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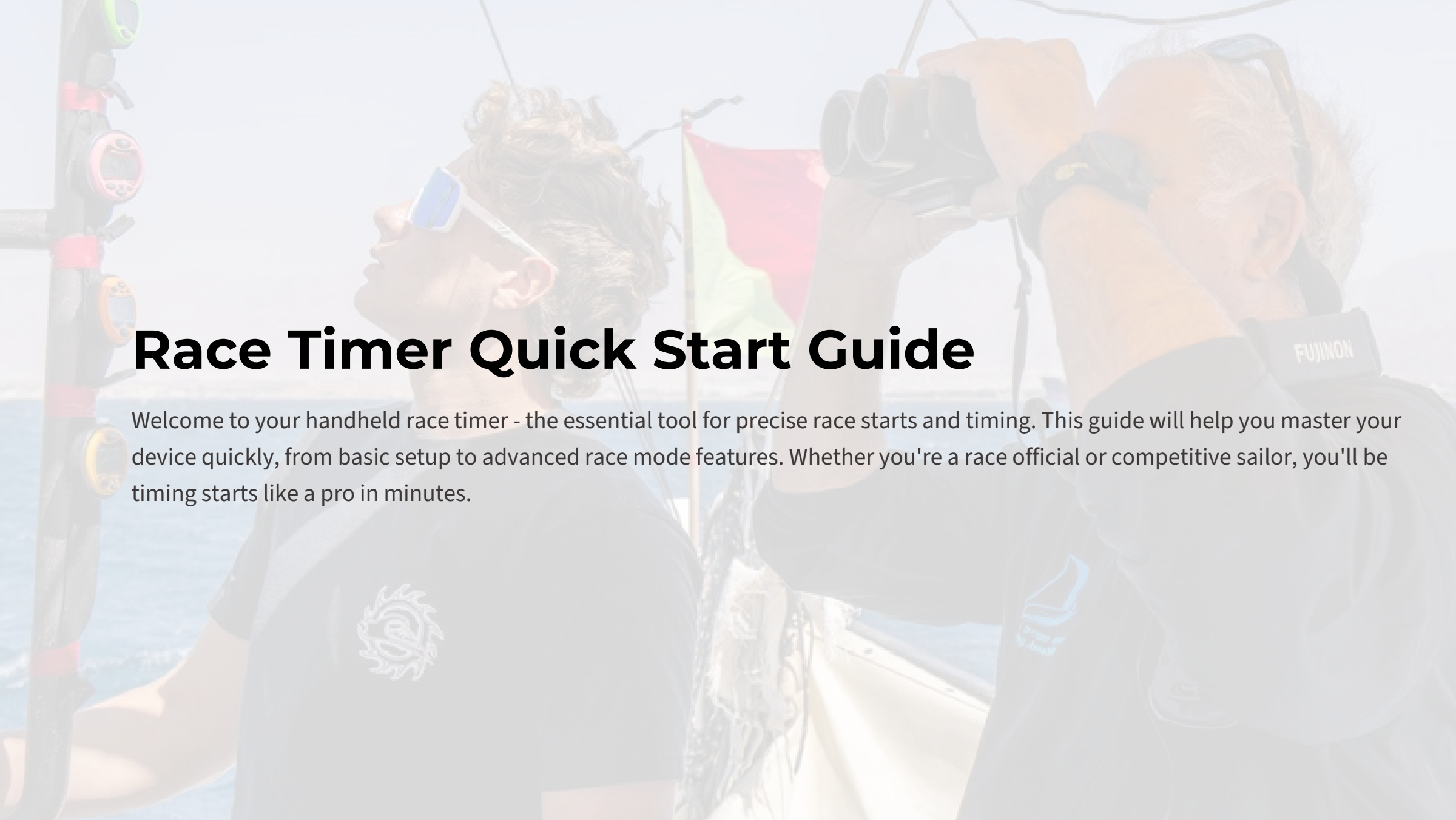
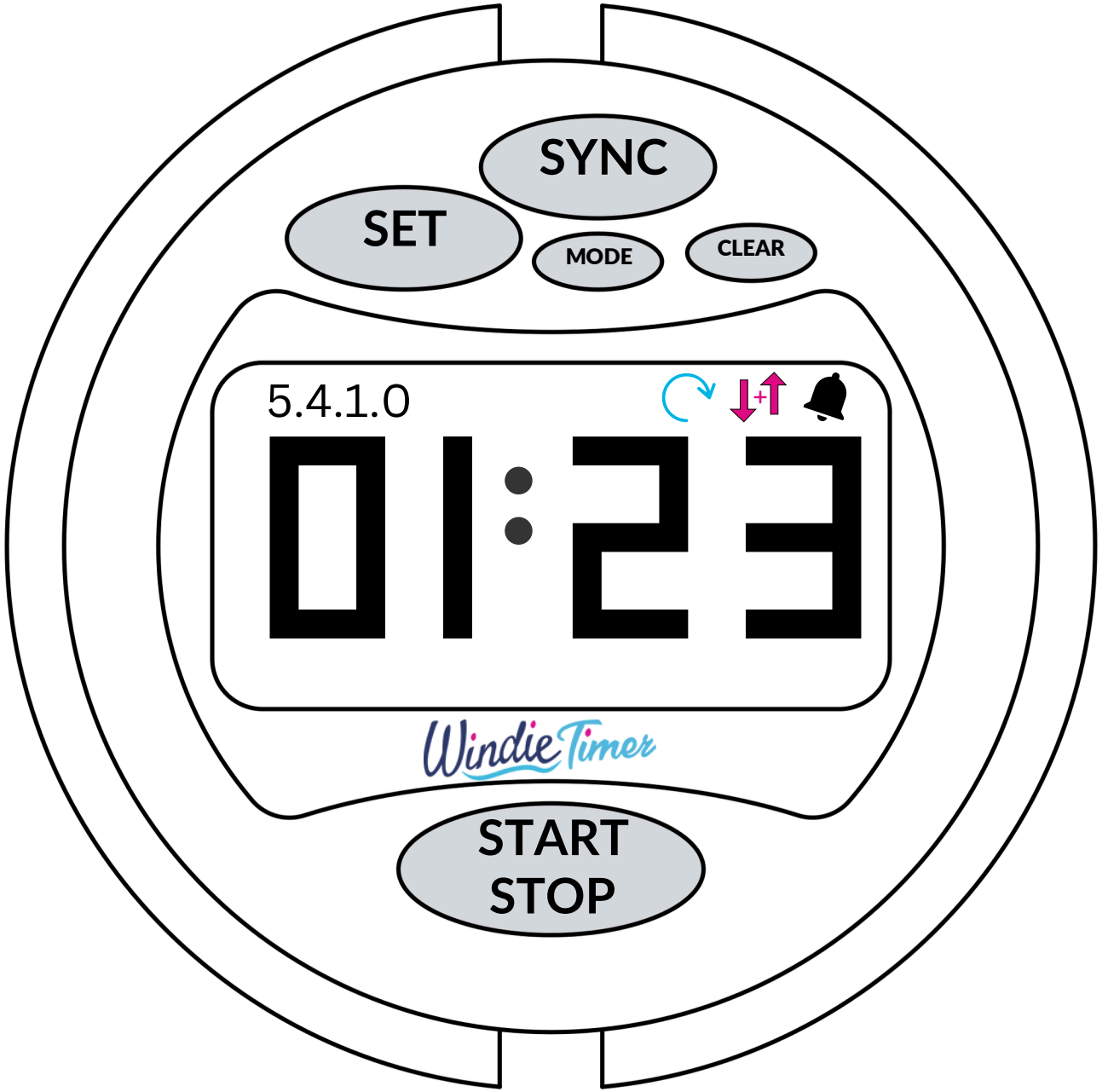


