



2017 PINGTAN TT:R OPEN

NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (NoR/SI)

To be supplemented by Local Sailing Instructions (LSI)

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1 DATE AND VENUE

Venue	Organizer	Dates
China – Pingtan	China Kiteboard Union	18.09.2017 - 23.09.2017

2 RULES

- 2.1 The 2017 Pingtan TT:R Open will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2020 including Appendix F. Other documents under RRS Definition: Rule (g) include:
 - 2.1.1 [DP] The IKA Support Team Regulations (STR)
 - 2.1.2 [DP] [SP] The IKA Equipment Regulations (ER)
 - 2.1.3 [NP] [DP] The IKA Competitors Media Guide (CMG) – to be published
- 2.2 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, applies.
- 2.3 Supplementary Local Sailing Instructions (LSI) which may change or supplement rules in these NoR/Sis.
- 2.4 No national prescriptions will apply

- 2.5 A kiteboard shall neither make radio transmissions while competing nor receive radio communications not available to all kiteboards, except in an emergency. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 2.6 In all rules governing any of the events listed in NoR/SI 1;
 - 2.6.1 The terms ‘rider’, ‘competitor’, ‘crew’, ‘athlete’ and ‘owner’ mean a person competing or intending to compete in the event.
 - 2.6.2 The term ‘support person’ means persons as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing
 - 2.6.3 [DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the Protest Committee.
 - 2.6.4 [SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing or a discretionary penalty applied by the Protest Committee with a hearing; and
 - 2.6.5 [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protest by a kiteboard. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 2.7 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 2.8 Racing Rules will be changed as follows:
 - 2.8.1 Add new rule A4.3: "A board that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or F3.31 while racing may take a scoring penalty after she has finished and before the end of the protest time limit. Her penalty shall be a Scoring Penalty of 20% calculated as described in rule 44.3(c), but not worse than DSQ. The scoring abbreviation for a penalty imposed under these SI's will be SCP. However, if she caused a tangle, injury or serious damage or if she gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach, her penalty shall be to retire. A "Scoring penalty acknowledgement Form" shall be signed before the end of protest time at the race office. This changes rule "F4 Part 4 Rules deleted".
 - 2.8.2 Appendix T1 is changed to: "A Post-Race Penalty is a 40% Scoring Penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rule 44.1(a) applies. The scoring abbreviation for a penalty imposed under these SI's will be ARB.
 - 2.8.3 On the final day of racing, rules 61.2 and 65.2 are deleted and rule 63.6 is changed to: "63.6 Protests and requests 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."

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The event is open for the following equipment and divisions.
IKA TT:R (Open)
Additional gender and age divisions may be established depending on entry. A minimum of 5 entries per age/gender division is required.
Age Categories are:
U18: born 2000 and later
U21: born 1997 and later
Master: born 1981 and before
Grand Master: born 1971 and before
Great Grandmaster: born 1961 and before
- 3.2 Entries shall be made at registration.
- 3.3 Entry is complete when full payment has been made.
- 3.4 Competitors shall bring their own equipment.
- 3.5 World Sailing Eligibility will apply. Each competitor shall be registered as a World Sailing Sailor on the World Sailing website.
- 3.6 Unless otherwise approved by the IOC or the World Sailing Executive, each competitor shall be a national of the country of his Member National Authority (MNA). Each competitor shall present proof of their nationality when requested.
- 3.7 Each competitor shall be a member of an IKA full member (National Class Association) of either his/her nationality or his/her country of permanent residence. A valid membership card or other satisfactory evidence of membership shall be presented at registration if requested. If no full member (having paid its annual subscription) exists, the competitor shall become individual member of IKA. Membership formalities can be completed on site.
- 3.8 Competitors under 18 years of age shall present a signed and completed parent (or guardian) consent and declaration form at each on-site registration.
- 3.9 Olympic gender requirements will apply.
- 3.10 All competitors wishing to compete must personally sign the entry forms at registration day at the time and place published. Exceptions may be granted by the Technical Director at his sole discretion.
- 3.11 Competitors shall provide the following documentation prior to completing registration formalities on site:
- Evidence of national class association membership
 - World Sailor ID
 - Evidence of valid third party insurance – minimum 1.5 million Euro per event or the equivalent
 - Proof of age

- Parental/legal guardian consent - for those under the age of 18
- Medical Treatment Permission - for those under age of 18 or on their parent's medical insurance policy

4 ENTRY FEE

- 4.1 The entry fee will be 50 USD or 50 EUR or 50 RMB
- 4.2 Payments shall be made in cash.

