

**2023 XVII Pacific Games**  
**19th November – 2nd December 2023**  
**DC Park, Honiara, Solomon Islands**  
**ORGANISING AUTHORITY (OA)**

**2023 Solomon Islands XVII Pacific Games Organising Committee in conjunction with Solomon Islands Sailing Association, and Oceania Sailing Federation.**

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)**

*The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).*

**1 RULES**

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*. Other documents under RRS Definitions Rule (g) include:
- 1.2 [DP] Relevant Class Rules will apply.
- 1.3 RRS Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42.
- 1.4 RRS Appendix B shall apply for the Sailboard classes.
- 1.5 No national prescriptions will apply.
- 1.6 A boat shall neither make electronic transmissions while racing nor receive electronic communications not available to all boats, except in an emergency or when using equipment provided by the race committee. This restriction applies to all personal mobile devices.
- 1.7 In all rules governing this regatta and unless otherwise specifically provided:
  - 1.7.1 Both "athlete and "competitor" mean a person competing or intending to compete in the regatta.
  - 1.7.2 [SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee or Technical Committee without a hearing, or a discretionary penalty applied by the Jury with a hearing. This changes RRS 60.1, 63.1 and Appendix A5.
  - 1.7.3 [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protest by a boat and for which the Jury may refuse to hold a hearing. This changes RRS 60.1(a) and 63.1.
  - 1.7.4 Entries are limited by the rules of the Pacific Games Council and, as to entries per country limited to two entries per class.
  - 1.7.5 [DP] [NP] Protocols relating to COVID-19 may be published at any time and will state if they have the status of a rule. All participants (competitors, support persons and officials) are expected to follow these protocols. Breaches of these and any event Covid protocols (distributed by the Pacific Games Council and issued as an attachment to the (SI) may be misconduct and subject to RRS 69.
- 1.8 RRS 90.3(e) shall apply.
- 1.9 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

## **2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day 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.
- 2.2 Changes to a sailing instruction may be made on the water by displaying international code flag 'L' from the race committee vessel. Changes will be made either orally or in writing.

## **3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS**

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the sailing venue.
- 3.2 [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

## **4 CODE OF CONDUCT**

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 4.2 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall handle any equipment as provided by the organizing authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

## **5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from a flag mast located at the sailing venue.
- 5.2 [DP] [NP] On racing days, a boat shall not leave the shore until flag D (with one sound signal) is displayed. The warning signal will be made not be less than 30 minutes after flag D is displayed.
- 5.3 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP.
- 5.4 [DP] Flag D with one sound means 'Boats are requested to not leave the shore until this signal is made. The warning signal will not be made before the scheduled time or less than 30 minutes after flag D is displayed.'

## **6 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

6.1

<b>Class/Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Racing</b>
Sailboard Male & Women's One Person Dinghy (ILCA 6)	20 November	1000
	21 November	1000
	22 November	1000
	23 November	1000
	24 November	1000
	25 November	0900
Sailboard Female & Men's One Person Dinghy (ILCA 7)	27 November	1000
	28 November	1000
	29 November	1000
	30 November	1000
	1 December	1000
	2 December	0900

- 6.2 There is a competitor briefing scheduled for each group, Sailboard Male and Woman's One Person Dinghy 20 November and Sailboard Female and Men's One Person Dinghy 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023.
- 6.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1000.
- 6.4 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500.

## **7 FORMAT**

- 7.1 The format for each event consists of an opening series and a medal race for the top five boats.
- 7.2 The opening series will be divided into a qualifying series sailed in an eight-boat/board round robin format.
- 7.3 Each group in the qualifying series will consist of eight boats. Teams will be allocated a group and race according to the group they are placed in. Every athlete will have the opportunity to race against every sailor at least once (weather permitting).
- 7.4 If at the end of the group round, groups have completed an uneven number of races, the final race will be discarded to give all competitors an equal number of races at the end of the round. If each entrant in the group has 4 or more races, a discard race will be allowed.
- 7.5 Athletes may be required to change boats on the water.
- 7.6 Medal Race
- A final race for the five highest-ranked boats will be scheduled for each event on the final day of the event competition day. Assignments to a final race will be based on the ranking available 10 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the opening series.
- 7.7 Boat allocation will be available at each competitor briefing.

## **8 CLASS FLAGS**

- 8.1 The class flags are:

<b>Class</b>	<b>Class Flag</b>
ILCA 7 - Male	White flag with a ILCA emblem
ILCA 6 - Female	Green flag with a ILCA emblem
Sailboard Female	Windsurfer LT flag with emblem
Sailboard Male	Windsurfer LT flag with emblem and „L“
Sailboard Male Heavy	Windsurfer LT flag with emblem and „H“

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## **RACING AREA**

- 9.1 SI Addendum C shows the location of the racing area.

