



Gdynia 2026 World Sailing Championships Test Event

14 – 19 July 2026

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI)

Wingfoil

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1. RULES

The event is governed by the rules as stated in NoR 1.

Other documents under RRS Definition Rule (g) include:

[DP] [SP] Gdynia 2027 World Sailing Championships Test Event - Wingfoil Equipment Regulations (WER).

- 1.1. RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, applies.
- 1.2. For the Finals, SI Addendum WFR, Wingfoil Finals Races, applies. The version that is current when the event begins will be published on the Official Notice Board. It takes precedence over any conflicting rules. This changes RRS 63.5(c).
- 1.3. The Formula Wing Class Rules apply. The current version is published on the IWSA website, <https://wingfoilracing.com/>
- 1.4. [DP] A wingfoil shall not receive outside help to initiate foiling at any time. The penalty for this breach will be applied to the next race sailed after the breach occurred. This changes RRS 60.5(c).

2. [NP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 2.1. [SP] When Flag G is displayed ashore, all wingfoils shall either personally check in at the official flag pole where the flag is displayed, or be reported as safe by a support person.
- 2.2. [DP] A wingfoil not leaving the launching area for a scheduled race shall promptly notify the race committee.
- 2.3. [SP] During the Qualification Series before leaving shore, athletes shall sign-out at their check point within their assigned boat park or beach. Athletes may sign out from 2 hours before the scheduled time of their first warning signal of the day.
- 2.4. [SP] During the Qualification Series, on returning to shore, athletes shall sign-in at their check point within the protest time limit.
- 2.5. [DP] A wingfoil that retires from racing shall notify the race committee before leaving the racing area if possible and shall submit a retirement declaration form as soon as possible after returning ashore.
- 2.6. Trackers collection process:
 - 2.6.1. [SP] The trackers shall be collected at the sign-out procedure from the check point on the day stated on that notice.
 - 2.6.2. [SP] The trackers shall be returned to the check point after racing as follows:
 - (a) Within the protest time limit on the last Qualification Series day by competitors that did not qualify to the Finals; or
 - (b) Within one hour after the last Final race is completed by competitors that did qualify to the Finals.

3. [NP][DP] CODE OF CONDUCT

- 3.1. Athletes and support persons shall:
 - 3.1.1. Comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Non-compliance may be misconduct;
 - 3.1.2. Handle any equipment provided by the organizing authority with proper care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality; and
 - 3.1.3. Not in any way interfere with the functionality of supplied media and umpiring equipment.
- 3.2. Wingfoils not racing shall remain clear of areas where wingfoils are racing and of any official vessel.
- 3.3. Wingfoils that are on a course area to which they are not assigned shall avoid the areas where boats are racing and any official vessel.

4. COMMUNICATION WITH ATHLETES

- 4.1. Notices will be posted on the Online Notice Board (ONB): [World Sailing - Notice Board](#)
- 4.2. An online system, "SailorAPP" will enable paperless submissions of hearing requests, scoring enquiries and declarations and will be accessible through the Online Notice Board. As a back-up, hearing requests and other paper forms will be found at and shall be delivered to the Race Office.
- 4.3. Complementary information will be made available via Telegram Messenger [\[link\]](#)

- 4.4. The location of the official flagpole will be on top of the race office.
- 4.5. Flag L will only be displayed ashore when a notice affecting that day's racing is posted which:
- 4.5.1. Makes a change of race area;
 - 4.5.2. Makes a change of warning signal time; or
 - 4.5.3. Changes a Sailing Instruction.
- 4.6. When flag AP is displayed ashore:
- 4.6.1. For the Qualification Series and the Golden Ticket Race, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 20 minutes' in the race signal AP;
 - 4.6.2. For the Finals, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 10 minutes' in the race signal AP.
This changes RRS Race Signals AP.
- 4.7. [SP] [NP] A wingfoil shall not go afloat until flag D is displayed ashore for her event. The warning signal will be made not less than the times in SI 4.6 after flag D is displayed or not before the scheduled time, whichever is later.
- 4.8. [NP][DP] Flag G:
- 4.8.1. Displayed ashore with two sounds means 'No wingfoil shall go afloat until this signal is removed (with one long sound). The warning signal will be made not less than 20 minutes after removal.'
 - 4.8.2. Displayed afloat means 'Wingfoils not racing shall return ashore as soon as reasonably possible.'
- 4.9. Class flags will be as follows:
- 4.9.1. Qualification Series:
Men: Yellow with IWSA logo
Women: Green with IWSA logo
 - 4.9.2. Long Distance/Golden Ticket Race and Finals:
Men: Yellow with IWSA logo
Women: Green with IWSA logo
- 4.10. A signal displayed at the finish vessel applies only to the fleet that is finishing. This changes RRS Race Signals preamble.
- 4.11. For the Finals, the race committee will display the race designation before the warning signal.
- 4.12. The race committee will communicate on VHF: 69.

5. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1. Any change to the SI will be posted 30 minutes before it will take effect.

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1. The schedule for the event will be as follows (all times are local):

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Date	Activity	Time
10 July	Venue opens	
14 July	Registration	0800-1100
	Equipment Inspection	1600-1800
15 – 18 July	Racing	See SI Addendum B
18 July	Prize Giving and Closing Ceremony	1700
19 July	Venue closes	

- 6.2. SI Addendum B shows the competition schedule.
- 6.3. For the Qualification Series, 14 races (Short Track or Long Distance) are scheduled.

- 6.4. Each racing day may be separated into two sessions.
- 6.5. Not more than four Long-Distance races or eight Short-Track races per event will be sailed on each day.
- 6.6. A daily briefing for competitors and support persons will be held 60 minutes (90 minutes on Day 1) before the first scheduled warning signal in the launching area.
- 6.7. The times for the first warning signal of each session for each day after the first racing day will be posted no later than 2100 on the previous evening.

7. COURSES AND MARKS

- 7.1. The diagrams in SI Addendum C show the courses for the Short-Track races, the course designations, 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.
- 7.2. Additional courses and the courses for the Long-Distance races may be published on the official notice board.
- 7.3. Courses will not be shortened. This changes RRS 32.
- 7.4. Legs of the course will not be changed after the starting signal. This changes RRS 33.
- 7.5. Marks for Short-Track races and Finals will be as follows:
 - 7.5.1. The rounding marks will be orange inflatable cylinders.
 - 7.5.2. Starting marks will be an RC vessel and yellow inflatable cylinder.
 - 7.5.3. Finishing marks will be an RC vessel and red inflatable cylinder.
- 7.6. If a gate mark is missing and has not been replaced in accordance with RRS 34, the remaining mark shall be left to port.
- 7.7. SI Addendum A shows the location of the venue and the course areas. The intended course area for the wingfoil events is Echo.
- 7.8. The Race Committee may reassign an Event to any race area no later than 2 hours before the scheduled starting signal. However:
 - 7.8.1. when flag AP is displayed ashore, the race area may be changed by posting a notice until 15 minutes before the AP is removed; and
 - 7.8.2. when flag AP is displayed afloat, the race area may be changed. The Race Committee will display flag L over the Event(s) flag and move to the new race area.

8. STARTING AND FINISHING

- 8.1. To alert wingfoils that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange chequered starting line flag(s) will be displayed with one sound at least 2 minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 8.2. [NP][DP] When a starting sequence is in progress, wingfoils whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area. The starting area is defined as an area 100 meters from the starting line and marks in all directions.
- 8.3. The table in RRS WF3.26 is replaced with the following:

If the black flag is not displayed, RRS 30.3 (U flag) applies.

Minutes before starting signal	Visual signal displayed	Visual signal removed	Sound signal	Means
Not less than 3	Class flag		None	Event to start next
Not less than 3	Black flag (if applicable)		None	RRS 30.4 applies
3	Pink flag with "3"		One	Warning signal
2	Red flag with "2"	Pink flag with "3"	One	Preparatory signal
1	Yellow flag with "1"	Red flag with "2"	One	One minute
0		All flags removed	One	Starting signal

- 8.4. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange chequered flag on the race committee vessel at the starboard/windward end and either:

8.4.1. the course side of the port/leeward end inflatable mark, or

8.4.2. a staff displaying an orange chequered starting line flag on the race committee vessel on the port/leeward end.

