



**2016 Kashy Fins - Windsurfing Festival
WET Spring Regatta
April 29-May 1, 2016
Seaford, VA
Notice of Race**

Event

The 5th Kashy Fins Windsurfing Festival and Windsurfing Enthusiasts of Tidewater (WET) Spring Regatta is part of the US Windsurfing National Racing Tour (NRT). It will be held at the beach front home of Melissa and David Kashy on York Point where the Poquoson River and Chisman Creek flow into the lower Chesapeake Bay in Seaford, VA, USA. Address: 131 York Point Drive, Seaford, Virginia, 23696 USA [click HERE](#). Darren Rogers will, once again, be our principal race officer (PRO), so we can expect to have well run races, along with all the usual amenities provided by the Kashys.

Organizer and Hosts

This event is organized and hosted by Dave and Melissa Kashy and WET, under specified conditions laid down by the US Windsurfing Association <http://www.uswindsurfing.org>

Venue & Conditions

Racing will take place on the Chesapeake Bay off York Point in Seaford, VA.

- Wind conditions range from light to moderate thermal breezes to full on Nor'easters.
- Average air temperature: 50-75 F (10C - 24C)
- Average water temperature: 55-65 F (13C-18C)
- Average wind speed: predominantly SW-E-NW, with a typical Easterly afternoon thermal (but not guaranteed) of 12-15 knots this time of year

Rules

This event will be governed by the 2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing.

Eligibility

All competitors in the Formula Fleet should be current US Windsurfing Members. Competitors may join US Windsurfing or renew their memberships on site or online at www.uswindsurfing.org.

Classes, Divisions & Equipment

- Competition will be held in the following classes: Formula Class, Formula Sport, Open/Longboard (Any gear allowed), and Novice.
- Slalom racing (if held) can be raced on any gear.
- As an additional bonus, we plan to have some long distance races.

Racing Conditions

- Formula class: Winds between 8-25 knots, or at the discretion of the PRO.
- “Free Formula”: Similar conditions to Formula Class at the discretion of the PRO
- Open class: Winds between 3-25 knots or at the discretion of the PRO
- Novice: Racing will be held in safe and fun conditions
- Slalom Racing: Possible in winds above 15 knots
- Long Distance races/cruising may also be held in planning winds

Divisions

A-Fleet - Friday thru Sunday

- Formula - “Pro”
- Formula - Men
- Formula Women
- **Kona Open****

Open Fleets - Saturday and Sunday

- Free Formula
- Unlimited
- **Kona Sport****
- Novice

Fees and Provisions

The regatta will feature Racing, camping on site, Shirts, Breakfasts, Lunches and Dinners. The Early Entry Fees for all divisions are due by April 2, 2016. Register at www.sailwet.com

- A-Fleet Entry Fee (before April 2, 2016): **\$150**
- Open-Fleet Entry Fee (two days only): **\$95**
- Late registration Fee (after April 2, 2016): Additional **\$20**
- On-site entry fees shall be paid in cash (US\$) only

**** Kona fleet and charters may be offered if enough competitors pre-register. Steve Gotlieb of Sandy Point Progressive Sports/Areotech/Exocet/Kona has offered to drive to the event with a trailer load of charter boards. Since he is asking us to cover only his gas, all pre-registered/pre-paid Kona participants will need to pay only \$100 for a complete Kona setup for the full event. Late entries will pay the normal \$200 for 3 days and \$150 for 2 days. To reserve your Kona you must contact Dave (kashyr_AT_cox.net) and pay the fee via PayPal thru the WET registration web site or cash/check to Dave by April 2, 2016. If an insufficient number of folks register, then we will refund payments and will not have charters.**

Equipment

- Formula class competitors must register equipment at check-in, in accordance with Formula Class rules: (1) Formula Class board (3) Sails and (3) Fins.
- Free Formula: Any board with out a dagger board and any sails and fins
- Open is unlimited, if there are more than 5 racers then a 7.5 sail size limit class may be added
- Slalom - Anything goes including Kona!

Prizes

The top racers in each class will be crowned Kashy Fins - Windsurfing Festival Champion in that class. Awards will be given to the first 3 in each division.

Measurement

It is the responsibility of each competitor to ensure that his/her sailboard and equipment conforms to Class Rules. Measurement and equipment checks may be made throughout the event.

Sail Insignias

All sails shall comply with Appendix B 2.4 Windsurfing Competition Rules of the RRS 2013-2016 (www.isaf.org). Rule B 2.4(b) is changed to: The sail identification shall be in the central third of that part of the sail above the wishbone, clearly separated from any advertising. Commercially available typefaces giving the same or better legibility than Helvetica are acceptable.

Courses

Courses will be specified on the Official Notice Board.

Liability

Competitors take part in all races at their own risk. US Windsurfing, US Sailing, ISAF, FW Class, IWA, and the hosts, 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.

Scoring

The RRS Low Point scoring system (App. A2) will apply.

Protest Committee

A Protest Committee will be appointed.

Sailing Instructions (SIs)

The SIs will be available at registration and the daily event schedule will be posted on the Official Notice Board each morning.

Television and Media

By registering for the event, competitors automatically grant to US Windsurfing, US

Sailing, WET, and 2016 Kashy Formula Windsurf Festival, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television, whether electronic or otherwise, and other reproduction or derivative 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.

Schedule

Thursday, April 28

Early registration on site and warm up sailing noon till sunset
Independent tune-up with friends; no organized racing, or meals

Friday, April 29

Registration A fleet 09:00-10:30
Starting of **A- Fleet** races possible between 11:00-19:00
Regatta dinner after racing - location TBD

Saturday, April 30

Registration all classes 09:00-10:00
Starting of **All Fleets** races possible between 11:00-19:00
Post-Race Barbeque/Party at Kashy's

Sunday May 1

Starting of **All Fleets** races possible between 10:00-15:00
Awards as soon as possible after racing

Accommodations

Lodging Options:

1. At Dave and Melissa's place (the event site): camping space available on site, as well as space in the unfinished attic. Breakfasts will be cooked in the garage for those who wish to join in.
2. [Bay Tree Manor Bed & Breakfast](#): 1.2 miles (2 minutes driving) from the event site. Special rates available, but limited number of rooms so reserve early!

Special NOTES

- 1) ***Our favorite Massage Therapist Terry will be present all 3 days providing excellent massages at very reasonable fees.***
- 2) ***At present my yard has NO burr grass, but with windsurfers transporting equipment from all over, there is a high likelihood that some burrs will arrive and then I will battle them forever! Please check all your gear for sand burrs and remove them prior to arrival.***

THANKS, Dave