



## **NOTICE OF RACE FORMULA WINDSURFING FESTIVAL**

**2006 FORMULA YOUTH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP**

**2006 FORMULA MASTERS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP**

**2006 FORMULA JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Westende, Middelkerke, Belgium.**

**23<sup>rd</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2006.**

*An International Windsurfing Association sanctioned event*

### **1. EVENT**

- 1.1 The 2006 **Formula Windsurfing Festival (FWF)** will be held from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> July in Westende, Middelkerke, Belgium.
- 1.2 The Festival includes World Championships for Formula Youth and Formula Masters, and the Formula Junior Championships.
- 1.3 Competitors are invited to attend the Formula World Ranking event that will take place prior to the Festival over the weekend July 21<sup>st</sup> >23<sup>rd</sup> at the same venue.

### **2. ORGANISER**

- 2.1 The Championships will be organised VYF and Surfclub VVW Westende, as the LOA, for and on behalf of and under specified conditions laid down by the International Formula Windsurfing Class (IFWC) and the ISAF.

### **3. VENUE**

- 3.1 The racing will take place off the Beach of St-Laureinsstrand, Koning Ridderdijk, Westende, Middelkerke in Belgium on the North Sea. During August the weather conditions are depending on High – Low pressure systems, water temp 16-18°C, average air temp 15-20°C.

### **4. RULES**

- 4.1 This is an ISAF sanctioned event governed by:
  - 4.1.1 The 2005/2008 ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing –Windsurfing Competition Rules (WCR) ;
  - 4.1.2 The IFWC Class Rules & Championship Rules;
  - 4.1.3 This Notice of Race ("NoR") & the Sailing Instructions (SIs);
  - 4.1.4 Alterations to the SIs must be approved by the Class's Race Supervisor;
- 4.2 Competitors shall attend the opening & closing ceremonies inc. the prize giving .
- 4.3 The IFWC is a category 'C' class as set out in ISAF Regulation 20 - Advertising Code.

### **5. ELIGIBILITY & DISCIPLINE**

- 5.1 All entries shall meet the requirements of ISAF Regulation 19-Eligibility Code .
- 5.2 A minimum of 3 races is required for a valid Championship.
- 5.3 Competitors shall possess valid third party liability insurance.
- 5.4 Competitors shall be a member of a National FW Assoc. or of the IFWC. National Associations shall be paid up members of the IWA, which is empowered by the class to collect any fees due.
- 5.5 Membership formalities can be completed on site.

### **6. CLASSES**

#### **6.1 Formula Windsurfing Youth World Championship ( FWYWC)**

- 6.1.1 The series shall be a single discipline event for Divisions C – Men/Women;
- 6.1.2 Women may race in the same fleet as the FWYWC Men or FWMC Women in a maximum of 4 races per day.

#### **6.2 Formula Windsurfing Junior Championships (FWJC )**

- 6.2.1 The series shall be a single discipline event for Division D – Boys/Girls.
- 6.2.2 Boys and Girls may race together in a maximum of 3 races per day

#### **6.3 Formula Windsurfing Masters World Championship (FWMC)**

- 6.3.1 The series shall be a single discipline event for Division G – Men/Women
- 6.3.2 Men & women may race together in a maximum of 4 races per day.

### **7. DIVISIONS**

#### **7.1 Gender:**

Men/Boys; Women/Girls;

#### **7.2 Age:**

- 7.2.1 Youth (C) shall be under the age of 20 (born in or after 1987 and not later than 1995)
- 7.2.2 A Junior (D) shall be under the age of 17 (born in or after 1990 and not later than 1995)
- 7.2.3 A Master (G) is a man who has reached the age of 35 (1970 or for a woman, 30 (1975)
- 7.2.4 A competitor must have reached the minimum age limit, in the relevant division, by Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> 2005
- 7.2.5 A competitor must not be older than the maximum age limit, in the relevant division, by Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> 2005.

#### **7.3 General**

- 7.3.1 A minimum of 5 entries is required to constitute a 'class' or a division within a class. If the number of entries in a class/division reaches 30, that class/division may be given a separate start.