## **10 COURSES**

- 10.1 The diagram in SI Addendum B shows the course, 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.
- 10.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- 10.3 Courses will not be shortened. This changes RRS 32.
- 10.4 Legs of the course will not be changed after the preparatory signal. This

changes RRS 33.

## **11 MARKS**

### **11.1** Marks of the course will be

1	Windward Mark	Orange Cylinders Inflatable without number
4s Port	Gate Mark	Yellow Cylinders Inflatable without number
4p Starboard	Gate Mark	Yellow Cylinders Inflatable without number

### **11.2** The starting and finishing marks will be

Starting Line will be between the Race Committee Boat and the Pin End Mark		
Race Committee Boat	Anchored on Starboard End of the Starting Line of the Port Pin Mark	Boat with Orange Starting Line Flag on it
Pin Mark	Anchored on Port end of the Race Committee Boat	Orange Cylinders Inflatable without number

Finishing Line will be between the Race Committee Boat and the Pin End Mark		
Race Committee Boat	Anchored on Port End of the Finishing Line of the Starboard Pin Mark	Boat with Blue Finishing Line Flag on it
Starboard Pin Mark	Anchored on Starboard end Finishing Line of the Race Committee Boat	Yellow Cylinders Inflatable without number

## **12 OBSTRUCTIONS**

12.1 Areas which are designated as obstructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

## **13 THE START**

13.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

13.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

13.3 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

- 13.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 13.5 [NP] A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

## **14 THE FINISH**

- 14.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal vessel at the port end and the course side of the starboard end finishing mark.

## **15 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 15.3 For other than Rule 42 infringements the Jury will observe racing. When the Jury sees an infringement, the Jury may make one sound signal. No sail number will be hailed. This means that the Jury has seen a protestable situation, and one or more competitors should do penalty turns. If no penalty turns are done the Jury may protest one or more boats.

## **16 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

- 16.1 The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.
- 16.2 Sailboards:

Mark 1 Time Limit	Target Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
10 minutes	15 minutes	20 minutes	10 minutes

- 16.3 ILCA 6 and 7:

Mark 1 Time Limit	Target Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
10 minutes	20 minutes	30 minutes	10 minutes

- 16.4 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 16.5 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat start, sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized, or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.
- 16.6 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## **17 HEARING REQUESTS**

- 17.1 For each class, the protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 17.2 Hearing request forms are available from the race office.
- 17.3 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 protest room, located at the regatta office, beginning at the time posted.
- 17.4 A list of boats that have been penalized for breaking RRS 42 under Appendix P

will be posted.

17.5 RRS 62.2(a) and 66.2(a) do not apply.

## **18 SCORING**

18.1 The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply.

18.2 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

18.3 a) When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores plus any SP penalty scores.

b) When five or more opening races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst scores plus any SP penalty scores. However, the score from the final race will not be excluded.

18.4 TEAM SCORING:

a) A team consists of up to two boats from the same country in a class.

b) A boat's individual score is the score corresponding to the overall place in each class (after the medal race): 1 point for the first boat overall, 2 points for the second overall boat, 3 points for the third overall boat, ...

c) The team score is the sum of the two individual boat scores of each boat in the team. Except that if a team consists of only one boat, the team score shall be the individual score of the boat entered plus the number of entries plus ten (10) points. This amends Appendix A.

d) When there is a tie, the team with the best individual score is first.

## **19 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

19.1 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity. [Promptly after returning to shore, the boat shall complete a retirement declaration form, which is available at the regatta office.

## **20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

20.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed.

20.2 [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

## **21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS [DP] [NP]**

21.1 This applies to competitor provided equipment.

21.2 All boats may be inspected for compliance with the ER and Class Rules

21.3 Regulations and Class Rules. In the case of conflict between the Class Rules and the Equipment Regulations, the latter will take precedence.

21.4 After equipment inspection, no boat or inspected equipment shall be taken from the boat park or the racing areas and their adjacent waters without written permission of the Organizing Authority.

21.5 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.

## **22 SUPPLIED BOATS**

22.1 Boats will be supplied by the organizing authority. See SI Addendum A.

## **23 OFFICIAL VESSELS**

23.1 Official vessels will be identified by a Solomon Island Flag.

## **24 [DP] SUPPORT TEAMS**

- 24.1 Support teams, including all support persons and support person vessels, shall comply with the support team regulations available at the regatta office.
- 24.2 Team leaders, coaches and other support persons shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

## **25 TRASH DISPOSAL**

- 25.1 Trash may be placed aboard official support Barge or support person vessels.

