

SQUAMISH WINDSPORTS SOCIETY

2009 KITEBOARD RACE SERIES

July 22, 29; August 19, 26; September 2, 9, 16

Make-up Dates: September 23, 30.



OFFICIAL SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1.0 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by a set of Racing Rules outlined by the SWS.
- 1.2 Copies of rules will be available at registrations and online.
- 1.3 All such rules shall apply unless these sailing instructions say otherwise. Sailing Instructions override any conflicting rules.
- 1.4 Race Director retains the right to alter racing Rules prior to any race, pending notification to all racers.
- 1.5 Race Director reserves the right to disqualify, suspend or expel any individuals acting in a manner deemed unsafe. This is at the sole discretion of the Race Director.

2.0 SPIRIT OF THE EVENT

This event is being held in good faith as a positive experience, for the goal of providing a fun and competitive venue for SWS members and users to take part in the growing Course Racing component of the sport of Kiteboarding. All competitors must understand that this series is a first attempt at bringing an annual racing circuit to the local BC Kiteboarding community in a positive manner. Competitors acting contrary to this initiative may be disqualified from races and/or expelled from the Series at the sole discretion of the Racing Director.

This is an event run entirely by volunteers. Please respect them and their efforts. More volunteers are greatly appreciated.

3.0 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 To be eligible to race, kites must be current SWS Members in good standing *or* pay SWS Day fee. Racers must register and sign & submit appropriate waiver forms. Membership and waivers must be completed *prior* to racing.
- 3.2 All racers must be competent with upwind/downwind riding and have the ability to kite safely and comfortably in close quarters with other riders.
- 3.3 Eligible kites may enter by completing a Registration Form and Waiver of Liability at race day registrations or submitted to Race Director prior to racing.
- 3.4 Racers may join the Series on any race day up to final race day.
By entering in any one race, racers will be registered for the entire Series scorings.
- 3.5 All racers will be assigned a number, which will identify them throughout the Series.
Kites will be required and responsible to display visibly their assigned number on their person while racing.
- 3.6 FEES
 - 3.6.1 Entry fee is \$25 for the series or \$5 per night to drop in.
 - 3.6.2 Fees are payable via cash or cheque to the Squamish Windsports Society.
 - 3.6.3 No Refunds will be given.

4.0 COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 4.1 A Riders' Meeting will be held at the Spit at 1730 hours on each race night.
- 4.2 Any changes in the Sailing Instructions will be approved by the Race Committee and posted by 1730 hours on the day they will take effect. If changes have been made Race Director will notify at Riders' Meeting.
- 4.3 Questions regarding the Sailing Instructions may be submitted in writing to the Race Director.
- 4.4 Questions and written responses will be posted in the SWS website.

