

*Santa Barbara Yacht Club presents:*

# **Formula Kite & KiteFoil US National Championship** **August 16-18, 2019**

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**



The Organizing Authority for the 2019 KiteFoil US National Championship will be:  
The Santa Barbara Yacht Club (SBYC), 130 Harbor Way, Santa Barbara, CA 93109

### **1 RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), including Appendix F - Kiteboard Competition Rules.
- 1.2 The IKA class rules for Formula Kite.
- 1.3 The IKA class rules for KiteFoil.
- 1.4 RRS F4-44.2 is changed to replace the word 'hull' with 'foil'.
- 1.5 Any protests must be verbally signaled to the race committee immediately following the race.
- 1.6 In all rules governing this regatta, [DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee.

### **2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on a whiteboard at Regatta Headquarters as shown in 'Attachment A – On Shore Staging'.

### **3 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted by 1145 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

### **4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed near the Regatta Headquarters tent.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 20 minutes' in the race signal AP.

### **5 SCHEDULE**

| <b>Time</b>                       | <b>Event</b>                        | <b>Location</b> |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b><i>Thursday, August 15</i></b> |                                     |                 |
| 0900                              | Competitor parking passes available | SBYC Front Desk |
| <b><i>Friday, August 16</i></b>   |                                     |                 |
| 1400                              | Check in / race packet pickup       | Regatta HQ      |
| 1430                              | Competitor meeting                  | Regatta HQ      |
| 1530                              | First warning signal                |                 |

|                      |   |                  |
|----------------------|---|------------------|
|                      | One set of four races scheduled (4 total races) |                  |
| Following final race | Big Air Contest (see attachment D)              | In front of SBYC |
| After Racing         | BBQ and refreshments                            | Regatta HQ       |

***Saturday, August 17***

|                      |   |                  |
|----------------------|---|------------------|
| 1000-1100            | No host breakfast served                            | SBYC Dining Room |
| 1130                 | Competitor meeting                                  | Regatta HQ       |
| 1300                 | First warning signal                                |                  |
|                      | Three sets of three races scheduled (9 total races) |                  |
| Following final race | Big Air Contest                                     | In front of SBYC |
| After Racing         | Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments                     | SBYC Upper Deck  |

***Sunday, August 18***

|                      |   |                  |
|----------------------|---|------------------|
| 1000-1100            | No host breakfast served                          | SBYC Dining Room |
| 1130                 | Competitor meeting                                | Regatta HQ       |
| 1300                 | First warning signal                              |                  |
|                      | Two sets of three races scheduled (6 total races) |                  |
| Following final race | Big Air Contest                                   | In front of SBYC |
| 1600                 | No warning signal after this time                 |                  |
| 1700                 | Hors d'oeuvres and awards                         | SBYC Upper Deck  |

5.2 Nineteen (19) races total are scheduled.

**6 CLASS FLAGS**

The class flag for KiteFoil and Formula Kite will be numeral pennant '1'.

**7 VENUE & SAILING AREA**

- 7.1 Registration and check in will take place at Regatta HQ on Friday, August 16. 'Attachment A – On Shore Staging' shows a map of the Santa Barbara Harbor area including the location of the Santa Barbara Yacht Club, SBYC parking lot, SBYC end-tie, and harbor parking lots.
- 7.2 On-shore staging will be the beach adjacent to the SBYC storage yard as shown in 'Attachment A – On Shore Staging.'
- 7.3 The racing area will be within one (1) nautical miles of the beach adjacent to the Santa Barbara yacht Club as shown in 'Attachment B – Racing Area.'

**8 THE COURSES**

- 8.1 The diagrams in 'Attachment C – Course Chart' 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.
- 8.2 Courses will not be shortened. This changes RRS 32.

**9 MARKS**

- 9.1 Turning marks will be inflatable shapes of colors consistent with those shown in 'Attachment A - Course Chart'.
- 9.2 The starting pin will be an orange inflatable tetrahedron.

- 9.3 Windward mark 'W1' will be an orange inflatable tetrahedron.
- 9.4 The leeward gate will consist of a pair of yellow inflatable tetrahedrons.
- 9.5 The finishing pin will be an orange ball.

