



Mondello, Sicily, Italy

**SICILY GRAND PRIX**  
**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

19<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>rd</sup> May 2012

**1. RULES**

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS 2009-2012) and the Windsurfing Competition Rules.
- 1.2. No national authority prescription will apply.
- 1.3. If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will prevail.

**2. CLASSES. DIVISIONS**

- 2.1. Boys and Girls in the Techno Class shall race together.
- 2.2. Men and Women in the RSX and Raceboard (including MOD) classes shall race together.

**3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB), located in front of the Albaria club house.

**4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 4.1. Any change to the sailing instructions shall be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) at least 30 minutes before the start of any race affected, except that any change to the schedule of races shall be posted before 20.00 hours on the day before it will take effect.

**5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on flagpole in front of Albaria club house. When a signal is displayed over Class flag it applies to that Class only.
- 5.2. **"AP" flag** displayed ashore means '1 minute' is replaced with - 'not less than 30 minutes'. **This changes RRS Race Signals.**

**6. SIGNALS MADE AFLOAT**

- 6.1. **"R" flag** means: "A rescue operation is in progress. Coach and other support boats shall collaborate with the race committee in rescue tasks".

**7. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 7.1. The schedule as published in the Notice of Race is amended. A maximum of 3 races per day may be scheduled, with a maximum of 6 races in the series.
- 7.2. The warning signal for a subsequent race on the same day will be made as soon as practicable.

**8. CLASS FLAGS**

- 8.1. The Class Flags will be:
  - (1) **TECHNO: Logo of the Class on white background**
  - (2) **RACEBOARD/RSX: RSX Logo on white background**

**9. RACING AREA**

- 9.1. The Racing Area is shown in the diagram published on the ONB.
- 9.2. The course area is defined as an area extending 75 metres beyond the course, which would normally be taken by a racer when racing.
- 9.3. The starting area is defined as an rectangle extending 75 metres beyond the extensions of the line and 50 metres to windward and leeward of the starting line.

**10. COURSES**

- 10.1. The course diagram will be published on the ONB. The course diagram will show the course signals if relevant, 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.
- 10.2. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat may display the course to be sailed.

## 11. MARKS

- 11.1. The marks of the course are inflatable buoys as shown on the course diagram.
- 11.2. The starting marks will be a Race Committee Signal Boat at the starboard end of the line and a pin end buoy at the port end. The Committee Boat will display an orange flag.
- 11.3. The Finishing marks will be race committee boat and a pin end buoy.

## 12. THE START

- 12.1. Races will be started according to RRS 26.
- 12.2. The starting line will be between staff displaying orange flag at the starboard end and a port end mark.
- 12.3. Boards whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area (See SI 9.3). Failure to comply with this S.I. will result in a 5 point penalty being implemented by the Race Committee in the next race in which they are due to sail. In the case of the last race in the series, the penalty will apply to the penultimate race. The penalty shall be applied without a hearing. **This changes RRS63.1 and A.5.**
- 12.4. A board starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. **This changes RRS A4 and A5.**
- 12.5. The interval between the Starting signal of one class and the Warning signal of the next class will be at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 12.6. When an individual recall has been signalled, the sail numbers of the identified competitors may be posted on the race committee signal boat before the first boat has finished that race. Failure to display the sail numbers will not be grounds for redress. **This changes RRS 62.1(a).**
- 12.7. When a General recall has been signalled, the succeeding start(s) for the same and/or for different class will be given according to the flags hoisted on the race committee signal boat and according to the RRS 29.2.

## 13. THE FINISH

- 13.1. The finishing line will be between staff displaying orange flag on the finishing committee boat and the pin buoy. The approximate position of the finishing line is shown on the course diagram.
- 13.2. When conditions are unfavourable, the finishing line race committee boats may hold position by using engines, and accordingly this is not grounds for redress. **This changes RRS 60.1(b).**

## 14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1. RRS 44.1 and 44.2 shall apply as changed by RRS B2.1c)
- 14.2. A board that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 44.2 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the Race Office within the protest time limit of her group. Failure to follow this procedure may lead the International Jury to consider the penalty as not executed. **This changes RRS 44.**

## 15. TIME LIMITS & TARGET TIMES

- 15.1. The time limits and target times are as follows:

