
Antigua

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing(RRS).
- 1.2. Appendix WF – Wingfoil Racing Rules will apply.
- 1.3. Appendix T – Arbitration will apply.
- 1.4. No national authority prescriptions will apply.

2 (NP) CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

- 2.1. If requested by the organizing authority, kiteboards shall carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1. The official notice board (ONB) is online and can be found here:
<https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/5430/event>
- 3.2. Complementary information may be posted on a notice board in the venue.
- 3.3. Informal communication may be sent through a Whatsapp group.

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted 40 minutes before it will take effect.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE AND AFLOAT

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the race office area.
- 5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 5.3. (NP) When flag D is displayed ashore, wingfoil boards shall not leave the beach.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

Day and Date	Time	Event
Sunday 30 April	13:00 – 17:00	On-site check-in at Antigua Yacht Club
	17:00	Welcome drink at AYC
Monday 1 May	08:00 – 09:30	Late check-in at Pigeon Point Beach
	09:30	Briefing at Pigeon Point Beach
	10:30	First warning signal
	12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
	14:00	Mid warning signal
	Not later than 16:30	Last warning signal
Tuesday 2 May	09:30	Briefing at Pigeon Point Beach
	10:30	First warning signal
	12:00 – 13:00	Lunch
	13:30	Mid warning signal
	Not later than 16:30	Last warning signal
Wednesday 3 May	09:30	Briefing
	11:00	Warning signal
	Upon arrival	Sandwiches
	15:00	Prize-giving at Pigeon Point Beach
	17:00	Closing Party at Pigeon Point Beach

7 CLASS FLAGS

The Wingfoil Pro & Leisure Class flag is a pink flag.

8 RACING AREAS & OBSTRUCTIONS

Attachment A shows the racing area and the limit of areas that would be safe for Wingfoil boards. The OA may lay small buoys along the line of the continuing obstruction.

9 THE START

- 9.1. If flag U has been displayed, no part of a boat's hull 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 boat breaks this rule and is identified, she will receive a 50% penalty without a hearing, but not if the race is restarted or resailed. This Changes RRS 30.3
- 9.2. **(SP)(NP)** All Wingfoil boards that are not taking part in a starting sequence shall keep clear of the start area.

- 9.3. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 9.4. A boat that does not start within four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 & A5.

10 THE FINISH

- 10.1. The finish line will be described in the skippers' briefing before each day of racing and may additionally be transmitted by electronic means.
- 10.2. **(SP)(NP)** All boats that have finished racing shall sail clear of the finish area.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1. Appendix WF will apply.
- 11.2. Except for breaches of Parts 1 and 2 of the RRS, the protest committee may apply any penalty that they deem equitable. This changes RRS 64.2.
- 11.3. **(SP)** For some breaches of the SI's the Race Committee may apply a standard penalty (SP) without a hearing. The Race Committee may still protest a competitor when they consider the SP inappropriate. A competitor may request redress if they believe the application of the SP improper. The SP for this event is an addition of 5 points to the competitor's finishing position, in the race closest in time to the incident. The scoring abbreviation for this penalty is (SP). The scores of other competitors will not be changed. This changes RRS 63.1 & A5.

12 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 12.1. Time limits and target times are as follows:
 - Course Type: Slalom Course
 - Target Time: 10 minutes
 - Time Limit: 30 minutes
 - Finish Time Window: 15 minutes after first finisher.
- 12.2. If no wingfoiler has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit, the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 12.3. Wingfoilers failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first wingfoiler sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 & A5.

13 QUALIFICATION FOR THE LONG DISTANCE RACE

- 13.1. The pro class will automatically be qualified for the long distance race.
- 13.2. In order to sail the long distance race a minimum age of 16 is required.
- 13.2.1. An exemption to rule 13.2 will be made for those competitors who are competing in the Pro class and have written permission from a legal guardian.
- 13.3. To guarantee the safety of all competitors those who compete in the Leisure class will have to qualify for the long distance race through a qualification race which, weather permitting, will be sailed on Race Day 2.
- 13.3.1. To qualify for the long distance race it is required to finish within the finish time window (15mins after first finisher) of the qualifying race.
- 13.4. Competitors who register solely for the long distance race will have to show proof of their riding capability to the technical committee. This can be completed by electronic means or in person during the event window.
- 13.4.1. Criteria are as follows: has good control over the foil; able to jibe both ways without coming off the foil; comfortably ride switch in both directions.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1. Protest forms are available at the race office located at the Antigua Yacht Club. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 14.2. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last wingfoiler has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 14.3. Notices will be posted within 15 minutes of a protest being filed to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room as soon as possible. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at Antigua Yacht Club at the time posted.
- 14.4. Every reasonable effort will be made to begin arbitration under RRS Appendix T, or to hold a hearing as soon as possible.

15 SCORING

- 15.1. The Antigua Wingfoil Championship will be divided into two separate series. One for the slalom course races (Day 1+2) and one for the long distance race (Day 3).
- 15.1.1. The two series will be combined to nominate an overall podium (Day 1 + 2 + 3).
- 15.2. The low point system of Appendix A will apply as amended in Appendix F.
- 15.3. For the course races there will be one discard after every 5 races that are completed and scored.

	Pro Class	Leisure Class
Wingfoil	Winners: Race Day 1+2+3 + Winner: Downwinder	Winners: Race Day 1+2+3 + Winner: Downwinder

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS/BUOYANCY (NP)(DP)

- 16.1. Personal floatation of at least 50N shall be worn at all times.
- 16.2. Helmet – suitable helmets shall be worn at all times.
- 16.3. **16.4 (NP)(SP)** Before heading out on the water and when coming back on land competitors are required to sign off on an attendance sheet which is located on the event site at Pigeon Point Beach

17 ADVERTISING (NP) (DP)

- 17.1. The Organizing Authority may supply the Lycra vests, stickers, and instructions for their use.
- 17.2. The only event advertising stickers and/or Lycra vests that may appear on equipment and/or may be worn are those issued by the OA.
- 17.3. Lycra vests shall be worn outside other clothing whenever the competitor is afloat, for the duration of the event.

18 RADIO COMMUNICATION (NP) (DP)

Except in an emergency, a wingfoiler shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data transmissions not available to all wingfoil boards.

19 19 PRIZES

- 19.1. Prizes will be awarded according to the Notice of Race.
- 19.2. All competitors and coaches are reminded to attend the prize giving and closing ceremony. Prize winners who do not attend may forfeit their prize.

20 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, 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.

21 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

22 INFORMATION

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