8.5. For the Long-Distance races, a Rabbit Start will be used:

8.5.1. At the starting signal, a race committee vessel displaying an orange chequered starting line flag (the Rabbit) will proceed at high and constant speed from the starting mark to the race committee signal vessel. Wingfoils shall start between the course side of the starting mark and the stern of the Rabbit.

8.5.2. A wingfoil shall not sail between the race committee signal vessel and the Rabbit from 1 minute before her starting signal until she starts. If a wingfoil breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing, even if the race is restarted or resailed. This changes RRS 36 and A5.1

8.6. A wingfoil starting later than 1 minute after her starting signal (4 minutes in a Long-Distance race), will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

8.7. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue chequered flag on a race committee vessel at the windward end and the course side of the leeward end inflatable mark.

8.8. [NP][DP] Wingfoils that have finished shall sail clear of the finishing area.

9. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

9.1. Time limits and target times, in minutes, are as follows:

	Target Time	Race Time Limit	Mark 1 Time Limit	Finishing Window
Long-Distance	20	40	N/A	Elapsed time of 1st finisher
B1/BS1/O1/OG1	8	16	6	6
B2/BS2/O2/OG2	8	16	4	6
X1/XS1/LG1/LR1	8	16	6	6
X2/XS2/LG2/LR2	8	16	4	6
UP/US	6	12	1	6
Finals	5	10	N/A	1

9.2. If no wingfoil has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit, the race will be abandoned.

9.3. Wingfoils failing to finish within the time stated under 'Finishing Window' after the first wingfoil sails the course will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.

9.4. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).

10. EQUIPMENT AND EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

See 'Equipment Regulations'

11. OFFICIAL VESSELS

11.1. Official vessels will be marked as follows:

Official Vessels	Identification Flag
Race Committee	White flag with 'ALPHA'
Technical Committee	White flag with 'Measurer'
International Jury	White flag with 'Jury'
Media	White flag with 'Press'
VIP	White flag with 'VIP'
Principal Race Officer	White flag with 'PRO'

Safety	White flag with 'Rescue'
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- 11.2. A request for redress from a wingfoil is invalid if it is based on an action by an official vessel, helicopter, or drone. This changes RRS 61.3.

12. FORMAT AND SCORING

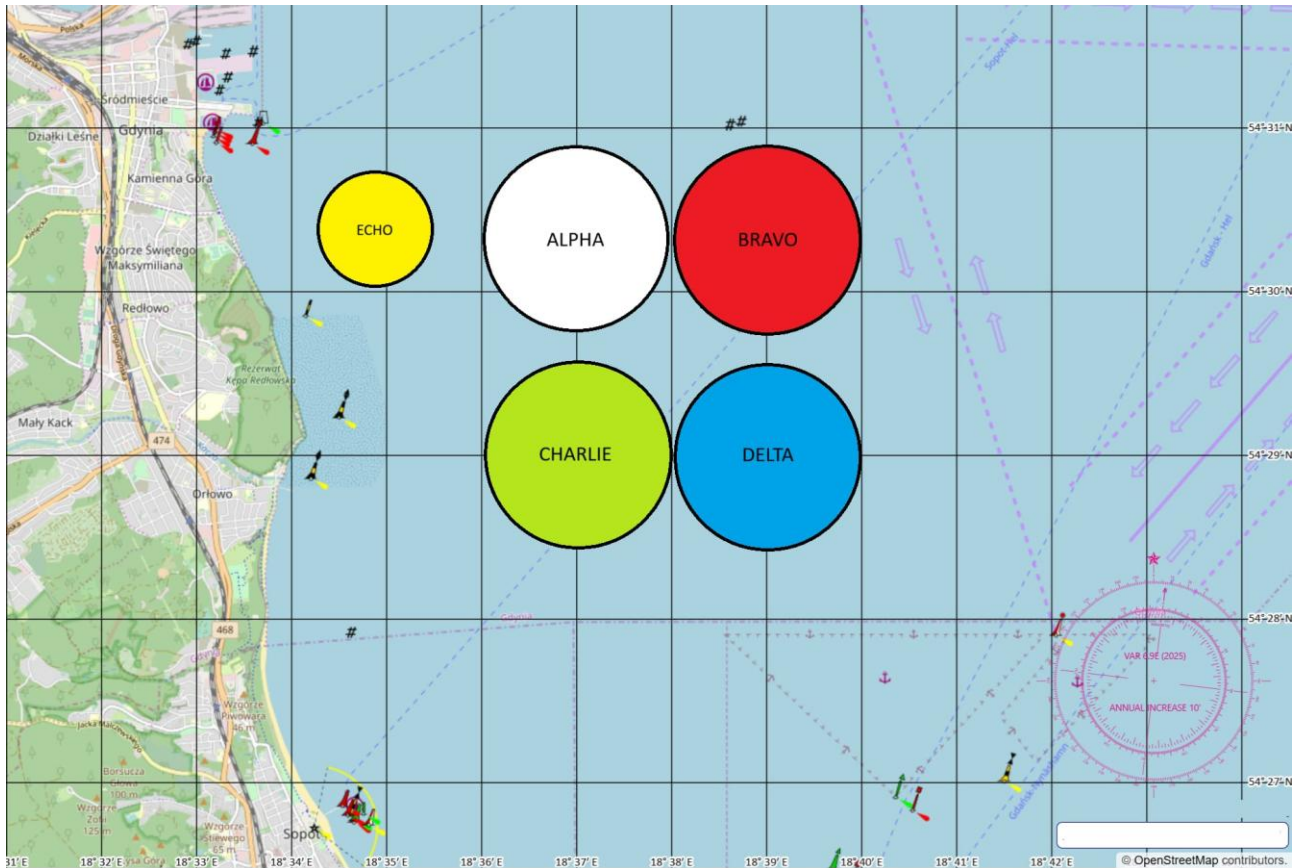
- 12.1. One race is required to be scored to constitute an event.
- 12.2. The format for each event will be a Qualification Series followed by a Golden Ticket Race and Finals for the top 10 wingfoils. The details of the format and scoring are stated in SI Addendum D.
- 12.3. To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a wingfoil may submit a scoring inquiry through the event's online platform.

