

37th Aruba Hi-Winds
MAY 28TH - JUNE 2ND, 2025

Notice of Race

Long Distance racing - Kite, Wing and Windsurfing

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

1.1. The Aruba Hi-Winds 2025 is organized and hosted by The Aruba Hi-Winds Committee.

2. RULES

2.1. The 36th Aruba Hi-Winds will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028. These include Appendix B (windsurfing Racing Rules), Appendix F (Kiteboarding Racing Rules) and this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1. Racing will be for men and women in the following fleets:

- Windsurfing Long distance
- Kiteboarding Long distance
- Kiteboarding Cross races
- Kiteboarding Big Air
- Wing-Foil Slalom
- Wing-Foil Long Distance

3.2. For the Windsurfing Fin and/or Foil Slalom (PWA Youth and Junior Slalom World Cup) a separate Notice of Race is posted by the PWA.

3.3. Within these fleets the following categories (divisions) may be recognized:

Grand Masters - Men	51 and above
Grand Masters - Women	51 and above
Masters - Men	41 - 50
Masters - Women	41 - 50
Men	18 - 40
Women	18 - 40
Youth – Boys	U18
Youth - Girls	U18
All man/all woman	All ages

* The age is determined on the last day of competition

** Minimum of 5 competitors are required to open a division. If too few entries are received in a particular division, then competitors may take part but may be merged with another division.

- 3.4. Entries should be made in advance by completing the pre-entry on the event website (link to entrée form) alternatively entries can be made on the day of registration.
- 3.5. All Competitors under the age of 18 are required to submit Parent/Guardian Declarations completed by the parents before commencing racing.
- 3.6. A competitor does not become eligible for series or event points by 'pre entering', but only by registering at the event and being capable of sailing and intending to do so.
- 3.7. Before competing, each competitor shall: register for the event at the race office and pay the required entry fee and complete, update or confirm an equipment registration form if required.
- 3.8. No entry will be accepted after 5 pm on the registration day, except at the discretion of the organizing committee.

4. REGISTRATION / SKIPPERS MEETING

- 4.1. Competitors shall confirm entry details with the Registration team by 9 am on the first morning of racing. Heat numbers will be posted on the ONB before racing commences.
- 4.2. There will be a welcome and skippers meeting for all competitors at least one hour before the first race of the day. Check the ONB and competitors group app for updates, additional meetings and notifications.

5. EVENT SCHEDULE

- 5.1. The event Registration desk is located on the event site and will be open on Wednesday, May 28th, 2024, from 3 pm till 5 pm.

- 5.2. There will be no maximum number of races per day. Number of races each day will be announced at the skippers meeting. The warning signal for the first race will not be given before Thursday, May 29th, 2024, at 9 am.
- 5.3. There shall be no warning signal after 6 pm on the last day of the event.
- 5.4. The Schedule of races and distribution of heats will be posted at least one (1) hour before the first start of the day.
- 6.5. The schedule of races may be adapted due to weather or wind conditions. Changes in the schedule of races will be posted on the ONB at least 1 hour before the 1st race on which it will be effective.

7. VENUE

- 7.1 The event site is located at the Fisherman's Huts, Malmok Beach, Noord, Aruba.
- 7.2 The event office is located on the site at Fisherman's Hut and will be open during the event. May 28th till June 2nd from 8 am till 7 pm.
- 7.3 Storage for sails and board is provided. This storage can be found in between the parking and beach near the event site and will be guarded by security during nightly hours.

8. SCORING

- 8.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply. The final result of each competitor will be the total of his/her scores with his/her worst score discarded after more than three rounds are completed. After seven (7) or more races two (2) of his/her worst scores will be discarded.

9. COURSES

- 9.1 The racing area(s) and the courses will be as illustrated on the ONB. The course diagram, start and finish, (not to scale) will be posted at least 1 (one) hour before the first race of that day on the ONB before the start.

10. OBLIGATIONS

- 10.1 For Windsurfing clearly readable sail numbers must be applied on each side of the sail, preferably in large black letters and numbers. Racing without numbers or without readable numbers on the sail(s) will result in not being scored as finished. Changes in sail numbers should be announced to the race officials; if not, this will result in not being scored as finished.
- 10.2 Participants in Kite and Wing surfing. A competitor BIB with number will be handed out upon registration. Wear the BIB over your harness. The number on the back of this BIB must be readable at all times. Sailing without a readable number will result in not being scored as finished. Changes in numbers should be announced to the race officials before the race.
- 10.3 While racing, competitors shall, for the duration of the event, wear the event lycra provided by the organization. If competitor's lycra is lost or stolen, competitor must acquire a new one at retail cost.

11. PROTESTS

- 11.1 There will be no possibility to file protests. Any conflicts between competitors that arise during the competition should be submitted to the Race Director and will be settled by his decision.

12. SAFETY

- 12.1 Parents or guardians of minors have their responsibility for their children and to make the decision as to whether he or she is fit to sail in the conditions that prevail or are forecast. And if necessary, advise their children to wear a buoyancy aid or life jacket to an appropriate standard when afloat.
- 12.2 For participating in the long distance races a life jacket is highly recommended.

13. DISCLAIMER

- 13.1 The organizing authority and any other party involved in the organization and conduct of The Aruba Hi-Winds Committee disclaims any liability for personal injury, personal or material damage whatsoever, sustained prior to, during or after the Aruba Hi-winds. The waiver that was signed during registration is included and incorporated into this NOR.