

2006 US Windsurfing **Mid Atlantic Series (MAS)**

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Introduction:

Welcome to the 2006 US Windsurfing Mid-Atlantic Region Windsurfing Regatta Series. Once again this year volunteers will be running the series. If you have any questions or want to volunteer please email me Mark Raginsky (windz41@yahoo.com)

The events of this series were chosen in part based on past history. They have been well organized and typically well attended. One of the primary goals is to keep these events high caliber. To accomplish this goal it is necessary that the events be well attended. With this objective in mind each LOA (local organizing authority) will be putting on an event that will be fun for the competitors and provide a competitive format so that each level of sailor can have an enjoyable time while improving their skills. NOTE: Local Organizers are free to run racing with fleets as they wish. Your scores for the MAS may end up different than the local event results. Fleet scoring will be used for each fleet. See Fleets, Classes and Divisions.

Event information: More information about some of these events can be found at www.sailwet.com, www.windsurfbaba.org and www.somdwindsurf.com.

Confirmed Events in 2006:

- April 28-30 WET Spring Regatta & Beach Sports Challenge, Norfolk VA. WET, Dave Kashy . kashyr@juno.com , <http://www.sailwet.com>, (Also a stop on the USW National Race Tour for 2005)
- June 10-11 BABA Spring MAS, Gunpowder Park MD, Tom Sargent, tomus919@att.net , <http://www.windsurfbaba.org>
- June 25 BABA Mayo Classic, Mayo Beach, Mayo MD Tom Sargent, tomus919@att.net , <http://www.windsurfbaba.org>
- Sept 29-Oct 1 East Coast Championship at Mayo Beach , Mayo Beach MD tomus919@att.net , <http://www.windsurfbaba.org> , <http://www.somdwindsurf.com/> (Also a stop on the USW National Race Tour for 2005)
- Oct TBD Hampton Roads Sailboard Classic & East Coast Formula Championship, Norfolk, VA., WET, Dave Kashy kashyr@juno.com , <http://www.sailwet.com>

Eligibility and Fees: All MAS competitors must register on an official MAS registration form and to contribute \$10 to cover costs of trophies. Competitors must be US Windsurfing members and make the contribution to win a trophy or any raffle prize. Competitors who attend MAS events but do not register for the MAS will not be eligible for the MAS raffle prizes, they will be scored in the MAS but will not be awarded trophies.

Fleets, Classes and Divisions:

To encourage all windsurfers to participate, each MAS event will be scored as having 2 different fleets, Formula and Longboard. Each fleet may or may not have its own start, the LOA will decide on the number of starts required. Some of the local events may not have the MAS class or division that you wish to be scored in for the MAS. This will not matter as long as you are racing in the correct fleet and using the correct equipment for your fleet and division. The SO's will combine competitors and reduce the number of divisions offered depending on participation.

Formula Fleet: Formula Windsurfing is now the premier racing fleet being used throughout the world. It is for competitors who don't own a long board or want to race boards w/o centerboards. This fleet stems from the arrival of short wide boards and very efficient lightweight big sails. Boards with centerboards are not be allowed. The International Formula Rules can be reviewed at <http://www.formulawindsurfing.com>. Formula 31 only allows 3 sails, limited to 12.5 for men, 11.0 for women and youth, and 8.5 for juniors.

Sport Formula Fleet is similar to Formula fleet in equipment and sails. It is intended to be a fleet for sailors who are not as competitive as the Formula fleet. Depending on conditions the sport formula fleet may have a shorter course.

Long board Fleet:

Open Class is the traditional long board class with any limitations, i.e. any long board with any sail size.

Woman's class: One of the most competitive classes is the woman's class. This class is limited to woman and a maximum sail size of 7.5M²

7.5 Limited Class: The class is limited a sail size of 7.5 meters. It includes the old IMCO ewuipment.

Novice Fleet is for novice sailors or racers; only competitors who are in their first couple years of racing should be in this fleet. It is a training fleet and the LOA will usually use very short courses. Since the courses will be short and easy a formula class has been included directly in this fleet.

For each event, the classes hosted, scored and trophies awarded will be up to the **Local Organizing Authority (LOA)**. At each event, the LOA will give out a MAS registration form (to be filled out at a competitors first event of the series). The form will collect data on the competitor and also allow him or her to select their fleet and class and division for the series. Once selected, the competitor must sail all the events on appropriate equipment for that fleet (except as described below). Final Divisions for each fleet will be determined by the number of entries in each and are at the discretion of the series organizer. This determination will take place prior to the final event of the season. Competitors will be scored with everyone in their fleet (see scoring below).

Fleets	Classes
Formula	Formula 31
	Sport
Long Board	Open
	Woman's
	7.5 Limited
Novice Fleet	OPEN
	Junior (16 and under)

Scoring

A. Event Scoring: LOAs should score events using the Class Scoring described in the USW Event Guidelines.

B. 2. Series scores

Series Scores will be computed as follows: For each series event, the finishing position within the class, regardless of place within any division, will be calculated by the series scorer. Racers will receive series points equal to the number of competitors in their class, minus their finish place within their class. In addition, they receive 10 bonus points for participation. A racer that finishes 5th in class that had 30 competitors (each with at least one finish score), would receive $30-5+10=35$ points.

Racers may compete in as many MAS Events as they wish but only their best 3 results in each class will count for their cumulative series score for that class. The highest total in each class wins. In the case of ties, the competitor with the most 1st place finishes, or if that does not break the tie then most 2nd place finishes, and so on, will be the winner.

Note: This is the same scoring schemas as the national series

Liability: Competitors take part in the series and in all races at their own risk. The Local Organizing Authorities, MAS Series Organizers, US Windsurfing, IWA 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 the series, the individual events, supporting events and in each race in them is at the sole discretion of the sailor and **at his/her own risk**.

Prizes: Trophies for the series will be awarded at the last race

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