13. HEARING REQUESTS AND PENALTIES

- 13.1. Protests and requests shall be lodged electronically via the form available on the Official Notice Board within the appropriate time limit. Submissions into this system will be considered as delivered to the Race Office. Once delivered, a hearing will be automatically listed on the list of pending hearings. If this does not show, then the protest/request has not been received.
- 13.2. For each event, the time limit for protests and requests for redress about incidents observed in the racing area is 30 minutes after
- 13.2.1. the end of the Finishing Window of the last race of the day or of the series, or
- 13.2.2. when AP over A, or N over A is displayed
whichever is later. This changes RRS 61.2(b)(1).
- 13.3. A request for redress based on an incident identified in a scoring inquiry will meet the time limit if:
- 13.3.1. the scoring inquiry was delivered online within the time limit specified in RRS 61.2(b) as changed by SI 13.2; and
- 13.3.2. the request for redress was delivered online as soon as reasonably possible after being notified of the race committee's response to the scoring inquiry. The response by the race committee may be notified in writing or through the online system. This changes RRS 61.2(b).
- 13.4. Hearing times and locations will be posted on the event's online platform to inform the parties. Hearings may be scheduled to begin before the protest time limit.
- 13.5. Penalties for breaches of RRS 50, class rules, or rules marked '[DP]' or '[SP]', should the case go to a hearing, are at the discretion of the protest committee.
- 13.6. Standard penalties:
- 13.6.1. For breaches of a rule marked [SP], or breaches of the class rules listed in the 'Standard Penalty List', the race committee or technical committee may impose a standard penalty without a hearing. The scores of other wingfoils shall not be changed; therefore, two wingfoils may receive the same score. However, the race committee or technical committee may protest a wingfoil if they consider the standard penalty to be inappropriate. This changes RRS A5.1.
- 13.6.2. A protest from a wingfoil is invalid as far as it alleges such a breach for which a standard penalty has been imposed. A request for redress from a wingfoil is invalid as far as it is based on the imposition of a standard penalty to another wingfoil. This changes RRS 60.4(a) and 61.3.
- 13.6.3. A list of wingfoils that have been penalized under this rule will be posted on the official notice board.
- 13.7. RRS 61.2(b)(2) and 63.7(b) also apply on the last day of the Qualification Series.
- 13.8. For the Golden Ticket Race:
- 13.8.1. For the Golden Ticket Race, RRS WF5 63.8 applies.
- 13.8.2. For each wingfoil the time limit for protests and requests for redress is 10 minutes after she has finished or retired from the race, or after the race has been cancelled. This changes RRS 61.2(b) and WF5 63.8(c)(1).