Race Timer Quick Start Guide

Welcome to your handheld race timer - the essential tool for precise race starts and timing. This guide will help you master your device quickly, from basic setup to advanced race mode features. Whether you're a race official or competitive sailor, you'll be timing starts like a pro in minutes.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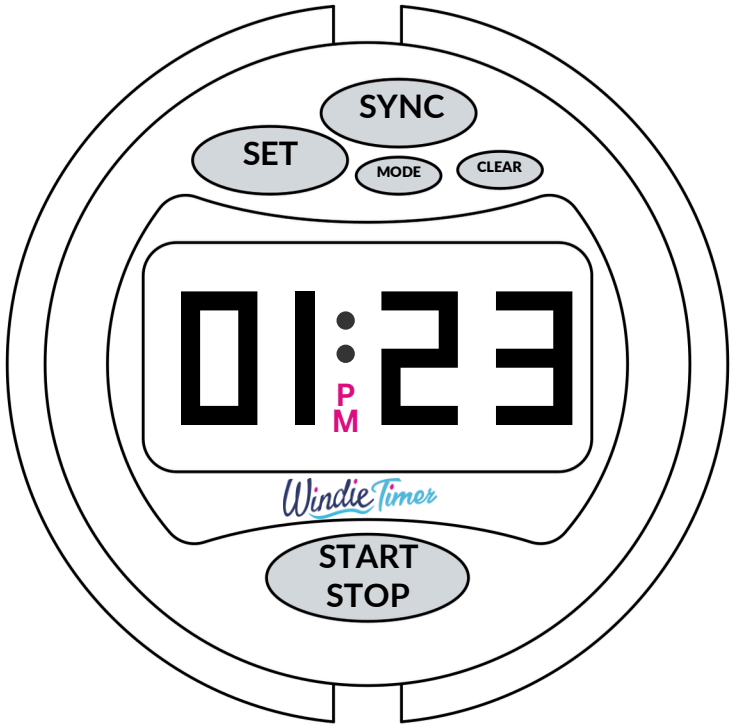
SETUP

Setting Up the Time (Watch Mode)

Before your first race, configure the basic time settings. This ensures your device displays accurate time in your preferred format throughout the day.

Configuration Steps

1. Press **MODE** to switch to Time/Watch mode
2. Press and hold **CLEAR** for 2 seconds until Hour digits blink
3. Press **MODE** to switch between Hours and Minutes
4. Press **SET** to adjust the flashing digit
5. Press **START/STOP** to toggle between 12h (AM/PM) or 24h format
6. Press **CLEAR** to save your settings



Quick Tip

Look for the PM icon on your display to confirm afternoon hours when using 12-hour format. Most race officials prefer 24-hour format for clarity.

RACE SETUP

Setting Up the Timer (Race Mode)

Race mode is where your timer truly shines. Configure your preferred countdown sequence to match your racing format and governing body requirements.

01

Switch to Timer Mode

Press **MODE** to access Timer mode from the main display

02

Select Your Sequence

Press **SYNC + SET** together to cycle through available programs

03

Choose Count Mode

Press **SYNC + CLEAR** to select countdown behavior

04

Configure Alarm

Hold **MODE** for 2 seconds to toggle sound signals ON/OFF

Understanding Sequence Programs

Your timer offers four distinct countdown sequences designed for different racing scenarios. Each program serves specific needs from official World Sailing regattas to quick practice drills.

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ISAF/World Sailing Standard

Official sequence with auto-sync points at 5, 4, 1, and 0 minutes. The gold standard for championship regattas and sanctioned events.

5M

Standard 5-Minute

Simple countdown from 5 minutes. Perfect for training starts, rolling starts, and sequences using 5, 10, or 15-minute intervals.

3M

3-Minute Sequence

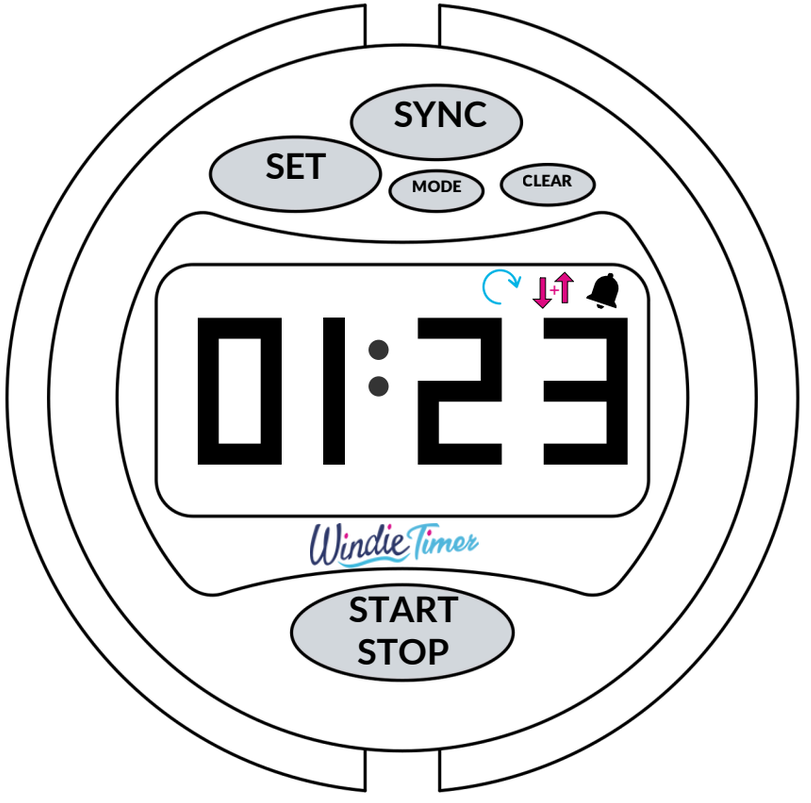
Fast-paced 3-minute countdown commonly used in IQFoil racing and fleets running shortened sequences.

