



PRE-NOTICE OF RACE

2009 SLALOM WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP MEN and WOMEN
Texel, The Netherlands 8 - 13 June 2009
An International Windsurfing Association sanctioned event

1. EVENT

- 1.1 The 2009 Slalom World Championships will be held Paal 17, Texel, The Netherlands from June 8th to 13th 2009.

2. ORGANISER

- 2.1 The Championships will be organised by Stichting Ronde van Texel in co-operation with a local organisational group of windsurfers and also aided by the Texel Windsurfing and Kitesurfing Club, for and on behalf of and under specified conditions laid down by the International Funboard Class Association (IFCA) and the ISAF.

3. VENUE

- 3.1 The event will be based at Paal 17, Texel, The Netherlands.
3.2 During June the weather conditions are typically S – SW - W, varying from 10 – 35 knots (side, side-on and onshore). Water temperature is 13 - 16°C, air temp 16°C (night) - 26°C (day). Water conditions on the Northsea can be rough and are comparable with, for instance, Sylt in Germany.

4. RULES

- 4.1 This is an ISAF sanctioned event governed by:
4.1.1 The 2009/2012 ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing – Windsurfing Competition Rules (WCR);
4.1.2 The 2009 IFCA Class Rules & Championship Rules;
4.1.3 The Notice of Race ("NoR") & the Sailing Instructions (SIs);
4.1.4 Alterations to the SIs must be approved by the Class's Race Supervisor; if there is a conflict between the NoR and the SI's, the SI's shall take precedence.
4.2.1 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

5. ADVERTISING

- 5.1 ISAF Regulation 20 – Advertising Code - shall apply.
5.2 Competitors may be required to carry advertising for the event sponsors- both on their sails, and on a lycra vest, if supplied by the organiser.

6. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 6.1 All entries shall meet the requirements of ISAF Regulation 19-Eligibility Code.
6.2 Maximum 80 men and 16 women can register. IFCA Championship Rule 2.3 shall be used to decide the order of entries. The host country is entitled to 8 start places for men and 4 for women.
6.3 Competitors shall be a member of a National Funboard Association which shall be a paid up member of the IWA.
6.4 Membership formalities can be completed on site.
6.5 Entries shall be online via the IWA website:
http://www.internationalwindsurfing.com/windsurfing_competition_0028v01.htm
6.6 Competitors shall provide the following documentation prior to completing registration formalities on site:
- Original Entry Form (**Form 1**)
- Proof of Entry Fee payment
- Proof of age
- Parental/legal Guardian Assent (**Form 2**) - *for those under age of 18*
- Medical Treatment Permission (**Form 3**) - *for those under age of 18 / on their parents medical insurance policy*
Coaches and team support personnel shall provide the following documentation prior to completing registration formalities on site:
- Original Coach Entry Form (**Form 4**)
- Proof of Coach Entry Fee payment
- Boat Driving Licence (if applicable)

- Evidence of valid third party insurance

7. FEES

7.1 The Entry Fee shall be 180 euro.

7.2 Entry Fees paid by **May 15th 2009** shall receive a 20 euro discount. Late entries may pay a further 20 euro.

7.3 The Coach Entry Fee is 40 euro, and is applicable to other team personnel.

7.4 Bank transfers shall be in the name of **The International Windsurfing Association** and be sent to:

Account Name: The International Windsurfing Association

Euro Account #: 52977299

Sort Code: 20-08-44

Bank Details: Barclays Bank Plc, Birmingham, UK

SWIFTBIC: BARCGB22 (Bank Identifier Code)

IBAN: GB93 BARC 2008 4452 9772 99

7.5 Entries made on site shall be made in Euros, cash only.

8. FORMAT, CLASSES & DIVISIONS

8.1 These championships shall be a single discipline event for Divisions A and B.

8.2 Entry is accepted as described in #2 of the Championship Rules.

8.3 Women shall race separately from the Men.

8.4 A minimum of 1 completed round is required for a valid championship.

8.5 Divisions-**Gender:**

Men (A); Women (B).

9. SCHEDULE

Monday	8 th June	10.00 -18.00	Arrival & Registration
		19.00	Opening Ceremony
Tues-Sat	9 th -13 th June	10.00	Skippers Meeting
		11.00	First possible start
Saturday	13 th June	10.00	Round Texel catamaran race
	After start and before finish cat-race		Slalom finals
		18.00	Prize Giving & Closing Party

10. EQUIPMENT & EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

10.1 All competitors shall bring their own equipment.

10.2 An Equipment Registration Form shall be completed before the close of registration, as prescribed in IFCA Championship Rule # 4, except sails shall be stamped and signed by Equipment Inspectors.