Sailing Instruction Addendum A

Race Areas



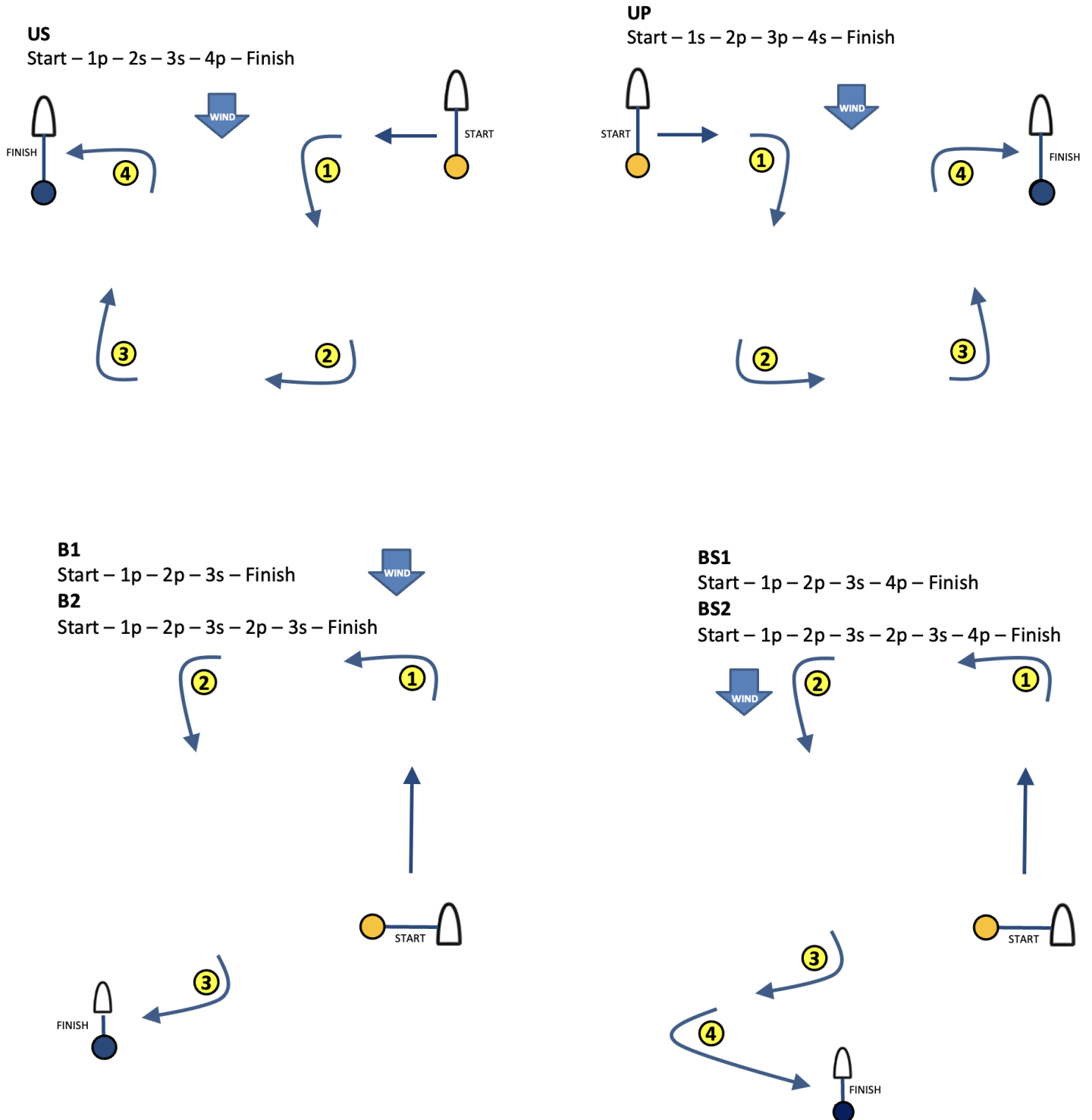
Sailing Instruction Addendum B

Competition Schedule

14 July Day 0	15 July Day 1	16 July Day 2	17 July Day 3	18 July Day 4
Registration 0800-1100	Session 1 Qualification Series 1200	Session 1 Qualification Series TBA	Session 1 Qualification Series TBA	Session 1 Golden Ticket Race TBA
Equipment Inspection 1600-1800	Session 2 Qualification Series	Session 2 Qualification Series	Session 2 Qualification Series	Session 2 Finals

