



Notice of Race
2007 SANTA POLA FORMULA EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP
Santa Pola, Spain. April 23rd to April 28th, 2007.
An International Windsurfing Association sanctioned event



1. EVENT

- 1.1** The 2007 **SANTA POLA** FORMULA WINDSURFING EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS will be held from Monday April 23rd to Saturday April 28th 2007 in Santa Pola, Spain.
- 1.2** The Event is a Qualification Regatta, in the Mens Division, for the 2007 Formula Windsurfing World Championships. A total of 5 qualification places are allocated to European competitors in the European Championships. The event is also a **Level 1** Formula Windsurfing **World Ranking** event.

2. ORGANISER

- 2.1** The Championships will be organised by WINDSURF CLUB SANTA POLA as the Local Organising Authority (LOA) for and on behalf of, and under specified conditions laid down by the IFWC, IWA and the Royal Spanish Sailing Federation (RFEV).
- 2.2** The event is sponsored by Ayuntamiento de Santa Pola



3. VENUE

- 3.1** The event will be based at the Great Beach, Santa Pola.
- 3.2** Santa Pola is 18 km south of Alicante, and 10km from the nearest international airport.
- 3.2** Conditions to be expected - winds sideshore and side-onshore; water temperature 18.c; air temperature 25.c

4. RULES

- 4.1** This is an ISAF sanctioned event governed by:
- 4.1.1** The 2005/2008 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), and Appendix B – Windsurfing Competition Rules;
- 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 , including the dinner and 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 Association, 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 European Championship (FWEC)

- 6.1.1** The series shall be a single discipline 'Open Entry' event for men and women in Divisions A and B;
- 6.1.2** Women may race separately from the Men.
- 6.1.3** There shall be a maximum of 4 races per day. The maximum number of races in the series is 15.
- 6.2** Masters men shall race with Division A.
- 6.3** Youth men may race with Division A or separately, depending upon the number of entries.

7. DIVISIONS

- 7.1 Gender:** Men (A); Women (B).
- 7.2 Age:**
- 7.2.1** A youth shall be under the age of 20 (born in or after 1988 and not later than 1995)
- 7.2.2** A Master is a man who has reached the age of 35 (1971>) or a woman who has reached the age of 30 (1976>)
- 7.2.3** A competitor shall have reached the minimum age, in the relevant division, by Dec.31st 2006.
- 7.2.4** A competitor shall not be older than the maximum age limit , in the relevant division , by Dec 31st 2007.



7.3 Weight:

7.3.1 **Lightweight** - a sailor who weighs less than 75kg.

7.3.2 **Heavyweight** - a sailor who weighs more than 75kg.

7.4 A minimum of 5 entries is required to constitute a division within a fleet.

8. EQUIPMENT

8.1 All competitors shall bring their own equipment.

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 be in a colour that contrasts strongly with the body of the sail; placed immediately above the event advertising; and positioned according to RRS App. G. Alternatively sail insignias may be placed back to back on a white background. All Sails shall otherwise comply with the national letter system according to the RRS 77 and App. G.

11. BUOYANCY

11.1 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.

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.

13. COURSES

13.1 Courses shall be as prescribed in the IFWC Championship Rules or in the Sailing Instructions.

14. SCORING

14.1 The RRS low points scoring system shall apply.

15. INTERNATIONAL JURY

15.1 An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with the RRS 70.4. Their decisions will be final and cannot be appealed.

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 Coach boats may support competitors. If you propose to bring your own, please advise the local organisers in advance.

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

18. SCHEDULE

Fri/Sun	Apr 20/22	Arrival & Training	
Monday	Apr 23rd	1000 - 1800hrs	Registration
		2000 hrs	Opening ceremony - dinner
Tue/Fri	Apr 24/27	1000 hrs	Skippers meeting
		1100hrs	First possible start
Saturday	Apr 28th	1000hrs	Racing
		1800hrs	Last possible start
		2000hrs	Prize Giving Ceremony / dinner & party
Sunday	Apr 29th	Departures	

19. MEDALS AND PRIZES



- 19.1** Medals or trophies may be awarded up to the first five competitors in the Championship, including Youth and Masters, Light and Heavy, 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.
- 19.2** The **first European** man/ woman in the **FWEC** shall be known as **the Formula European Champion**.
- 19.3** The **first European** youth in the **FWEC** shall be known as the **Formula Youth European Champion**.
- 19.4** The **first European** master in the **FWEC** shall be known as the **Formula Masters European Champion**.
- 19.4** These Championships carry a prize fund of **20,000 euro** (net of taxes), which shall be divided according to Prize Money rules published on the formula website.

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. The maximum size of the event-advertising sticker is 600mmX1000mm. The stickers may not be cut or trimmed in any way.

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

- 24.1** The **Recommended Hotel** for the event  www.jmhoteles.com
www.jmviajes.com
- 24.2** Vehicles and camper vans may park free of charge at the event site.

25. AIR TRAVEL/TRANSPORTATION/TRANSFERS

- 25.1** A wide range of scheduled and charter flights are available from all over Europe.
- 25.2** Windsurf Club Santa Pola will arrange transport to and from the airport for equipment, competitors and support personnel at cost of 20 euro per person. The deadline for booking this service is April 15th. (**Form 5**)

26. REGISTRATION

- 26.1** The registration office during the regatta will be situated adjacent to Club Windsurf Santa Pola. For more local information before the regatta and to make enquiries please contact: info@windsurfsantapola.com
The address of the club may also be used for contacting competitors during the event:
Avda. Blasco Ibañez nº 55 Tel: 965416258

Email: info@windsurfsantapola.com **URL:** www.windsurfsantapola.com

- 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 Inspector

27. ENTRIES & PAYMENT

- 27.1** The entry fees are as stated on the attached entry form (**Form 1**) and shall be paid at the time of entry by MasterCard, Visa Card or bank transfer only. The cut-off date for pre-entries is **APRIL 6th, 2007**.
- 27.2** Competitors may **enter in advance electronically** through the IWA website at 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 Formula Class website (attached to this NOR).

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*)

SWIFTBIC: BARCGB22 (Bank Identifier Code)

IBAN: GB93 BARC 2008 4452 9772 99

Bank Detail: Barclays Bank Plc, Birmingham, UK

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: iwaoffice@internationalwindsurfing.com

27.5 Entry fees paid on site shall be made in cash in Euros only. Late entries may incur a late entry surcharge.

