



NOTICE OF RACE

COZUMEL 2011 NORTH AMERICAN WINDSURFING CHAMPIONSHIP

17th to 20th February 2011

TO BE HELD AT

North Hotel Zone, Cozumel, Quintana Roo

www.windsurfmexico.com

Organized by:

Mexican Windsurfing Association

(Asociacion Mexicana de Tabla Vela)

in co-operation with the

Mexican Sailing Federation

(Federacion Mexicana de Vela)

An International Windsurfing Association sanctioned event



1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing – Windsurfing Competition Rules.
- 1.2 The Class Rules of the participating classes.
- 1.3 No national prescriptions will apply.
- 1.4 If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions (SI's), the SI's will take precedence.
- 1.5 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2 ADVERTISING

Boards may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. ISAF Regulation 20 'Advertising Code' shall apply.

3 CLASSES AND DIVISIONS

- 3.1 The participating classes and divisions shall be:
 - 3.1.1 RSX Class – Men, Women, Youth Men, and Youth Women.
 - 3.1.2 Techno 293 Class – Junior (U15 & U17) boy & girl, Open (A17) boy & girl.
 - 3.1.3 Raceboard Class – Men and Women.
 - 3.1.4 Formula Experience Class – Men and Women.
- 3.2 Age Divisions:
 - 3.2.1 A Junior U17 shall be under the age of 17 (born in or after 1995 and not later than 1999); a Junior U15 (born in or after 1997 and no later than 2000).
 - 3.2.2 A Youth (RSX) shall be under the age of 19 (born in or after 1993 and not later than 1996).
 - 3.2.3 A Techno Open (A17) sailor shall be 17 years or older in the year of competition (born 1994 or earlier).
- 3.3 A minimum of 3 competitors is required to constitute a 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 relevant international class association, or of the IWA. Membership formalities can be completed on site.
- 4.3 Mexican national competitors shall be affiliated and in good standing with the Federación Mexicana de Vela.
- 4.4 Eligible competitors, coaches and team support personnel MUST enter by completing the form which will be available on www.windsurfmexico.com from the 1st November 2010.
- 4.5 Competitors shall present the following at registration:
 - Original Entry Form
 - Evidence of valid third party insurance
 - Proof of age
 - [Parental/legal Guardian Assent](#) for those under age of 18

- [Medical Treatment Permission](#) - for those under age of 18 or on their parents medical insurance policy

- 4.6 Coaches and team support personnel shall present the following at registration:
- [Original Coach Entry Form](#)
 - Boat Driving Licence (if applicable)
 - Evidence of valid third party insurance

5 FEES

- 5.1 The required fees are as follows (US Dollars):

Class:	Early Entry Fee	Late Entry Fee
Bic Techno	100	130
Formula Experience	100	130
Raceboard	120	150
RS:X	120	150
Coach	Free	20

- 5.2 To qualify for **Early Entry Fee** persons must register online **on or before 31st January 2011.**
- 5.3 Persons who register online **after 31st January** will pay the **Late Entry Fee.**
- 5.4 Entry fees will be paid at registration on 17th February in cash - US\$ or equivalent in MEX Pesos.

6 RACE FORMAT

- 6.1 The Championship shall be a single discipline, *course racing*, "open entry" event.
- 6.2 Men and women, boys and girls, may race separately, depending on entry numbers.
- 6.3 Classes shall have separate starts.
- 6.4 Classes shall race a maximum 3 races per day, in a maximum 9 race series.
- 6.5 One race is required to validate the championship for each class.

7 SCHEDULE

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| Tues/Weds | 15/16 Feb | Early arrival & training |
| Thursday | 17 Feb | 1000-1500 Registration |
| | | 1530 Practice race |
| | | 1800 Coaches meeting |
| | | 2000 Opening ceremony |
| Friday | 18 Feb | 1030 Racing |
| Saturday | 19 Feb | 1030 Racing |
| Sunday | 20 Feb | 0930 Racing |
| | | 1430 Last possible warning signal |
| | | 1530 Prize giving and closing ceremony |
- 7.1 The first possible warning signal will be made each day at 1030hrs, except for the practice race when the warning signal will be displayed at 1530hrs, and on the last day when the first possible warning signal will be displayed at 0930hrs.

