Sailing Instructions

01 - 03 May 2026

Schilksee / Strander Bucht

MaiOffshoreRegatta

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Kieler Yacht-Club
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INSHORE

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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1 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 hrs. on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule and format of races will be posted by 2100 hrs. on the day before it will take effect.

1.2 Notwithstanding SI 1.1, before the Warning Signal, the Race Committee may make oral changes to the Sailing Instructions as provided in RRS 90.2 (c)
The procedure for changes made orally on the water is as follows: The Race Committee will announce over VHF: “MaiOR Regatta, this is Offshore 1 with an amendment to the Sailing Instructions”. After announcing the change, the Race Committee will challenge one boat for an acknowledgment. This boat shall respond to this challenge without undue delay (e.g. “Offshore 1, here is SAIL NUMER, change received and understood”). Boats may without infringing RRS 41 request repetition of the message.

2 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the event website.

2.2 On water, the race committee will monitor and communicate on VHF radio channel 71 (call sign “Offshore 1”)

2.3 The following communications will be made by the race committee on VHF: time checks and starting times, starting order, confirmation of any visual signal displayed, courses including bearing and distance to the first mark, change of course, shortening, postponement, abandonment and other information explaining the intentions of the race committee.
Delay in the broadcast of these calls, or the order in which they are made, or any omission or failure in the transmission or reception of these, will not be grounds for requesting redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(b).

2.4 Additionally, the Race Organizer and the Race Committee will send non-official information via WhatsApp to all competitors:

MaiOR 2026 (Race Organization)
WhatsApp-Gruppe

3 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the main flagpole at the Olympic Sailing Centre, Kiel-Schilksee.

3.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore ‚1 minute‘ is replaced with ‚not less than 60 minutes‘ in race signal AP. This changes race signals AP.

4 SCHEDULE OF INSHORE RACES

4.1 A helmsmen briefing will take place in the Vaasahall will take place in the Vaasahall on Friday, 01st May at 0830 hrs.

4.2 Scheduled times of the first warning signal for all classes:

Racing days	Warning signal for the first race of the day
Friday, 01 May	1400 hrs.
Saturday, 02 May to Sunday, 03 May	1100 hrs.

5 CLASSES AND CLASS FLAGS

5.1 There will be two (2) classes:

Class	Class flag
ORC A/B (CDL > 9.630)	Pennant 1
ORC C/D (9.630 ≥ CDL)	Pennant 3
J/70	J/70 Class Flag

5.2 Boats shall display the numeral pennant of their class from the backstay.

5.3 Any change to CDL after applying ORC rule 305.2(b) shall not change the class that boat originally entered.

6 RACING AREAS

The Racing Areas will be “HOTEL” and “GOLF” (Strander Bucht) or “ALPHA” (Stollergrund). The location can be found in the addendum ‘Racing Areas’.

7 COURSES

7.1 The diagrams in Addendum ‘Course Illustrations’ show 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.

7.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg and the course to be sailed according to the course diagram.

7.3 Course signals will be given as follows:

7.3.1 Black board with white letters/numbers as course designation: the course to be sailed.

7.3.2 White board with black numbers: the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

Race	Color and shapes
Windward / leeward races	YELLOW and/or ORANGE cylinders
Coastal Races	YELLOW cylinders and navigation marks

8 MARKS

8.1 Rounding mark colors and shapes are:

8.1.1 A new mark will be of the same color and shape as described but will be marked with a black band.

8.1.2 The starting and finishing marks will be race committee vessels or spar buoys or cylinders.

8.2 If during a windward/leeward race a Gate Mark or Mark 1a is missing and has not been replaced with an object displaying Flag M, the remaining mark shall be rounded to port.

9 THE START

9.1 If there is more than one class/group on the same racing area,

9.1.1 the warning signal of the following class will be displayed at the earliest at the starting signal for the previous class and may also be given while other classes are still racing,

9.1.2 [DP] boats whose warning signal have not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

9.1.3 the race committee may start subsequent classes as scheduled, if there is a recall of one class. The recalled class may be restarted after the other classes have started. This changes RRS 29 and 26.

