Organised by Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Stanley Main Beach Windsurfing Race 2026
Activity Number: WSG263787WIN
Sailing Instructions

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.

The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. Guidelines for discretionary penalties are available on the World Sailing website.

1. RULES

1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

1.2 RRS Appendix B will apply. However, RRS B8 is deleted.

1.3 The Sailing Federation of Hong Kong, China Prescriptions will apply.

1.4 If there is any discrepancy or inconsistency between the Chinese and English versions, the Chinese version shall prevail.

2. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

2.1 Competitors shall meet the entry requirements of the organising committee.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted no later than 30 minutes before the warning signal of the race on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

4. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

4.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at Stanley Main Beach Water Sports Centre.

4.2 The race office is located at Stanley Main Beach Water Sports Centre.

5. CODE OF CONDUCT

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

5.2 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall handle any equipment by the organising committee with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at Stanley Main Beach Water Sports Centre.

6.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

6.3 [DP] Flag D with one sound means 'Boats shall 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.'

7. Sign-In And Sign-Out

7.1 Sign-in

Competitors are required to sign in via SmartPLAY from 08:30 onwards and register at reporting counter between 08:45 and 09:30 on each event day. They must produce the original copies of the identity document used for enrolment, proof of relevant qualifications and number of sailing hours for verification. Participants aged below 18 should return with a duly signed Parents / Guardian or Person Authorised by Participants Parents' Declaration on the event day. Failure to do so will render the competitors concerned disqualified on the event day in question.

7.2 Sign-out

Competitors are required to sign out at the reporting counter, within 90 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later, to confirm that they have finished the races for the whole day. Failure to do so will render the competitors concerned disqualified on the event day in question. This changes RRS A5.

8. SCHEDULE OF RACES

8.1 The schedule of races is as follows:

Date	Time	Event
28 Nov 2026 (Sat)	08:45	Sign-in
	09:30	Skipper Meeting
	10:30	First Possible Warning Signal
	15:00	Last Possible Warning Signal
29 Nov 2026 (Sun)	08:45	Sign-in
	09:30	Skipper Meeting
	10:30	First Possible Warning Signal
	14:00	Last Possible Warning Signal
	ASAP	Prize Presentation Ceremony

8.2 A maximum of 8 races over 2 racing days.

8.3 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.

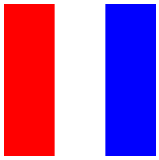
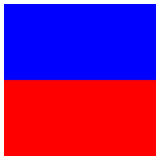
8.4 If Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No.3 or above or the Black Rainstorm Warning Signal or “extreme conditions” is issued by the Hong Kong Observatory at 07:00 on the race day, the races on that day shall be cancelled.

8.5 If Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No.1, the Red Rainstorm Warning Signal, the Strong Monsoon Signal or the Thunderstorm Warning is issued at or after 07:00 on the race day, competitors are required to report to Stanley Main Beach Water Sports Centre. The centre staff will decide whether the race should proceed as scheduled, adopt the alternative courses or be cancelled in the light of the prevailing weather conditions.

8.6 In case of safety and public health issue, the LCSD reserves the right to cancel the races without prior notice to the competitors.

9. CLASS FLAGS

9.1 The class flags are as follows:

Class	Flag	Reference
Beach	Flag V	
Techno 293 OD	Flag T	
Techno 160 D	Flag E	

10. RACING AREA

10.1 SIs Addendum A shows the location of the racing area.

11. COURSES

11.1 SIs Addendum B shows 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.

12. MARKS

12.1 The marks will be orange, yellow or blue cylinder buoys.

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 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.

13.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

13.4 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.

14. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

14.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

15. THE FINISH

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

16. TIME LIMIT AND TARGET TIME

16.1 The Time Limit, Target Time and the Finishing Window are shown in the table as follows:

Time Limit	Target Time	Finishing Window
30 minutes	15 minutes	15 minutes

16.2 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course. Boats failing to sail the course within the Finishing Window, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, and A5.2.

16.3 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.

17. HEARING REQUESTS

17.1 The protest time limit is 60 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 at Stanley Main Beach Water Sports Centre.

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 Stanley Main Beach Water Sports Centre.

18. SCORING

18.1 The scoring will be using “Low Point System” in accordance with RRS A4.

18.2 When 3 or fewer race(s) have been completed over 2 racing days, a competitor’s series score will be the total of her race scores.

18.3 When 4 or 5 races have been completed, a competitor’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS

19.1 [NP] Competitors must wear suitable buoyancy aids and toe-heel-protected shoes before going out to sea.

