

NOTICE OF RACE AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Open Dutch Championship

Windsurfer class
Course racing, Slalom and Freestyle discipline

organized by **Windsurfer Klasse NL**
in conjunction with the **Royal Yacht Club Hollandia**

under the auspices of the Royal Netherlands Watersports Association (RNWA)

21 – 23 August 2026
at the **IJsselmeer off Medemblik, The Netherlands**

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

The notation '[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 by the Protest committee with a hearing. This changes RRS A5.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2. The Prescriptions of the RNWA will apply and can be found [here](#).
- 1.3. The ['Rules for Championships Sailing, Windsurfing and Kiteboarding'](#) will apply.
- 1.4. The RRS, [Racing Rules of Sailing Windsurfing Fleet Racing Edition](#), will apply.
- 1.5. The WSRR, [Windsurfing Slalom Racing Rules](#), will apply.
- 1.6. For Expression, [RRS Appendix BE](#), will apply..
- 1.7. If there is a conflict between languages the text in the English language will take precedence.
- 1.8. Every person on board who has his domicile in the Netherlands shall have the appropriate license.
- 1.9. **[DP]** Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct.
- 1.10. The GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) can be found on the website www.kzrvhollandia.nl

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. The event is open to all members of the Windsurfer Class with Windsurfer LT board, with 2026 Windsurfer Class membership. <https://windsurferclass.com/membership>
- 2.2. Eligible Boards may enter the event by registering online at <https://windsurferclass.nl/>. The required fee shall be paid at registration via this website.
- 2.3. To be considered an entry in the event, a board shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 2.4. Late entries will be accepted under the following conditions:

- a. From 9-21 August 2026 participants can register online and pay a higher registration fee.
b. Registration is also possible on 21-23 August 2026 at the check-in desk at the late entry fee.
Dinner tickets may not be available for late entries.

2.5 The following divisions apply:

Competitors will be divided into 3 equally sized divisions based on their weight (Light, Medium, Heavy).

2.6 After the weighing procedure, in case that the total number of competitors cannot be divided by three (3), the first category with one competitor more will be determined upon random drawing. In case of two competitors with same weight, the younger will be considered lighter.

3 FEES

Entry fees for the full event are as follows:	Early Entry Fee until 9 August 2026	Entry Fee from 9 August
<i>Junior/Youth (Under 25 years at 1st event day)</i>	€ 45, -	€ 55, -
<i>Adult, Master etc. (25 years and older)</i>	€ 90, -	€ 110, -

Fees include 1 dinner ticket.

Other fees:

- Additional dinner tickets for guests can be acquired on the [eventspage](#).
- If you can't participate the full event, day tickets can be acquired on the [eventspage](#).

5 SCHEDULE

5.1 Early registration online is open until August 9. 2026.

5.2 Equipment inspection and event measurement: Competitors shall be available with their board during registration.

Date (Year= 2026)	From	To
Friday August 21.	12:00	13:30
Saturday August 22.	09:30	10:00
Sunday August 23.	09:30	10:00

5.3 Dates, times and numbers of racing:

Date	Race type	Number of races	Warning signal not before	Latest warning signal
Friday 21 August	Slalom Freestyle	TBD TBD	13:55 18:00	17:00 20:00
Saturday 22 August	Course racing	5	10:25	16:30
Sunday 23 August	Course racing	5	10:25	15:00

- 5.4 A break between the races can be scheduled by the Race Committee by postponement of races using AP  over H"  or "AP  over A  on the starting vessel.
- 5.5 A daily skippers meeting will be held 55 minutes before the first possible warning signal for Course Races at that day. For Slalom and Freestyle this will be 15 minutes.
- 5.6 To alert boards 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.

6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 The Class flag is IFC flag W. 

7. RACING FORMAT

- 7.1 The course racing format is fleet racing. The three divisions will start at the same time.
- 7.2 The Supplemental Slalom Rules are detailed in Addendum D.
- 7.3 The Supplemental Expression Rules are detailed in Addendum E.

