

Santa Barbara Yacht Club presents:



2024 Friday Night Kites & Wings

June 7, August 2, September 6

Event Info: <https://sbyc.org/kite-boarding>

The Organizing Authority for the 2024 Friday Night Kites & Wings Racing Series will be:
The Santa Barbara Yacht Club (SBYC), 130 Harbor Way, Santa Barbara, CA 93109

Friday Night Kites is an informal racing opportunity for local and visiting kites. Nightly awards will be given out, but learning is a big part of this, so questions about how kite racing works are encouraged and can be directed to any of the kites/wingers or the SBYC Race Director, Brad Schaupeter. Please keep in mind that the races will be adjusted from week to week to better suit the needs of those kites that are regulars.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*, including Appendix F.
- 1.2 In all rules governing this regatta, [DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee. [NP] in a rule in the SI means it shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.3 Competitors who are 18 years or younger shall wear a Personal Flotation Device (PFD) at all times while on the water. The 'Y' flag will not be flown. This changes RRS 40 and the preamble to Part 4. [NP][DP]

2. ENTRY AND ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 The race is open to all types of kite boards and kite board racers.
- 2.2 Eligible competitors may enter online at <https://sbyc.org/kite-boarding>.

3. FEES

There is no entry fee.

4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be made verbally on the water. Official amendments may also be posted on the online notice board at <https://sbyc.org/kite-boarding>.

5. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Changes to the Sailing Instructions may be made verbally on the water. Official amendments may also be posted on the online notice board at <https://sbyc.org/kite-boarding>.

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be communicated verbally.

7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1 Races are scheduled on the following Fridays from June 2 through September 8. Reserve Racing Days will be used should no races be completed on the originally scheduled date:
 - Friday, June 7 – Friday Night Kites #1 - Opening Day
 - Friday, June 14 – FNK #1 Reserve Racing Day
 - Friday, August 2 – Friday Night Kites #2 Championship
 - Friday, August 2 – FNK #@ Reserve Racing Day
 - Friday, September 6 – Friday Night Kites #3 – Season Close
 - Friday, September 13 – FNK #3 Reserve Racing Day

7.2	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
	4:00pm	First Warning	Adjacent to Ledbetter Beach
	6:15pm	Awards	SW Corner of SBYC Parking Lot

7.3 The number of races to be sailed is at the discretion of the race committee but will typically be 3-4 for each fleet.

8. CLASSES

- Foiling Ram Air Kites
- Foiling Tube Kites
- Non-Foiling Kites
- Wing Foil

If enough competitors are signed up for any of the above classes on any given night, the class may be split into an 'A' and 'B' fleet.

9. RACING AREA

The racing area will be adjacent to Ledbetter beach with 0.5 nautical miles.

10. COURSES

Courses to be sailed are as shown in 'Attachment A –Wing Course Chart' and 'Attachment B – Kite Course Chart'. Courses may be altered verbally on the water prior to a warning signal.

11. MARKS

Marks are as shown in 'Attachment A – Wing Course Chart' and 'Attachment B – Kite Course Chart'.

12. THE START

12.1 The order of starts will be announced aurally on the water.

12.2 Races will be started using Appendix U – Audible Signal Racing System.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Signal</u>
Get ready!	Multiple sounds
3 minutes	3 long sounds
2 minutes	2 long sounds
1:30 minutes	1 long, 3 short sounds
1 minute	1 long sound
:30 seconds	3 short sounds
:20 seconds	2 short sounds
:10 seconds	1 short sound
5 seconds	1 short sound
4 seconds	1 short sound
3 seconds	1 short sound
2 seconds	1 short sound
1 second	1 short sound
GO!	1 long sound

12.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starting mark at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark as shown in 'Attachment A – Wing Course Chart' and 'Attachment B – Kite Course Chart'.

13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

Marks may be moved at any time provided no kite is on lay line to the mark being moved.

14. THE FINISH

14.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag and the course side of the finishing mark.