9.2 The starting line is between staffs displaying orange flags on the starting marks.

9.3 If any part of a boat’s hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to broadcast on VHF her sail number, or the name of the boat. Delay in the radio broadcast of these calls, or the order in which they are made, or any omission or failure in the transmission or reception of these, shall not be grounds for requesting redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(b).

9.4 Boats that do not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

10 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

10.1 Windward/leeward races only: to change the next leg of the course, the race committee will

10.2 (a) lay a new mark, or (b) move the finishing line, or (c) move the leeward gate. When a new mark is laid, the original mark will be removed as soon as possible. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark. When Mark 1 has been replaced, Mark 1a is no longer a mark of the course. It will be removed as soon as practicable. This changes RRS 33.

10.3 Coastal Races only: legs of the course will not be changed after the preparatory signal.

11 THE FINISH

The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee Boat and a mark displaying a blue with or without an orange flag.

12 TIME LIMITS

12.1 Time limits in minutes are as follows:

Race	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window	Protest Time Limit
Windward / leeward races	120	40	30
Coastal Races	180	60	30

12.2 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 will receive the points of the last boat that finished within its time limit plus one. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

13 HEARING REQUESTS

13.1 Hearing requests shall be submitted by using the online system (https://rm.manage2sail.com).

13.2 The protest time limit is as shown in SI 12.1 after the last boat in that class finishes the last race of the day within her Finishing Window or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the signal no more racing today is displayed ashore, which will be posted on the official notice board.

13.3 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 may be scheduled to begin before the end of protest time. Hearings will be held in the protest room located at the Regattahaus at the Olympic Sailing Centre, Kiel-Schilksee, beginning at the time posted.

13.4 Penalties for breaches of rules in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions marked '[DP]', are at the discretion of the protest committee.

13.5 For breaches of a rule marked '[SP]', the race committee or technical committee may apply a standard penalty without a hearing or a discretionary penalty may be applied by the protest committee with a hearing. Addendum 'Standard Penalties' shows a list of these breaches and the associated standard penalties. However, the race committee or technical committee may protest a boat if it considers a standard penalty is inappropriate. A boat that has been penalized with a standard penalty shall neither be protested by another boat for the same incident nor can another boat request redress for this committee action. This changes RRS 60.1(b), 63.1 and A5.1.

14 SCORING

14.1 For the windward/leeward races: the "Polar Curve Scoring" option will be used to calculate the corrected times.

14.2 For the round-the-cans races: the "Inshore Single-Number Time on Time" rating or the "Polar Curve Scoring" option will be used to calculate the corrected times.

14.3 The decision on the scoring method and scoring parameters used will be at the sole discretion of the race committee and together with length of course, directions of leg and the wind direction and speed will not be grounds for requesting redress by a boat. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

15 [NP][DP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

15.1 Boats not leaving the harbor for a scheduled race shall promptly notify the race office.

15.2 On arrival in the racing area each day, a boat shall sail between the race committee starting vessel and a check-mark with green flag from leeward to windward.

15.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity via VHF or telephone: +49 (0) 431 85023.

15.4 Any use of the engine for propulsion purposes for rescuing people, giving help or any other reason shall be reported after arrival in written form to the race committee stating the reasons for such procedure. If a boat does not gain a significant advantage in the race, the protest committee may impose a discretionary penalty or no penalty.

16 [DP] REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

16.1 The race committee may approve crew changes (adding new crew members, replacing or disembarking crew members) by using the online system available on the event website made no later than two hours before the scheduled time of the start of the first race of the day. The substituted crew member shall not be aboard on any other competing boat throughout the remainder of the series. The weight of all crew members on board weighed in light street clothes after all crew changes shall not be greater than the maximum and smaller than the minimum as defined in ORC rule 200.1.