**10 THE START**

10.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made three (3) minutes before the starting signal as shown below.

| Minutes before starting signal | Visual Signal      | Sound Signal  | Means              |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| 3                              | Class flag         | One horn      | Warning signal     |
| 2                              | P, I, or U flag    | One horn      | Preparatory signal |
| 1                              | P, I, or U removed | One long horn | One minute         |
| 0                              | Class flag removed | One horn      | Starting signal    |

- 10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 10.3 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This changes rule A4.
- 10.4 As a courtesy, the Race Committee will attempt to notify recalled competitors by hailing their jersey number over a megaphone. Failure of a competitor to see or hear her recall notification shall not be grounds for redress. A competitor's position in the sequence of hailed numbers shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1 (a)

**11 CHANGE TO THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

**12 THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and an orange ball to leeward of the RC Signal Boat.

**13 TARGET TIMES**

13.1 The target times for races will be 10-12 minutes.

| <u>Race Time Limit</u> | <u>Mark 1 Time Limit</u> | <u>Race Target Time</u> |
|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 20 min                 | 4 min                    | 10-12 min               |

- 13.2 If no competitor has passed Mark 1 within the time limit, the race shall be abandoned.
- 13.3 Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 13.4 Kiteboards failing to finish within ten (10) minutes, after the first kiteboard sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4.2 and A5.

**14 PENALTY SYSTEM**

Appendix F, Rule 44 shall apply.

## **15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 15.1 Protest forms are available at Regatta Headquarters. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered to Regatta Headquarters, shown in Attachment A, within the appropriate time limit. Protests and requests for redress shall be made in writing. This changes Appendix F5 – rule 63.6.
- 15.2 A protesting competitor shall notify the Race Committee after the race in which they intend to protest, and which competitor they are protesting.
- 15.2 For all classes, the protest time limit is within thirty (30) minutes of the Race Committee's return to the dock.
- 15.3 Protest times and locations will be posted on the official notice board no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 15.4 If the race committee posts a list of kiteboards scored OCS, ZFP, UFD, or BFD on the official notice boat before the protest time limit, a request for redress based on such a posted score shall be made no later than sixty (60) minutes after the protest time limit. This changes the first sentence of RRS 62.2.
- 15.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day; no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.
- 15.6 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

## **16 SCORING**

- 16.1 Overall scores for Class and Division rankings shall be calculated as their position number in the combined results.
- 16.2 The low-point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply, except that:
- (i.) When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a competitor's series score will be the sum of her race scores.
  - (ii.) When 5-9 races have been completed, a competitor's series score will be the sum of her races scores excluding her worst score.
  - (iii.) When 10-14 races have been completed, a competitor's series score will be the sum of her races scores excluding her worst two (2) scores.
  - (iv.) When 15 or more races have been completed, a competitor's series score will be the sum of her races scores excluding her worst three (3) scores.
- 16.3 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.4 For the 'Big Air' competition following the last race of each day, there will be judges evaluating each jump taking into consideration the following categories:
- Height
  - Hangtime
  - Style & Tricks

The 'Big Air' competition will be calculated separately from the races and will not count towards overall series scores for each competitor. Each day's Big Air competition will be scored separately from other days. The 'Big Air' competition is described in further detail in 'Attachment D – Big Air Competition'.

## **17 SAFETY**

- 17.1 Personal Floatation Devices are strongly recommended while racing.
- 17.2 Helmets and impact vests are required for the Formula Kite and Kite Foil Open Divisions. [DP] Helmets and impact vests are strongly recommended for the Inflatable Tube Kite Fleet.
- 17.3 A competitor needing assistance should wave a hand over their heads to signal to the race committee / safety boats.
- 17.4 A competitor that retires from a race shall notify the race committee, a safety boat or the Beach Captain as soon as possible.

## **18 IDENTIFICATION**

Competitor shall wear supplied jerseys.

## **19 PRIZES**

- 19.1 Take home trophies will be awarded to the top three finishers overall in each fleet (Tube Kite and KiteFoil Open). Additionally, the following division winners will receive awards:
  - Top KiteFoil Junior (under 19)
  - Top KiteFoil Female
  - Top KiteFoil Grandmaster (45 and up)
  - Top Inflatable Tube Kite Grandmaster (45 and up)
- 19.2 Daily trophies (SBYC glasses) will be given out to the winners of the 'Big Air' competition.

## **20 RIGHTS TO USE NAMES & LIKENESSES**

- 20.1 By participating in the Kite Foil US National Championship, a competitor automatically grants to the Organizing Authority and its sponsors and agents the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him or her relating to the event without compensation.
- 20.2 A drone may be flown to record video and still imagery primarily for the event advertising and promotion.

