









# **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**Incorporates the:** 

- 2022 Queensland Kitefoiling Championships;
- 2022 Queensland Wingfoil Championships;
- Official National Kitefoil Series Event Stop;
- Wing Foil Freestyle and Wave Expression Session Cup

The Organising Authority is the Sunshine Coast Kite Racing Inc. in association with Mooloolaba Yacht Club.









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The QUEENSLAND KITEFOIL, WINGFOIL CHAMPIONSHIPS (QKWC) and WINGFOIL FREESTYLE EXPRESSION SESSION CUP as part of the National KiteFoil Series (NKFS) will be held from Friday 8<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2022. The Regatta will be sailed from Mooloolaba, Queensland, Australia.

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**COVID-19 Note:** Due to the current changing of requirements surrounding public events, the format of the event may change depending on State Government restrictions in place at the time of the event. Therefore, in the event of cancellation of individual classes or the entire event, there will be a full refund. Competitors should note that given restrictions on group sizes, it may be necessary to limit the number of entries in any one class, move classes to other venues, or schedule staggered start times.

**BAD WEATHER/SWELL EVENT NOTE:** Due to the host venue location surrounding waterways being susceptible to adverse or large swell events, the organising authority reserve the right to CANCEL the event, or portions/divisions of the event at any time within a 7 day period leading up to the event. While weather and swell events of this kind, size and severity are rare, the weather window and forecasting models will be assessed to assure safe and fair racing for all involved. In the event of cancellation, competitors will be refunded their full entry fee or entry into any rescheduled event.

## 1. RULES

1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).









- 1.2 The Prescriptions of Australian Sailing (AS) including the Special Regulations will apply
- 1.3. Appendix T shall apply.
- 1.4. Appendix F Kiteboarding racing rules shall apply.
- 1.6 The Open KiteFoil and Wingfoil Class rules shall apply
- 1.7 Sailors wishing to qualify for IKA Ranking Points, shall submit all formula kite equipment via a registration form supplied on the first day of racing. Please see section 21 for more information on equipment inspection
- 1.8. The use of helmets and lifejackets is mandatory for all classes when afloat.
- 1.9. [DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the Protest Committee. This changes RRS 64.1

[SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee or Technical Committee without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.

1.10 [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

# 2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted by 2000 the night before it will take effect

# 3. EVENTS, QUOTAS AND ELIGIBILITY

The below table indicates the events, divisions and quotas:

EVENT	CLASS	DIVISION	ΜΑΧ QUOTA
QLD KITEFOIL CHAMPIONSHIPS (as part of the National Kitefoil Championship)	Formula Kite Open Kitefoil Formula X	Open Female Youth Master	30
QLD WingFoil Championship	WingFoil (2 Wings and 1 Foil Set)	Open Female Youth Master	40
WingFoil Freestyle Expression Session Champion	WingFoil (unrestricted)	Open Female Youth Master	50

# 4. COMMUNICATIONS





4.1 The event will operate a virtual Notice Board as well as an official notice board. All race documents will be available on the Official virtual notice board (Online NOB).

The event site can be found here: <u>https://theclubspot.com/regatta/5YdG0UhE4a</u> All comms prior to Briefings will be what's app: <u>https://chat.whatsapp.com/EzXvqFsvSFw8J4br7Jpt8h</u> The link to the Online NOB - <u>https://theclubspot.com/regatta/5YdG0UhE4a/#notice-board</u> The link to Entry List - <u>https://theclubspot.com/regatta/5YdG0UhE4a/#entry-list</u> The link to Results - <u>https://theclubspot.com/regatta/5YdG0UhE4a/results</u> The link to online entry: <u>https://www.kiteboardingaus.com.au/events/129043/</u>

3.2 Notices to competitors will also be posted on the official notice board located at the rigging area.

3.3[DP] Except in an emergency or required by the OA a kiteboard that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data transmissions.

There is also a Whatsapp group chat for the event. Please join here:

Sunny Coast Foil Festival - All Participants:

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Sunny Coast Foil Festival - Volunteers:

https://chat.whatsapp.com/EzXvqFsvSFw8J4br7Jpt8h https://chat.whatsapp.com/CV7K3NBZxohJdgH8OILQC0





# 5. [NP] CODE OF CONDUCT

5.1 Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.



