



NOTICE OF RACE

2016 IFCA “HI-WINDS” PAN-AMERICAN SLALOM CHAMPIONSHIP

11th to 15th July 2016

Aruba, Dutch Antilles, Southern Caribbean

<http://hiwindsaruba.com/>

Organised by:

Aruba Hi-Winds Organising Committee

in co-operation with **Windracers Club Aruba**

An International Windsurfing Association sanctioned event *including*

2016 IFCA NORTH AMERICAN SLALOM CHAMPIONSHIPS

2016 IFCA SOUTH AMERICAN SLALOM CHAMPIONSHIPS



1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) – Windsurfing Competition Rules (WCR), as amended by the [IFCA Experimental Slalom Rules](#).
- 1.2 The International Funboard Class Association Championship Rules shall apply.
- 1.3 No national prescriptions will apply.
- 1.4 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.5 The Pan-American Championships is open to competitors from any nation.
- 1.6 The North American Championships includes Mexico and the Caribbean.
- 1.7 The South American Championships includes countries of Central America excluding Mexico.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Sailors may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority. ISAF Regulation 20 'Advertising Code' shall apply.
- 2.2 Event branding shall be worn at all times when afloat, and as requested by the organisers during media interviews and during the prize giving.

3 DIVISIONS

- 3.1 These championships are open to both Men and Women, who may race together. **If 5 or more women are entered they shall race separately from the men.**
- 3.2 Youth men (including Junior boy) may race separately from Men.
Age Divisions
- 3.3 A Junior shall be under the age of 17 (born in or after 2000).
- 3.4 A Youth shall be man/boy under the age of 20 (born in 1997 or later).
- 3.5 A Master shall be a man over the age of 35 (born in 1980 or earlier).
- 3.6 A Grand Master shall be a man over the age of 45 (born 1970 or earlier).
- 3.7 There may be additional prize divisions for junior under 15 and under 13 age groups, depending upon competitor entries.
- 3.8 A minimum of 5 competitors is required to constitute a prize division.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 All entries shall meet the requirements of ISAF Regulation 19 - Eligibility Code.
- 4.2 Competitors shall be members of a National Class Association which is a paid up member of the international class association, or of the IWA. Membership formalities can be completed on site.
- 4.3 Eligible competitors may [enter online](#) - credit/debit card or bank transfer payment required.
 - 4.3.1 An entry is not valid until paid.
- 4.4 The following shall be presented upon registration:
 - Evidence of valid third party insurance
 - Proof of age
 - [Emergency Contact & Health Information Form](#) - for those under age of 18

5 FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee is: 110 euro, except for Youth/Junior - 90 euro.

- 5.2 Entries received by June 1st shall receive a **10 euro discount**.
- 5.3 Late entries received **after June 30th** will incur a **20 euro surcharge**.
- 5.4 Entry fees paid at registration shall be paid in cash (US\$).

6 RACE FORMAT

- 6.1 The event shall be an “open entry” championship.
- 6.2 Competitors shall race a maximum 4 elimination series per day.
- 6.3 One completed slalom round is required to validate a championship.

7 SCHEDULE

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| 7.1 | Monday 11 July | | Arrival & Training |
| | | 14:00-17:00 | Registration |
| | | 19:30 | Opening ceremony |
| | Tuesday 12 July | 10:00 | Skippers meeting |
| | | 11:00 | First possible warning signal |
| | Wednesday 13 July
to Friday 14 July | 10:00 | Racing |
| | Friday 14 July | 13:00 | Last possible warning signal |
| | | 20:00 | Prize giving ceremony & party |
- 7.2 There will be a daily skippers meeting 1 hour before first possible warning signal.

8 EQUIPMENT & EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 8.1 An [Online Equipment Inspection Form](#) shall be completed by each competitor and submitted before the end of registration on Monday July 11th (17:00 hrs).
- 8.2 Equipment inspections may be made at any time during the event.
- 8.3 Sail Identification Variation. A competitor’s country code (letters) and number (numerals) may be white in colour on a black background, but shall in every other way comply with the WCR. **This changes IFCA Class Rule C.8.1.a.**
- 8.4 Sail Identification Compliance. The Equipment Inspectors will pay special attention to sail identification rule compliance. **A discretionary penalty of 1 point may be imposed for every slalom elimination sailed with sail numbers that are not complying.**

9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions (SI’s) will be available no later than event registration. Any changes to the SI’s shall be approved by the Class Representative.

10 COURSES

Courses will be as described in the IFCA Championship Rules or as prescribed in the sailing instructions or published on the official notice board (ONB).

11 INTERNATIONAL JURY

An International Jury may be appointed in accordance with WCR Appendix N. There shall be no appeal from decisions in accordance with WCR B10-70.5.a.

12 SCORING

- 12.1 Scoring will be according to WCR Appendix A, and IFCA Championship Rules.
- 12.2 Men will be scored in an 'overall Pan-American Championship ranking'; women will be scored separately, with own ranking, if 5 or more are entered.
- 12.3 The continental champions (North American and South American) shall be decided by a competitors position in the Overall Pan-American ranking.

13 COACHES & SUPPORT BOATS

Coaches and support boats shall be registered with the organiser. Support boat drivers shall have a valid boat licence and third party liability insurance.

14 SAFETY

If personal buoyancy is prescribed every competitor and support boat crewmember shall wear a personal flotation device that shall conform to the minimum standard ISO 12402-5 (Level 50).

15 PRIZES & TITLES

- 15.1 Trophies may be awarded to the first three competitors in each valid division.
- 15.2 The first man and women in the 'overall championship ranking' shall be declared: **"2016 IFCA Hi-Winds Pan-American Slalom Champion"**.
- 15.3 A Prize Fund of **5,000 US\$** (net of taxes) shall be distributed according to the [Pan-American Championship Table](#).
- 15.4 The Continental Titles shall only be awarded to competitors with Eligibility to compete for a country from that continent.
- 15.5 North American and South American titles may be awarded in Men and Women gender divisions, and in the Junior, Youth, Master and Grand-Master age divisions.

16 OFFICIAL CEREMONIES

Competitors are requested to attend the event's social functions; however, the organising authority may refuse entry to those whose standard of attire is not commensurate with the occasion. **Prize winners may forfeit prizes for non attendance at the prize giving ceremony.**

17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk, see WCR 4 - Decision to Race. The organising authority or any of their officials or representatives or the sponsors or their officials or representatives will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the event.

18 INSURANCE

Each participating competitor shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 300,000 euro per event or the equivalent. Competitors unable to obtain insurance in their country may access worldwide cover, online, via – [GET INSURANCE](#)

19 RIGHT TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

In registering for the event, competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority the right in perpetuity to make, use, modify and show from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproduction of them, taken during the period of the event, for the said Event as defined in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions in which he/she participates without compensation.

20 FURTHER INFORMATION

20.1 Registration will be in the race office at the event site.

20.2 For further information contact **Evert Bongers**: bongersaruba@hotmail.com

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SHEET

The following information is not part of the rules for the Event.

A TRAVEL & TRANSFERS

Queen Beatrix International Airport –
for transfers (airport to site), please contact: info@hiwindsaruba.com

Customs Declaration

When bringing in your equipment to Aruba, please make sure to fill out the following – [Customs Declaration Form](#)

B ACCOMMODATION & RENTALS

[Check out the details here](#)

C PREVAILING CONDITIONS

wind:20 to 30 knots; air temp: 30 to 35 deg C; water temp: 28 deg C.

D VENUE

Fisherman's Huts, (north of Palm Beach), Aruba , Dutch Antilles.