

SWS 2014 SUMMER KITEBOARD COURSE RACING SERIES

Consisting of 3 Weekend Regattas

June 21/22, July 5/6, August 9/10, and maybe September 13/14 (reserve weekend)

SQUAMISH WINDSPORTS SOCIETY

SQUAMISH B.C. CANADA

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR September 13/14 2014

1 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the ISAF *RACING RULES OF SAILING 2013-2016 KITEBOARD COMPETITION RULES* which can be found at:

<http://www.internationalkiteboarding.org/index.php/course-racing/rules/competition-rules-isaf-racing-rules-of-sailing>

1.2 The following Rules are changed as indicated:

1.2.1 Racing rule 35 will be changed as follows: The time limit for the first finisher in a race is 30 minutes. Competitors failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first competitor sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing.

1.2.2 For the purpose of Rule 20, "Hailing" and "Responding", a hail for room to tack shall be accompanied by a hand signal of a raised arm waving in a circular motion. The reply "You Tack" shall be accompanied by an arm signal pointing at the hailing kiteboard.

1.2.3 In Rules 29.1, 30.1, 30.2, and 30.3 change "hull, crew or equipment" to "hull or competitor".

Rule 44.2 is renamed to "One Turn Penalty" and changed to read: "After getting well clear of other kiteboards as soon after the incident as possible, a kiteboard takes a One-Turn Penalty by promptly making a turn with her hull in the water including one completed tack and one completed gybe. Forward motion shall be established between tack and gybe (or vice versa) with the sailor on the correct side of the hull in normal sailing position. When a kiteboard takes a penalty at or near the finishing line, she shall sail completely to the course side of the line before finishing.

Rule 44.3 is reinstated as amended by SI 18 – Penalties and Protests.

In Rule 62.1(b), change "damage" to "damage or a serious tangle".

Rule 62.1(e). Is changed as follows: (e) capsizing for a significant period of time because of the action of a kiteboard that was breaking a rule of Part 2.

2 ELIGIBILITY, ENTRY and FEES

- 2.1 Competitors shall be members of a National Kiteboarding Class Association which is a paid up member of the IKA, and members of CYA or another National Authority. Membership in the SWS Race Club covers these memberships. Contact Chris Glazier or Don Campbell to join the club. Please give, or send one of them, the annual dues of \$35.
- 2.2 Competitors may enter Weekend series and the Overall Series by registering at the Spit between 11:00 and 11:30 on race days.
- 2.3 The entry fee is \$30 per Weekend Regatta. Payment shall be made in cash at Registration on the day of racing.
- 2.4 Novice Racers who have not previously entered an SWS race, or other IKA races, are exempt from SI 2.1 and 2.3 for their first Weekend Regatta. No fees, or membership in a National Kiteboarding Class are required for the first day. For a \$20 deposit novice racers will be supplied with a numbered race jersey to use for their first day.

3 REGISTRATION

3.1 Competitors must complete registration each race day between 11:00 and 11:30 on Saturday Sept. 13th , and again on Sunday Sept. 14th between 11:00 and 11:30 at the Squamish Spit.

4 CLASSES AND EQUIPMENT

4.1 Competitors will supply and wear their own numbered jersey. Competitors who have not given the RC prior notification of their jersey colour and number must sail by the RC boat prior to racing and verbally notify the RC.

4.2 All types of kiteboards may compete.

4.3 Only one back up kite may be kept pumped up on The Spit.

4.4 Classes to be scored are:

- Formula Class
- Foil Class
- Open Class

5 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS AND COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

5.1 Notices to Competitors will be posted on the SWS container at the Squamish Spit.

5.2 If a race day is to be cancelled due to unfavorable weather conditions a notice will be posted in the Kiteboard Racing Forum of <http://kiteboardbc.com> before 08:00 on the race day.

5.3 There will be a competitor's meeting at 11:30 on Saturday Sept. 13th , and again at 11:30 on Sunday Sept. 14th

6 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 11:00 on the day it will take effect.

7 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

7.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the south end of the Squamish Spit.

7.2 When the AP pennant is displayed ashore, the warning signal will be made no sooner than 15 minutes after removal, unless at that time the race is postponed again or abandoned.

8 SCHEDULE OF RACES

8.1 Races will be held on Saturday and Sunday , with a maximum of 4 races per day.

The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on each day will be 12:30.

8.2 No warning signal will be made after 17:00.

9 RACING AREA

9.1 The racing area will be south of the Squamish Spit with the starting line approximately 0.3 NM south of the south end of the Spit.

10 THE COURSE

10.1 The diagrams in Appendix A show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

10.2 No later than the Warning Signal, a placard with the number of course will be displayed on the starting boat.

10.3 On Sunday Sunday Sept. 14th the courses may be changed. The courses for Sunday will be described at the competitor's meeting Sunday morning.

11 MARKS

- 11.1 **Marks 1 and 2** will be **RED** inflatable Ozone marks. **Mark 3** will be an Orange inflatable mark.
- 11.2 The Starting Mark will be an **ORANGE** inflatable mark at the port end.
- 11.3 The Finishing Mark will be the Navigational Dolphin 1.1 NM SW of the end of the Squamish Spit.

