



Mounts Bay Sailing Club

2021

WINDSURFER

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sunday 27th December 2020, Monday 28th December 2020

Saturday 2nd January 2021, Sunday 3rd January 2021

Mounts Bay Sailing Club, Australia II Drive Crawley

Organising Authority: Mounts Bay Sailing Club (Inc.) (MBSC)

The event is run by the Organising Authority with the assistance of the Windsurfer Class Association of Australia (WCAA) and also the assistance of the Windsurfer Class Association of Western Australia Inc. (WCAWA).

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

MBSC, in association with WCAWA and the WCAA, welcomes Windsurfer Class sailors participating in the 2021 Windsurfer Class WA State Championships and their families, friends, supporters and sponsors.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing Windsurfing Edition – RRS(WE) 2017 – 2020 which can be found at <https://www.sailing.org/87179.php> ; except where they are changed by the Notice of Race (NOR) or by the Sailing Instructions (SIs). In the event of a conflict, the SIs will prevail. The Australian Sailing Prescriptions stated in the NOR apply to these SI's,
- 1.2. The Windsurfer Class (IWCA) rules will apply except as amended by these SI's

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official race notice board located on the lower level of the clubhouse at Mounts Bay Sailing Club.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 45 minutes before the scheduled start time of first race of the day it will take effect on the official notice board.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the club flagpole at Mounts Bay Sailing Club.

- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP instruction.
- 4.3. When Code Flag 'Q' is displayed ashore, no boards are permitted to leave the shore.

5. SIGNALS MADE AFLOAT

- 5.1. In addition to the signals provided in the rules, the following signal will be used. International Pennant 'M' displayed on the finishing boat means, "Competitors should remain in the starting area. There will be another race starting in the current racing period as soon as the Race Officers deem practical."

6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 6.1. The competition schedule will be in accordance with the following, as well as notices to competitors:

Day	Date	Activity	Time
Sunday	27/12/2020	Registration and Weigh-in	1030-1215hrs
		Briefing	1300hrs
		Racing Session 1 - Warning Signal not before	1400hrs
		Day 1 Results Presentation and Pizza Night	1800hrs
Monday	28/12/2020	Briefing	1030hrs
		Slalom	1100hrs
		Marathon-Warning Signal not before	1430hrs
		Day 2 Results Presentation	1730hrs
Saturday	02/01/2021	Briefing	1300hrs
		Racing Session 2- Warning Signal not before	1400hrs
		Day 3 Results Presentation	1730hrs
Sunday	03/01/2021	Briefing	1100hrs
		Freestyle	1130hrs
		Racing Session 3 – Warning Signal not before	1430hrs
		Series Presentation and Prize Giving	1830hrs
		Series Wind Up Meal	1845hrs

The schedule is indicative only and may be changed at any time to accommodate any logistical or weather issues or as the Race Officers or Organising Authority otherwise deem fit.

The event will be run on an 'on call' basis.

Competitors will be briefed before each race session as to what discipline will be run.

Decisions will be made the Organising Authority based on conditions, safety and requirements to complete each of the four competition disciplines.

7. CLASS FLAG

- 7.1 The class flag will be square, with a black Windsurfer symbol on a pink background.

8. RACING AREA

8.1 The competition area will be Matilda Bay and Melville Water East. See Attachment 2.

9. COURSES

- 9.1. The diagrams in Attachment 1 show the course for course racing and the course for slalom racing and the courses for the marathon.
- 9.2. All divisions will race on the same course and race in one fleet.
- 9.3. Course racing sessions may consist of multiple races back-to-back.
- 9.4. A maximum of 9 course races will be conducted.
- 9.5. Subject to available time and prevailing conditions, it is intended that the slalom competition will be double elimination, conducted in heats.
- 9.6. A diagram of the slalom elimination ladder advising competitors of the number of their first heat will be displayed on the official notice board and/or race start boat and/or adjacent to the launching area. This diagram will be available not less than 15 minutes before the warning signal for the first heat. During competition, a competitor's status on the elimination ladder and the next heat they are entered, if relevant, will be displayed on the elimination ladder diagram.