# 6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE AND AFLOAT

- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the beach at the racing venue.
- 6.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 20 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 6.3 [NP] When Flag D is displayed ashore, kiteboards shall not leave the beach. No warning signal will be made until at least 20 minutes after removal.

# 7. SCHEDULE

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Date	Time	Event	Location
Friday <b>8th April</b>	1000 - 1030 1000 - 1200 1130 1200 1330 Post Racing	On water Volunteers Briefing Registration Open On land Volunteers Briefing Welcome to Country + Competitor Briefing* + Sign ON Warning signal (not before) Leader Jersey Preso & Lucky Dip	MYC Beach/ Marquee Beach/Marquee Beach Marquee Race Area Beach/Marquee
Saturday <b>9th April</b>	0900 - 0930 1000 1030 1200 After Racing After Session	On water Volunteers Briefing On land Volunteer Briefing Competitors Briefing* and Sign On Warning Signal (not before) Wingfoil Expression Session Leader Jersey Preso & Lucky Dip	MYC Beach/Marquee Beach/Marquee Race Area Race Area/Bay Beach/Marquee
Sunday <b>10th April</b>	0900 - 0930 1000 1030 1200 After Racing After Session	On water Volunteers Briefing On land Volunteer Briefing Competitors Briefing* + Sign On Warning Signal (not before) Wingfoil Expression Session (if needed) Event Presentation and AfterParty	MYC Beach/Marquee Beach/Marquee Race Area Race Area Beach/Marquee, The Wharf

7.1 [NP] \*the briefing and start time is subject to the weather forecast. Start times may be brought forward or back, competitors will be notified in accordance with SI 2 and through the competitor group chat.









7.2 There will be a maximum of 5 races per day and a maximum of 15 races over the entire series for both fleets. The race committee will signal intentions for the day at the briefing.

7.3 On Friday the 8th and Saturday 9th, no warning signal will be made after 1630hrs.

7.4 On the last day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1600 hrs.

# 8. RACING, REGATTA AND OBSTRUCTION AREAS

- 8..1 The regatta and all briefings will be conducted from the Mooloolaba Yacht Club, with main launching zones near Beach Acxess 193 and nominated beach access points. Launch locations will be advised at the daily briefing. See Appendix for further information and overview of the launch locations.
- 8.2 Please take notice of the exclusion zones around the river mouth area, and all safety guidelines referenced in the <u>Safety Handbook</u>.

# 9. COURSES

9.1 The diagram in <u>Appendix B</u> shows the course, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

# 10. MARKS

10.1 The description of marks will be detailed at the daily competitor briefing.

# 11. THE START & CLASS FLAG

11.1 The class flags for starting shall be as follows:









Kitefoil - Elite Division	
Formula X - Pump Up Kites	
WingFoil - All Divisions	







11.2 Races will be started by using Appendix F3-26 (3-minute start sequence).

Signal	Flag	Meaning
ON STATION FLAG UP	0	COURSE IS SET AND READY, PREPARE FOR WARNING SIGNAL
WARNING SIGNAL UP	OR OR OR	3 MINUTES TO GO
PREPARATORY SIGNAL UP		2 MINUTES TO GO
PREPARATORY SIGNAL DOWN		1 MINUTE TO GO
WARNING SIGNAL DOWN	OR OR OR	GO

- 11.3 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port end/leeward end starting mark.
- 11.4 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. It may be kept up for the rest of the racing schedule if the race committee remain 'on station'.
- 11.5 A boat that does not start within three (3) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.
- 11.6 It is the intention of the race committee to not start Wing Racing events unless the breeze is above 10 knots over a 20 second (average) period.