12 THE START

- 12.1 Races will be started with a 5 minute sequence as per RRS 26. **All classes will start together. The Class Flag used as the warning signal for all classes will be the solid yellow flag.**
- 12.2 The starting line will be between the staff of the orange flag on the RC boat, and the windward edge of an **ORANGE** inflatable mark.
- 12.3 A competitor starting more than 5 minutes after the starting signal will be scored did not start (DNS) without a hearing.
- 12.4 The Race Committee will attempt to hail competitors who are on the course side (OCS) of the starting line at the starting signal and those in violation of RRS 30.1. Failure to hail will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 12.5 On Sunday September 14th the starting line and start sequence may be changed at the competitors meeting on Sunday morning. We might use a rabbit start, whistle start, syncro timed start or some other way to get us going. We'll talk about it at the meeting.

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finish line will be between the staff of the orange flag on the RC boat, and the finishing mark. (Navigation Dolphin 1.1NM SE of the end of the spit)

14 TIME LIMITS

- 14.1 The time limit for the first finisher in a race is 30 minutes.
- 14.2 Competitors failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first competitor sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

15 KITE CHANGE POSTPONMENT

- 15.1 In the event of a change in wind strength sufficient to warrant a kite change, the race committee boat will signal a postponement and display the "2nd substitute" pennant.

16 WEEKEND REGATTA SCORING

- 16.1 Rule A4.1 Low Point Scoring will be used.
- 16.2 If at least one race is completed during a Weekend Regatta, that result will determine the Weekend Regatta winner and rankings.
- 16.3 Rule A2 will be changed. If four or more races are run during a Weekend Regatta, each kiteboard's Weekend Regatta score shall be the total of their race scores, excluding the worst score.

17 OVERALL SUMMER SERIES SCORING

- 17.1 Rule A4.1 Low Point Scoring will be used.
- 17.2 All races run during the Weekend Regattas will count in the Overall Summer Series. Discards will be:

Number of Races	Discards
0 to 3	0
4 to 7	1
8 to 11	2
12 to 15	3
16 to 19	4
20 to 23	5
24 or more	6

- 17.3 Rule A9, Race Scores in a Series Longer Than A Regatta, will apply when scoring the Overall Summer Series.
- 17.4 The starting area for RRS A9 will be defined as the Squamish Spit.

18 PENALTIES AND PROTESTS

18.1 Rules 44.1 360 Degree Turn Penalty, and RRS 44.3 Scoring Penalty, are both in effect. A kiteboard which may have broken a rule may choose either penalty. The scoring penalty taken at the time of an incident will be 2 points. The requirement to display a flag in 44.3 (a) is removed. As soon as possible after the race a competitor taking a penalty must inform the RC or Beach Marshal of any Penalties taken at the time of an incident.

18.2 A kiteboard which may have broken a rule, but did not take a penalty at the time of the incident, may take a 4 point Scoring Penalty after the time of the incident, but before 1 hour after the last competitor has finished the last race of the day.

18.3 Protests and requests for redress and reopening shall be delivered to the race director within one hour after the last competitor has finished the last race of the day.

19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

19.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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.

20. COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC AND SAFETY

20.1 Competitors 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.

20.2 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.

20.3 A violation of any part of SI 20 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.

20.4 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.

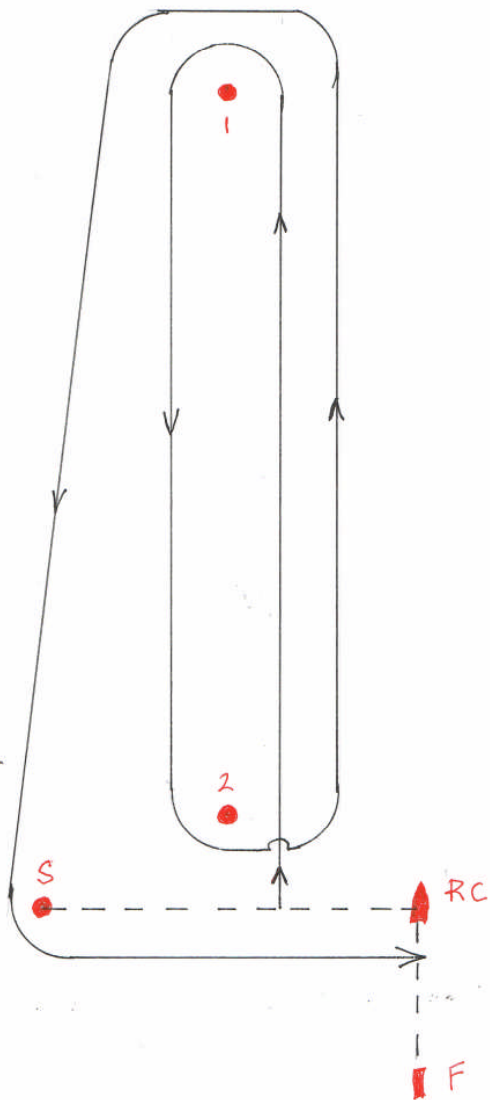
21. CONTACTS & FURTHER INFORMATION

21.1 For further information please go to the Squamish Windsports Society web site at <http://www.squamishwindsports.com/events/sws-race-series/> or contact Race Directors Andy Wong and Don Campbell at SWS.Racing@gmail.com

APPENDIX A

COURSE 2

WINDWARD / LEEWARD TWICE AROUND
Start – 1 – 2 – 1 – S - Finish



COURSE 3

WINDWARD / LEEWARD THREE TIMES AROUND
Start – 1 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 1 - S - Finish