## **26 BERTHING**

- 26.1 [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the boat park.

## **27 PRIZES**

- 27.1 Prizes for the 2023 Pacific Games will be given as follows:

<b>Individual</b>	<b>Team</b>
First: Gold Medal	First: Gold Medal
Second: Silver Medal	Second: Silver Medal
Third: Bronze Medal	Third: Bronze Medal

## **28 RISK STATEMENT**

- 28.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

## **SI ADDENDUM A**

### **BOATS/BOARDS SUPPLIED BY THE ORGANIZING AUTHORITY**

#### **A1 BOATS and BOARDS**

- A1.1 Boat and sail boards will be supplied for competitors, who shall not modify them or cause them to be modified in any way except that
- (a) a compass may be tied or taped to the hull or spars;
  - (b) wind indicators, including yarn or thread, may be tied or taped anywhere on the boat;
  - (c) hulls, centreboards and rudders may be cleaned, but only with water;
  - (d) adhesive tape may be used anywhere above the water line; and
  - (e) all fittings or equipment designed to be adjusted may be adjusted, provided that the class rules are complied with.
- A1.2 All equipment supplied with the boat for sailing purposes shall be in the boat

while afloat.

- A1.3 The penalty for not complying with one of the above instructions is disqualification from all races sailed in which the instruction was broken.
- A1.4 Competitors shall report any damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the organizing authority's representative immediately after securing the boat ashore. The penalty for breaking this instruction, unless the protest committee is satisfied that the competitor made a determined effort to comply, is disqualification from the race most recently sailed.
- A1.5 Class rules requiring competitors to be members of the class association do not apply.

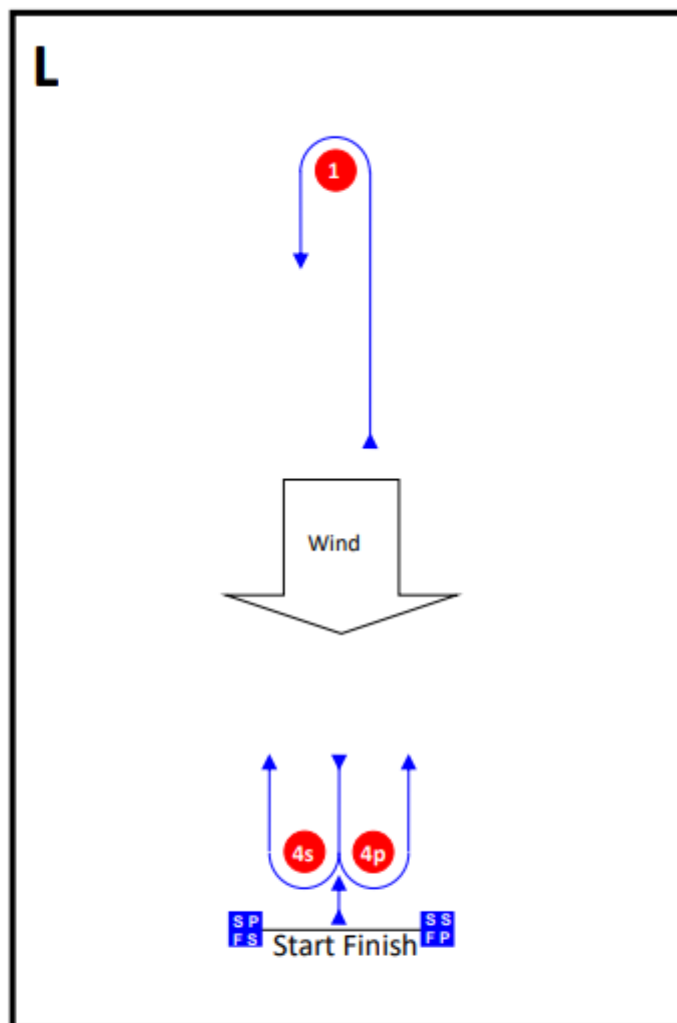
## **29 MEDIA RIGHTS**

- 29.1 By participating in the regatta competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority, World Sailing and their sponsors, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the athlete during the period of the competition without compensation.
- 29.2 Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the Organising Authority. Information from such equipment shall not be used by a boat as evidence in a hearing. This changes RRS 63.6.
- 29.3 The equipment provided, once placed on the boat as instructed by the Organising Authority, shall not be manipulated by the competitor or the support person in any way, except when so required by the Organising Authority.
- 29.4 Competitors may be required for media interviews during the period of the competition.
- 29.5 All medallists shall be required to attend a media conference after the medal race. Athletes may also be required to attend a media conference at the end of the day's racing.
- 29.6 Athletes may also be asked to be available for interviews outside the formal mixed zone and media conferences, on either training or competition days.



