

North American Kite Racing Championships

St. Francis Yacht Club
San Francisco, CA USA
June 5th, 2013
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The second day of racing for the North American Kite Racing Championships continues at Crissy Field in San Francisco, CA, USA. The two fleets, Yellow and Blue get changed up for closer racing throughout the fleets. The clouds pulled back to reveal an idyllic day on the water for the racers.

Yesterday's results changed up a bit for today with the overall results still awaiting some protests. As it stands now, Johnny Heineken has a one point lead over Riccardo Leccese. Johnny took three bullets, getting upset in one heat by Adam Koch. Adam was on fire in his first heat. Adam and Johnny were neck and neck to a photo finish and Johnny exploded reaching to the line trying to gain back inches on Adam. Riccardo had some trouble in the second heat, taking fourth, but also getting trumped by Bryan Lake in another heat. The top six racers at the end of today are currently listed as Heineken, Leccese, Lake, Koch, Kender and Pasquali. Five of the top six racers being local regulars.

The women also had a change up since yesterday. Erika Heineken consistently pulls out four more strong races to maintain her first position, looking solid all day. Nuria Goma has a fantastic fourth heat and gains an overall position from third to second on Catherine Dufour.

The race committee headed by Robbie Dean is pulling some impressive timing for all the racers. Getting in four heats a day for two fleets takes lots of coordination. The new course layout helps racers on and off the beach. The timing between races is only five to ten minutes. This leads to great racing action all day long. Locals and tourists alike are asking about the races up and down the beach.

If you're in the area, you are definitely going to want to come down and view the action. If you can't make it, the St. Francis Yacht Club has lined up some great media coverage. See the links below for all the up to the minute updates. A huge thanks goes out to all the officials and volunteers involved.

Stay tuned for more action on June 6th!

Racing continues:

June 6th, 2013 approximately 1pm

St. Francis Yacht Club Race Office website:

<http://www.stfyc.com/Default.aspx?p=DynamicModule&pageid=379035&ssid=295833&vnf=1>

Direct link to results:

<http://sailwave.com/results/stfyc/2013kitenasqualificationseries.htm>

Livestream! By Jamy Donaldson:

<http://new.livestream.com/accounts/3511933/events/2152265?query=kite%20&cat=event>

St. Francis Facebook site:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/St-Francis-Yacht-Club-Racing/106175099461351>

Twitter feed:

https://api.twitter.com/1/statuses/user_timeline.rss?screen_name=nakrc1