

# 2023 Northeast Monsoon Grand Prix

Organised by:



## Sailing Instructions

[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the Race Committee and may be less than disqualification.

[NP] denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for protests by a board.

### 1 Rules

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the 'Rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing - Windsurfing Competition Rules (WCR) (as applied to respective classes), except as modified by these Sailing Instructions.

1.2 [DP][NP] The following Safety Regulations shall apply:

1.2.1 All competitors shall wear buoyancy vests, impact vests, or lifejackets and properly secured about their persons at all times while afloat.

1.2.2 [DP][NP] A suitable protective helmet must be worn at all times while afloat.

1.3 Equipment must comply with the rules set out in these Sailing Instructions.

1.4 For protests where only a Rule of Part 2 is alleged to have been broken an informal mediation may be offered prior to any formal hearing.

1.5 If there is conflict between these Sailing Instructions and any other document governing the regatta, these Sailing Instructions will take precedence.

### 2.0 Advertising [DP][NP]

2.1 Sailors may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

2.2 Event bibs, if provided, shall be worn outside any other clothing or equipment at all times when afloat and during media interviews ashore.

2.3 Event bibs and stickers shall not be cut, trimmed or altered in any way.

### 3 Notice to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) located at listed race venues.

### 4 Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change to these Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board at least 10 minutes before the scheduled start of the first race affected, except that any changes affecting the first possible start of the next day's racing shall be posted not later than 2000hrs on the day before. Oral changes may be given on water or daily briefing.

### 5 Signals Made Ashore

5.1 Signals made ashore will be communicated via notice board at listed race venues.

5.2 Signals made over a class flag apply to that class only.

5.3 [DP][NP] Flag D with one sound means - the warning signal will be made not less than 10 minutes after flag D is displayed. Boards are requested not to leave the shore until this signal is made.

5.4 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 10 minutes'

## **6 Schedule of 2023 Northeast Monsoon Grand Prix**

Race schedule is as described in NOR.

## **7 Format of Racing**

7.1 Racing may be multi-format, including some or all of the following: Course Racing, Slalom (including Sprint Slalom) and Marathon.

7.2 Not every format needs to be completed to constitute the 2023 Northeast Monsoon Grand Prix.

7.3 When Slalom races are run there may be evenly divided fleets with heats and a final. If so, qualification process to finals will be displayed on ONB prior to start.

## **8 Equipment and Measurement [DP][NP]**

8.1 Wind Foil Class. Any board, any sails, any foil mast and any foils can be used.

8.2 Wing Foil Class. Any board, any wings, any foil mast and any foils can be used.

8.3 Kite Foil Class. Any board, any kites, any foil mast and any foils can be used.

## **9 Divisions and Class Flags**

9.1 There will be 1 scoring for each Class for Wind Foil, Wing Foil and Kite Foil.

9.2 All divisions race together in one start, unless heats/finals are run in Slalom (refer to 7.3).

9.3 Class flag will be:

Wind Foil: RED FLAG with WHITE 'W'

Wing Foil: BLUE FLAG with WHITE "WG"

Kite Foil: BLUE FLAG with "K"

## **10 Racing Area**

10.1 The Race Area will be in waters off land locations as described in NOR for each Series.

10.2 The Race Venue for each Round is listed in the NOR.

## **11 Courses**

11.1 The diagrams in Annex A show 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.

11.2 The Race Committee will determine the race formats at their discretion.

11.3 If more than one race format and/or if more than one course option is prescribed for the day's racing, no later than one minute before the warning signal the Race Committee signal vessel shall display the course to be sailed on a white board.

## **12 Marks**

The starting marks, finishing marks, and marks on the course will be described at the daily briefing.

## **13 The Start**

13.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starting boat and the starting mark (As shown in Annex A).

13.2 The following shortened start sequence will be used:

- 3 minutes – Warning Signal - Class Flag displayed.
- 2 minutes – Red Flag (as Preparatory Signal)
- 1 minute – Yellow Flag (Red Flag removed)
- Starting Signal – Green Flag (Class Flag and Yellow Flag removed)

13.3 [DP][NP] If Flag R has been displayed at the Preparatory Signal then:

- A board shall not start the race on port tack; and
- A board shall not foil in the immediate start line area during the last minute and until the start gun goes. The 'immediate start line area' is defined as an area 10 meters behind the start line and its extensions.
- The purpose of this rule is to promote the safety of competitors.

13.3 A boat starting later than 2 minutes after their starting signal will be scored Did Not Start.

#### **14 Change of Course**

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move a mark (or move the finishing line).

#### **15 The Finish**

The finishing line will be as shown in Annex A.

#### **16 Target Times and Time Limits & Rest Periods [NP]**

16.1 The target time for each Course are listed in Annex A.

16.2 Rest Periods

- Ashore for Course Racing: After a series of 3 back-to-back races there shall be a rest period of a minimum of 10 minutes ashore for the last finisher in the last race of that series.

- Ashore for Slalom Races: After a series of 5 back-to-back races there shall be a rest period of a minimum of 10 minutes ashore for the last finisher in the last race of that series.