10.3 It is the responsibility of each competitor to ensure that his/her board and equipment conforms to the Class Rules.

10.4 The Equipment Inspectors will pay special attention to sail identification rule compliance.

10.5 Equipment checks may be made throughout the event.

11. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI)/EVENT PROGRAMME

11.1 The 'Championship SIs' will be available at registration as will the Event Programme scheduling social events.

12. COURSES

12.1 Courses shall be as prescribed in the IFCA Championship Rule Appendix 3; or as prescribed in the SI's.

13. INTERNATIONAL JURY

13.1 An International Jury may be appointed in accordance with the RRS's 70.5.

14. SCORING

14.1 The IFCA Championship Rule # 6.1 shall apply.

15. MEDALS AND PRIZES

15.1 Medals and/or trophies may be awarded up to the first three Men/Women.

- 15.2** The first Man shall be known as the **2009 Slalom World Champion**
15.3 The first Woman shall be known as the **2009 Women Slalom World Champion**
15.4 A prize fund of minimum 10,000 euro has been confirmed to be distributed according to IFCA Championship Rules.

16. BUOYANCY / WETSUITS

- 16.1** If personal buoyancy is prescribed, each competitor & support boat crewmember shall wear, above the waist, a jacket, harness, or vest with a minimum buoyancy of 4kg uninflated, in fresh water. The buoyancy shall be tested with a ferrous metal weight of 4kg, which shall remain supported for a minimum of 5 minutes.

17. LIABILITY

- 17.1** Competitors take part in all races at their own risk. The LOA, IFCA or any of their officials or representatives or the sponsors or their officials or representatives are not responsible, under any circumstances, for any damage, loss or injury either ashore or on the water either to persons or equipment, which may result. Participation in this event, supporting events and in each race in them is at the sole discretion of the sailor and at his/her own risk. Notice is drawn to RRS 4.

18. INSURANCE

- 18.1** Competitors shall possess valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 1 million euro.
18.2 Coach and support boat drivers shall also have valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 5 million euro.

19. TELEVISION AND MEDIA

- 19.1** In registering for the event, competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority 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 reproduction of them, taken during the period of the event, for the said Championship as defined in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions in which he/she participates without compensation.

20. OFFICIAL CEREMONIES

- 20.1** Attendance at the Opening Ceremony and Prize Giving Ceremony is mandatory.
20.2 The organisers reserve the right to refuse entry to anyone whose standard of attire is not commensurate with the occasion.

21. ACCOMMODATION / TOURIST INFORMATION

- 21.1** Texel is the largest "Wadden-island" of the Netherlands with about 14,500 inhabitants. There is a large offering of (tourist) accommodations, ranging from luxury hotels to camping sites. All accommodations can be booked via www.texel.net

22. AIR TRAVEL/ TRANSPORTATION / TRANSFERS

- 22.1** The closest airport to the Venue is Schiphol Amsterdam Airport. This is approximately 75 kilometres from Texel. On Texel there is also situated Texel International Airport which is open to smaller aircraft.
22.2 Transfers: the ferry to Texel (see below) docks at Den Helder. Den Helder is easily reached by car and train from Amsterdam Airport Schiphol. The Venue at Paal 17 De Koog is about 12 kilometres from the ferry harbour at Texel. We will inform all participants in due course on the best logistical way to get the equipment to the Venue site at the beach. Perhaps we will start a shuttle between adjacent Paal 15 where there is a large parking space, to thus avoid all the other traffic at Paal 17 generated by the Round Texel Catamaran Races which will be held on June 10th till 13th.
22.3 Texel is quickly and easily accessible. The modern ro/ro ferries sail daily every hour (up to 9.30 pm) and are accessible to all means of transport (cars etc). The sailing time is about 25 minutes. No reservation is required. For all info on the ferry service: www.teso.nl. You can also visit Texel by plane (Texel International Airport) or with your own boat (harbour: Oudeschild).

FURTHER INFORMATION:

For more local information before the regatta and to make enquiries please contact:

Marc van Rijsselberghe: Tel, + 31 (0)6 - 51327951

and visit the event website www.roundtexel.com

Event hotel "de Pelikaan" offers free transfer all day long from and to hotel with mini-buses during event
<http://www.depelikaan.nl>

Event Camping:

http://www.texelcampings.nl/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=72&Itemid=2