Class	Target time	Time limit	Mark 1 time limit	Time limit after the first board
Techno 293	30 min	45 min	15 min	20 min
Raceboard	30 min	45 min	15 min	20 min
RS:X	30 min	45 min	15 min	20 min

- 15.2. If no board has passed mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 15.3. Boards failing to sail the course and finish within "Time limit after the first board" in that class will be scored Did Not Finish. **This changes RRS 35 and A4 and A5.**

## 16. PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1. Protest forms are available in the Race Office and shall be lodged there within Protest Time Limit.
- 16.2. For each class the Protest Time Limit is 60 minutes after the last board has finished the last race of the day. The Protest time limit will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 16.3. Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. And the approximate time of the hearings. Parties are requested to remain in the vicinity of the Jury Room to expedite hearings. Hearings will be held in the Jury Room.
- 16.4. For the purpose of RRS 64.3(b), the qualified authority is the Class Representative.
- 16.5. Breaches of RRS 23 and SI's 19, 22 and 23 shall not be subject for a protest by a board. **This changes RRS60.1(a).** Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the jury so decides.

- 16.6. To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a board may complete a "Scoring Enquiry Form" available at the Race Office. Only if the response given by the Race Committee is unsatisfactory in the opinion of the competitor should he request a hearing under RRS 62. **This changes RRS 62.1.**
- 16.7. On the last day of racing of each series a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
- 16.7.1 Within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
- 16.7.2 No later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. **This changes RRS 66.**
- 16.8. On the last scheduled day of racing of each series a request for redress based on jury decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. **This changes RRS 62. 2.**
- 16.9. An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS 91 (b) and Appendix N. Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.
- 16.10 Competitors wishing to retire from a race shall make a retirement declaration at the Race Office.

## **17. SCORING**

- 17.1. Scoring will be in accordance with RRS Appendix A, as amended by the WCR, and RRS A4 "Low Points Scoring System".
- 17.2. One race is required to be completed to validate the event.

## **18. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 18.1.A board that retires from a race shall, whenever possible, notify a race committee boat before leaving the course area. Not with standing such notification, she shall then proceed, as soon as possible, to the beach and the competitor shall immediately report to the Race Office, in person or, if the competitor has come ashore a long way from the race site, by phoning the Race Office. Failure to comply with this instruction may result in action under RRS 60.2 or 60.3.
- 18.2.Competitors not going afloat for the day's racing shall inform the Beach Office prior to the first start.

## **19. REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT**

- 19.1.Substitution of damaged or lost equipment limited by the class rules will not be allowed without the approval of the race committee. Request for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 19.2.**Changing Rigs.** When changing to a rig with a different size sail, the crew must obtain the new rig from, and return the old rig at the same time to, the equipment storage area.

## **20. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**

- 20.1.Competitors shall ensure that Equipment is maintained to comply with her Class Rules.
- 21.2.The equipment inspector may conduct checks & inspections of equipment, at any time during the regatta.

## **21. OFFICIAL BOATS**

- 21.1.Race Committee boats shall display an Orange flag.
- 21.2.The Jury boat will fly a flag with "JURY".
- 21.3.Media boats are not under the direct control of the Race Committee. However, they are required to keep clear. Their failure to do so is grounds for redress, whether there is physical damage or not (**This changes RRS 62.1 (b)**).

## **22. SUPPORT BOATS**

- 22.1.Coach and support personnel may use support boat to assist their competitors on the water. They shall register at the Race Office prior to the first scheduled race.
- 22.2.Before the Preparatory Signal of any class, support craft shall have left the course areas and remain outside the area, except to assist a crew in distress or at the request of the race committee, until after the finish of the last competitor of the final class/division racing or the races are postponed or abandoned.
- 22.3.If a support boats fails to comply with this SI, all competitors supported by that boat, shall be subject to a 5-point penalty for the next race, without a hearing. In the case of the last race of the series, the penalty will apply to that race. **This changes RRS 63.1.**

## **23. ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT, COMPASSES & GPS**

- 23.1.Electronic equipment and compasses are prohibited, with the exception of devices whose sole capability is timing and heart rate monitors.

## **24. PRIZES**

- 24.1.Prizes will be awarded according to the NOR.
- 24.2.All competitors and coaches are reminded to attend at the prize giving and closing ceremony. Prize winners not attending may forfeit their prize.