10. MARKS

10.1. Course Racing Course

- Mark 1 will be a red inflatable buoy.
- Marks 2 and 3 will also be red inflatable buoys.
- The starting marks will be a flagstaff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat at the starboard end and a mark with an orange flag (Pin)
- The finishing marks will be a blue flag on the Race Committee boat and a mark with a blue flag to Starboard of the Committee Boat
- A clearance buoy may be streamed from the stern of the Race Committee start boat. Boards shall not pass between this buoy and the Race Committee start boat at any time.

10.2. Slalom Course

- Marks will be described at the slalom briefing.

10.3. Marathon Course

- Marks will be described at the marathon briefing.

10.4. Freestyle Competition Area

- Marks will be described at the freestyle briefing.

11. THE START

11.1. Course Races

- Course races will be started by using RRS(WE) 26 amended as follows:

<i>Minutes relative to starting signal</i>	<i>Flag Signal</i>	<i>Sound Signal</i>	<i>Means</i>
- 3	Class Flag and Numeral flags	One	Warning signal
- 2	Code Flag P, U, Black flag	One	Preparatory signal
- 1	Preparatory flag removed	One	One minute
0	Class Flag and Numeral Flags removed	One long	Starting Signal
+ 30 Seconds		One	Cease Pumping

- A board starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored 'Did Not Start'.
- The warning signal for each succeeding division shall be made with or after the starting signal of the preceding division.
- Boards whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

11.2. Slalom Races

- Slalom races will be started in accordance with the following procedure. This changes RRS(WE) 26.

<i>Signal</i>	<i>Flag and sound</i>	<i>Seconds before starting signal</i>
Warning	Red flag; one sound	60
Preparatory	Red flag removed; one sound	30
Starting	Blue flag; one sound	0

- 11.2.1 The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the starting marks.
- 11.2.2 The number of the heat about to start will be displayed on the slalom start boat at or before that heat's warning signal and will be removed at the starting signal for that heat. The number may also be displayed adjacent to the launching area.
- 11.2.3 A board that does not start within 1 minute after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS(WE) A4 and A5.
- 11.2.4 Boards whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area during the starting sequence for other divisions or races.
- 11.2.5 When a general recall is signaled, a new warning signal will be made 30 seconds after the general recall signal is lowered. This changes RRS(WE) 29.2 and Race Signals.
- 11.2.6 One or more race committee boats may be stationed on course to observe for rules infractions. Sailors who infringe rules may be subject to protest by the race committee who will notify the sailor(s) and the slalom start boat after the race then follow the protest procedure outlined in SI 17.2.

11.3. Marathon Race

On water start

the starting line will be between a flagstaff on the race committee boat and the centre of a mark to be described at the marathon briefing. The start sequence will be as for course races, described in clause 10.1 of these sailing instructions.

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing mark) 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.
- 12.2. Except at a gate, boards shall pass between the race committee boat signaling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes RRS(WE) 28.1.

13. PROPULSION

- 13.1. As amended by the IWCA Class Rules:

C1.1 RULES

(b) RRS(WE) 42 is amended to read:

A board shall be propelled only by the action of the wind on the sail, by the action of the water on the hull and by the unassisted actions of the competitor except that when:

(i) Course racing

And competitors are sailing to windward or on a close-hauled course, pumping (continuous and/or repetitive movement of the rig to induce wind-flow over the sail) is prohibited except for the first 30 seconds after the starting signal.

- 13.2. Any race committee boats stationed on course will observe for infractions of 13.1. Sailors who infringe may be subject to protest by the race committee.
- 13.3. Pumping shall be unrestricted for the Slalom and Marathon events.

14. PENALTIES

- 14.1 RRS(WE) 44.1 applies – a 360 Degree Turn Penalty.

