



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Kite Townsville Championships

Friday 29th August – Tuesday 2nd September

An International Kiteboarding Association Sanctioned Event



1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by:

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, including Appendix F (Kiteboarding Racing Rules).
- 1.2. Addendum A: Rule changes approved by IKA / ISAF
- 1.3. Prescriptions and Special Regulations (SR) - The Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Yachting Australia Inc (YA) shall apply.
- 1.4. International Kiteboarding Association (IKA) Class Rules shall apply.
- 1.5. If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take Precedence.

2. SAFETY

- 1.1. **When boards are stored on the grass or beach, they shall be placed with the Fins down towards the sand.**
- 1.2. When Flag AP over H is displayed ashore kite boards are requested not to leave the shore.
- 1.3. A competitor that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 1.4. All competitors must wear while afloat a personnel flotation device (PFD) Type 2 to Australian Standard AS1499-1996.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located downstairs at Townsville Sailing Club.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted One (1) hour before it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 1.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on a flag pole located to the North East of the Townsville Sailing Club.
- 1.2. When flag AP (Answering Pennant) is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced by 'not less than 30 minutes' in race signal AP.

6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

	Event	Time	Description
Thursday, 28 August	Sail Townsville	1400 - 1500	Registration
Friday, 29 August		1100	Information Session
		1200	First possible start
Saturday, 30 August		1100	Skippers meeting
		1200	First possible start
Sunday, 31 August	Long Distance Marathon	0900	Load gear for Maggie Island
		Check Timetable Noticeboard	Competitors leave Breakwater marina on SeaLink Sunferries
		1400	Information Session Geoffrey Bay adjacent Start area Magnetic Island
	Race start Marathon	1500	Race start Marathon
Monday, 1 September	Sail Townsville	1100	Skippers meeting
		1200	First possible start
Tuesday, 2 September	Sail Townsville	1000	Skippers meeting
		1100	First possible start
			No start after 1500
	Prize giving Magnetic Island	1800	Prize giving Peppers Magnetic Island

1.3. When another race is scheduled in a session the AP flag may be displayed at the finishing line.

1.4. On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1500 hours.

7. CLASS FLAG

Class flag will be advised at Information Session

8. RACING AREA

Attachment 1 shows the location of racing area.

9. COURSES

- 1.1 Courses to be sailed are detailed in Attachment 2 & 3
- 1.2 The Marathon Course may be shortened

10. MARKS

- 1.1 Marks will be described at Information Session

11. THE START

- 1.1. Races will be started by using Rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 1.2. If the "U" Flag has been displayed as the preparatory signal, no part of a kiteboard's hull or competitor shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a kiteboard breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing but not if the race is restarted or resailed or postponed or abandoned before the starting signal. This changes rule 26. When flag "U" is used as the preparatory signal, rule 29.1 does not apply.
- 1.3. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag or shape on the Committee Vessel at the starboard end and the port end starting mark.
- 1.4. A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 1.1. For a change of course in length or direction the race committee will lay a new mark.

13. THE FINISH

- 1.1. The Finish line will be a line between the signal mast on the Committee Vessel (displaying an orange flag), and a buoy to be left to Starboard.

14. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

Time limit is 30 minutes

Time limit to mark 1 is 10 minutes

Target time is 12-15 minutes.

Finish time window 15 minutes

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 1.1. Protests shall be lodged at the Regatta office within 60 minutes of the finish time after the last kite board has finished the last race of the session. Protest forms are available from the Regatta office.
- 1.2. Protests will be heard at the Regatta Office as soon as practical after the close of protest time. A schedule of hearings will be posted on the official notice board. The Protest Committee may in its absolute discretion apply a penalty other than DSQ (including no penalty).

- 1.3. On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on a previous day or no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. (amends RRS 66).

16. SCORING

- 1.1. The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply.
- 1.2. Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 1.3. When from six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 1.4. When ten (10) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst two scores.
- 1.5. When twelve (12) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst three (3) scores.

17. SUPPORT BOATS

Support craft shall stay outside areas where kite boarders are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all competitors have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

18. PRIZES & DIVISIONS

- 1.1. Prizes will be given as follows:
- 1.2. Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd
- 1.3. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the race committee.

Minimum six (6) entries are required to establish a class/division.

19. DISCLAIMER OF ENTRY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4 (Decision to Race). 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.

20. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AU \$5m per event or equivalent.

Addendum A: Rule changes approved by IKA / ISAF

1. In rules 29.1, 30.1, 30.2 and 30.3 change 'crew or equipment' to 'or competitor'
2. Add new rule F3.31, Touching a mark;
"While racing, a kiteboard shall not touch a mark when her proper course is to bear away after passing or rounding that mark"
3. Rule F4.41 is changed to read :
"A kiteboard may take on a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken rule F3.31, or one of more rules of Part 2 in an incident while racing . Sailing instructions may specify the use of some other penalty. However,
 - a) when a kiteboard may have broken a rule of Part 2 and F3.31 in the same incident she need not take the penalty for breaking rule F3.31;
 - b) if the kiteboard caused injury, serious damage or a tangle or, despite taking a penalty, gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach her penalty shall be to retire.
4. Rule F4.44.2 is renamed to "One – Turn – Penalty and changed to read;
"After getting well clear of other kiteboards as soon after the incident as possible, a kiteboard takes a One-Turn Penalty by promptly making a turn with her hull in the water including one completed tack and one completed gybe. Forward motion shall be established between tack and gybe (or vice versa) with the sailor on the correct side of the hull in normal sailing position. When a kiteboard takes the penalty at or near the finishing line, she shall sail completely to the course side of the line before finishing.
5. In Rules 61.1(a)(4) and 62.1(b), change 'damage' to 'damage or a tangle'
6. At the end of rule 62.1(b), add: "however, if prior to the incident, there is a clear risk of a situation that could cause an entanglement that a competitor could reasonably anticipate and avoid, and the competitor fails to do so, or if a competitor through his own actions creates a situation that carries a clear risk of entanglement, the competitor shall not be eligible for redress".
7. Delete the last sentence in rule F5.61.1(a)
8. Delete Rule F5.62.1(e)
9. Add new Rule 64.1(d);
"When a kiteboard first breaks a rule of part 2 and, as a result, causes a tangle for which redress is given, she shall be scored RTC if she retired or DCT if she is disqualified. When she does this a second or subsequent time, she shall be scored DNE (disqualification not excludable)".
10. For races of the platinum fleets, rules 61.2 and 65.2 are deleted and rule 63.6 is changed to: "63.6 Protests and requires for redress need not be in writing; they shall be made orally to a member of the protest committee as soon as reasonably possible following the race. The protest committee may take evidence in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate its decision orally".
11. Delete F8 A.8. Ties shall be broken in accordance to the unchanged Appendix A .

Attachment 1: Location of racing areas.



Attachment 2



Attachment 3: Course

Target Time: 12 -15mins

Mark Description: Advised at Information Session

Course: Start, 1, 1a, 2a or 2b (gate), 1, 1a, 2a, 3, Finish