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 The schedule for each Act will be as follows (all times are local):

Registration	Qualifying Series	Final Series	Prize Giving
18.09.2017 1500-1700h	19.09. – 20. 09 2017	21.09. – 23. 09 2017	23.09.2017 2000h

- 5.2 5 races per flight/fleet per day are scheduled.
- 5.2.1 Races not sailed on the scheduled day may be sailed on the following day at the discretion of the race committee.
- 5.2.2 Not more than one race per flight/fleet may be sailed ahead of schedule at the discretion of the Race Committee, and only if the weather forecast makes it unlikely that the scheduled number of races can be sailed in the following days.
- 5.3 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 16:00 hours.

6 FORMAT

- 6.1 The format will be a single series. The single series may be divided into a qualifying series and a final series depending on entry numbers.
- 6.2 When the format includes a qualifying series:

- 6.2.1 Initially kiteboards will be assigned to flights Yellow, Blue, Red, etc., of, as nearly as possible, equal size and ability. Initial assignments will be made by the race committee based on the kiteboards current standing in the world ranking. Those assignments will be posted at least 30 minutes before the first warning signal is made and will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a)
- 6.2.2 In the qualifying series kiteboards will be reassigned to flights after each day of racing, except if on the first day only one race is completed. If all flights have completed the same number of races, kiteboards will be reassigned on the basis of their ranks in the series. If all flights have not completed the same number of races, the series scores for reassignment will be calculated for those races, numbered in order of completion, completed by all flights. For three flights, and similarly for any other number, reassignments will be made as follows:
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| First | Yellow |
| Second | Blue |
| Third | Red |
| Forth | Red |
| Fifth | Blue |
| Sixth | Yellow |
| Seventh | Yellow |
- etc.
- 6.2.3 Assignments will be based on the ranking available at 2100 on the day before they take effect regardless of protests or requests for redress not yet decided.
- 6.2.4 If all flights have not completed the same number of races by the end of a day, the flights with fewer races will continue racing the following day until all flights have completed the same number of races. All kiteboards will thereafter race in the new flights.
- 6.3 When the format includes a final series;
- 6.3.1 Kiteboards will be assigned to final-series fleets Gold, Silver, Bronze etc., based on their ranking in the qualifying series. There will be the same number of fleets in the final series as there were in the qualifying series. The final-series fleets will have, as nearly as possible, equal size and the Silver fleet will not be bigger than the Gold fleet. Kiteboards with the best qualifying-series ranks will race all final-series races in the Gold fleet, kiteboards with the next-best qualifying-series ranking will race in the Silver fleet, etc.
- 6.3.2 Any recalculation of qualifying-series ranking after kiteboards have been assigned to final-series fleets will not affect the assignments except that a redress decision may promote a kiteboard to a higher fleet.
- 6.4 For the event overall standings, competitors are ranked in the order of the competitors competing in the Gold, Silver Bronze etc. fleets standings. This may not apply to a kiteboard disqualified under RRS 5, 6 or 69.

7 STARTING AND FINISHING

- 7.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange/white chequered flag on the race committee vessel and either
- a) the course side of the port-end inflatable mark, or
 - b) a staff displaying an orange/white chequered flag on the race committee vessel on the port end
- 7.2 A buoy may be attached to the race committee starting boat anchor line just below keel depth. Kiteboards shall not pass between this buoy and the race committee starting boat at any time. This buoy is part of the race committee starting boat ground tackle.
- 7.3 To alert kiteboards that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange/white chequered starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 7.4 [DP] When a starting sequence is in progress, kiteboards whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area. The starting area is defined as a rectangle 75 meters from the starting line and marks in all directions.
- 7.5 The finishing line will be between a black/white chequered flag on the finish race committee vessel and the course side of the nearby finish mark.
- 7.6 The finishing line Race Committee vessel is identified by a black/white chequered flag. This changes RRS Race Signals.
- 7.7 [DP] Kiteboards that have finished racing shall sail clear of the finish area.