15. TIME LIMIT COURSE RACING

- 15.1. The target time for the first board to complete the full course will be 25 minutes.
- 15.2. The time limit for the first board to complete the full course will be 40 minutes. If no board has finished within 40 minutes of the start of that race, the race will be abandoned.
- 15.3. Boards failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first board in their start group finishes the full course will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS(WE) 35, A4, and A5.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1. Course Races and Marathon

- 16.1.1. Competitors intending to protest shall inform the finish boat as soon as practicable after finishing.
- 16.1.2. Protest forms will be available from the Regatta Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the shore race officer within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.1.3. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last board has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 16.1.4. 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 race office beginning at the time posted.
- 16.1.5. Notices of protests by the race committee will be posted to inform competitors under RRS(WE) 61.1(b).
- 16.1.6. Breaches of SI 20, 21 and 23 will not be grounds for protest by a board. This changes RRS(WE) 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the Protest Committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this Instruction will be 'DP'.
- 16.1.7. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered;
 - a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.This changes RRS(WE) 66.

16.2. Slalom Races

- 16.2.1. Written protests are not required. This changes RRS(WE) 61.2.
- 16.2.2. Competitors shall hail their intention to protest at the time of the incident.
- 16.2.3. A competitor intending to protest shall verbally inform the start boat upon finishing or retiring from the race of their intention, giving the sail number(s) of the protested competitor(s) and witnesses involved.

- 16.2.4. All parties to the protest shall immediately report to the start boat.
- 16.2.5. The protest hearing shall be held as soon as possible.
- 16.2.6. 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.
- 16.2.7. Sailors who miss their heat for any reason have no right to redress except:
 - where the race committee was in error about the qualified competitors for the heat
 - for major damage where they were not in contravention of racing rules during a previous slalom race

16.3. On the last scheduled day of competition, a request for redress based on a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS(WE) 62.2 and RRS (WE) 66.

17. ARBITRATION

17.1. Except for Slalom Racing, RRS Appendix T Arbitration will be used, see Attachment 4.

18. SCORING

- 18.1. Course Racing and Marathon: RRS Appendix A – ‘Low Point System’ will apply for course racing and the marathon event.
- 18.2. Each board will be awarded points for each race and for the Marathon based on her finishing place within her division. Divisions are defined in the Notice of Race and in the SIs.
- 18.3. Three course races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.4. When fewer than 5 course races have been completed, a board’s series course racing score will be the total of her race scores.
- 18.5. When from 5 to 8 course races have been completed, a board’s series course racing score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score (“one drop”).
- 18.6. When 9 to 10 races have been completed, a board’s series course racing score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores (“two drops”). This changes RRS(EW) A2.1 (a) and (b).
- 18.7. Slalom scoring: Every board is allocated a finishing rank according to her finishing position on the elimination table. Equal ranks may be allocated to boards that did not progress to the final. Each board is awarded a slalom score according to the Low Point System based on her ranking within her division. Separate elimination series may be run for men and women, or both genders may compete together at the discretion of the race committee. Boards who do not participate in the slalom event are awarded a slalom score of $(n+1)$, where n = the number of boards in her division.
- 18.8. Freestyle: the Low Point System will apply for freestyle, with the first placed competitor in each gender being awarded a freestyle score of 1 and each place thereafter receiving one additional point. A description of the method of obtaining places for freestyle competition can be found in Attachment 3 which replaces RRE(WE) Appendix BX
- 18.9. Pentathlon: A board’s pentathlon (overall) score shall be the total of the following:
 - Course place: (course racing place within her division based on her course racing series score)
 - Course average (course race score divided by the number of races less the number of drops)
 - Slalom score
 - Marathon score

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS

19.1. For each Course race or Course race session and for the Marathon each board intending to race shall personally sign-on in the designated area of Mounts Bay Sailing Club prior to the warning signal of the race or race session, and shall personally sign-off as soon as practicable upon returning to shore, but no later than the end of protest time for that day.

Failure to comply with this Instruction will result in a board being penalised with a scoring penalty of 5 places in her division in the race or the first race of that race session by the Race Committee. This changes RRS(WE) 63.1 and A4.1.