19.2 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

20. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

20.1 [DP] Substitution of competitors is not 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

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

21.2 [DP] When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

22. SUPPLIED BOATS

22.1 Equipment will be supplied by the organising committee.

22.2 The board and sail of windsurfing will be allocated by ballot on the first day of the event. No ballot will be arranged on the second day of event.

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23. MEAL

23.1 Competitors should bring their own food and drinks.

24. TRASH DISPOSAL

24.1 Trash may be placed aboard official vessels.

25. PRIZES

25.1 Prizes will be given as follows:

2-3 Entries	**4-5 Entries**	**6-10 Entries**
Champion	Champion and 1st runner-up	Champion, 1st runner-up and 2nd runner-up

26. RISK STATEMENT

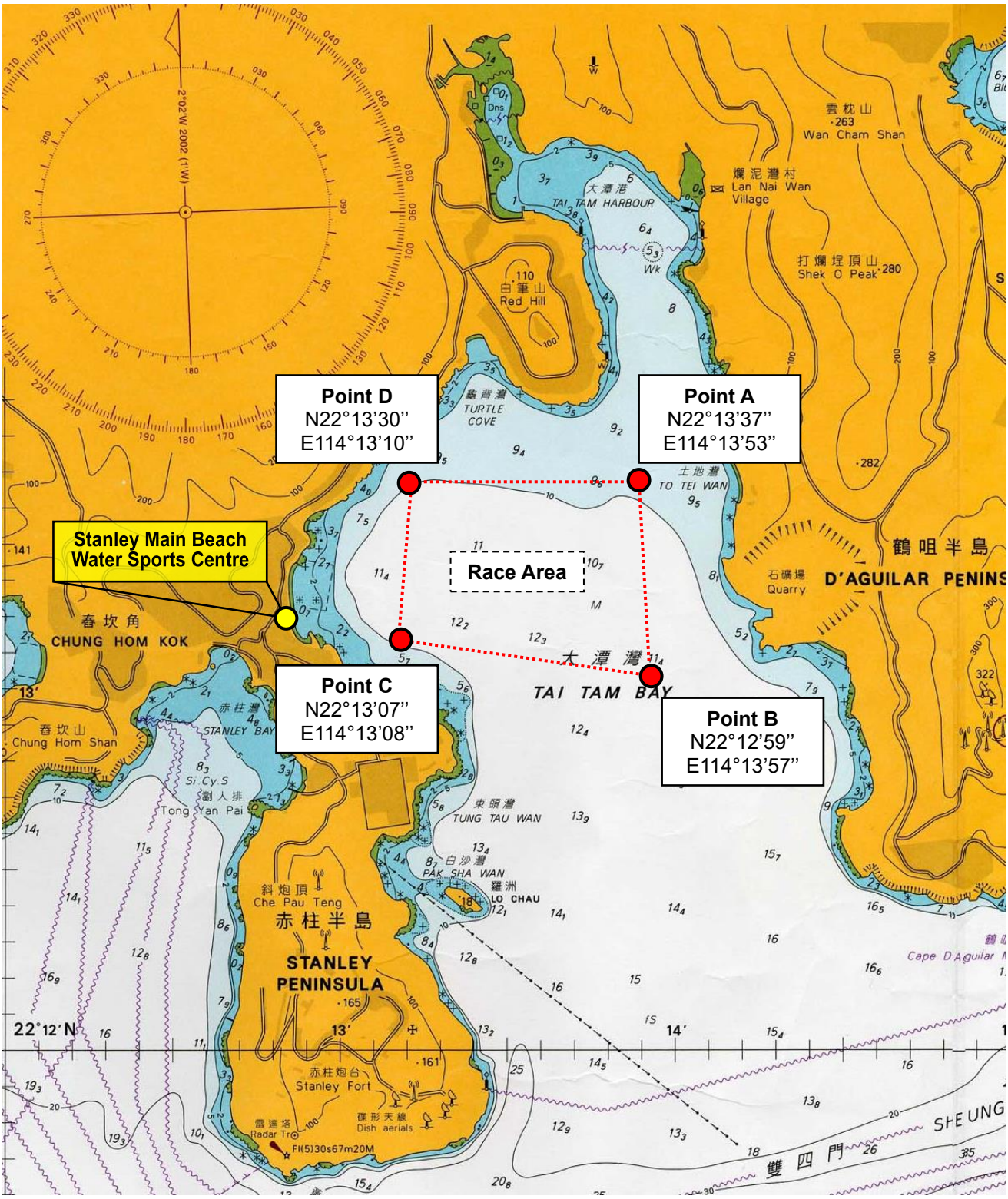
26.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that windsurfing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds 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 windsurfing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