14.2 If the race committee is absent when a competitor finished, she should report her finishing position in relation to nearby competitors, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

Penalties will be as described in Appendix F.

16. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

16.1 Target times are 8-12 minutes per race.

16.2 Competitors may be scored where they are on the course to expedite racing, provided it can be done in a reasonable manner.

17. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

Protests will be heard using '3-minute justice' and may be filed verbally with the Race Chair or Race Committee.

18. SCORING

18.1 Competitors will be scored in the following classes:

Foiling Ram Air Kites, Foiling Tube Kites, Non-Foiling Kites, Wings

Each class may be split into an 'A fleet' and a 'B fleet' depending on participation on any given evening or during any given month of racing.

18.2 Nightly Placing: One (1) race is required to be completed for an individual evening. The low-point scoring system of Appendix A will apply for nightly placings, except that a competitor's nightly placing will be the sum of all her race scores.

19. SAFETY

19.1 Personal Floatation Devices are strongly recommended while racing. Competitors who are 18 years or younger shall wear a Personal Flotation Device (PFD) at all times while on the water. The 'Y' flag will not be flown. This changes RRS 40 and the preamble to Part 4. [NP][DP]

19.2 Helmets and impact vests are required. [NP][DP]

19.3 Competitors in need of assistance should wave at least one hand over head vigorously to get the attention of the Race Committee. [NP][DP]

19.4 Racers shall report to Race Committee if they are retiring from a race or future races at the first reasonable opportunity. A competitor may do this in person at the RC boat, on VHF channel 71, or by calling (310) 850-5213 once on shore. [NP][DP]

20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a competitor's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is theirs alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing 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 sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.** Participants in this event compete entirely at their own risk. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

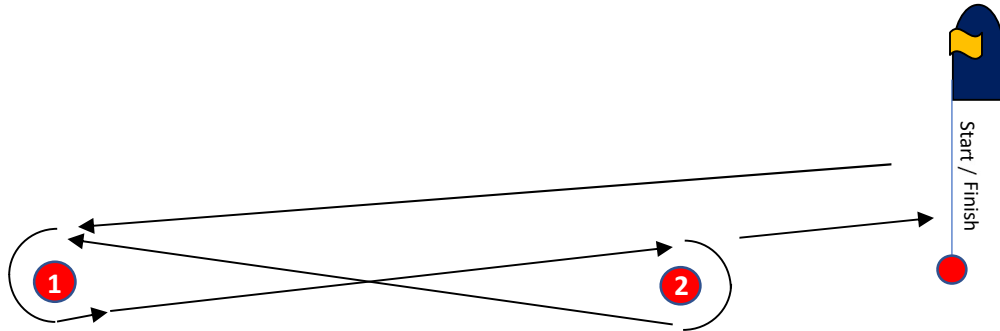
21. FURTHER INFORMATION

For more information, contact the SBYC Race Office at (805) 965-8112 / racing@sbyc.org or visit <https://www.sbyc.org/water/kite-boarding>.

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Attachment A – Wing Course Chart

*Course will be set adjacent to the swimming buoys.