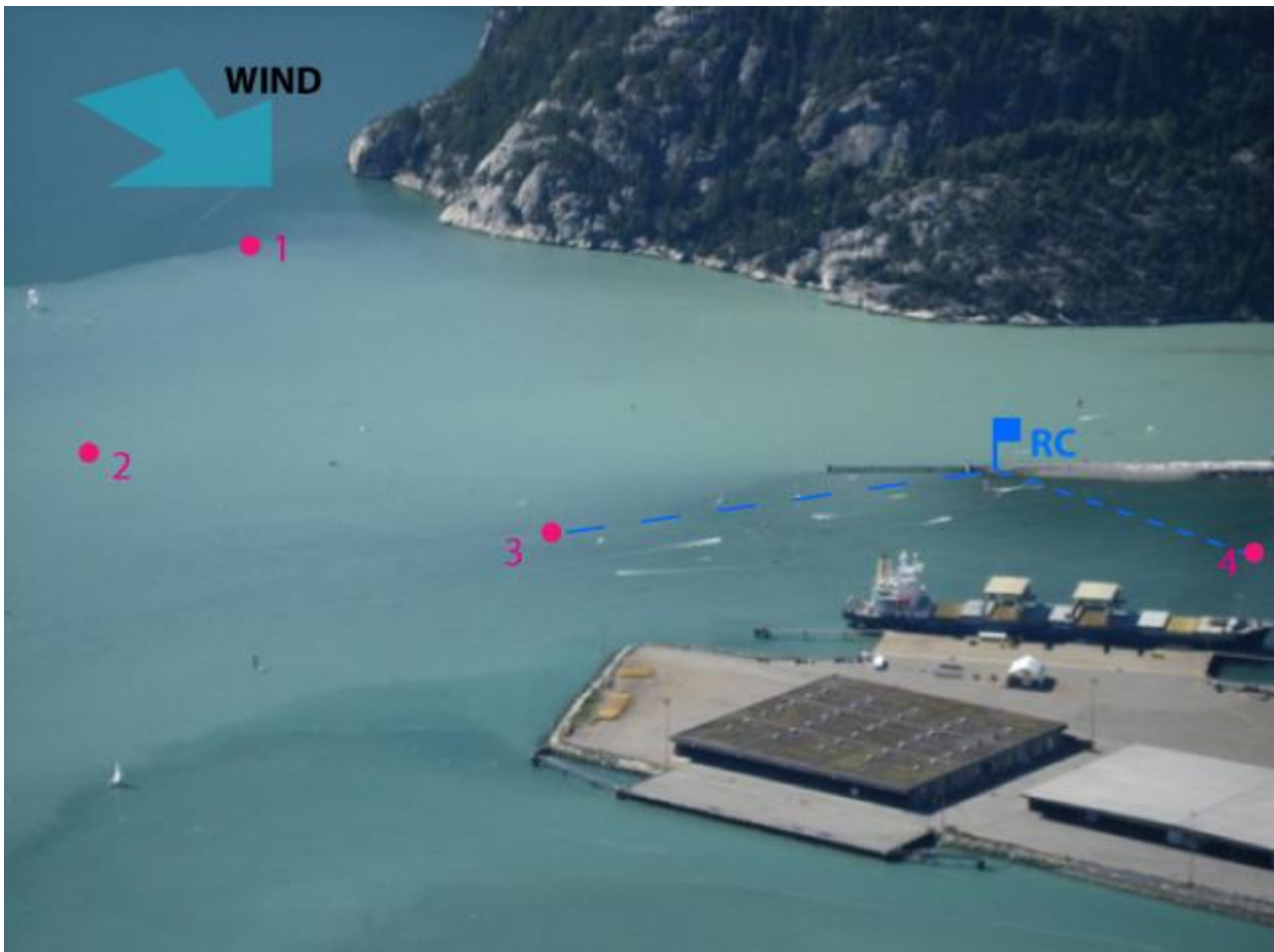
- 4.5 Starting Signals will be displayed from the Race Committee from shore on the Spit. Race Committee is identified by Blue flag.

5.0 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 The first Warning Signal each night is scheduled for 1800 hours.
- 5.2 A riders meeting will be held each night at 1750 hours on the Spit.
- 5.3 A preliminary Exhibition race night will be held 7/22. Races held this evening will not be scored towards overall series points.
- 5.4 Series-Scoring Racing will be held on the following dates: 7/29, 8/19, 8/26, 9/2, 9/9, & 9/16.
If needed, make up racing will be held 9/23 or 9/30.
- 5.5 Maximum of 3 races will be held per evening. Maximum of 6 scoring race days for Series.
- 5.6 It is at the sole discretion of the Racing Director if the conditions meet sufficient minimum requirements to start races. Estimated minimum wind will be approximately 15 knots.

6.0 RACING AREA

- 6.1 The intended race area will be set with fixed marks from the regular Spit Windsports area, in Squamish, BC, Canada.



7.0 THE START

- 7.1 Unless otherwise identified by a course diagram and/or by Race Director at riders' meeting, the Start/Finish line shall be defined as the imaginary line between the closest navigational dolphin and the Race Committee ashore, identified by a blue flag.
- 7.2 Room: Spacer buoys may or may not be used to identify distance competitors must remain clear of starting markers. If no markers are used, racers **must remain minimum 1.5+ line-lengths clear upwind** of the starting/finishing navigational dolphin marker. Failure to remain clear by either of these guidelines may result in the racer being disqualified (DSQ) from that race.
- 7.3 A competitor shall not start later than 5 minutes after the starting signal.
- 7.4 All divisions will start together at same time. Class flags will not be used.
- 7.5 All competitors must remain below the starting line all times after the 3 minute signal and prior to start.
- 7.6 Starting sequence will be identified as follows:

- Warning: approx 4 mins before start:		multiple short horn blasts
- 3 mins before start:	blue flag up	3 horn blasts
- 1 min before start:	red flag up	1 horn blasts
- 30 secs before start:		3 whistle blasts
- START	red flag down	1 long horn blast
- Individual Recall	blue flag waving	2 horn blasts
- General Recall (restart race)	blue down, red waving	multiple short horn blasts

- 7.7 Competitors may not intentionally make contact with shore or other fixed objects any time after the 3 minutes horn and prior to Start.