16.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized in writing by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made in writing to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race. Requests shall be submitted by using the online system available on the event website.

17 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

17.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.

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

18 OFFICIAL VESSELS

18.1 Official vessels will be marked as follows:

Race Committee	White flag with 'RC'
Protest Committee	White flag with 'Jury'
Press/Media	Green flag with ´Presse`

18.2 Actions by official vessels, helicopters and official drones shall not be grounds for requesting redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(b).

19 SUPPORT PERSONS

19.1 All support persons and support person vessels shall comply with the ‘Event Support Team Regulations’ published at the event website.

19.2 RRS 64.5(b) is changed as follows: The protest committee may also penalize a boat that is a party to a hearing under rule 60.3(d) or 69 for the breach of a rule by a support person by changing the boat’s score in a single race, up to and including disqualification, especially when the protest committee decides that
(1) the boat may have gained a competitive advantage as the result of the breach by the support person, or
(2) the support person committed a further breach after having been warned by the protest committee, that a penalty may be imposed.

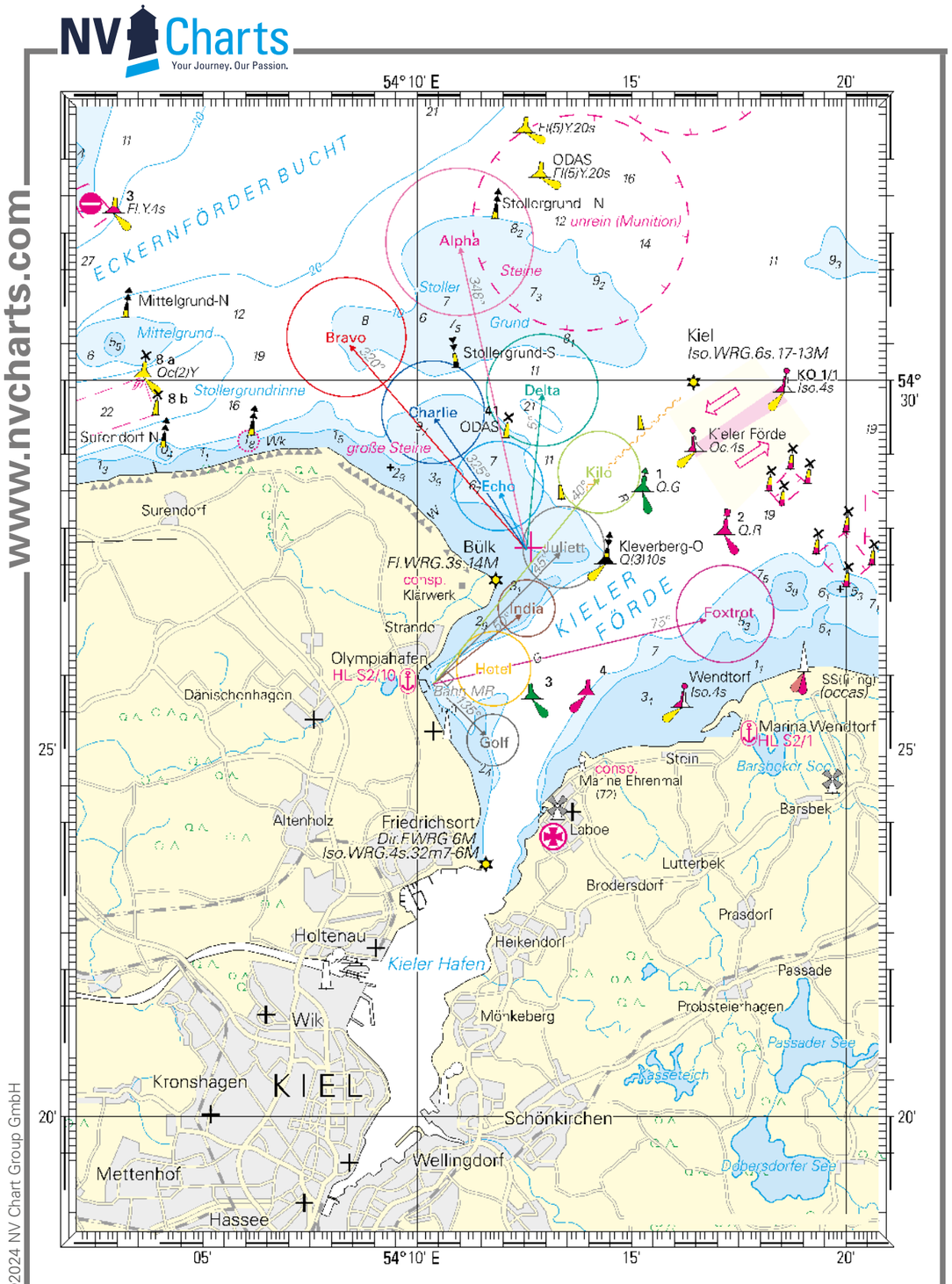
20 [DP] CODE OF CONDUCT

20.1 Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official.

20.2 Boats not racing shall avoid any area where boats are racing and any official vessel. This changes RRS 23.1.

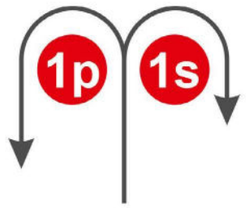
20.3 Boats that are on a racing area to which they are not assigned shall avoid the area where boats are racing and any official vessel. This changes RRS 23.1.

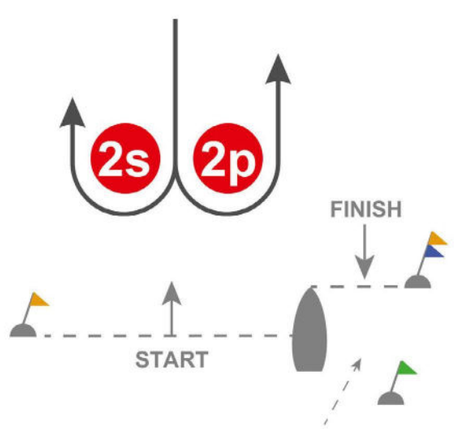
Addendum ‘Racing Areas’



Addendum ‘Courses’

for G2 and G3

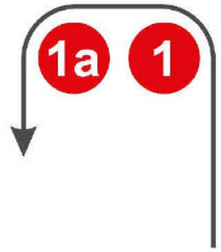


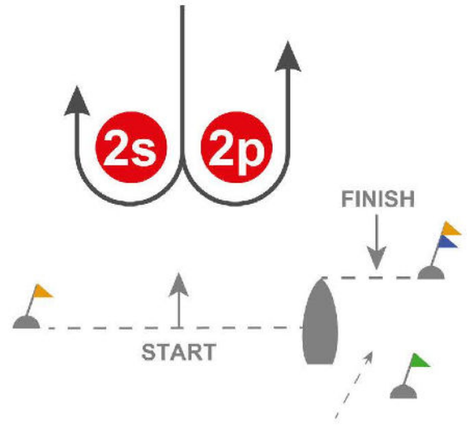


Course	Mark Rounding Order
G2	Start - 1s/1p - 2s/2p - 1s/1p - Finish
G3	Start - 1s/1p - 2s/2p - 1s/1p - 2s/2p - 1s/1p - Finish