8 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 8.1 Time limits and target times, in minutes, are as follows:

<u>Regatta Stage</u>	<u>Time Limit</u>	<u>Mark 1 Time Limit</u>	<u>Target Time</u>	<u>Finish Time Window</u>
Qualifying or Single Series	30	10	13	15
Final Series	30	10	13	10

- 8.2 If no kiteboard rounds Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit, the race committee shall abandon the race.

- 8.3 Any kiteboard that does not finish within the Finish Window (time after the first kiteboard finishes) shall be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

9 COURSES AND RACING AREAS

- 9.1 The courses will be included in the LSIs.
- 9.2 Courses will not be shortened. This changes RRS 32.
- 9.3 Assignments of fleets, flights and divisions to racing areas (if any) will be posted at least 30 minutes before they will take effect.

10 [DP] IDENTIFICATION AND ADVERTISING

- 10.1 When provided by the local organizing authority, kiteboards and competitors shall carry, display or wear the following as instructed:
- 10.1.1 Competition bibs for all competitors with the individually assigned lycra number, worn over all other clothing and equipment at any time when afloat
- 10.1.2 Individual event leader bibs with individually assigned lycra number, worn over all other clothing and equipment at any time when afloat
- 10.1.2 Event advertising
- 10.1.3 Cameras and other media equipment
- 10.1.4 [SP] Tracking and timing system equipment.
- 10.2 [SP] Any advertising from previous events shall be removed.

11 COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 11.1 The location of the official notice board and the official flagpole will be published in the ASI.

- 11.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 20 minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes Race Signals.
- 11.3 When flag Y is displayed ashore, rule 40 applies at all times while afloat. This changes the Part 4 preamble.
- 11.4 When a visual signal is displayed over an area or class/fleet/flight flag, the signal applies only to that area or class/fleet/flight. This changes the Race Signals preamble.
- 11.5 The ASI will be posted on the official notice board no later than the first skippers meeting, and will be available at the event and/or IKA website and by hard copy on request only.

12 CHANGES TO NOTICE OF RACE AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the NoR/SI and the ASI will be posted 30 minutes before it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted not later than the end of the protest time limit of the last class/fleet/flight on the day before it will take effect.

13 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 13.1 [DP] Flag AP over H displayed ashore means 'Kiteboards shall not leave the beach. Wait for further instructions.' This changes Race Signals AP over H.
- 13.2 [DP] [NP] If the use of personal flotation devices is prescribed, every competitor and support boat crewmember shall wear, above the waist, a jacket harness or vest with a minimum buoyancy of 4kg uninflated in fresh water, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. The buoyancy shall be tested with a ferrous metal weight of 4kg, which shall remain supported for a minimum of 5 minutes.
- 13.3 [DP] [NP] Personal buoyancy is mandatory for all competitors under 18 years of age.

14 [DP] CODE OF CONDUCT

- 14.1 Competitors shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official.
- 14.2 Kiteboards that are not competing shall keep clear of the racing area and any official boat.

- 14.3 Kiteboards that are on a Course Area or passing through a Course Area to which they are not assigned shall remain clear of the area where kiteboards are racing and any official boat.
- 14.4 IKA may reduce or remove a prize in the case of misconduct or refusal to comply with any reasonable request, including attendance at official functions.

15 SCORING

- 15.1 1 race per flight/fleet race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 15.2 2 races per flight/fleet are required to be completed by each flight to constitute a qualifying series.
- 15.2.1 If at the end of the qualifying series some kiteboards have more race scores than others, scores for the most recent races will be excluded so that all kiteboards have the same number of race scores.
- 15.2.2 For the qualifying series, rule A4.2 is changed so that the scores are based on the number of kiteboards assigned to the biggest flight/fleet.
- 15.3 For a single series and a qualifying series, a kiteboards series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score when 5 to 9 races are completed, her two worst scores when 10 to 14 races are completed, and her three worst scores when 15 and more races are completed.
- 15.4 For a regatta consisting of a qualifying series and a final series:
- 15.4.1 A kiteboards opening series score will be the total of:
- two scores equal to her ranking position in the qualifying series; plus
 - her final series scores, excluding her worst score when 5 to 9 final series races are completed, her two worst scores when 10 final series races are completed and her three worst scores when 15 and more races are completed, except that only one of the carried forward scores may be excluded. This changes rule A2.
- 15.4.2 Ties in the final series will be broken by applying rule A8 to the final series.
- 15.4.3 If a tie remains, it shall be broken in favor of the kiteboard with the better standing in the qualifying series.
- 15.5 A kiteboard starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 15.6 To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a kiteboard may complete a scoring enquiry form available at the race office.