**SI ADDENDUM B**

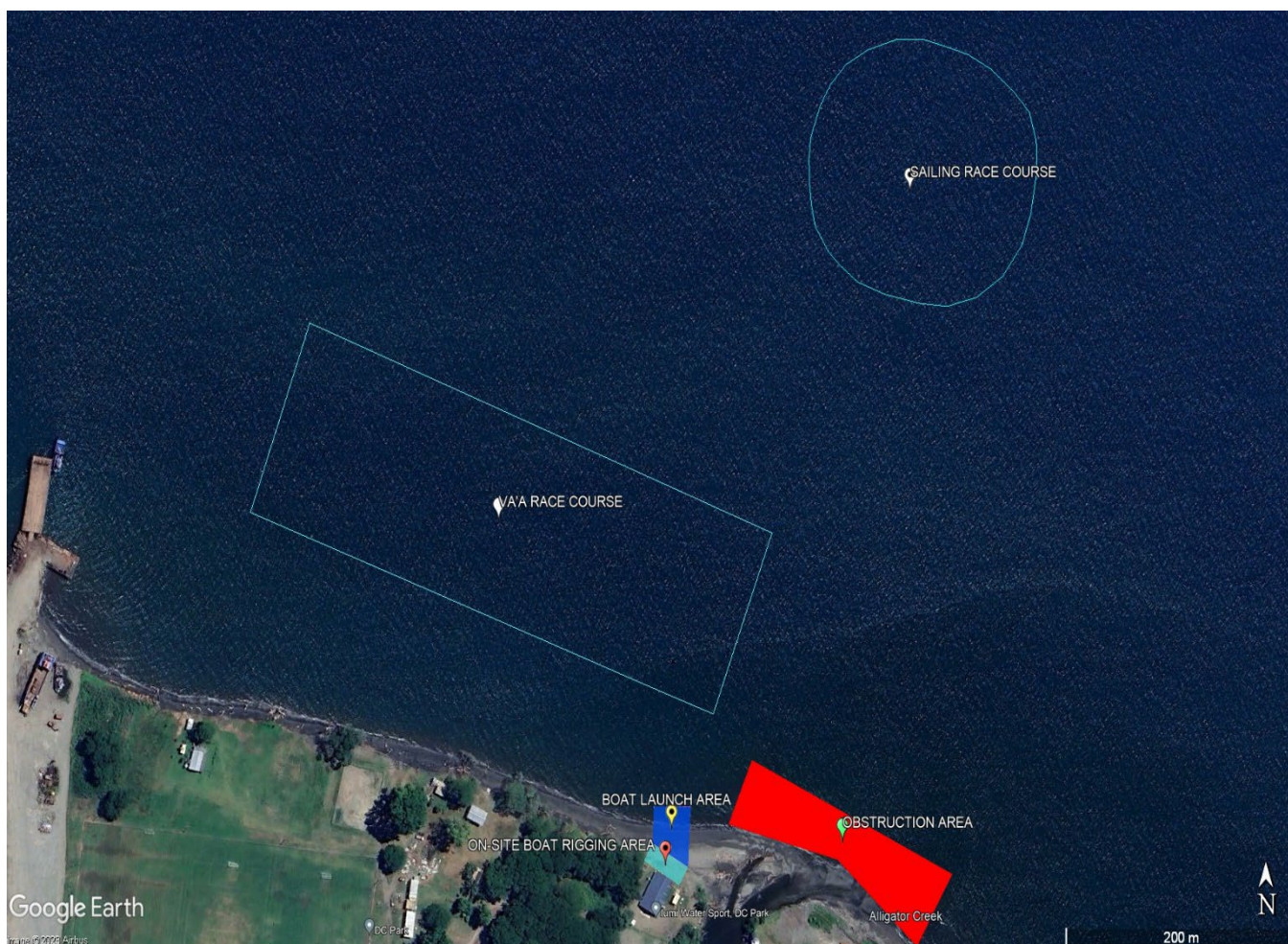
**IILUSTRATING THE COURSE**



Signal	Mark Rounding Order
<b>L2</b>	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – Finish
<b>L3</b>	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – Finish

## SI ADDENDUM C

### RACING AREA



### **Race Area**

- Cycle with Sailing Race Course in it.

### **Boat Set up Area**

- Rectangle Light Blue Colour with "On Site Boat Rigging Area on it".

### **Boat Launching Area**

- Blue Colour blow the boat rigging area with "Boat Launch Area in it".

### **Obstruction Area**

- Red Colour Space with "Obstruction Area in it".
- Rectangle Blue Outline with "Va'a Race Course in it".