## 12. SCORING

#### 12.1 KITEFOIL AND WINGFOIL RACING EVENTS

- a) Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- b) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, the series score will be the total of her race scores.
- c) When from 5 to 9 races have been completed, the series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- d) When 10 or more races have been completed, the series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

#### 12.2 WINGFOIL EXPRESSION SESSION CHAMPIONSHIP

12.2A) DETAILS OF THIS EVENT WILL BE EXPLAINED AT DAILY BRIEFING

# **13. CHANGES OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

13.1 There will be no changes to the course after the preparatory signal.

## 14. THE FINISH

- 14.1 The finish line will be between a blue flag on the committee boat end and an orange tear drop mark. Further information is available in APPENDIX B and at the Daily briefing.
- 14.2 [NP][SP] SAILORS that have finished racing shall sail clear of the finish area. Failing to do so may result in penalties.

## **15. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 15.1 Appendix T Arbitration shall apply.
- 15.2 [DP] The notation (DP) in a rule in the SI's means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.
- 15.3 [NP] Breaches of SI's marked (NP) will not be grounds for a protest by a competitor.
- 15.4 [SP] For some breaches of the SI's the Race Committee (RC) may apply a standard penalty (SP) without a hearing. The RC may still protest a competitor when they consider the SP inappropriate. A competitor may request redress if they believe the application of the SP improper. The SP for this Series is 5 points to the competitor's finishing position, in the race closest in time to the incident. The scoring abbreviation for this penalty is (SP). The scores of other competitors shall not be changed; therefore, two competitors may receive the same score. This changes RRS 63.1 & A5



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

#### **KITEFOIL - OPEN AND FORMULA KITE**

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16.1 Target times are as follows: (in minutes).

	Target Time	Race Time Limit	Mark 1 Time Limit	Finish Time Window
All races	10	20	5	10

16.2 Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a). 16.3 Kiteboards failing to finish within 10 mins after the first kiteboard sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35 & A5.

#### WINGFOIL/FORMULA X

16. 4 Target times are as follows: (in minutes).

	Target Time	Race Time Limit	Mark 1 Time Limit	Finish Time Window
All races	10	20	5	10

16.5 Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

16.6 Sailors failing to finish within 10 mins after the first kiteboard sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35 & A5.

# 17. PROTESTS, HEARING REQUESTS AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS

- 17.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last sailor has finished the last race of the session or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 17.2 Protest forms are available at the official race tent, located at the rigging area. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 17.3 Notices will be posted no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held VIRTUALLY either at the protest room at the club or another appropriate location and time.
- 17.4 Breaches of SI 1, 5, 7.2, 11, 13.2, 18, 19, 20 will not be grounds for a protest by a competitor. This changes RRS 60.1(a)







17.5 On the last scheduled day of racing 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 RRS62.2

# 18. [NP] SAFETY REGULATIONS/BUOYANCY

- 18.1 Personal flotation device (PFD) and Protective Helmet shall be worn at all times. The helmet will be to the minimum standard EN1385 or EN1077 or equivalent with at least 300 square centimetres of the exterior surface in a high visibility colour and shall be worn at all times when afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- 18.2 [SP] Competitors will be provided with a numbered jersey that they must wear over the top of their PFD, so their number can be seen by the race committee, at all times.
- 18.3 It is recommended competitors display their jersey number on their helmet if possible.
- 18.4 Kite line knife is compulsory.
- 18.5 All Competitors shall have a fully functional quick release system (Wichard shackles will be accepted).
- 18.6 [SP] Competitors shall sign on before leaving the beach. Competitors will also sign off as soon as reasonably practicable, and before leaving the beach.
- 18.7 [SP] Competitors shall sign off as soon as practicable when returning to the beach (before the end of the protest time limit).
- 18.8 Requirement that the events State Laws shall be complied with.
- 18.9 A competitor that retires from a race shall notify the race committee, without breaching SI 14.2, as soon as possible.
- 18.10 Each skipper is required to ensure that their kite is seaworthy and in a fit condition to participate in racing
- 18.11 All incidents to be reported to the Race Officer and logged on the Mooloolaba Yacht Club Incident Management System (RevSport).

# 19. [NP] [SP] SIGN ON / SIGN OFF:

19.1 Competitors will be required to Sign-on before going on the water and Sign-off when coming ashore, using the Sign-on / Sign-off Board service next to the beach launch zone in the marquee. Sign-on will be open one hour before the first scheduled warning signal of the session or when AP is removed if displayed ashore.

