



USW NATIONALS / FORMULA NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Hosted by the
St. Francis Yacht Club
San Francisco, California, USA
August 7 - 11, 2007

NOTICE OF RACE

1. INVITATION

US Windsurfing, the San Francisco Bay Windsurfing Fleet, and the St. Francis Yacht Club in San Francisco, California, cordially invite you to attend the 2007 USW Nationals / Formula North Americans to be held Tuesday, August 7 through Saturday, August 11, 2007 on the waters of San Francisco Bay.

2. LOCAL ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

This event is recognized and sanctioned by US Windsurfing as the 2007 USW Nationals / Formula North American Championships. The Local Organizing Authority (LOA) will be the St. Francis Yacht Club, for and on behalf of and under the specified conditions laid down by the International Formula Windsurfing Association (IFWA), and the United States Windsurfing (USW).

3. RULES

This regatta shall be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the IFWA Class Rules & Championship Racing Guidelines.

4. ADVERTISING

The IFWA is a category 'C' class as set out in the ISAF Regulation 20 – Advertising Code. Competitors who have their own sponsorship are asked to notify the LOA in writing of their sponsor. Competitors may be required to wear sponsor vest and or sail stickers on sails.

5. SAFETY

All competitors shall wear full wetsuits. Half wetsuits will not be allowed. Water temperature will average 58-60 degrees Fahrenheit. Bay winds are from 15 – 30 knots. The wind minimum for starting a race will be 8 knots.

6. ELIGIBILITY

All entries shall meet the requirements of the ISAF RRS Appendices Section 2 – Part 2 – Appendix 2. All competitors must be current members of US Windsurfing. Competitors may register with US Windsurfing on site. Foreign Competitors shall be paid up members of their National FW Association or shall be paid up members of the International Windsurfing Association.

7. DISCIPLINE

For the determination of the USW North American Champions, the disciplines will be: Course Racing and Long Distance. The race committee decides if the conditions are suitable for official competitions and which discipline will be run. Slalom results will not be counted in a competitor's overall score and equipment will be Open.

8. CLASSES / DIVISIONS

Classes or a Division within a Class with eight (8) or less competitors may be combined at the discretion of the LOA. Additional fleets may be recognized, such as Formula Experience, RSX, Kona and Open.

MEN – FORMULA	WOMEN – FORMULA
Men 19-34	Women
Masters 35-44	Masters 35+
Grand Masters 45-54	Junior Women <=18
Senior Grand Masters 55+	
Junior Men <=18	

A competitor must have reached the minimum age limit, in the relevant division, by Dec 31, 2006. A competitor must not be older than the maximum age limit, in the relevant division, by Dec 31, 2007.

9. ENTRY

Entry must be completed online at www.stfyc.com. Entries must be submitted by July 25, 2007 to avoid late fee. The Entry fee is \$150, if received by July 25. The Entry fee is \$180, if received after July 25. Junior Entry Fee is \$100, if received by July 25, and \$130, if received after this date. Late registration and Check-In will begin at 1200 hours and close at 1700 hours on August 6, 2007.

10. SCHEDULE

Monday, August 6	1200-1700	Late Registration and Check-In
Tuesday, August 7	1000	Sailor's Meeting, (Mandatory)
	1100	Racing
Wednesday, August 8	1100	Racing
	1800	Welcoming Ceremony
Thursday, August 9	1100	Racing
	1800	Social
Friday, August 10	1100	Racing
	1800	Social
Saturday, August 11	1100	Racing
	after racing	Awards Banquet

11. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available at registration as well as published on the website by August 6, 2007.

12. RACING AREA

Racing will take place on the City Front Racing Area, San Francisco Bay.

13. SCORING SYSTEM

The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A of the Racing Rules, will apply except that a competitor's result in the Long Distance Race will be counted twice in their total score. (For example: LD Race = Two Course Races: If you place 30th in the Long Distance / Race #5, you will also receive 30 pts for Race #6.) Twelve races are scheduled in the series. When ten or more races have been completed, a competitor's series score will be the total of their scores excluding their worst score. Three races will constitute a series. Racing will take place on the City Front Racing Area, San Francisco Bay.

14. COMPETITOR IDENTIFICATION

At registration the LOA intends to check for compliance with IFWC class rule 2.6. Identification Marks. Competitors must register with the sail number they plan to race with or notify the Race Committee in writing of any changes before racing.