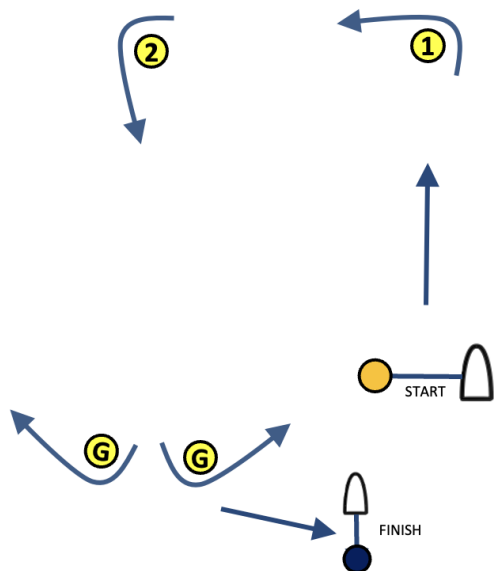
Sailing Instruction Addendum C

Course Diagrams



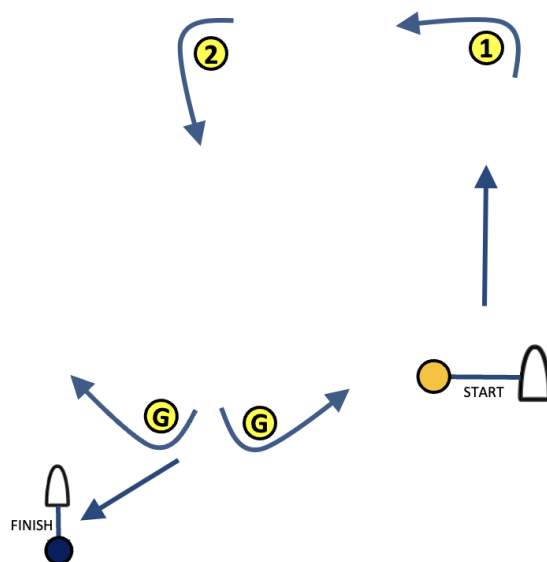
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O2
Start – 1p – 2p – Gate – 2p – Gate – Finish



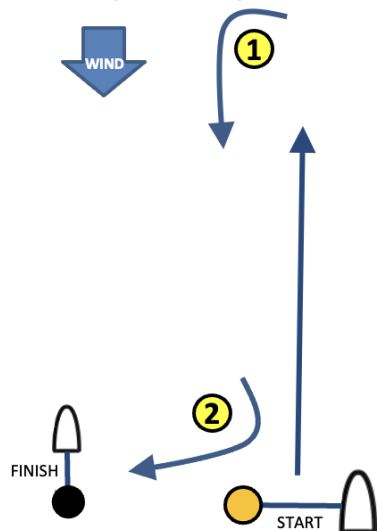
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Start – 1p – 2p – Gate – Finish

OG2
Start – 1p – 2p – Gate – 2p – Gate – Finish



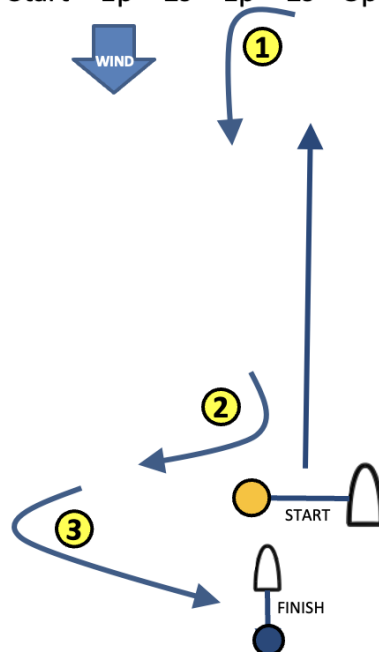
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Start – 1p – 2s – Finish