8. SCORING

- 8.1 For Course race four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
For Slalom and Expression one elimination is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 8.2 Separate rankings will be made possible per subdivisions. The female category ranking is taken from the overall results including all weight divisions.
- 8.3 Course race, Slalom and Expression will be scored separately, no overall score will be given.

9. VENUE AND RACING AREA

- 9.1. The race office is located in the 'Brow' Schoolbus stationed next to WSV BESTEVAER.
- 9.2. The opening hours of the race office are:
Friday from 11:30 till 20:00
Saturday and Sunday from: 08:30 – 17:00.
- 9.3. Unless otherwise directed by the organising authority, boards and equipment shall be launched and retrieved from the designated area at the event site.
- 9.4. The traffic rules, particularly those concerning parking will be strictly enforced.
- 9.5. Addendum A shows the plan of the event venue.

9.6. Addendum B shows the location of the racing area.

10. RACING AREA AND COURSES

- 10.1. Boards not racing shall stay approximately 75 meters outside the racing area.
- 10.2. The diagram(s) in Addendum C, De and E shows the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

11. MARKS

- 11.1. Marks 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be yellow cylindrical buoys.
- 11.2. The starting marks will be the starting vessel at starboard side and a pole mark with an orange flag at port side.
- 11.3. The finishing marks will be a race committee vessel with a blue flag at starboard side and a pole mark with blue flag at the port side.

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark or the finishing line to a new position.
- 12.2. Except at a gate, boards shall pass between the race committee vessel signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee vessel to starboard. This changes RRS/WSRR 28.

13. START AND FINISH

- 13.1. The starting line is between staffs displaying orange flags on the starting marks.
- 13.2. Boards whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 13.3. A board that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
- 13.4. The finishing line is between staffs displaying blue  flags on the finishing marks.
- 13.5. In addition to Class Rule C.1.1.(ii) The Race committee may give a sound signal when the 30 seconds period has passed. Failure for giving this sound signal will be no grounds for redress. This changes rule 61.4 (b).

14. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 14.1. The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see RRS/WSRR 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.
- Course race:

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Target time	Race time limit	Finishing window
15 minutes	25 minutes	45 minutes	15 minutes

Slalom race:

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Target time	Race time limit	Finishing window
2 minutes	10 minutes	20 minutes	4 minutes

14.2. If no board has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 Time Limit the race will be abandoned.

14.3. The Finishing Window is the time for boards to finish after the first board sails the course and finishes. This changes RRS/WSRR A5.1 and A5.2

14.4. Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b).

15. COMMUNICATION AND SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

15.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Race office.

15.2. The race office is located at the 'Brow' Schoolbus near the WSC Bestevaer.

15.3. **[DP]** From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a board shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boards.

15.4. Signals made ashore will be displayed at a flagpole near the Race Office.

15.5. When flag AP  is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

15.6. **[DP]** Flag D  with one sound means boards shall not leave the harbour (shore) until this signal is made. The warning signal will not be made before the scheduled time or less than 30 minutes after flag D is displayed.

16. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

16.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09:00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted

- within the protest time limit or
- before AP  over A  is displayed whichever is later.

16.2. If oral instructions or changes to the sailing instructions will be given on the water, flag L  shall be shown at least 5 minutes before the instructions or changes. Sufficient effort shall be made to inform all the competitors involved.

17. [NP][DP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1. **[DP]** A board that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

17.2. **[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).

17.3. **[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 shore / harbour as soon as reasonably possible.

18. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION, CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT AND REPLACEMENT