- 15.7 Additional gender and age divisions will be calculated by simple extraction from the Overall Rankings.

16 SPARE

17 INTERNATIONAL JURY

An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with the RRS 91(b). Their decisions will be final and cannot be appealed, as specified in RRS 70.5.

18 PROTESTS, PENALTIES AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 18.1 Protest forms are available at the Race Office or Jury Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the Jury Office within the appropriate time limit.
- 18.1.1 The protest time limits will be specified in the ASI.
- 18.1.2 If rule N1.4(b) applies, the time limit for requesting a hearing under that rule is 30 minutes after the party was informed of the panel's decision.
- 18.2 Notices will be posted within 15 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held beginning at the time posted. Hearings may be scheduled to begin up to 15 minutes before the end of protest time Limit.
- 18.3 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform kiteboards under RRS 61.1(b).
- 18.4 A list of kiteboards that have been penalized RCT/DCT for causing tangles will be posted.
- 18.5 Penalties for breaches of the ER, STR, CMG, class rules, RRS 55 or rules in the NoR and SIs marked [DP] or [SP], should the case go to a hearing, are at the discretion of the protest committee.
- 18.6 For breaches of NoR/SI marked [SP], the race committee may apply a standard penalty without a hearing to the race closest in time to the incident. The scores of other kiteboards

shall not be changed; therefore, two kiteboards may receive the same score. However, the race committee may protest a kiteboard when they consider the standard penalty to be inappropriate. A kiteboard that has been penalized with a standard penalty can neither be protested for the same incident by another kiteboard nor can another kiteboard request redress for this race committee action. This changes RRS 60.1, 63.1 and Appendix A5.

- 18.7 On the last day of opening series, or on the last scheduled day of racing, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
- 18.7.1 within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - 18.7.2 no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day;
- This changes RRS 66.
- 18.8 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress from a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

19 [DP] [NP] SUPPORT TEAM PERSONNEL

- 19.1 All support team members shall be registered with the local organizing authority at registration day and will be required to comply with local legislation and the Support Team Regulations. The local organizing authority may refuse registrations and accept later registrations at their sole discretion.
- 19.2 Support boats shall clearly display their national 3 letter country code in black on a white background, either on a flag of a minimum of 50cm x 40cm in size or on the cover of their outboard engine
- 19.3 Team leaders, coaches and other support persons shall stay outside areas where kiteboards are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all kiteboards have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

20 PRIZES AND SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

- 20.1 Trophies will be awarded to the top 3 competitors in each gender.

- 20.2 Age division may receive additional trophies depending on entry level
- 20.3 [DP] The top three competitors in each division as well as individual race winners (if applicable) may be required to attend a media press conference each day.
- 20.4 [DP] Competitors may be required for interviews at the regatta.
- 20.5 IKA may reduce or remove a prize in the case of misconduct or refusal to comply with any reasonable request, including attendance at official functions.

21 [NP] [DP] INSURANCE

- 20.1 Each competitor and „person in charge“ (see RRS 46) shall hold a valid insurance certificate showing proof of third-party liability coverage of at least EUROS 1,500,000 (or equivalent) per incident.
- 20.2 The Organizing Authority is not responsible for verifying the status or validity of certificates.

22 RISK STATEMENT

Competitors and support team participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk and they are reminded of the provisions of RRS 4, Decision to Race. Kiteboarding is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their equipment to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their equipment and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- d) By participating in any form of competition, they are satisfied that their equipment is in good order, equipped to compete in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e) The provision of a race management team, rescue crafts, judges, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of rescue craft cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

23 MEDIA RIGHTS

By participating in the event competitors automatically grant to the local organizing authority, IKA , all involved classes, 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 and after the period of the competition without compensation.

24 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please visit the event website, www.twintipracing.com