1M

Sprint/Drills

Quick 1-minute countdown ideal for practice drills, race officer training, and rapid-fire start sequences.

Count Mode Options



Understanding count modes helps you track both pre- start and elapsed race time effectively.

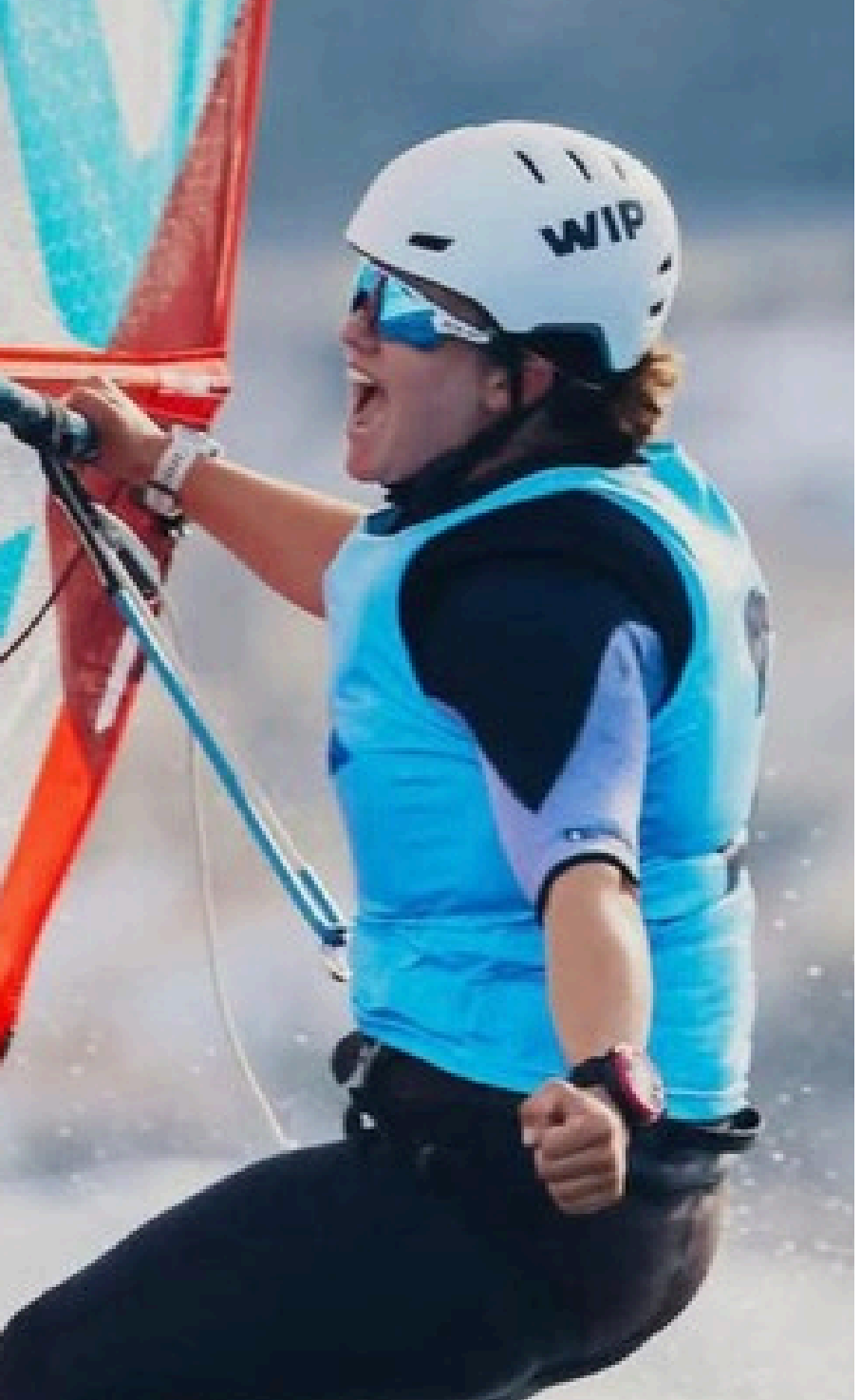
Count Down & Up

Indicated by arrows icon. Counts down to start, then automatically switches to count up elapsed time.

Count Down & Repeat

Indicated by a loop arrow. Countdown repeats continuously - ideal for multiple back-to-back starts.

Important: Timer must be at 00:00 to change settings. Press STOP, then CLEAR to reset if needed.



RACE DAY

Using Race Mode

Master these essential controls for race day operations.
Confidence with your timer means you can focus on the water, not the device.

Power Control (On / Off)

Press **MODE + CLEAR** together to turn ON. Hold for 3 seconds to turn OFF. Conserve battery between races.

Load & Start

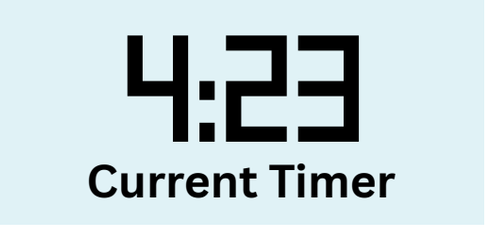
Press **SET** to load your selected sequence starting time.
Press **START** to begin the countdown.

Sync Function

Missed the gun? Press **SYNC** to jump to the nearest minute mark instantly.

The SYNC Function: Your Secret Weapon

The SYNC button is critical for accurate race timing when you miss the official signal. It instantly aligns your timer to the nearest minute mark, keeping you synchronized with the race sequence.



Timer Show 4 minutes, 23 seconds remaining

Pressing SYNC jumps directly to 4 minutes remaining

When to Use SYNC

- You started the timer late and missed the warning signal You
- need to align with the official race clock mid-sequence
- Environmental noise made it hard to hear the sound signal
- Multiple fleets starting and you switched to a different sequence

