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NOTICE OF RACE

WALVISBAY SPEEDWEEK 2007

ISSUED BY THE NAMIBIAN SAILING ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATING THE INTERNATIONAL SPEEDSURFING ASSOCIATION, THE INTERNATIONAL FUNBOARD CLASS ASSOCIATION THE INTERNATIONAL SPEED WINDSURFING ASSOCIATION AND THE PROFESSIONAL KITERIDERS ASSOCIATION

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IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMES:

Entries close:

Friday 6 July 2007

Late entries close:

Friday 3 August 2007. Late entry fee applies

Registration:

Saturday 1 September 14:00 at Free Air Centre

Welcome/Media Function:

Saturday 1 September mandatory attendance

Dress Code: Smart Casual

First possible Heat:

Sunday 2 September 2007

Event ends:

Tuesday 11 September 2007

Prize Giving:

Saturday 9 September 2007

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL TIMES GIVEN IN THIS NOTICE OF RACE ARE LOCAL NAMIBIAN TIMES (UTC PLUS 2 HOURS).

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ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The event will be under the management of a Race Committee appointed by the Walvisbay Speedweek, sanctioned by ISAF. The Regatta Center is situated at the Free Air Centre, Walvisbay, Namibia. All communication with the competitors will be through the Notice Board situated at the Free Air Center. This event is a "Controlled" event.

2. RULES

2.1. The event will be governed by:

- 2.1.1. The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2005-2008, except as specified below. Advertising is permitted in accordance with the 2005 - 2008 ISAF Advertising Code.
- 2.1.2. This Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions;
- 2.1.3. The ISA Championship Rulebook 2007
- 2.1.4. The PKRA Speed World Cup Rules

2.2 The Race Committee reserves the right to change the Notice of Race by amendment or in the Sailing Instructions. In case of conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will prevail.

2.3 Specific attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4 which states: "The responsibility for a boat's (competitor) decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers (his) alone."

3. COURSE AND DATE

- 3.1 The course is situated on the central stretch of the Speed strip, Walvis Bay(22°57S 14°27E). In length approximately 501 meters. Full details of the position of the start and finish lines will be contained in the Sailing Instructions.
- 3.2 The event will start on Saturday 1 September 2007
- 3.3 9 to 11 September 2007 are holdover days which will be made use of in the event of insufficient wind. Under normal conditions these days will be used for a nautical mile record attempt.

4. DIVISIONS OFFERED

Competitors are invited to enter the event in any one of the following divisions:

- 4.1 Windsurfing – The Race Committee may constitute more than one divisions depending on entries received. This is the third leg of the 2007 Speedsurfing Grand Prix Tour. The overall winner of the ISA division will be the Speed Windsurfing World Champion 2007. The overall winner of the IFCA division will be the Production Board Speed Windsurfing World Champion 2007.
- 4.1.1 This event is a single discipline event

4.1.2 Entries are accepted as described in the ISA Rules

4.1.3 This is a mixed fleet event

4.1.4 A maximum of 3 rounds per day will be sailed

4.1.5 IFCA and ISA Classes will run simultaneously. Separate scoring for both classes will be done.

4.1.6 IFCA Speedsurfing Grand Prix

4.1.6.1 Equipment that meets section 7 of this NOR is allowed

4.1.7 ISA Speedsurfing Grand Prix

4.1.7.1 Any equipment will be allowed to race

4.2 Kitesurfing – The Race Committee may constitute more than one divisions depending on entries received. This is the final leg of the 2007 Professional Kiteriders Association Tour. The overall winner of the PKRA division will be the Speed Kitesurfing World Champion 2007.

5. **ELIGIBILITY AND SAFETY STANDARDS**

5.1. The decision of the Race Committee whether a competitor satisfactorily meet the eligibility criteria for entry in the event is final and binding.

5.2. All windsurfing entrants will meet the requirements of the ISA Championship Rulebook 2007 part D, with allowances made for further international results and personal best speeds.

5.3. All kitesurfing entrants will meet the requirements of the PKRA event rules.

- 5.4. A minimum 1 round will be required for a valid event result.
- 5.5. Competitors must possess valid third party liability insurance.
- 5.6. Windsurfing competitors must be a member of a National Speedsurfing Association which is a paid up member to the IWA.
- 5.7. All windsurfing entrants must be licensees of the ISA.
- 5.8. Kitesurfing entrants must be members of the PKRA.
- 5.9. Membership formalities can be completed on site.

