



2015 SAN FRANCISCO KITEFOIL GOLD CUP

Including:

2015 US KITEFOIL YOUTH NATIONALS

July 30 – August 2, 2015

NOTICE OF RACE

The International Kiteboarding Association, the KiteFoil Class and the St. Francis Yacht Club are pleased to invite kiteboard sailors to take part in the 2015 San Francisco KiteFoil Gold Cup.

1. EVENT

- 1.1** The San Francisco KiteFoil Gold Cup and US Kite Foil Youth Nationals will be held from July 30 - August 2, 2015.
- 1.2** The event includes the following Disciplines, Divisions and Grades:
 - KiteFoil Racing Open
 - KiteFoil Racing Women
 - KiteFoil Racing U18 (born 1997 or later)
 - KiteFoil Racing U21 (born 1994 or later)
 - KiteFoil Racing Masters (born 1978 or before)
 - KiteFoil Racing Grand Masters (born 1968 or before)
 - KiteFoil Racing Top Tube Kite
 - US KiteFoil Youth NationalsFive entries are required to constitute a division.
- 1.3** The event will be graded by as 100 point event according to the IKA point system.
- 1.4** The total prize money is \$10,000 USD.

2. VENUE

- 2.1** The event will be based in San Francisco, California USA, Crissy Field and at the St. Francis Yacht Club.

3. RULES

- 3.1** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 3.2** The organizing authority (OA) is the IKA in conjunction with host St. Francis Yacht Club.
- 3.3** The SIs will specify an amendment of rules to limit the possibility to request redress, limited to injury, damage and serious tangles, and the requirement to include a tack and a gybe when taking a turn penalty.
- 3.4** No national authority prescriptions will apply.

- 3.5 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 3.6 Competitors shall wear wetsuits with a minimum thickness of 3/2mm, which cover the knees and have short sleeves as minimum coverage.

4. ENTRY REGULATIONS AND ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 The regatta is open to equipment of the KiteFoil Class.
- 4.2 All entries shall meet the requirements of ISAF Regulation 19 - Eligibility Code.
- 4.3 The entry application deadline is Wednesday, July 29.
- 4.4 Entry applications shall be made before the entry deadline through the StFYC Webpage at www.stfyc.com/2015goldcup.
- 4.5 Competitors shall be members of a National Kiteboarding Class Association in good standing with the IKA. National Associations shall be paid up members of the IKA. If there is no paid up national association in affiliation to the IKA in the competitors home country, competitors shall become individual members of the IKA.
- 4.6 Entries in the US Kite Foil Youth Nationals division must be under 21 years of age in the year of competition.
- 4.7 Individual membership formalities can be completed on site for competitors without paid up national class associations. The individual membership fee is 25 Euro.
- 4.8 Competitors shall provide the following documentation prior to completing registration formalities on site:
 - Proof of entry fee payment
 - Evidence of national class association membership
 - Evidence of valid third party insurance – minimum 1 million dollars
 - Proof of age
 - Parental/legal guardian assent - *for those under age of 18*
 - Medical treatment permission - *for those under age of 18 or on their parents medical insurance policy*

Caddies, coaches and team support personnel shall provide the following documentation prior to completing registration formalities on site:

- Boat Driving Licence (if applicable)
- Evidence of valid third party insurance for drivers of coach boats – minimum 5 million dollars

5. FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee is \$50 USD if received before Wednesday, July 8.
- 5.2 A late fee of \$25 will be assessed to entries received on or after Wednesday, July 8. No entries will be accepted after Wednesday, July 29.
- 5.3 There is a mandatory facilities and social fee of \$150 for all competitors. Additional wristbands may be purchased for caddies, coaches and guest that wish to participate in the social events.
- 5.4 Registered entrants withdrawing prior to Wednesday, July 8 will receive a full refund of the entry fee and facilities and social fee. Registered entrants withdrawing on or after Wednesday, July 8 will not be eligible for any refund.
- 5.5 Entries made on site shall be paid by cash or charge only.

6. SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Event
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July 29	1300-1700	Registration at St. Francis Yacht Club
	1800	Opening Ceremony at St. Francis Yacht Club
July 30	1130	Competitors' Briefing – Crissy Field (beach)
	1300	First Warning Signal
	<i>Following Racing</i>	Social at St. Francis Yacht Club
July 31	1130	Competitors' Briefing – Crissy Field (beach)
	1300	First Warning Signal
	<i>Following Racing</i>	Social at St. Francis Yacht Club
August 1	1130	Competitors' Briefing – Crissy Field (beach)
	1300	First Warning Signal
	<i>Following Racing</i>	Social at Crissy Field
August 2	1130	Competitors' Briefing – Crissy Field (beach)
	1300	First Warning Signal
	1700	No Warning Signal made after this time
	<i>Following Racing</i>	Prize-Giving & Social at St. Francis Yacht Club

7. FORMAT

The regatta format will be described in the sailing instructions.

8. COURSES

8.1 The courses will be windward/leeward with upwind starts. Random leg courses may be included in the series.

8.2 The courses to be sailed will be described in the sailing instructions or on the Official Notice Board.

9. ADVERTISING

9.1 ISAF Regulation 20 - Advertising Code- shall apply.

9.2 Competitors may be required to carry advertising for event and class sponsors on their kiteboards, lines, and on a lycra vest if supplied by the organiser.

10. IDENTIFICATION

10.1 Every competitor is required to wear the official event lycra with his personal identification number whenever going afloat during the event.

11. BUOYANCY

11.1 If the use of personal flotation devices is prescribed, every competitor and 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.

11.2 Personal buoyancy is mandatory for all competitors under 18 years of age.

12. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

12.1 The sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board no later than the first competitors' briefing and will be available at www.stfyc.com. A hard copy will be given on request only.

12.2 Alterations to the SIs shall be approved by the Class Technical Director.

13. SCORING

The low point system of Appendix A will apply. The sailing instructions will describe further details.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 The Penalty System of RRS 44 as amended through the SI will apply. The penalty turn requires to include a tack and a gybe.

14.2 Sailing instructions may alternatively specify that competitors may choose between the turn penalty and a scoring penalty.

14.3 Discretionary penalties and arbitration will be used as outlined in the sailing instructions.

15. INTERNATIONAL JURY

An international jury may be appointed in accordance with the RRS 91(b). Their decisions will be final and cannot be appealed, as specified in RRS 70.5.

16. SUPPORT BOATS

Support boats shall clearly display their national 3 letter country code in black on a white background, either on a flag of a minimum of 50cm x 40cm in size or on the cover of their outboard engine.

17. STORAGE OF EQUIPMENT

17.1 On completion of registration and continuing until the end of the regatta, when ashore (other than when launching and retrieving), all equipment shall be kept in their assigned places. Access to equipment in the storage area during certain hours, including hours of darkness may be restricted.

18. PRIZES

18.1 Awards shall be given based on participation. Division winners may receive additional trophies depending on entry level.

18.2 Prizes may be awarded as follows:

a. Mens Fleet (2/3rd of total prize money)

1. 25%
2. 20%
3. 15%
4. 12%
5. 10%
6. 07%
7. 05%
8. 03%
9. 02%
10. 01%

b. Womens Fleet (1/3rd of total prize money)

1. 45%
2. 30%
3. 15%
4. 10%

18.3 The top American competitor in the Youth Nationals with awarded the title of US Kite Foil Youth National Champion.

19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

19.1 Competitors take part in all races at their own risk. The LOA, KF, IKA, ISAF 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.

19.2 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.

20. TELEVISION AND MEDIA

In registering for the event, competitors automatically grant to the IKA and the organizing 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.

21. OFFICIAL CEREMONIES

21.1 Attendance at the opening ceremony and prize-giving is mandatory.

21.2 The organizer reserves the right to refuse entry to those whose standard of attire is not commensurate with the occasion.

22. INFORMATION

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