



38th Aruba Hi-Winds

May 13–18, 2026

Notice of Race – Kite Cross

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1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Aruba Hi-Winds 2026 is organized by the Aruba Hi-Winds Committee.

2. RULES

The competition will be governed by:

- The *Racing Rules of Sailing 2025–2028*
 - Appendix F (Kiteboarding Racing Rules)
 - This Notice of Race (NOR)
 - Any issued Sailing Instructions
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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.



4. FORMAT

- Elimination format.
- Max. 3 riders per heat
- Only 1st place of each round advances to the next round until the finals

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 Kite Cross will be on Sunday May 17th: 13:00 AM.
- First possible warning signal on Sunday May 17th: 14:00 AM.
- No warning signal after 18:30 PM Sunday May 17th.
- 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.
- The Kite Cross area will be located offshore near event site and marked by buoys as described on the Official Notice board.

7. EQUIPMENT & IDENTIFICATION

- Competitors must wear the official event BIB over their harness at all times while racing.
 - The BIB number must be clearly visible.
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- All competitors must wear the official event lycra during competition.
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8. SCORING

- The elimination ladder system will apply.
 - Final rankings will be determined by finishing positions in the final rounds.
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9. SAFETY

- Impact vest and helmet are mandatory.
 - 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 the Ritz Carlton)
 - 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.
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