- 19.2. All competitors shall wear whilst competing, personal flotation devices which are in good condition and in accordance with the specifications issued or approved by Australian Sailing. Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule RRS(WE) 1.2. This instruction does not apply to the Freestyle event.
- 19.3. A competitor that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee before leaving the racing area, or if that is not possible, shall notify the race office as soon as possible after returning ashore and before the end of the protest time limit.

20. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 20.1. A board or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and Sailing Instructions. On the water, a board can be instructed by a Race Committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.
- 20.2. Substitution of equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Committee at the first reasonable opportunity. This instruction does not apply to the Freestyle event.
- 20.3. Competitors shall not wear or carry clothing or equipment for the purpose of increasing their weight. However, a competitor may wear a drinking container that shall have a capacity of at least one litre and weigh no more than 1.5 kilograms when full.

21. SUPPORT BOATS

- 21.1. Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boards are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first division/s to start until all boards have finished or retired or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 21.2. During any start sequence support boats shall stay at least 50 metres below the starting line and its extensions.

22. BASIC PRINCIPLES

- 22.1. Environmental Responsibility - participants are encouraged to minimize any adverse environmental impact for the event.
- 22.2. Sailors shall not put rubbish in the water. Rubbish may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

23. BOARD STORAGE

- 23.1. Boards may be stored at Mounts Bay Sailing Club, from Wednesday evening until Monday morning.
- 23.2. To promote efficient use of this facility, competitors are encouraged to label equipment.

24. ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION

- 24.1. Radio: except in an emergency, a board shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boards. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.
- 24.2. Tracking equipment: during the marathon only, competitors may carry a mobile phone or GPS device. This allows for a competitor to use a GPS-based application, or similar, in order for a remotely located guest to follow their on-water progress.

25. RACE RESULTS

Race results will be posted on the official notice board when available. Results may also be published online at <https://topyacht.net.au/results/mbsc/2020/otb/wind/series.htm?ty=69795>

26. PRIZES

- 26.1. Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

27. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 27.1. Competitors who participate in competition at Mounts Bay Sailing Club do so entirely at their own risk and responsibility. Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule RRS(WE) 4 Decision to Race, which states "The responsibility for a board's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".
- 27.2. Mounts Bay Sailing Club, Windsurfer Class Association of Western Australia Inc. and the Windsurfer Class Association of Australia and each of their respective officers, officials, members, servants, volunteers and agents accept no liability with respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of competitors' participation or intended participation in the event or howsoever arising in connection with the event.
- 27.3. ENTRY DISCLAIMER
It is the competitor's sole decision to enter this event and to start and or to continue to compete. By way of entering, competitors acknowledge and agree that participation in this event can be dangerous and accept that their participation is at their exclusive risk in every respect. In addition, by way of entering competitors shall hold harmless the Organising Authority, its officers, members, servants and agents and all other competitors in respect of all liability for injury to their person and or loss or damage to their property howsoever arising from their participation or intended participation in this event and acknowledge and accept that the organizing authority, its officers, members, servants, agents and other competitors accept no responsibility in respect to loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of a competitor's participation or intended participation in this event or arising for whatever reason in connection with this event.
- 27.4. All competitors will be required to sign an entry form at registration that includes an entry disclaimer.
- 27.5. By way of entering, competitors also agree to compete in a spirit of good sportsmanship, which promotes safe, fair and inclusive sport.

28. INSURANCE

- 28.1. Every competitor shall be a member of the Windsurfer Class Association of Australia.
- 28.2. Every competitor shall have valid public liability insurance through an approved Australian Windsurfing Association (AWA) affiliated member organisation.
- 28.3. Every competitor who enters the Championship is deemed to have confirmed that they have such insurance. Competitors found not to have such insurance shall have their entry revoked.

Refs.

