



38th Aruba Hi-Winds

May 13–18, 2026

Notice of Race – Long Distance

Kite | Wing | Windsurf | Sunfish

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

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

2. RULES

Racing will follow the *Racing Rules of Sailing 2025–2028*, including:

- Appendix B (Windsurfing)
 - Appendix F (Kiteboarding)
 - This Notice of Race (NOR)
 - Any issued Sailing Instructions
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3. ELIGIBILITY & CATEGORIES

Fleets:

Racing will be for men and women in the following fleets:

- Windsurfing Long Distance
- Windsurfing Kids (Semi-LD)
- Kiteboarding Long Distance
- Kite-Foil Long Distance
- Wing-Foil Long Distance
- Sunfish Long Distance

Sunfish competes as one combined group (no age or gender divisions).



Age Divisions (except Sunfish):

- Grand Masters (51+)
- Masters (41–50)
- Men / Women (18–40)
- Youth U18
- Divisions require a minimum of 5 competitors.
- Age categories are based on registrations.

Semi-LD vs. Long Distance:

- *Semi-LD*: For less experienced youth/kids.
- *Long Distance*: Experienced riders only; minimum age 15.
- Choice must be made at registration and cannot be changed.
- The organization may reassign competitors for safety.

Registration:

- Registration and payments through online event website must be completed before May 11th, 9:00 PM.
- Competitors under 18 must submit signed parental consent.
- All competitors must be physically fit and capable of racing safely.
- Entry becomes valid only after completing online registration and payment.
- No entries will be accepted after 5:00 PM on registration day, unless approved by the Organizing Authority.

4. FORMAT

- Full fleet format
- Fleet racing in heats
- Several categories may start together (based on the amount of entries), but will be scored separately.






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.
- Mandatory skippers meetings on May 14th and 15th, 8:00 AM
- First possible warning signal on Sunday May 14th: 9:00 AM
- No warning signal after 4:00 PM on last day of the event
- Official Awards Ceremony: May 18, 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 Long Distance course area will be located offshore near event site and marked by buoys as described on the Official Notice board.

7. EQUIPMENT & IDENTIFICATION

- Equipment must comply with RRS Appendix B
 - There are no limitations on board or sail size unless stated in the Sailing Instructions
 - Event bibs must be worn if provided
 - Competitors are responsible for the safety and seaworthiness of their equipment
 - Windsurf: Clear visible and readable sail numbers with a minimum height of 230 mm are mandatory on both sides of the sail.
 - Kite/Wing: Official event BIB is mandatory and must be worn visible.
 - All competitors must wear official event lycra while racing.
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8. SCORING

- The Low Point Scoring System (RRS Appendix A) will apply
- One completed race is required to validate the event
- Discards will be applied as specified in the Sailing Instructions

9. PROTESTS

No formal protests. Disputes will be decided by the Race Officer.

10. SAFETY

- Impact vest and helmet are mandatory for all wing and foil categories and highly recommended for all other divisions.
- All competitors must comply with safety instructions issued by the Race Committee.
- Competitors shall render assistance if safe to do so.

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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