

Windsurfing Enthusiasts of Tidewater

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (S06)

Governed By: The Racing Rules of Sailing, including Appendix B, the prescriptions of U.S. Sailing, Rules of The International Formula Windsurfing Class Association, Any participating Class rules or guidelines, The Notice of Race, (except as any of these are altered by the sailing instructions) the Sailing Instructions (available at registration), and the Official Notice Board.

Eligibility: Participants must complete the registration process with the local organizing authority. This is an event of the **2008** US Windsurfing Mid-Atlantic Series. To be eligible for MAS awards and be included in MAS raffles you must be a current paid USW Member **and have paid MAS entry (\$10)**. Results from this event will be forwarded to USW. ALL racers that participate in one of the NRT classes MUST be members of USW.

Wind Minimums: Official races will not be started in winds less than 8 mph for Formula and 3 mph for all others. The Race Committee (RC) will be the only and final judge to determine competitive racing conditions.

Notice to Competitors: Will be posted on the official notice board located at the registration site.

Changes in the Sailing Instructions: Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 10:30 am on Friday, Sat. & 9:00 am on Sun. Any on the water oral instructions will be given under code flag "L" before the warning signal.

Signals Made Ashore: Signals made ashore will be displayed near the shore. Code flag "AP" with two sound signals means - The race is postponed. All fleets that will be starting in the next race will have their class flags raised when the AP is lowered (one sound). The starting signal for any fleet will be made not less than 10 minutes after their class flag is raised.

Schedule of Events: The schedule remains as described in the notice of race.

Courses: Will be described at the skippers meetings. Code Flag 1 Pennant -White with Red center and Code Flag 2 Pennant - Blue with White center will be used to announce courses from the RC boat. They will be flown before the Warning signal and while the Class Flag is flying. The starting line will be closed except when a class is starting.

Starts: Races will be started using rule 26. There may be 3 starts, Formula, "Longboard" and Novice in that order. If the wind minimum is not met for Formula Fleet then "Longboard" fleet will be first and Novice second. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat and a start line mark. Class flags will be used as the warning signal for each start and will be described at the skippers meeting. The RC will attempt to inform premature starters that they are over early, but it is the competitors responsibility to start properly.

<i>Signal</i>	<i>Flag and sound</i>	<i>Minutes before starting signal</i>
Warning	Class flag; 1 sound	5
Preparatory	P, I, Z, Z with I, or black flag; 1 sound	4
One-minute	Preparatory flag removed; 1 long sound	1
Starting	Class flag removed; 1 sound	0

Change of Course After the Start: The only change in a course after the start will be shortening of the race by a anchoring a boat near one of the marks of the course and flying code flag S and an orange flag that is one end of the finish line.

Finishes: The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee finish boat and a finish mark.

Time Limits: The time limit for the first finisher will be 45 minutes for each fleet. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first finisher in their fleet finishes will be scored DNF. This changes rule 35. For long distance both times will be doubled.

Protests: Competitors must inform the RC upon finishing each race of any protest they intend to file, including the sail number of the protestee. Protests shall be turned into the "Beach Boss" within sixty minutes after the time of the last boat's finish. Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt beginning as soon as possible. Protest hearing time and location will be announced by postings on the official notice board 30 minutes prior to the hearing.

Scoring: The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A4 of the Racing Rules, will apply. First place will be awarded 1 point, second will be awarded 2 points 3rd 3 points.... Throw-outs will be as follows: 1 for 4 races 2 for 7 and 3 for 11 or more races sailed. Note: DNS, DNF and DSQ all receive equivalent scores.

Awards: Trophies will be awarded immediately after the conclusion of racing, protest hearings and scoring.