X2
Start – 1p – 2s – 1p – 2s – Finish



XS1
Start – 1p – 2s – 3p – Finish

XS2
Start – 1p – 2s – 1p – 2s – 3p – Finish

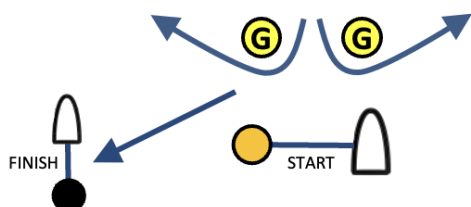
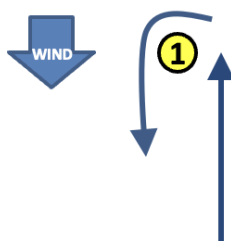


LG1

Start – 1p – Gate – Finish

LG2

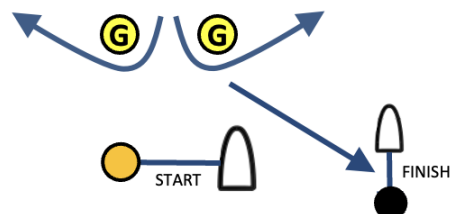
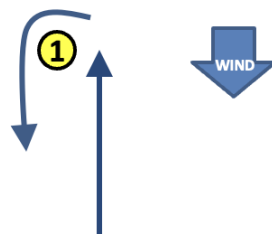
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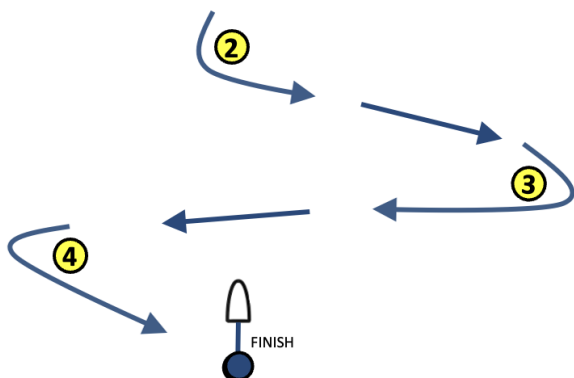
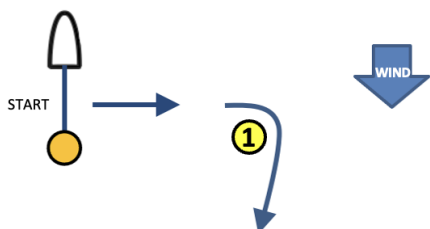
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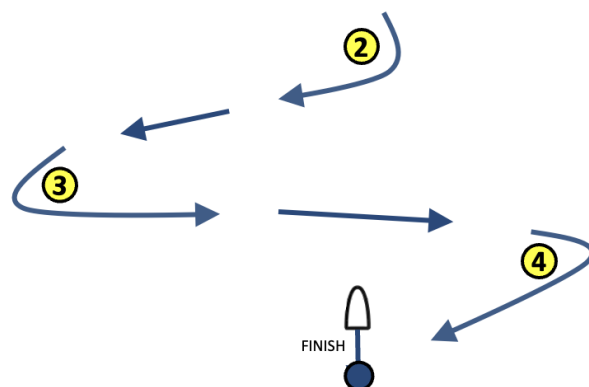
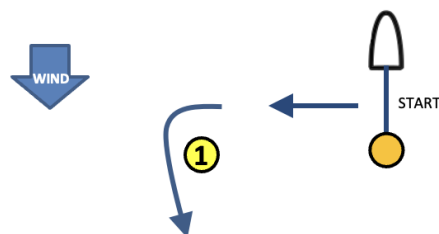
Start – 1p – Gate – 1p – Gate – Finish

**DP**

Start – 1s – 2p – 3s – 4p – Finish

**DS**

Start – 1p – 2s – 3p – 4s – Finish



Sailing Instruction Addendum D

Format and Scoring

1. Qualification Series

- 1.1 The Qualification Series will be a single series.
- 1.2 A wingfoil's Qualification Series score will be the total of her race scores except that:
 - (a) When from 3 to 6 races have been scored, her worst score will be excluded;
 - (b) When from 7 to 10 races have been scored, her two worst scores will be excluded; and
 - (c) When 11 or more races have been scored, her three worst scores will be excluded.

