



**38th Aruba Hi-Winds May
13–18, 2026**

Notice of Race – Windpark Vader Piet – Big Air

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1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Windpark Vader Piet Big Air is organized by the Aruba Hi-Winds Committee.

2. RULES

The event is governed by:

- *Racing Rules of Sailing 2025–2028*, Appendix F, Addendum B (Kiteboarding Big Air)
- This Notice of Race (NOR)
- Any issued Sailing Instructions

3. ELIGIBILITY & CATEGORIES

Fleets:

- Men and Women compete separately

Age Divisions:

- There are no age categories **Registration:**
- Registration and payments through online event website must be completed before May 11th, 9:00 PM.
- Competitors under 18 must submit with signed parental consent.
- All competitors must be physically fit and capable of racing safely.
- Entry becomes valid only after completing online registration and payment.

Divisions and age categories will be merged if fewer than five participants have checked in.



4. FORMAT

- Elimination format.
- Max. 5 riders per heat
- Heat duration: 10 minutes (+ 2-minute turnaround)
- Riders reseeded each round
- A minimum of two completed round constitutes a series.
- Final score = average of 3 highest jumps per completed round
- If 2+ rounds are completed, Top 5 advance to Finals
- Unfinished rounds resume the next day, or considered as invalid.

5. SCHEDULE

- Pick-up moment for official event lycra and goody bag will be on May 13, between 5:00 PM and 7pm.
- The official opening ceremony will be held on May 13th 7:00 PM.
- Skippers meetings for the big air kitesurfing will be posted daily on the ONB.
- First possible warning signal on Saturday May 16th: 9:00 AM.
- No warning signal after 12:30 PM on last day of the event.
- The detailed heat schedule will be posted daily on the ONB.
- Official Awards Ceremony: May 18th, 7:00 PM.

6. VENUE

- Sarah-Quita Beach (Fisherman's Hut), Malmok Beach, Noord, Aruba.
 - Event office open May 13–18, 8:00 AM–7:00 PM.
 - Secure equipment storage available on the beach near event side between May 12th – 18th.
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- The Big Air course area will be located offshore near event site and marked by buoys as described on the Official Notice board.
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7. EQUIPMENT & IDENTIFICATION

- There are no limitations on twintip board or sail size unless stated in the Sailing Instructions.
 - Event bibs must be worn. Rider number must be clearly visible
 - Missing/unclear numbers may result in DNF
 - Competitors are responsible for the safety and seaworthiness of their equipment.
 - All competitors must wear official event lycra while racing.
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8. SCORING

- Jump height measured in meters using the Surfr App
 - Riders must provide their own compatible device
 - Final score = average of 3 highest jumps per completed round
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9. SAFETY

- Impact vest and helmet are highly recommended.
 - All competitors must comply with safety instructions issued by the Race Committee.
 - Competitors shall render assistance if safe to do so.
 - Riders must exit competition area immediately after heat (toward shipwreck)
 - No crossing into other competition areas
 - Kites must be landed in designated zone and carried back by hand
 - Dangerous conduct = immediate disqualification
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10. PROTESTS

No formal protest procedure. Race Director decisions are final.

11. LIABILITY • Competitors participate entirely at their

own risk.

- The Organizing Authority shall not be liable for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with the event.
- The signed waiver forms part of the registration.

