

2001 US Windsurfing
Mid Atlantic Region Windsurfing Regatta Series
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Introduction:

Welcome to the 2001 US Windsurfing Mid-Atlantic Region Windsurfing Regatta Series. Again this year I, Dave Kashy will be the series organizer (SO). If you wish to contact me please write me an e-mail Kashyr@juno.com. This is the seventh year for the series. Last year we had 82 competitors and in 1999 we had 69. As the series and the sport has evolved we have modified our series to keep it fun and relevant. We have kept all of the popular classes from last year, and are continuing to promote **Formula Windsurfing**.

This year the MAS will consist of at least 5 events. We may add an event or two but this will not change the maximum number of events (MQR) that can be counted toward your overall score (see scoring). The events 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.

Purpose:

- 1) Promote windsurfing and windsurf racing in the Mid-Atlantic region.
- 2) Encourage racing windsurfers to travel to other racing sites so as to improve their skills by competing with sailors other than the ones at the "local beach."
- 3) To provide a ranking system that stimulates competition.
- 4) To award the best competitors in the region with trophies signifying their achievement.

Confirmed Events in 2001:

May 5-6 WET Spring Regatta/Swap, Hampton VA. WET, , <http://www.sailwet.com/>

June 9-10 BABA/MAS - Gun Powder State Park, Mark Raginsky, (410)-964-4335, e: windz41@erols.com

June 23 Lakes Bay Challenge Cup, Atlantic City, NJ, Jim Karabasz, 609-641-4445, e: karabaszjp@aol.com

Sept 16 BABA V/MAS, Gunpowder State Park, Mark Raginsky, (410)-964-4335, e: windz41@erols.com

Nov 3-4 Hampton Roads Sailboard Classic, Hampton, VA., <http://www.sailwet.com/>

Unconfirmed events at this time:

ANNUAL NAVY INVITATIONAL REGATTA, Solomons Island, SMWA, Alan Bernau (301) 274-4088 e: abus111@crosslink.net (www.SoMdWindsurf.com)

Hatteras Island Windsurfing Championship, Hatteras Island Sail Shop, Barton Decker bdwaves@pinn.net, www.hiss-waves.com/events/hwvc00.htm

Eligibility and Fees: All MAS competitors are asked 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 events that are MAS events but do not register for the MAS will not be eligible for the MAS raffle prizes, they will also 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 4 separate fleets. 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.

Open Fleet is for hard-core racers who use both long and short boards. This fleet is for very competitive sailors, it is for racers who want to be serious and make the most of their racing skills and equipment. Many sailors in the open fleet will travel out of the region to race and some even attend national championships, Olympic trials and other major Pro/Am events.

Formula Windsurfing is now the premier racing fleet being used throughout the world. It is just getting started in the US and I hope that we in the Mid-Atlantic can get a fleet going this year! 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 will not be allowed. Two divisions will be planned for this year. The **TECH 31** is the Techno "one design" fleet and will follow the guidelines of this new fleet. Equipment is limited to one board (BIC TECHNO 283 or the Tiga equivalent, Tiga Free X 281) and 3 sails over 6.0. The **Formula 31** division also allows only one board and it must be a registered Formula board. Formula 31 only allows 3 sails. For both divisions each competitor must have three sails to be used at each event that they attend. These three sails can be different at different regattas. This will not change for this year but in the future we may require that the 3 sails be registered for the whole series. Registering 3 sails at each event will allow sailors to upgrade their quivers during the long season. In light winds (6-12 knots) the LOA is encouraged, but not required, to set reaching oriented courses. This will allow for planning, and in higher winds (12+ knots) any course may be used.

Sport Fleet is similar to open fleet in equipment. It is intended to be a fleet for sailors who are not novices but do not want to compete with the sailors of the Open Fleet. The courses for Sport fleet will usually be shorter than for Open Fleet.

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.

Each fleet will be broken down into Classes and Divisions. Based on last year's attendance the following classes and divisions are planned. (These are subject to change based on attendance and competitors' desires! Please contact the series organizer if you wish to add a division.)

Fleets	Classes	Divisions		
Open Fleet		OPEN	Master 45+	Women
	Unlimited			
	Limited 7.5			
	IMCO			
Formula Windsurfing		OPEN		
	TECH 31			
	Formula 31			
Sport Fleet		OPEN	Master 45+	Women
	Unlimited			
	Limited 7.5			
	Limited 7.5 Non Pumping			
Novice Fleet		OPEN	Master 45+	Women
	Novice			

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).

Scoring: The scoring system is a fractional fleet low point system based on the size of the fleet at each regatta. Each competitor's series scores will be determined using the results from their 3 best events. All competitors will start with 330 points. When a competitor attends a regatta, 110 points will be deducted and replaced with the event score for that event. Score for regatta is = $(100 \times \text{fleet finish} / \text{number of registered racers in fleet})$. There is also a factor for those who attend more events up to a maximum of 3. It's that simple!

All competitors in each fleet will be scored together. Fleet sizes in previous years have been small enough that we ask all LOA's to have 4 starts maximum and start all classes and divisions in each fleet together. The LOA is free to combine small fleets and have fewer starts but the MAS results will be fleet scoring as defined above. This system simplifies the scoring greatly for the SO. This type scoring makes the racing more competitive such that beating anyone in your fleet will improve your score even if they are in a different class. Each competitor will keep the best scores from the regattas that he or she attends. It will not be a problem if some or all fleets are started together.

A competitor may change class or fleet once during the season but may lose all previous scores. If a competitor changes class in the same fleet they may keep their scores if they are moving from a more restrictive to a less restrictive fleet or class. Example (Limited is more restrictive than Open. i.e. If you sail A-fleet in your first event with a 7.5 limited rig your score can be transferred to Open if you decide to change divisions.) A competitor who changes Fleets will not be allowed to transfer their scores. The regatta organizer will send scores to the Series Organizer (SO) within a week of the end of the event. Publication of series standings will be tabulated and distributed to appropriate publications at least twice during the season before the final event and final results will be calculated after the final event of the season.

Prizes: Trophies will be awarded. The SO has acquired prizes to be raffled off to competitors. To win raffle prizes a competitor must be a US Windsurfing Member and a registered competitor in the MAS. To be entered in the final raffle for the biggest prizes a competitor must attend three or more events.

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