### **8. EQUIPMENT**

- 8.1 All competitors shall bring their own equipment.
- 8.2 Sailors competing for the Junior Championship shall use boards from the 2005 Formula list .
- 8.3 An Equipment Registration Form shall be completed before the close of registration ,as prescribed in IFWC Championship Rule # 6 , except sails shall be stamped and signed by Equipment Inspectors.

### **9. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**

- 9.1 It is the responsibility of each competitor to ensure that his/her board and equipment conforms to the Class Rules.

9.2 The Equipment Inspectors will pay special attention to sail identification rule compliance.

9.3 Equipment checks may be made throughout the event.

#### 10. SAIL INSIGNIAS

10.1 National letters & sail numbers shall comply with IFWC Championship Rule # 7

#### 11. BUOYANCY / WETSUITS

11.1 Buoyancy shall comply with IFWC Championship Rule # 3.

11.2 All competitors aged 16 years or younger shall wear personal buoyancy .

11.3 Wetsuits are mandatory for all competitors.

#### 12. LIABILITY

12.1 Competitors take part in all races at their own risk. The LOA, IFWC or any of their officials or representatives or the sponsors or their officials or representatives are not responsible, under any circumstances, for any damage, loss or injury either ashore or on the water either to persons or equipment, which may result. Participation in this event, supporting events and in each race in them is at the sole discretion of the sailor and at his/her own risk. Notice is drawn to RRS 4.

#### 13. COURSES

13.1 Courses shall be as prescribed in the IFWC Championship Rule #14 and Appendix 2 ; or as prescribed in the SI's.

#### 14. SCORING

14.1 Scoring shall comply with IFWC Championship Rule # 21.

#### 15. INTERNATIONAL JURY

15.1 An International Jury may be appointed in accordance with the RRSs 70.4.

#### 16. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI)/EVENT PROGRAMME

16.1 The 'Championship SIs' will be available at registration as will the Event Programme scheduling social events.

#### 17. COACHES

17.1 Coaches are required to register in advance by filling in **Form 4**

17.2 Coaches and support personnel shall pay a registration fee of Euro 25.

17.3 Coachboats may support competitors. If you propose to bring your own, please advise the local organiser in advance. Coach boats can be moored in the Yachtclub VVW Nieuwpoort : [www.vvwnieuwpoort.be](http://www.vvwnieuwpoort.be)

17.4 Coaches shall wear buoyancy aids when the "Y" flag is flown.

#### 18. SCHEDULE

Monday	24 <sup>th</sup> July	10.00hrs-20.00hrs	Registration & Inspection
Tuesday	25 <sup>th</sup> July	09.00hrs-11.00hrs	Registration & Inspection
		10.00hrs	Skippers Meeting
		11.00hrs	Practice Race
		13.00hrs	Skippers Meeting
		14.00hrs	First possible start
		tbc	<b>Opening Ceremony</b>
Wed.>Sat.	26 <sup>th</sup> >29 <sup>th</sup>	09.30hrs	Skippers Meeting
		10.00hrs	First possible start
Thursday	27 <sup>h</sup> July	tbc	<b>Free Dinner</b>
Saturday	29 <sup>th</sup> July	16.00hrs	last possible start
		18.00hrs	<b>Prize Giving</b>
Sunday	30 <sup>th</sup> July		<b>Departure</b>

#### 19. MEDALS AND PRIZES

19.1 Medals may be awarded up to the first five Men/Women in each Class/Division depending on entry numbers. Prize categories and the actual number of prizes to be awarded in each properly constituted division will be posted on the official notice board after the close of registration and before the first race.

19.2 The first man/ woman in the FWYWC shall be known as the **Formula Youth World Champion**

19.3 The first boy/ girl in the FWJC shall be known as the **Formula Junior Champion**

19.4 The first man/ woman in the FWMC shall be known as the **Formula Masters World Champion**

#### 20. DRUGTESTING

20.1 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.

#### 21. TELEVISION AND MEDIA

21.1 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 Championship as defined in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions in which he/she participates without compensation.