<http://www.windsurfing.org/insurance.htm>

ATTACHMENT 1 – COURSE DIAGRAMS

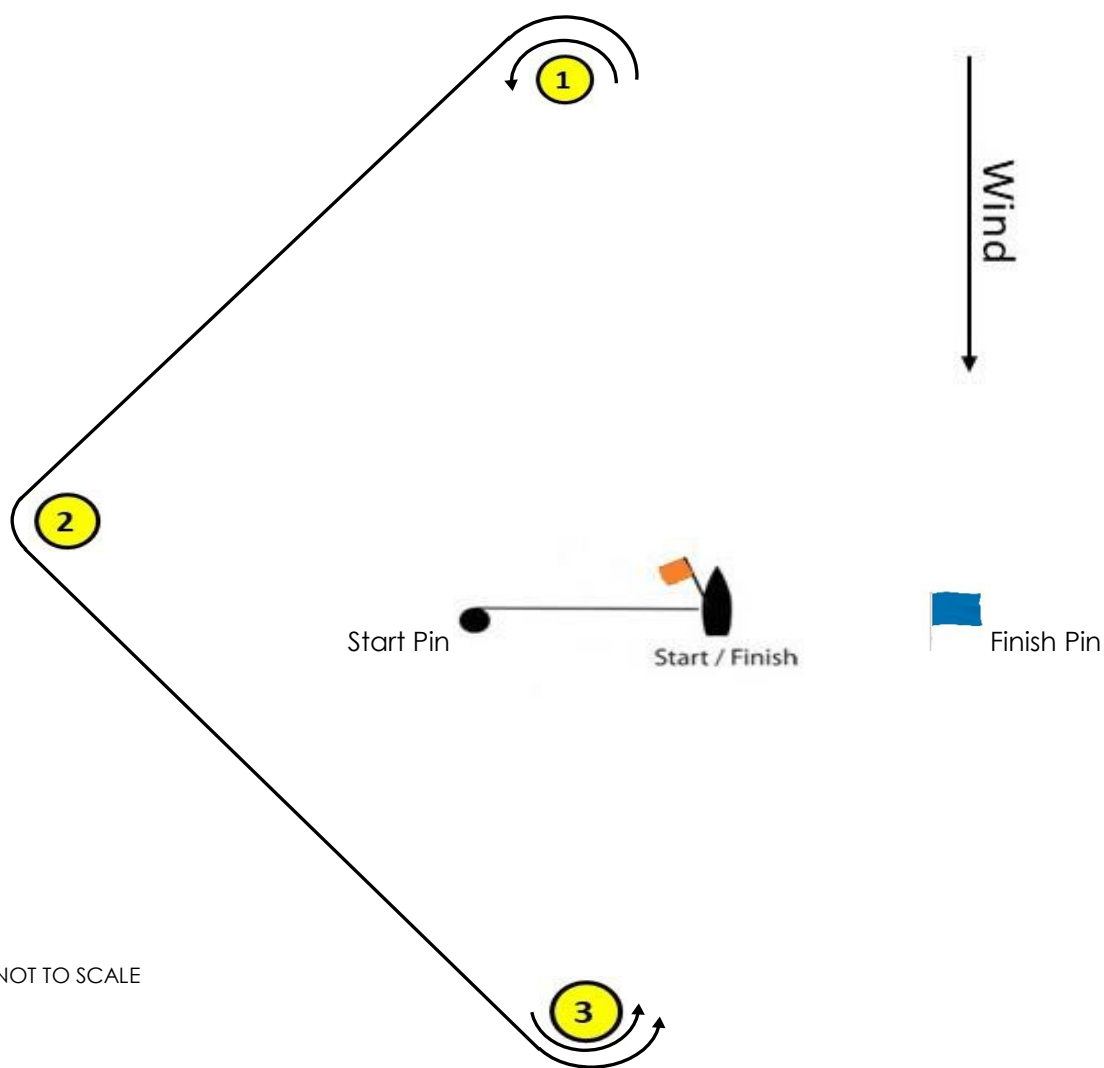
COURSE RACING DIAGRAM

The following diagram describes the course, the order in which the marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left. Course Number to be displayed on the Course Board at the stern of the Committee Boat.