## **21 INSURANCE**

- 21.1 Each competitor and 'person in charge' (see RRS 46) shall hold a valid insurance certificate showing proof of third-party liability coverage of at least \$US 1,000,000 or equivalent per incident. [DP]
- 21.2 The Organizing Authority is not responsible for verifying the status or validity of certificates.

## **22 RISK STATEMENT**

- 22.1 The responsibility for the decision to participate in a race or to continue with it is solely with the competitor. The competitor is responsible for the qualification and race suitable condition of the used equipment.

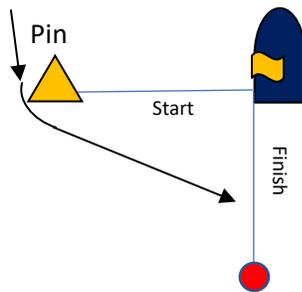
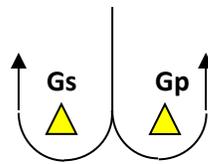
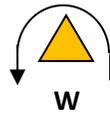
22.2 In cases of force majeure or on grounds of administrative orders or for safety reasons, the organizing authority is entitled to make changes in the realization of the event or to cancel the event. This does not constitute any liability by the organizer towards the participant, if the reasons for the changes or the cancellation do not result from a willful or grossly negligent behavior of the organizer.

22.3 Competitors and support team participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk and they are reminded of the provisions of RRS 4, Decision to Race. Kiteboarding is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- They acknowledge that there are risks involved in the Event. They fully realize the dangers of participating in the Event, and fully assume the risks associated with their participation and their wellbeing and safety during and after the Event.
- They understand and acknowledge that the Event organizers (including all officials and event volunteers) provide no warranties, regarding their wellbeing and safety.
- They acknowledge that participating in this event may involve a test of a person's physical and mental limits and carries with it the potential for death, serious injury, and property loss. The risks include, but are not limited to, those caused by the elements, facilities, temperature, weather, condition of participants, equipment, vehicular traffic, lack of hydration, and actions of other people including, but not limited to, participants, volunteers, officials, and/or producers of the event.
- They agree that to the extent permissible by law, the International Kiteboarding Association, their classes, the event organizers (including all officials and event volunteers), the sponsors and other parties associated with the Event, have no liability to them whatsoever for any direct or indirect loss, (including, but not limited to injury or death) sustained by them during or in any way related to their participation in the Event.
- They WAIVE, RELEASE, AND DISCHARGE from any and all liability, including but not limited to, liability arising from the negligence or fault of the entities or persons released, for their death, disability, personal injury, property damage, property theft, or actions of any kind which may hereafter occur to them including their traveling to and from this event, THE FOLLOWING ENTITIES OR PERSONS: The International Kiteboarding Association, their classes, the event organizers (including all officials and event volunteers), the sponsors and other parties associated with the Event, employees, volunteers, representatives, and agents, and the event holders, sponsors, and volunteers;
- They INDEMNIFY, HOLD HARMLESS, AND PROMISE NOT TO SUE the entities or persons mentioned in the above paragraphs from any and all liabilities or claims made as a result of participation in this event, whether caused by the negligence of release or otherwise.
- They have taken medical advice on any pre-existing medical conditions, and confirm that it is medically safe for them to participate in the Event.

- They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their equipment and their other property at any time.
- They are satisfied that their equipment is in good order, equipped to compete in the event and they are fit to participate;
- They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- They consent to receive medical treatment which may be deemed advisable in the event of injury, accident, and/or illness during this event.
- They acknowledge that the provision of a race management and rescue team, judges, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- They acknowledge that the provision of rescue craft cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

# Attachment C – Course Chart



**Course 1:** St – W – Pin – Finish

**Course 2:** St – W – Gt – W – Pin – Finish

**Course 3:** St – W – Gt – W – Gt – W – Pin – Finish

**Notes:**

- ‘W’ denotes a weather mark rounded to port.
- ‘W’ will be an orange tetrahedron.
- ‘Gt’ denotes a leeward gate where Gs is rounded to starboard and Gp is rounded to port. If only one gate mark is present it shall be rounded to port.
- Gate marks will be yellow tetrahedrons
- The starting pin will be an orange tetrahedron.
- The finishing mark will be an orange ball.