Addendum ‘Courses’

for L2 and L3

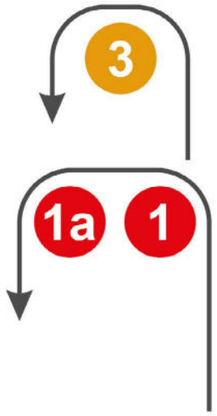


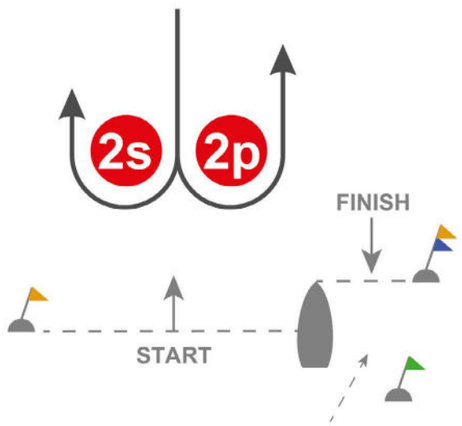


Course	Mark Rounding Order
L2	Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - Finish
L3	Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - Finish

Addendum ‘Courses’

for 51 and 53



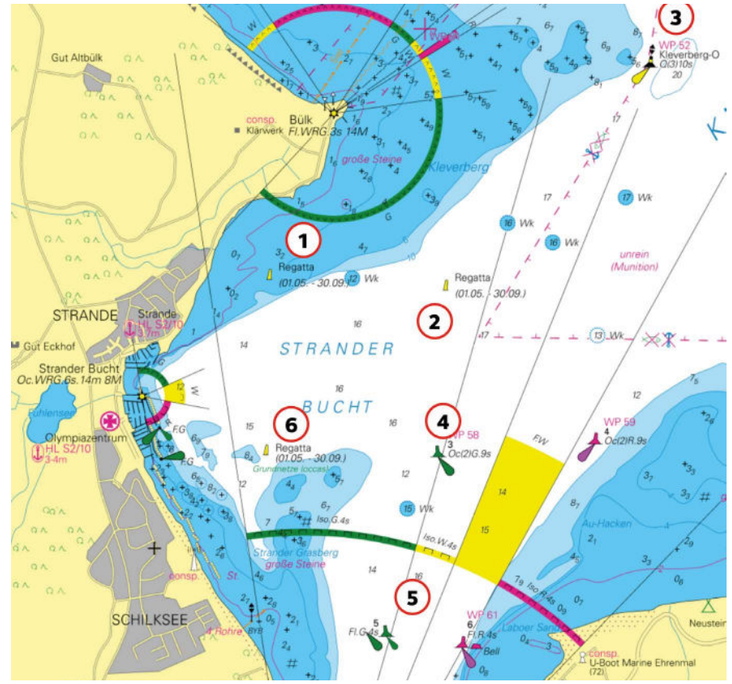


Course	Mark Rounding Order
51	Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 3 - Finish
53	Start - 3 - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - Finish

Addendum ‘Course Illustrations’

for Coastal Races

Mark	Description
1	Regattatonne (w)
2	Regattatonne (w)
3	Kleverberg-O (byb)
4	Kiel 3 (g)
5	Kiel 5 (g)
6	Regattatonne (w)



Course C1 (westerly winds)		
Mark	Side	
START		
		0.8
GATE 1	pass	
		1.0
1	stb.	
		0.8
2	bb.	
		1.4
3	stb.	
		2.0
4	stb.	
		1.1
1	bb.	
		0.4
6	bb.	
		0.8
GATE 2	pass	
		0.8
FINISH		

Course C2 (easterly winds)		
Mark	Side	
START		
		0.8
GATE 1	pass	
		1.2
2	stb.	
		0.7
4	stb.	
		0.8
6	stb.	
		1.1
2	bb.	
		0.8
1	bb.	
		1.8
5	stb.	
		1.4
GATE 2	pass	
		0.8
FINISH		

Course C3 (northerly winds)		
Mark	Side	
START		
		1.2
GATE 1	pass	
		0.8
6	bb.	
		0.8
4	stb.	
		0.9
5	stb.	
		1.8
1	bb.	
		0.8
2	bb.	
		1.1
6	bb.	
		0.8
GATE 2	pass	
		1.2
FINISH		

Addendum ‘Course Illustrations’

for Coastal Races