- 18.1. Each board shall have a unique World Sailing registration number. It is allowed to sail with a different sail number when it is not conflicting with other participants PSN number.
- 18.2. **[SP]** The Equipment inspectors will pay special attention to sail identification rule compliance. It is not allowed to change the sail during the event without permission of the technical committee, on penalty of Disqualification for the races sailed with the alternative sail.
- 18.3. **[DP]** Boards shall be available for equipment inspection during check-in time as specified in NOR/SI 5.2.
- 18.4. Substitution of competitors will not be allowed.
- 18.5. **[SP]** A board or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules, Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.
- 18.6. **[DP]** When instructed by a race official on the water, a board shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.
- 19. HEARING REQUESTS**
- 19.1. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last board finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 19.2. Hearing request forms are available from the Race Office.
- 19.3. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at WSV BESTEVAER, beginning at the time posted.
- 19.4. For protests during Slalom see Addendum D.
- 20. ADVERTISING**
- 20.1. Boards may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority while afloat.
- 21. [DP] SUPPORT TEAMS**
- 21.1. Team leaders, coaches and other support persons shall stay outside areas where boards are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until all boards have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 22. TRASH DISPOSAL**
- 22.1. Trash may be placed aboard official vessels.
- 23. PRIZES**
- 23.1. Course racing: The RNWA supplies for the winning board or team a blue pennant and a medal for the first competitor in each division: Light, Medium and Heavy, and the winning female competitor as long as the respective division includes 15 competitors or more. The winning competitors will be declared '2026 Dutch Champion Windsurfer' in their corresponding division.
- 23.2. Slalom: The RNWA supplies for the winning board or team a blue pennant and a medal for the first three competitors for each division: Light, Medium and Heavy, and the winning female competitor. The winning competitors will be declared '2026 Dutch Champion Windsurfer Slalom' in their corresponding division.

- 23.3. Freestyle: The RNWA supplies for the winning board a blue pennant and a medal. The winning competitor will be declared '2026 Dutch Champion Windsurfer Expression'.
- 23.4. Other prizes will be given depending on the number of competitors at the discretion of the organising authority. Other prizes can be declared based on gender or age division.

24. INSURANCE

- 24.1. Each participating board shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of Euro 1.500.000 or the equivalent per incident.

25. RISK STATEMENT

- 25.1. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a board's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, board handling errors, poor seamanship by other boards, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.
- 25.2. 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.

26. DATA PROTECTION

- 26.1. 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.

27. ORGANISATION

- 27.1. Official vessels will be identified as follows: a white flag with the letters RC or the letters RC on the console of a RIB. Jury boats will be marked with a yellow flag with the letters JURY.

- 27.2. Officials

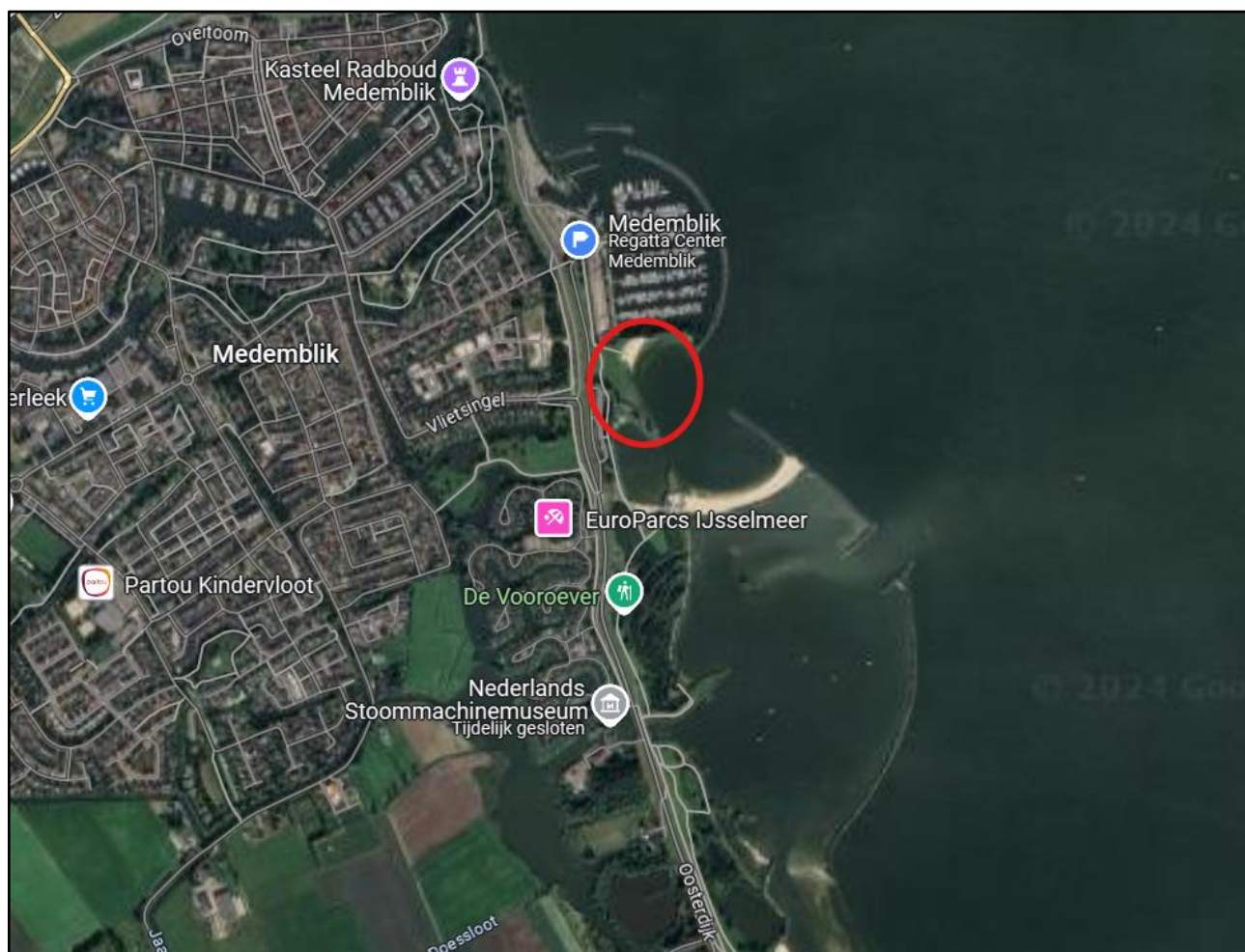
The race officer is:	Rob Hoogstra
The chairman of the protest committee is:	Rienko de Kraker
The chairman of the technical committee is:	Paul van der Sluijs

28. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 28.1. For further information please contact wc.windsurferlt@gmail.com

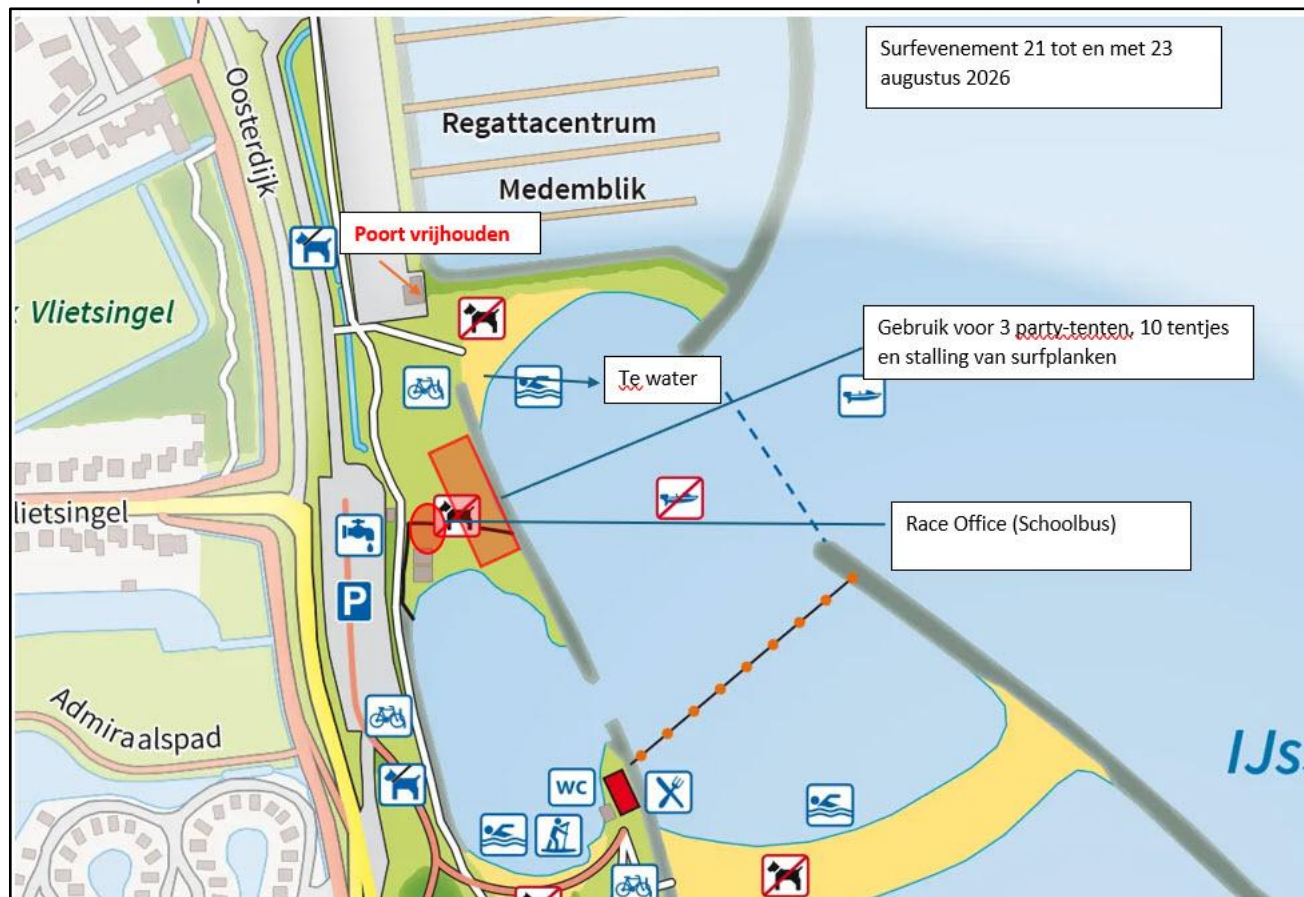


ADDENDUM A: THE MAP OF THE EVENT/HARBOUR VENUE



WSV BESTEVAER (WSVB)
Vooroever 9
1671 SG Medemblik
The Netherlands

Details for the spot:



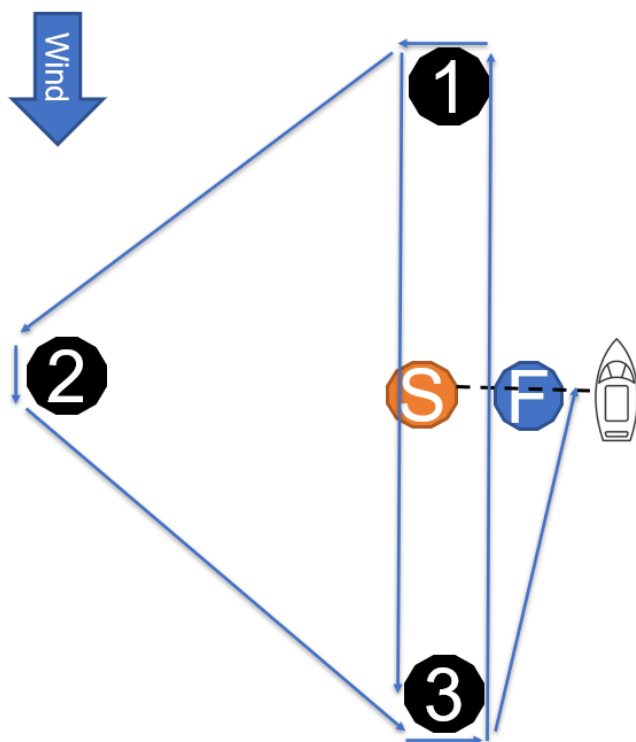
Route to WSVB

Medemblik is a medieval town, with some very small roads. To restrict the traffic inconvenience for the citizens of Medemblik, please start following the road signs to the recreation side “**Vooroever**” (later on follow: Regatta Center Medemblik) **before** entering the town of Medemblik.