27. INSURANCE

27.1 Each participating boat is recommended to be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

Addendum A

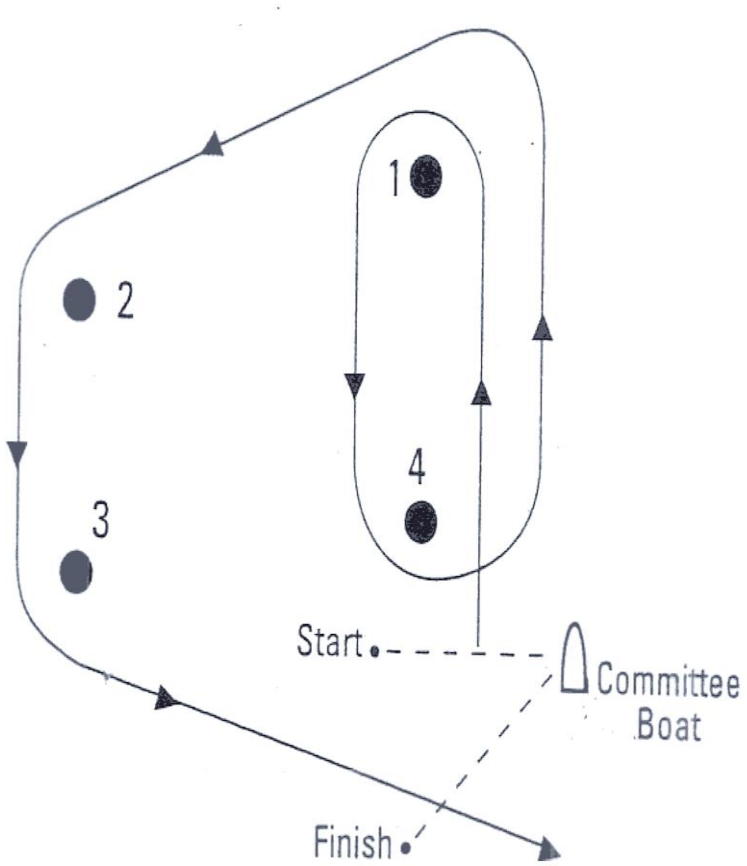
Racing Area



Addendum B

Courses

Inner Trapezoid Course



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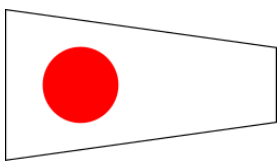
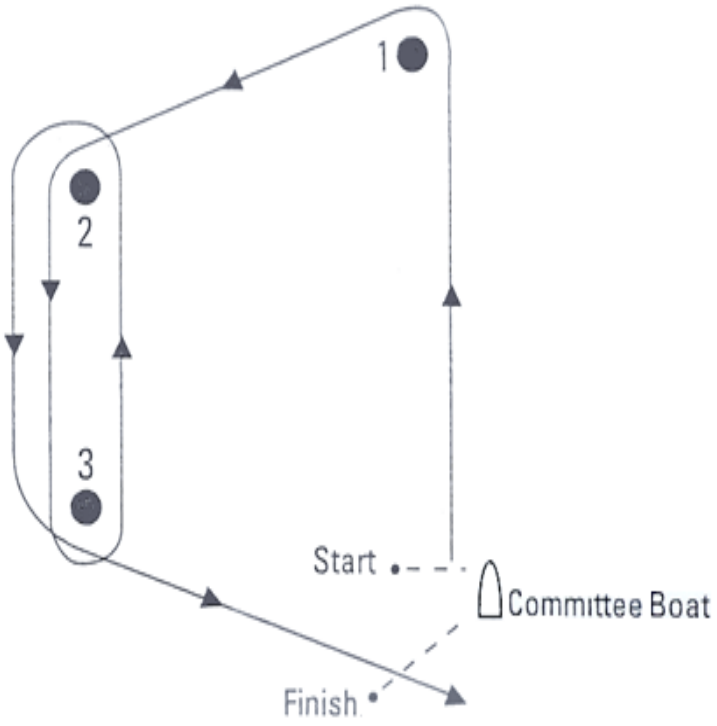
Pennant 1		Start > 1 > 4 > 1 > 2 > 3 > Finish

Outer Trapezoid Course



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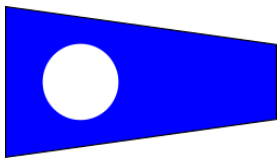
Pennant 2		Start > 1 > 2 > 3 > 2 > 3 > Finish