- Ashore for Marathon Races: After each race there shall be a rest period of a minimum of 10 minutes ashore for the last finisher in the last race.

16.3 There is no time limit for the Slalom Races. These are short courses designed to be completed in less than 5 minutes.

16.4 Minimum wind strength for starting races is sustained wind strength of more than 7 knots throughout the racing area.

#### **17 Penalty System**

B44.4 WCR shall apply: If an infringement is acknowledged by a competitor, they shall complete a One-Turn penalty clear of any other competitor.

#### **18 Protests and Requests for Redress**

18.1 Please note clause 1.4.

18.2 There will be no protests or redresses for the Grand Prix, with infringements to be exonerated via penalties during racing.

18.3 Breaches of rules in the Sailing Instructions marked [NP] will not be grounds for protest by a board. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for breaches marked [DP] are at the discretion of the Race Committee and may be less than disqualification if they so decide.

#### **19 Scoring**

19.1 Refer to NOR.

#### **20 Safety [DP][NP]**

20.1 Competitors may be required to sign on and off at the listed venue before and after sailing.

20.2 Boards not leaving shore for the day's races shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

20.3 A board that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

#### **21 Official Boats**

Official boats will be as described at the briefing.

#### **22 Radio Communications**

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 telephones.

#### **23 Trophies/Prizes**

As described in NOR.

## **24 Disclaimer of Liability**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organising 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 Grand Prix.

## **25 Media Rights, Cameras and Electronic Equipment**

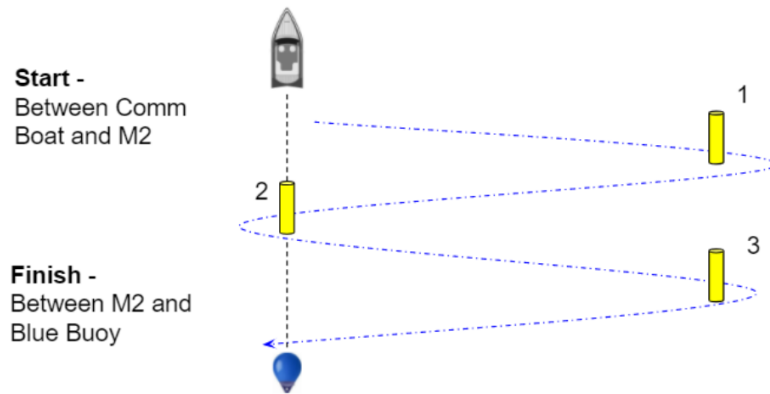
25.1 By entering the Grand Prix, competitors automatically grant the Organising Authority and their sponsors, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of them or their equipment, taken during the period of the Grand Prix, for the said Grand Prix as defined in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions in which he/she participates without compensation.

25.2 Competitors may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment, or positioning equipment as specified by the Organising Authority.

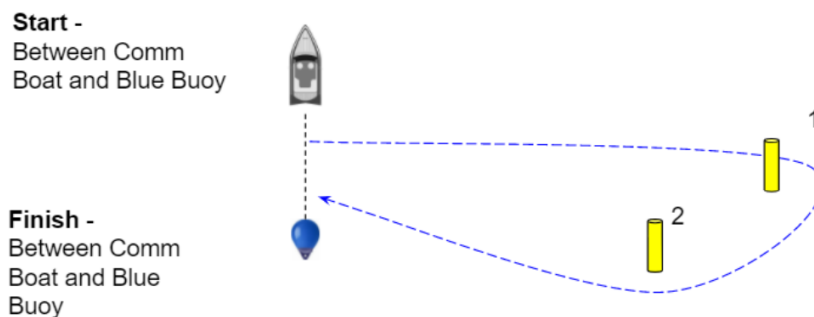
## Annex A

**Marathon Race (MR) Format:** To be announced on race day on ONB (Target Time 45 mins)

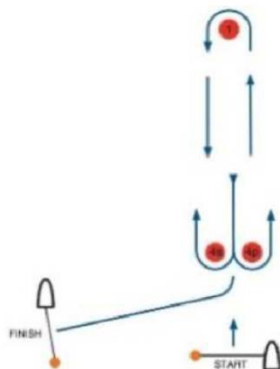
**Slalom Race (SR) Format:** Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – Finish (Target Time 5min)  
(Marks to be left to opposite sides for starboard start configuration)



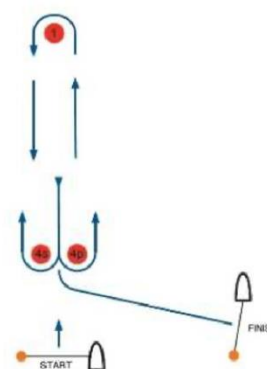
**Sprint Slalom Race (SSR) Format:** Start – 1 – 2 – Finish (Target Time 3min)  
(Marks to be left to opposite sides for starboard start configuration)



**Course Race (CR) Format:**



signal	mark rounding order
LG2	Start-1-4P/4S-1-4S-Finish



signal	mark rounding order
LR2	Start-1-4P/4S-1-4P-Finish