ADDENDUM B: THE LOCATION OF THE RACING AREA



ADDENDUM C: COURSE RACING DIAGRAM



Course Race Courses

Course A

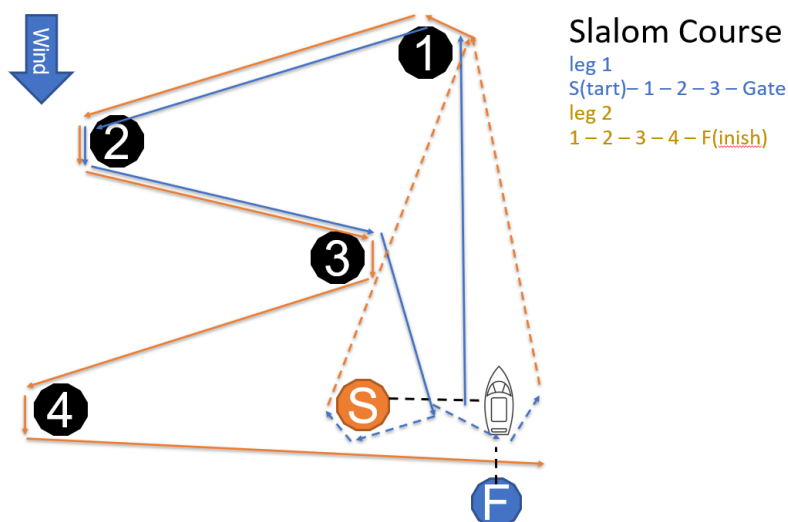
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Course B

S(tart)– 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 F(inish)

ADDENDUM D: SUPPLEMENTAL SLALOM RULES

1. Racing will be conducted in heats based on A, B, C, D, F divisions, max 8 competitors per start.
2. It is the sole responsibility of the competitor to know and be on time for their starts.
3. WSSR 'Windsurfing Slalom Racing Rules will apply.
4. **Slalom Course Diagram**
 - 4.1. shows the course for slalom, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.



5. Slalom Start

- 5.1. Slalom races will be started in accordance with the following procedure. This changes WSSR 26.

Minutes before the starting signal	Flag signal and sound	Signal
3	Panel with heat number up, one sound	
2	Class flag up, one sound	Warning signal
1	Black flag up, one sound	Preparatory signal
0	Class flag and Black flag down, one sound	Starting signal

- 5.2. The starting line will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and a black cone.

- 5.3. The number of the heat about to start will be displayed on the Race Committee boat at or before that heat's warning signal and will be removed at the starting signal for that heat. The heat number may also be displayed adjacent to the launching area.
- 5.4. A board that does not start within 1 minute after her starting signal will be scored 'Did Not Start' (DNS) without a hearing. This changes WSRR A4 and A5.
- 5.5. Boards for which no warning signal has been made shall keep well clear of the race course and starting area during the starting sequence for other divisions or races.
- 5.6. The starting penalties for the Slalom course is the WSRR 30.4
- 5.7. When a general recall is signaled, a new warning signal will be made 30 seconds after the general recall signal is lowered. This changes WSRR Race Signals.

6. Slalom Finish

- 6.1. The finishing line will be between a flagstaff displaying an blue flag on both Race Committee Boat s on each side of the finish. This changes the WSRR Race Signals.

7. Slalom Protests & Requests for Redress.

- 7.1. One or more Protest committe boats may be stationed on course to observe for rules infractions. Sailors who infringe rules may be subject to protest by the The Protest committee who will notify the sailor(s) and the slalom start boat after the race then follow the protest procedure outlined below.
- 7.2. Competitors shall hail their intention to protest at the time of the incident.
- 7.3. A competitor intending to protest shall verbally inform the start-finish boat upon finishing or retiring from the race of their intention, giving the sail number(s) of the protested competitor(s) and witnesses involved.
- 7.4. All parties to the protest shall immediately report to the Protest committee boat.
- 7.5. The protest hearing shall be held as soon as possible.
- 7.6. At the protest hearing, each party to the protest shall have the opportunity to make two short statements, with the protester taking the first and third opportunities to speak.
- 7.7. Sailors who miss their heat for any reason have no right to redress except:
 - 7.7.1. where the race committee was in error about the qualified competitors for the heat
 - 7.7.2. for major damage where they were not in contravention of racing rules during a previous slalom race, this changes WSRR 61.4 (b)

8. Slalom Scoring

- 8.1. The Low Point System - WRRS Appendix A Scoring will apply.
- 8.2. ONE (1) slalom races per category is required to be completed
- 8.3. Top place getters in each category may race in a combined slalom final to award overall placings but this does not alter category place results.