8.0 THE FINISH

The Finish line will be as defined in course diagrams as per individual course. The Race Committee will always constitute one end of the finish line (marked by blue flag). The Race Committee may change locations after the start and prior to the first racer to finish.

9.0 SCORING

- A standard low-point scoring system will be used for each race.
ex: 1st=1point, 2nd=2points, 3rd=3points, etc...
- The daily scores will be tallied nightly and combined throughout the series, applying towards the series' final standings.
- Races on the first day of series (July 22) are for exhibition only, and will **NOT be counted** towards series totals.
- There will be a maximum of 6 racing days (as Scheduled in Sailing Instructions), each with max 3 races /day.
- Discards:**
There will be discards for the race totals in the Series. Beyond the first race, there will be 1 discard for every subsequent 3 races held. *Ex:*
 - 1 discard for 4 races; 2 for 7 races; 3 for 10 races; 4 for 13 races; Etc...
- Scoring Ties will be won by the better of each of the two riders' single best discard race score.
- DNC** (did not compete), **DSQ** (disqualified), & **DNF** (did not finish)
Racers receiving any of these distinctions for a race will be given a score of 1 + (# racers present).

8. Scoring Divisions:

The main racing divisions for which the scoring will be tallied for Series Titles:

- Open Men
- Open Women

In addition, competitors over the age of 45 will have scores go towards a Masters Division title.

** Eligible riders (over 45), must directly notify the Race Director for Masters scoring to be counted.*

9. Nightly Results and Series Totals shall be posted after each race night on SWS website:

www.SquamishWindsports.com

10.0 COURSES

10.1 Course Diagrams are labelled and provided as an Appendix A to this document.

10.2 The Race Committee will notify racers at the time of Riders' Meeting what courses are to be used for the night and for each individual race.

10.3 The Race Committee retains the right to change course selection prior to any race.

10.4 The Race Director retains the right to alter the course at any point prior to a race Warning signal. Courses may be chosen from those outlined in Appendix A, however may also be defined as otherwise by the Race Director and communicated at a riders meeting.

11.0 PENALTY SYSTEM

A sailor who knowingly has committed a violation of the Racing Rules may exonerate him or herself by taking a 20 percent scoring penalty for that race. The sailor must notify the race committee as soon as possible after the incident. The protest committee/jury has the final decision in the matter.

12.0 PROTESTS

Any protests must be submitted as described in the Racing Rules.

13.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 1.3, decision to race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

14.0 Commercial Traffic, Safety

14.1 Riders shall not impede the passage of commercial vessels and shall comply with Coast Guard Navigation Rules. If a commercial vessel has sounded blasts, and the vessel or the Coast Guard identifies the rider, the Race Committee shall protest the rider, in which case the Protest Committee shall assume that the identified rider has impeded passage or violated Navigation Rules, and the identified rider shall have the burden of proving otherwise.

In the case of a complaint by a Vessel Traffic or the Coast Guard, the protest time limit shall be extended up to two days after the conclusion of the regatta.

14.2 A Race Committee boat may signal a rider to alter course to avoid impeding the passage of commercial vessels by making a sound signal (horn or whistle) and pointing at the rider. The signalled rider shall comply with the signal unless compliance would create an unsafe condition. If a rider fails to comply with such a signal, the Race Committee shall protest the rider, in which case the Protest Committee shall assume that the course alteration would not have created an unsafe condition, and the protested rider shall have the burden of proving otherwise.

14.3 A violation of any part of SI 14 may result in disqualification and may not be exonerated by an alternate penalty. The SWS will cooperate with and provide information relevant to any investigations of impeding passage or violation.

14.4 The SWS does not guarantee any degree of safety for competitors. There are potential dangers intrinsic to the nature of the sport. Safe decisions are a responsibility of the individual riders.

9.0 CONTACTS & FURTHER INFORMATION

9.1 For further information please contact the Squamish Windsports Society (www.SquamishWindsports.com).

9.2 Race Director: Kyle Touhey (kyle@touhey.net).