At 00:00, press **START** to begin Count Up mode for tracking elapsed race time.

Note: No beep sound occurs in Count Up mode - this prevents confusion during the race itself.

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Quick Reference: Button Functions

Keep this reference handy during your first few races until the controls become second nature.

MODE

- Switch between Time and Timer modes
- Toggle Hours/Minutes during setup
- Hold 2 sec: Toggle alarm ON/OFF

SET

- Adjust time digits during setup
- Load starting time in Race mode
- SYNC + SET: Cycle through sequences

START/STOP

- Start/pause countdown
- Toggle 12h/24h format in setup
- Begin Count Up at 00:00

CLEAR

- Save settings after adjustment
- Reset timer to 00:00
- SYNC + CLEAR: Select count mode

SYNC

- Jump to nearest minute mark
- Used with SET or CLEAR for settings
- Critical for mid-sequence alignment

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Tips for Race Day Success

Battery Management

Turn off the timer between races to conserve battery. A full charge typically lasts multiple race days, but always carry a backup.

Sound Strategy

Use audible signals during practice to build confidence. On race day, many officials prefer silent operation to avoid confusion with official sound signals.

Pre-Race Check

Always verifyyour sequence selection and count mode before the warning signal. Confirm the timer displays your expected starting time.

Practice Makes Perfect

Run through sequences onland before race day. Familiarity with button locations and functions reduces stress when timing critical starts.

Resources & Support

Watch Video Tutorial

Scan the QR code below to access complete video walk-throughs, advanced features, and the full product manual.

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