1. ADDENDUM D: SUPPLEMENTAL EXPRESSION RULES

1. General

- 1.1. Competitors are assigned a position in the running order
- 1.2. 3 judges located on either on boat or shore will score the tricks

2. Durations

2.1.

Heat duration	3 minutes
Transition duration	2 minutes

3. Scoring and judging

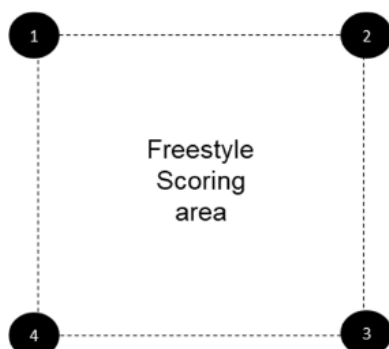
- 3.1. Three judges observe each competitor's routine and award points according to the guidelines on the freestyle scoring sheet.
- 3.2. The freestyle scoring sheet:

NAME:		SAIL #:		JUDGE:	
DIFFICULTY	SCORE	EXECUTION	SCORE	CHOREOGRAPHY	SCORE
EASY (0.1)		COMPLETE FALL (1.0)		VARIETY EXCELLENT (2.5)	MAX (2.5)
				VERY GOOD (2.0)	
				GOOD (1.5)	
		PARTIAL FALL (0.4)		AVERAGE (1.0)	
				POOR (0.5)	
MODERATE (0.3)		DROP SAIL (0.3)		CONTINUITY EXCELLENT (2.5)	MAX (2.5)
				VERY GOOD (2.0)	
				GOOD (1.5)	
		BOOM DRAG (0.2)		AVERAGE (1.0)	
				POOR (0.5)	
HARD (0.5)		SAIL CONTROL (0.2)		CARRIAGE EXCELLENT (2.0)	MAX (2.0)
				VERY GOOD (1.6)	
				GOOD (1.2)	
				AVERAGE (0.8)	
				POOR (0.5)	
VERY HARD (0.7)		INCOMPLETE TRICK (0.3)		ORIGINALITY	MAX (1.0)
				MUSIC (0.4)	
		REPETITION (0.2)		MOVEMENT (0.3)	
				THEATRICS (0.3)	
DISMOUNT (0.5)				ARTISTIC PRESENTATION	MAX (1.0)
LAST 10 SECONDS OF ROUTINE OR 3 SECONDS AFTER		DURATION (1.0)		VIRTUOSITY SELDOM AWARDED	MAX (1.0)
RISK (1.0)					
ADJUST FOR CONDITIONS					
TOTAL		TOTAL		TOTAL	
	+ 10 MAX		- 10 MAX	GRAND TOTAL	

- 3.3. Each competitor receives a numerical point score from each judge. For each judge, every competitor's numerical point score is converted into a ranking, with the highest scoring competitor receiving a ranking of 1 from each judge.
- 3.4. The three rankings from the three judges are added together to create a combined rank for each competitor.
- 3.5. The competitor with the lowest combined rank in each gender is awarded 1st place, with the next lowest combined rank receiving 2nd place and so on.

4. Racing area

- 4.1. Freestyle racing area is the "box" bounded by 4 buoys with a approx. leg length 30-40m.



4.2. Only tricks performed in the Freestyle racing area will be judged by the jury

5. Conduct

- 5.1. When judges are ready to score a competitor Class flag raised
- 5.2. Competitor raises hand when ready
- 5.3. Judges blow hooter and 3 minute time starts
- 5.4. Hooter at 10 seconds to go
- 5.5. Long Hooter at 0 time
- 5.6. Competitor has another 3 seconds for dismount
- 5.7. Judges tally scores
- 5.8. Next competitor on deck waiting to go. Once judges ready cycle commences again