COURSE RACING DIAGRAM

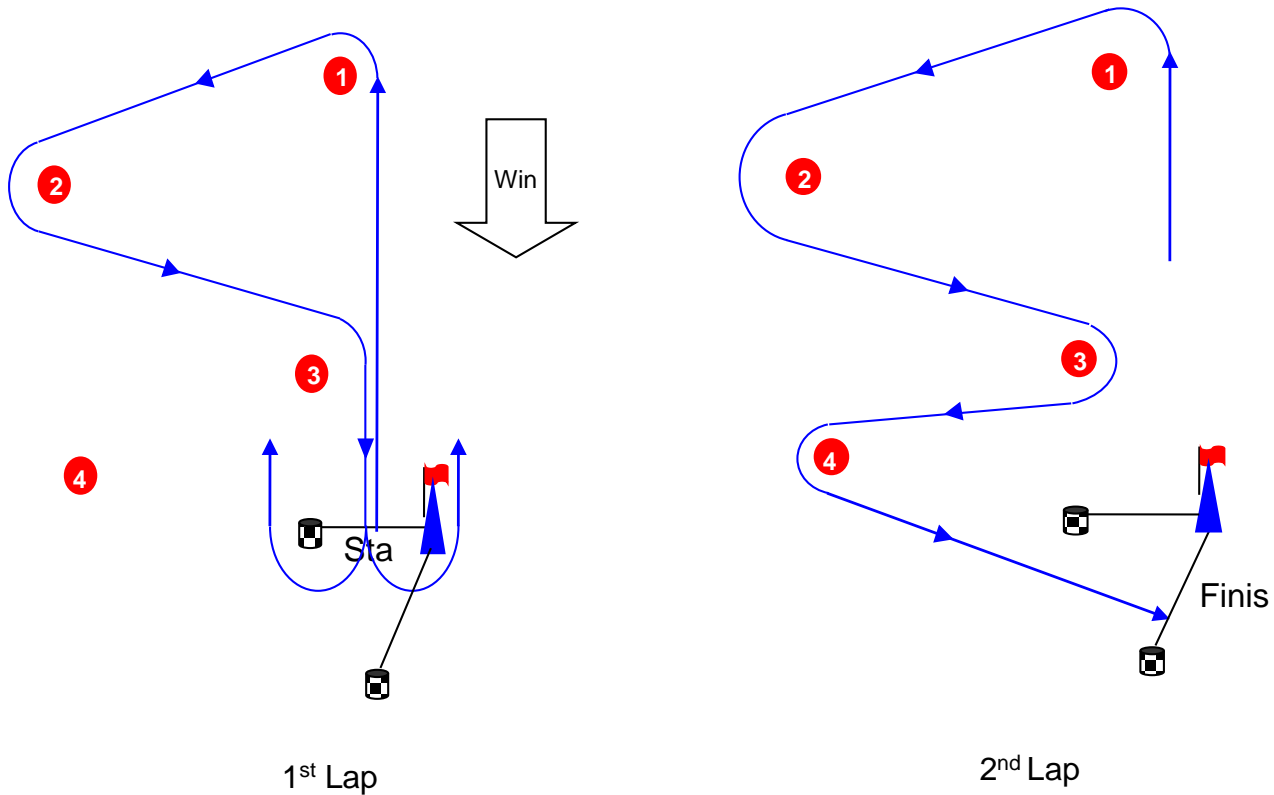
Course 1  (Windward - Leeward): 1, 3, 1, 3, F

Course 2:  (Triangle) 1, 2, 3, 1, 3, F



SLALOM COURSE DIAGRAM

Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – Start (Gate) – 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – Finish



MARATHON COURSES

States Marathon - South Westerly		
Green and White Flag		
Start in the vicinity of QUARRY Buoy		
MATILDA Buoy	44	Port
ADDISON Buoy	63	Starboard
ROBINS Buoy	59	Starboard
FOAM	55	Starboard
ROBINS Buoy	59	Starboard
QUARRY Buoy**	48	Starboard
MATILDA Buoy	44	Port
QUARRY Buoy	48	Starboard
MATILDA Buoy	44	Port
FINISH Through CLUB LINE		
FINISH Buoy to PORT		