6. ENTRIES AND REGISTRATION

- 6.1. An entry, on the prescribed entry form, completed in every respect, must be submitted with the relevant entry fee to the Race Secretary by no later than 17h00 (local time) on Friday 3 August 2007.
- 6.2. Entry fee will be N\$ 950.- per competitor. The entry fee is not refundable. Late entrants, in addition to the fee prescribed above, must pay a late entry fee of N\$ 500.-.

- 6.3. The Race Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry or to exclude any competitor from the event at its sole discretion, and its decision in this regard shall be final and binding.
- 6.4. On registration day competitors are required to produce the following:
- 6.4.1. Original Regatta Entry Form
 - 6.4.2. Prove of valid third party insurance
 - 6.4.3. Guardian Consent (for competitors under the age of 18)
 - 6.4.4. Medical Treatment Permission (for competitors under the age of 18 or on parents medical aid)
 - 6.4.5. Original prove of payment (entry fee)
 - 6.4.6. Prove of birth date

7. **EQUIPMENT**

- 7.1. Competitors will bring their own equipment.
- 7.2. Windsurfing competitors wanting to partake in the IFCA class can only use boards that are listed on the ISAF Speed/Slalom Production Board list. Equipment must be registered on registration day. On registration the competitor will have to confirm which will be his/her default class (ISA/IFCA)

8. MEASUREMENT

It is the responsibility of each competitor to ensure that his/her equipment conforms to the class rules. Measurers will pay special attention to sail identification compliance. Random checks during the event can be conducted.

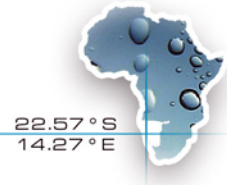
9. IDENTIFICATION

Sail numbers for windsurfing competitors shall be of contrasting colour to the body of the sail. A minimum digit height of 230 mm and 11 mm spacing is mandatory. Sail numbers must be positioned above the event sticker and according to the ISA Championship Rulebook 2007.

During practice and racing competitors are required to wear bibs/vests supplied by the race organisation. The event sticker for the windsurfing division will be on all sails used in the event. (dimensions 980 mm x 220 mm) stickers may not be cut or trimmed. If provided, carrying the ISA stickers in the sails is mandatory.

10. BUOYANCY

If personal buoyancy is prescribed, each competitor & support boat crewmember shall wear, above the waist, a jacket, harness, or vest with a minimum buoyancy of 4kg uninflated, in fresh water. The buoyancy shall be tested with a ferrous metal weight of 4kg, which shall remain supported for a minimum of 5 minutes.



11. SCORING

The alternative low point scoring system will apply.

For event and tour scoring see the ISA Championship Rulebook 2007. Custom and Production boards (IFCA class) are scored separately.

12. PRICES AND POINTS

Prizes may be awarded to the first three competitors in each divisions.

Event prize money will be Euro 20000.00, for Windsurfers (incl. Tour Purse) and Kitesurfers (incl. Tour Purse).

For Windsurfing competitors this event is a grand prix final, thus will be awarded double points.

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13. COACHES AND TEAM MEMBERS

Coaches and support crew are required to register with the organizing body prior to the event commencement. Support boats are permitted and must also be registered with the support crew. All support crew are to wear buoyancy aids at all times.

14. DRUG TESTING

Competitors are reminded of the ISAF rules and regulations concerning the use of banned methods and substances. Drug testing may take place during the event.

15. TELEVISION AND MEDIA

In registering for the event, competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority the right in perpetuity to make, use and show from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproduction of them, taken during the period of the event, for the said event as defined in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions in which he/she participates without compensation.

16. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be issued to all entrants as soon as they become available.

17. SKIPPERS BRIEFING

17.1 A compulsory skippers briefing will be held at the Regatta Office on Sunday 2 September 2007 at 10h00. Competitors not attending will be penalized with a fine of N\$ 450.00.



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18. PROTESTS

No protests may be filed after 14h00 on Tuesday 11 September 2007. On good cause shown this time may be extended on application to the Race Committee. All protest must be in compliance to rule RRS 60.

19. INDEMNITY

The competitor entered shall be deemed, on the acceptance of the entry by the Race Committee, on behalf of themselves, their crew, their dependants and their sponsors to have indemnified the Organisers, the sponsors and all those involved in the running of the event against all claims of any kind arising from any injury to person or property incurred during or in connection with the event, or from any other cause arising whatsoever.

The Race Committee indemnifies itself against any costs for "Search and Rescue".