Course 1: Start – 1 – Finish

Course 2: Start – 1 – 2 – 1 – Finish

Course 3: Start – 1 – 2 – 1 – 2 – 1 – Finish

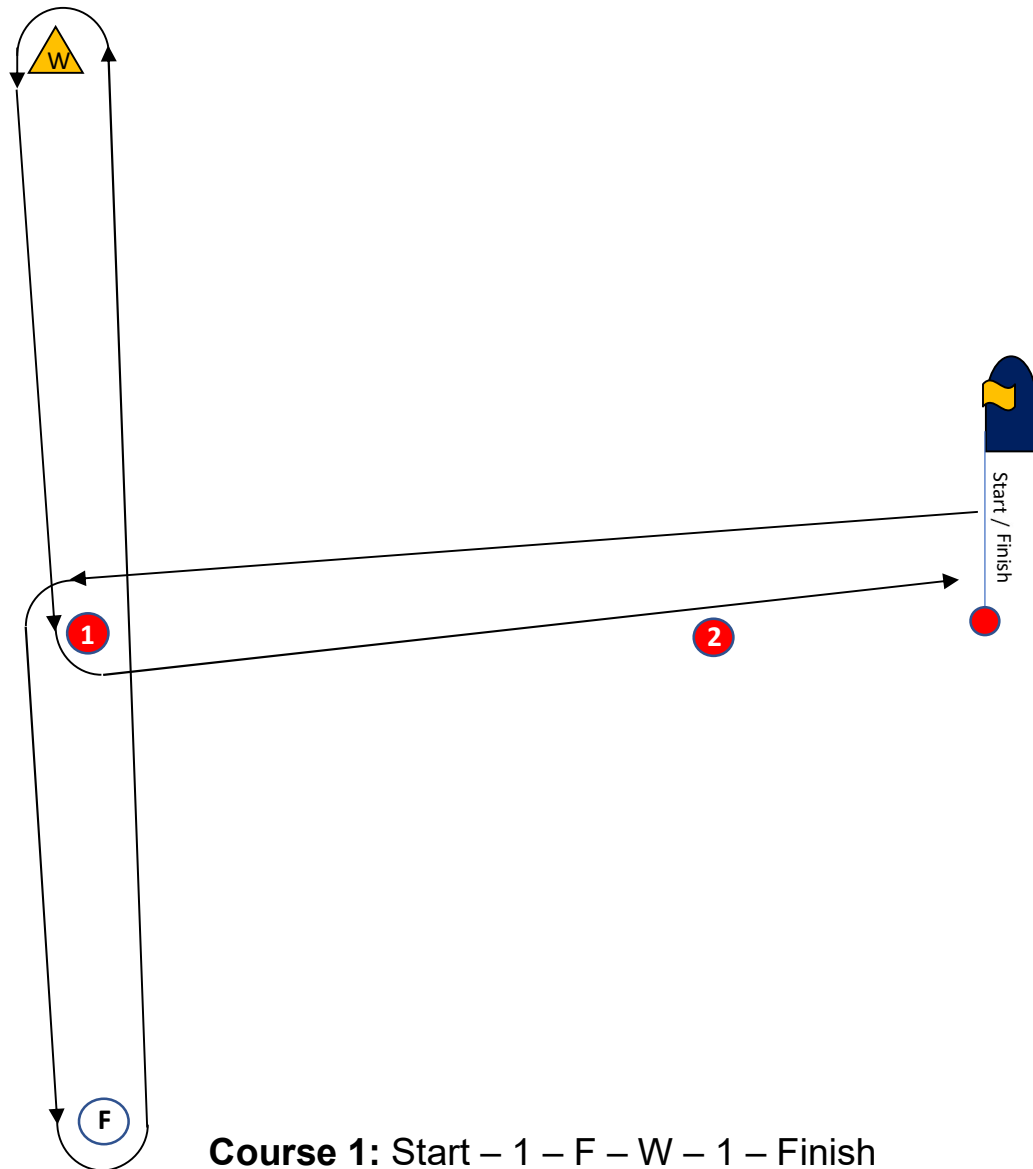
*Course number represents the number of laps.

Notes:

- The course will be set adjacent to the swimming buoys.
- The start is between the orange flag on the RC boat and the 'pin' buoy.
- The starting and finishing 'pin' will be an orange or red inflatable ball.
- Marks 1 and 2 will be orange or red inflatable balls.

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Attachment B – Kite Course Chart



Course 1: Start – 1 – F – W – 1 – Finish

Course 2: Start – 1 – F – W – F – W – Finish

Notes:

- The start is between the orange flag on the RC boat and the 'pin' buoy.
- The starting and finishing 'pin' will be an orange or red inflatable ball.
- Marks 1 and 2 will be orange or red inflatable balls.
- 'W' denotes a weather mark rounded to port. 'W' will be an orange or yellow tetrahedron.
- 'F' denotes the permanent white cylinder with the letter 'F' on it.