# 20. [DP] SUPPORT BOATS

- 20.1 All coach/support boats shall register at the competitor's registration desk April 8th during registration.
- 20.2 Propellor wash creates dangerous conditions for racing kitefoils/wingfoils. Unless directed by the race committee, team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside









areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all kites have finished or retired or the RC signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

20.3 Coaches/support boats shall make themselves available at all times while afloat to assist the race committee in the case of an emergency or rescue, as directed in person by the relevant race officer or via VHF radio

# 21. RADIO COMMUNICATION

21.1 Communication between race officials may occur using VHF Channel 77. Radio communications will also be monitored at the MYC Base Station at The Wharf.

# 22. SAFETY REGULATIONS (NP)(DP)

- 22.1 When Flag G is displayed ashore, competitors shall not leave the beach.
- 22.2 If **Flag D** is displayed ashore when competitors return to shore, they shall either personally check in at the official flag pole where the flag is displayed, or be reported as safe by their support personnel.
- 22.3 Kiteboards not leaving the launching area for a scheduled race shall promptly notify ' the race committee.
- 22.4 All competitors shall have signed on prior to launching. Any individual who has not signed on, shall be scored DNC (Did Not Compete).

# 23. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY (REFER NOR)

23.1. 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.

# 24. INSURANCE

24.1 Each competing boat shall be insured with a valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD \$5,000,000 (recommend \$10,000,000) per incident or the equivalent. (Your KA membership covers this)









- 24.2 The Organising Authority may request a copy of the Certificate of Currency
- 24.3 All competitors who submit an Entry Form to the organising authority are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover. Competitors may be required to provide details and evidence that they have such insurance in place at the time of entry.

# 25 MEDIA RIGHTS

- 25.1 By participating in the 2022 Queensland KiteFoil and WingFoil Championships, competitors automatically grant to 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 and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the athlete during the period of the competition without compensation.
- 25.2 Competitors may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the Organising Authority. This shall not be grounds for Redress under RRS62.1.
- 25.2 Competitors may be required for interviews or press conferences at the regatta.

# **26. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION FOR FORMULA KITE**

- 26.1 Competitors using Formula Kite equipment shall deliver a completed Equipment Registration Form before 12:00 hours on the 8 April. This may be provided in electronic format.
- 26.2. Kiteboards shall be available for inspection from 14:00 hours on 8 April 2022.
- 26.3 Information on equipment to be inspected on any day shall be posted before 20:00 hours the day before the inspection will take place, and after racing each day within the protest time limit. 21.4 Competitors shall present the equipment to be inspected at the time posted.
- 26.5 The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a kiteboard does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this NoR/SI, the RRS and the Event Equipment Rules (ER).
- 26.6 Kiteboards are required to comply with RRS 78.1 and Event Equipment Rules (ER) from the time of the first scheduled warning signal until the end of the event.
- 26.7 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity through the online platform.

# **27. AMENDMENTS**

27.1 Any amendment to this Notice of Race will posted on the website:

https://www.skr.org.au/qldstatetitles







## 28. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:- SKR - Website: <u>www.skr.org.au</u>

Mooloolaba Yacht Club:	The Wharf, Mezz 2 B, 123 Parkyn Parade, Mooloolaba
	QLD 4557, Australia– <u>Google Maps</u>
Contacts:	MYC Sailing Office
	Phone: +61413227013
	Email: mooloolabayachtclub@bigpond.com
Access to facilities:	http://www.mooloolabayachtclub.com.au/

Recommended area List: <u>https://tinyurl.com/yeyss7cv</u> Billet Requests: <u>sunshinecoastkiteracing@gmail.com</u>

# Please see next page for Appendices



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# **Appendix A: Course and Launch Areas + Exclusion Zones**

Please also refer to the <u>Safety Handbook</u> for a detailed breakdown of safety considerations and information - this is compulsory reading for all participants.

### Vicinity Map

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#### Keep at least 300m from Mooloolaba River entrance









#### Launch/Landing Zones

The launch location will have marquees with 'soft barriers' to mark out rigging and launching zones. Please take care to ensure gear is kept in a tidy and safe manner in the prevailing conditions. Note: Incoming tides can sweep away gear if left to close to the edge of water, check the tides <u>here</u>.