8 EQUIPMENT & EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 8.1 An Equipment Inspection Form, which will be available at registration, shall be returned to the Event Equipment Inspector before the start of competition.
- 8.2 Equipment inspections may be made at any time during the event.
- 8.3 Upon completion of registration and until the end of the event, at all times when ashore except when launching and retrieving, all equipment shall be kept in their assigned places at event site. Removal of any equipment from the event site requires prior written approval from the race committee. Access to equipment in the storage area during certain hours, including hours of darkness may be restricted.
- 8.4 Unless otherwise directed by the organizing authority, boards and equipment shall be launched and retrieved from the designated area at the event site.

9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions (SI's) will be available upon registration. Any changes to the SI's shall be approved by the Class Representative at the event.

10 COURSES

Details will be as described in the sailing instructions.

11 PROTEST COMMITTEE

An 'Independent Protest Committee' will be appointed according to WCR 91(a).

12 SCORING

Scoring will be according to the WCR Appendix A, and using the Low Points Scoring System.

13 SUPPORT BOATS

Support boats shall be registered at the race office. Limited charter may be available and may be applied for using the coach entry form.

14 SAFETY

- 14.1 If personal buoyancy is prescribed every competitor and support boat crewmember shall wear a personal flotation device that shall conform to the minimum standard of ISO 12402-5 (level 50), or as specified in the SI's.
- 14.2 Personal buoyancy is mandatory for all competitors under 17 years of age and for every competitor when the Y flag is displayed.

15 PRIZES

- 15.1 Prizes will be awarded to the first three competitors of each properly constituted class /division. Properly constituted divisions will be posted on the official notice board after the completion of registration.

- 15.2 The first man and the first woman (boy/girl) in each class division will be declared “class/division.....**2011 North American Champion**”.
- 15.3 Titles shall only be awarded to competitors eligible to compete for a North American national class association.

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.

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 board shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of € 350.000 per event or the equivalent.

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 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 take place at the **Melia Hotel**
- 20.2 For further information please contact: **Miguel Angel Pani Can**
Telcel – 00521 984 876 32 64 **Email – vela.maya@hotmail.com**
- 20.3 The following Additional Information is not part of the rules for the Event.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SHEET

A ACCOMMODATION

Different hotel options are available at walking distance to the sailing venue.

From the 1st November several hotel and apartment options will be available, with special discounts for competitors and supporters, on www.windsurfmexico.com

B AIR TRAVEL/TRANSPORTATION/TRANSFERS

There are two main airports with access to Cozumel Island: Cancun International Airport (CUN) and Cozumel International Airport (CZM).

For transfer from Cancun airport to Cozumel, there are two main ways to do it:

-By bus/taxi to Playa Del Carmen and then by boat to Cozumel island.

-By plane. Direct flights are available from Cancun airport to Cozumel airport but equipment cannot be transported: <https://www.mayair.com.mx/>

Equipment transportation can be arranged by the local organiser from Cancun airport to the sailing venue. For detailed information, please contact Adrien Gaillard: adriengaillard@hotmail.com



C EARLY ARRIVALS

Competitors arriving early are advised that support from the organizers can be provided from Tuesday 15th February and **must be arranged in advance**.

D EQUIPMENT FOR CHARTER

A limited amount of Bic Techno 293 charter equipment will be available, please contact Miguel Angel Pani Can for details.

E PREVAILING CONDITIONS

Wind: 8 to 20knots North East to South East

Water temperature 27C

Air temperature 22 to 30 C

E OTHER ACTIVITIES

Cozumel Island is the proud organiser of the Ironman World Cup. Come by on the 28th November for a long distance triathlon event before the North American Championship!

<http://www.ironmancozumel.com/>

Divers from all over the world come to Cozumel to explore the Mesoamerica Reef, the largest reef in the Western hemisphere. It not only attracts divers, but over 250 species of tropical fish as well as turtles, stingray and more. And the crystal clear waters allow you to see miles of Caribbean treasure. Please visit the tourism website to know more about the island activities:

<http://www.islacozumel.com.mx/index.html>