#### 22. BIBS/VESTS & COMPETITORS SAIL BRANDING.

22.1 During racing, competitors may be required by the organisers to wear bibs/vests carrying the event sponsors' branding; and carry the event sponsor's advertising on their sails in accordance with IFWC Championship Rule #8.

#### 23. DRESS CODE

23.1 Smart casual clothes shall be worn for the Opening Ceremony and Prize Giving Ceremony.

23.2 The organisers reserve the right to refuse entry to anyone whose standard of attire is not commensurate with the occasion.

#### 24. ACCOMMODATION / TOURIST INFORMATION

- 24.1 Overnight camping (in camper vans) is permitted on site –free of charge ; alternatively fully equipped caravan and camping parks are situated within walking distance of the event site .
- 24.2 Additional information will be posted on the website with site plan and photos of the event site and surrounding area. Go to : [www.vvwwestende.be](http://www.vvwwestende.be) (*available soon*)
- 24.3 For further tourist information visit : <http://www.middelkerke.be/toerisme/default.htm>

## 25. AIR TRAVEL/ TRANSPORTATION / TRANSFERS

- 25.1 The nearest International Airport is Brussels (approx. 60 mins).
- 25.2 Free transport, for non-european windsurfers, from the airport to the race site will be provided from 3 days before until 3 days after the event. Please notify the organiser of your requirements and your flight details by returning **Form 6**

## 26. REGISTRATION

- 26.1 The registration office during the regatta will be at St-Laureinsstrand, Koning Ridderdijk, Westende, Middelkerke. For more local Information before the regatta and to make enquiries please contact :

**Flemish Windsufing Federation - Fax: 0032 (0)9 243 11 39      Email : [info@wf.be](mailto:info@wf.be)**  
**Organising Club – email: [geert@theoutsidercoast.be](mailto:geert@theoutsidercoast.be)      Event website: <http://www.vvwwestende.be/>**

- 26.2 Competitors will be required to produce the following prior to completing registration formalities on site:

- Original Regatta Entry Form (**Form 1**)
- Evidence of valid third party insurance
- Parental/legal Guardian Assent (**Form 2**)      - for those under age of 18
- Medical Treatment Permission (**Form 3**)      - for those under age of 18 or on their parents medical insurance policy
- Original Bank Transfer/Draft details
- Proof of age
- Equipment Registration Form signed by the Official Inspectors .

## 27. ENTRIES & PAYMENT

- 27.1 Entry fees are as stated on the attached entry form (**Form 1**) –120 euro for all competitors except Junior (under 17) 80 euro- and shall be paid at the time of entry by MasterCard, Visa Card or bank transfer only by **July 3<sup>rd</sup> 2006**. Payments made on site are subject to a Euro 40 excess charge unless special arrangement has been made with the IWA.
- 27.2 Competitors can **enter in advance electronically** through the IWA website at [www.internationalwindsurfing.com](http://www.internationalwindsurfing.com) or by faxing +44 2392 468831) or mailing an official entry form (**Form 1**) with their entry fees. The Entry Forms may be downloaded from the IFWC website at [www.formulawindsurfing.org](http://www.formulawindsurfing.org)
- 27.3 Money Transfers shall be in the name of: **The International Windsurfing Association** and be sent to:
- Account Name:** The International Windsurfing Association  
**Euro Account #:** 52977299  
**Sort Code:** 20-08-44  
**Bank Details:** Barclays Bank Plc, Birmingham, UK (*Bank charges to your account*)  
**IBAN:** GB93 BARC 2008 4452 9772 99  
**SWIFTBIC:** BARCGB22 (Bank Identifier Code)
- 27.4 or by Cheque /Bankers Draft, drawn on a British Bank to:
- International Windsurfing Association**  
Mengham Cottage, Mengham Lane, Hayling Island, Hampshire PO11 9JX,  
United Kingdom  
**Tel:** +44 (0) 2392 468831 **Fax:** +44 (0) 2392 468831  
**E-Mail:** [info@internationalwindsurfing.com](mailto:info@internationalwindsurfing.com)
- 27.5 Entry fees paid on site shall be made in Euros Only.