#### Google Maps access link: <u>https://goo.gl/maps/PicwRQHxuL1BBTyXA</u>

Launch Access Zone can be accessed at Beach Access 193 - opposite 'Pier 33'.



Situated across the road from 'Pier 33'. This location does offer good protection from swell, but does have turbulent off shore winds in Southerly winds - take care at launching and ensure all your gear is ready to go. At high tide, the beach can be small, so care must be taken. Please ensure when you launch and land in these conditions, that you waste no time with kites in air while on the beach, and be prepared for quick entry, or exit as needed.

Please keep safety in mind, so if conditions change, please ensure you make the choice to launch in the safest suitable location, or not launch at all. Once riding, go to a location that is clear upwind and downwind and monitor conditions, clouds and wind as needed. There is a fair amount of parking on the beach, and also across the road in the Pier 33 complex when allowed.

#### Other Safety Notes for Launching Zone 2 – Beach Access 193 – NEXT PAGE

- o Please ensure you stay at least 450m away from the River-mouth section of the bay, with traffic, currents and turbulent winds present in this area.
- o Please ensure once you launch, avoid any beach flag area, staying at least 100m beyond breaking waves.









- o The beach can be small at high tide. Observe 3<sup>rd</sup> party traffic and ensure your belongings are above high tide line.
- o If you are within 30m of swimmers or surfers, please ensure you slow down, or stop foiling to ensure safety.
- Please ensure when you launch and land at this location, that you waste no time with kite in air while on beach, and be prepared for quick entry, or exit if needed.
- o Watch for safety of bystanders and yourself by adhering to golden rules at all times
- o Once riding, go to a location that is clear upwind and monitor conditions, clouds and wind as needed.
- o Please also ensure once you launch, you stay beyond any surfcraft/beach flag area, staying at least 100m beyond breaking waves.
- o If you are within 30m of swimmers or surfers, please ensure you slow down (below 6 knots) or stop foiling to ensure safety.

















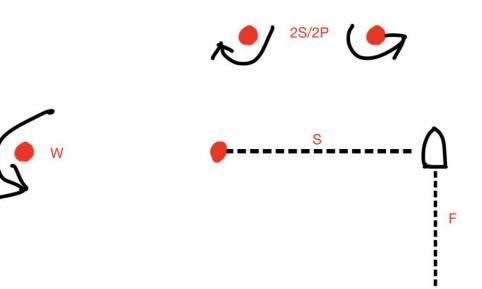
**Appendix B: Courses** 

**Kitefoil Course:** 



Courses

C1: S - 1 - 2S/2P - W - F C2: S - 1 - 2S/2P - 1 - 2S/2P - W - F C3: S - 1 - 2S/2P - 1 - 2S/2P - 1 - 2S/2P - W - F

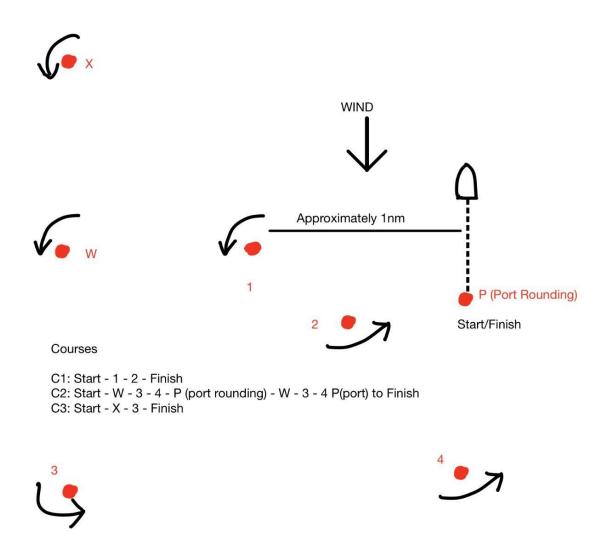




### WingFoil/Formula X/Pump Up Course:

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Please note: Wingfoils and Pump up kites will share the same race area and startboat, but may have different courses as indicated below.





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# **APPENDIX C - SPECTATORS**

We want your friends and family to enjoy the action as well! Please find the official spectator area here:

Google Maps Link for this location

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