2. Golden Ticket Race

- 2.1 The Golden Ticket Race is scheduled for Day 4 and will be sailed if 7 or more Qualification Series races have been scored. The Qualification Series will be extended if less than 7 races have been scored by the end of Day 3.
- 2.2 The Golden Ticket Race will be a Long-Distance race for wingfoils ranked from tenth to last in the Qualification Series.
- 2.3 The top ranked wingfoil in the Golden Ticket Race will qualify to the Finals in 10th place.
- 2.4 The score of the Golden Ticket Race shall not be excluded.
- 2.5 The race committee may cancel the Golden Ticket Race if the completion of the Finals is in jeopardy. In such case, the wingfoil ranked tenth in the Qualification Series will qualify to the Finals in 10th place.

3. Finals

- 3.1 The Finals are scheduled for Day 4 and will be sailed if 7 or more Qualification Series races have been scored. The Qualification Series will be extended if less than 7 races have been scored by the end of Day 3.
- 3.2 The Finals will be divided into 3 stages: Quarter-Final, Semi-Final and Grand Final. Wingfoils advance from one stage to the other until the Grand Final.
- 3.3 The race committee may cancel the Quarter Final and/or Semi Final stages if the completion of the Finals is in jeopardy, or when there are less than 10 entries in an event. In such case, wingfoils ranked or seeded first and second in the previous stage advance to the next stage.
- 3.4 Wingfoils ranked first and second in the Qualification Series will qualify to the Grand Final carrying forward 1 match point each.
- 3.5 Wingfoils ranked third to fifth in the Qualification Series will qualify to the Semi-Final.
- 3.6 Wingfoils ranked sixth to ninth in the Qualification Series and the winner of the Golden Ticket Race, or wingfoils ranked sixth to tenth in the Qualification Series when no Golden Ticket Race was sailed, will qualify to the Quarter-Final.
- 3.7 The top two ranked wingfoils from the Quarter-Final qualify to the Semi-Final
- 3.8 The top two ranked wingfoils from the Semi-Final qualify to the Grand Final.
- 3.9 If there is a tie between two wingfoils, they will be ranked in order of their rank in the previous stage.
- 3.10 **Grand Final**
 - (a) The Grand Final will continue until one wingfoil collects 2 match points. The wingfoil with the lowest race score collects a match point.
 - (b) Wingfoils in the Grand Final will be ranked in order of the number of match points, from highest to lowest.
 - (c) If there is a tie in match points between two or more wingfoils, they will be ranked in the order of their scores in the last race. Any remaining ties shall be broken by using the tied wingfoils' scores in the next-to-last grand finals race and so on. If a tie remains, they will be ranked in order of their Qualification Series ranking. This changes RRS A8.

3.11 **Scores in the Finals determined by the race committee**

A wingfoil that came to the starting area but did not start or did not finish will be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of wingfoils that finished and were not disqualified or retired. This changes RRS A5.2.

4. **Overall Standings**

4.1 The winner of the Grand Final is the winner of the event. All others are ranked as follows:

Event Rank	Result
1st	1 st place Grand Final
2nd	2 nd place Grand Final
3rd	3 rd place Grand Final
4th	4 th place Grand Final
5th	3 rd place Semi-Final
6th	4 th place Semi-Final
7th	5 th place Semi-Final
8th	3 rd place Quarter-Final
9th	4 th place Quarter-Final
10th	5 th place Quarter-Final

4.2 If the Grand Final is not completed, wingfoils will be ranked in places 1-4 according to the current standings of the Grand Final.

4.3 If a stage cannot be completed, wingfoils are ranked in the order of their rank in the previous stage. If the Quarter-Final race cannot be scored, wingfoils in the Quarter-Final are ranked in the order of their place after the Qualification Series.

4.4 Wingfoils qualified for the Finals shall be ranked higher than the remaining wingfoils. This may not apply to a wingfoil penalized under RRS 69 or RRS 6.1 in conjunction with the respective World Sailing regulation.

4.5 Wingfoils not qualified for the Finals will be ranked after the wingfoil qualified for the Finals, according to their Qualification Series score plus their Golden Ticket Race score (from place 11 onwards). This changes RRS A2.