** Denotes shortened course. Round this mark and proceed to CLUB finish line leaving MATILDA Buoy (44) to Port.

States Marathon - Easterly		
Code Flag "E" (Blue over Red)		
Start in the vicinity of Pelican Point		
ADDISON Buoy	63	Starboard
ROBINS Buoy	59	Starboard
BARTLETT Buoy	39	Starboard
ANDERSON Buoy	62	Port
DOLPHIN EAST **	42B	Starboard
ANDERSON Buoy	62	Port
CRAWLEY Buoy	45	Port
FINISH Through CLUB LINE		
FINISH Buoy to PORT		

** Denotes shortened course. Round this mark and proceed to CLUB finish line leaving MATILDA Buoy (44) to Port.

States Marathon - South Easterly		
Red and White Flag		
Start in the vicinity of Pelican Point		
KING Buoy	61	Starboard
HALL MARK Buoy	41A	Port
ARMSTRONG Buoy	32	Port
BOND Spit **	38	Port
BARTLETT Buoy	39	Starboard
ANDERSON Buoy	62	Port
CRAWLEY Buoy	45	Port
FINISH Through CLUB LINE		
FINISH Buoy to PORT		

** Denotes shortened course. Round this mark and proceed to CLUB finish line leaving MATILDA Buoy (44) to Port.

ATTACHMENT 3 FREESTYLE CONDUCT & SCORING

The following replaces RRS(WE) Appendix BX

Competitors will be judged on a 3-minute trick routine within the course area.

The course area will be a 'square' and bounded on each side by a mark.

Competitors will only be judged whilst the competitor is wholly within the course area and within the designated time period.

A competitor's routine will be scored based on three main components as follows:

- Degree of difficulty of the individual trick
- Control of the rig or board
- Overall impression of the routine with respect of fluidity, style and artistic impression

Judges will signal with a raised flag that they are ready for judging the next competitor.

The competitor will signal with a raised arm when they are ready to commence.

The judges will use one sound signal to start the heat and the 3-minute time commences.

The judges will blow a short horn at 30 seconds.

The judges will blow a short horn at 10 seconds to indicate the beginning of the dismount period.

The judges will blow a long horn to signal the end of the heat.

Freestyle placings are determined using the following method:

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

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.

The three rankings from the three judges are added together to create a combined rank for each competitor. 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.

A copy of a blank Freestyle scoring sheet follows:

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

ATTACHMENT 4 – APPENDIX T ARBITRATION

Arbitration adds an extra step to the protest resolution process but can eliminate the need for some protest hearings, thus speeding up the process for events in which many protests are expected.

Note that rules noted below refer to the Racing Rules of Sailing Windsurfing Edition 2017 – 2020 except that rule 44 refers to the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 – 2020.

T1 POST-RACE PENALTIES

(a) Provided that rule 44.1(b) does not apply, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident may take a Post-Race Penalty at any time after the race until the beginning of a protest hearing involving the incident.

(b) A Post-Race Penalty is a 30% Scoring Penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rule 44.1(a) applies.

(c) A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by delivering to the arbitrator or a member of the protest committee a written statement that she accepts the penalty and that identifies the race number and where and when the incident occurred.

T2 ARBITRATION MEETING

An arbitration meeting will be held prior to a protest hearing for each incident resulting in a protest by a boat involving one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31, but only if each party is represented by a person who was on board at the time of the incident. No witnesses will be permitted.

However, if the arbitrator decides that rule 44.1(b) may apply or that arbitration is not appropriate, the meeting will not be held, and if a meeting is in progress, it will be closed.

T3 ARBITRATOR'S OPINION

Based on the evidence given by the representatives, the arbitrator will offer an opinion as to what the protest committee is likely to decide:

(a) the protest is invalid,

(b) no board will be penalized for breaking a rule, or

(c) one or more boards will be penalized for breaking a rule, identifying the boats and the penalties.

T4 ARBITRATION MEETING OUTCOMES

After the arbitrator offers an opinion,

(a) a board may take a Post-Race Penalty, and

(b) a board may ask to withdraw her protest. The arbitrator may then act on behalf of the protest committee in accordance with rule 63.1 to allow the withdrawal.

Unless all protests involving the incident are withdrawn, a protest hearing will be held.