



Kites and Big Cats Regatta

American Kiteboarding Association

July 19-21, 2013

San Francisco, CA, USA

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1** The regatta will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*, including Appendix F - Kiteboard Racing Rules and the IKA Class Rules and Championship Rules.
- 1.2** Only the following US SAILING prescriptions will apply: the prescriptions to Rules 68, 76.1, and 76.3.
- 1.3** Changed Rules:
- (a) In Rules 29.1, 30.1, 30.2 and 30.3, change ‘ crew or equipment’ to ‘or competitor’.
 - (b) Rule F.44.2 is rename 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 the penalty at or near the finishing line, she shall sail completely to the course side of the line before finishing
 - (c) In Rules 61.1(a)(4) and 62.1(b), change ‘damage’ to ‘ damage or a serious tangle’.
 - (d) Delete Rule F.62.1
 - (e) Delete F.A.8. Ties shall be broken in accordance to the unchanged Appendix A.
- 1.4** Competitors must wear a numbered jersey.
- 1.5** If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.

2 ENTRY

- 2.1** All entries shall meet the requirements of ISAF Regulation 19 – Eligibility Code.
- 2.2** Competitors shall be members of a national class association which is a paid up member of the relevant international class association (IKA).
- 2.3** Competitors shall complete online registration (www.americankiteboarding.org) prior to 2359 hours Pacific Standard Time on Thursday, Jul 18, 2013. Registration and check-in after the deadline will be approved at the discretion of the PRO.

3 COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1** A Competitors’ Briefing will be held at Crissy Beach daily at 1200 hours starting on Friday, July 19.
- 3.2** Official Notices will be posted at www.americankiteboarding.org.
- 3.3** Questions regarding the Sailing Instructions may be submitted in writing to the Race Committee. Questions and written responses will be posted at www.americankiteboarding.org.

4 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted not less than one hour before they are to take effect except any changes to Sailing Instruction 8, Schedule will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before they take effect.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1** When Flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 20 minutes’. This changes Race Signals.

6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1** Course racing will be held on Friday, July 19, Saturday, July 20, and Sunday, July 21.
- 6.2** The Race Committee intends to run 3-4 races per day.

7 CLASS FLAGS

7.1 The class flag will be a white flag with a black insignia.

8 VENUE

8.1 The intended race area will be on the San Francisco Bay City Front.

9 COURSES & MARKS

9.1 Courses and marks are described in Attachment A – Official Description of Marks and Courses.

9.2 No later than the Warning Signal, a placard designating the course will be displayed from the Signal Boat.

9.3 On the downwind leg, competitors shall not pass through the Finish Line. A competitor that breaks this rule shall be penalized 5 points in that race for each infringement by the Race Committee without a hearing.

10 THE START

10.1 The Starting Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and an orange inflatable buoy or a Race Committee boat displaying an orange flag, set to port.

10.2 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.

| <u>Signal</u> | <u>Flag and Sound</u> | <u>Minutes before the Start</u> |
|---------------|---|---------------------------------|
| Warning | Class flag up with one sound | 5 |
| Preparatory | Code flag P, I, Z, Z with I, U, or black flag up with one sound | 4 |
| One Minute | Preparatory flag removed with one sound | 1 |
| Start | Class flag removed with one sound | 0 |

10.3 A competitor shall not start later than four minutes after her starting signal. A competitor that starts later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

11 THE FINISH

The Finish Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Finish Boat and a white round mark set to port.

12 TIME LIMIT FOR EACH RACE

The Time Limit for each race is 30 minutes. A competitor failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first finisher shall be scored "Did Not Finish" (DNF) by the Race Committee. This changes RRS 35 and IKA 1.b.i.

13 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

13.1 Protests and requests for redress forms will be available at Crissy Beach.

13.2 Protest and requests for redress shall be lodged within 60 minutes of the last finisher in the last race, or after the Race Committee signals "AP over A" for the respective fleet, whichever is later.

13.3 Infringements of Sailing Instructions 1.4, 17.1, 21 shall not be grounds for protest from one competitor to another, but may result in action from the Jury and or Race Committee.

16 SCORING

16.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

16.2 Scoring will be in accordance with RRS Appendix A.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 All competitors shall wear wetsuits with a minimum thickness of 3/2mm, which cover the knees and have short sleeves as minimum coverage.

18 REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

Replacement of equipment must be approved by the Event Equipment Inspector prior to sailing in subsequent races. Replacement can be requested through the Request For Change of Equipment form available at Crissy Beach.

19 EQUIPMENT AND EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

19.1 Competitors shall ensure the Equipment Registration Form is submitted online by 1100 hours on Friday, July 19, 2013. The Race Committee may extend this time limit.

19.2 Equipment inspections may be made at any time during the event.

20 ADVERTISING

Competitors may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. ISAF Regulation 20 Advertising Code shall apply.

21 SUPPORT BOATS

Team leaders, coaches, and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall, or abandonment.

22 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded based on participation.

23 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, 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.

25 OFFICIALS

Organizing Authority
Principal Race Officer
AKA President

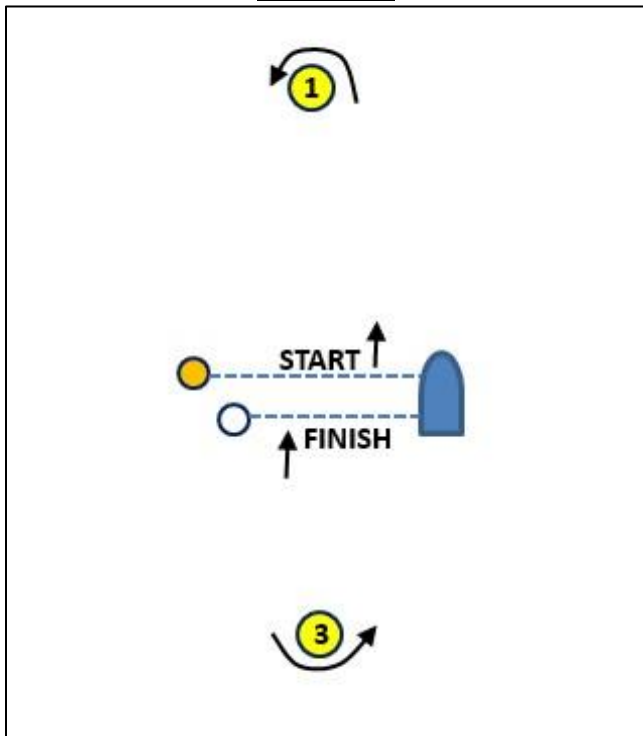
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Attachment A, Official Description of Marks and Courses

| MARK | DESCRIPTION |
|------|---|
| 1 | Inflatable yellow buoy or 26ft red "leisure cat" displaying a green flag as a Windward Mark |
| 3 | Inflatable yellow buoy or 26ft red "leisure cat" displaying a green flag as a Leeward Mark |

| COURSE | ROUNDING ORDER |
|--------|--|
| A | Start → 1(p) → 3(p) → Finish |
| B | Start → 1(p) → 3(p) → 1(p) → 3(s) → Finish |

Course A



Course B

