



NOTICE OF RACE
2008, Portimão Formula Windsurfing World Championships
Alvor, Portimão, Portugal - September 8th to 14th.
Organizing Authority: Overpower Club



An International Windsurfing Association sanctioned event

1. EVENT

- 1.1. The 2008 PORTIMAO FORMULA WINDSURFING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS will be held from Monday September 8th to Sunday September 14th 2008 in Alvor, Portimão, Portugal.
1.2. **The event is also the premier Formula Windsurfing World Ranking event.**

2. ORGANISER

- 2.1. The Championships will be organised by Overpower Club for and on behalf of, and under specified conditions laid down by the IFWC, IWA and the FPV - Federação Portuguesa de Vela.
2.2. The event is sponsored by: Portimão City Hall and Expo Arade, EM.

3. VENUE

- 3.1. The event will be based at Praia do Alvor,
3.2. Portimão is 280 km south of Lisbon, and 67 km from the nearest international airport at Faro.
3.3. Conditions to be expected - winds side shore and side-onshore; water temperature 30° C; air temperature 17° C.

4. RULES

- 4.1. This is an ISAF sanctioned event governed by:
4.1.1. The 2005/ 2008 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), and Appendix B - Windsurfing Competition Rules;
4.1.2. The IFWC Class Rules & Championship Rules;
4.1.3. This Notice of Race (NoR) & the Sailing Instructions (SIs);
4.1.4. Alterations to the (SIs) must be approved by the Class's Race Supervisor;
4.2. Competitors shall attend the opening & closing ceremonies, including the dinner and prize giving.
4.3. The IFWC is a category 'C' class as set out in ISAF Regulation 20 - Advertising Code.

5. ELIGIBILITY & DISCIPLINE

- 5.1. All entries shall meet the requirements of ISAF Regulation 19 - Eligibility Code.
5.2. A minimum of 3 races is required for a valid Championship.
5.3. Competitors shall possess valid third party liability insurance.
5.4. Competitors shall be a member of a National FW Association, or of the IFWC. National Associations shall be paid up members of the IWA, which is empowered by the class to collect any fees due.
5.5. Membership formalities can be completed on site.

6. CLASSES

- 6.1. **Formula Windsurfing World Championship (FWWC)**

- 6.2. The series shall be a single discipline 'Open Entry' event for men and women in Divisions A and B.
- 6.3. Women may race separately from the Men.
- 6.4. There shall be a maximum of 4 races per day. The maximum number of races in the series is 15.
- 6.5. There may be prizes for age and weight divisions depending upon entry numbers.

7. DIVISIONS

- 7.1. **Gender:** Men (A); Women (B).
- 7.2. **Age:**
 - 7.2.1. A youth shall be under the age of 20 (born in or after 1989 and not later than 1995).
 - 7.2.2. A Master is a man who has reached the age of 35 (1972>) or a woman who has reached the age of 30 (1977>).
 - 7.2.3. A competitor shall have reached the minimum age, in the relevant division, by Dec.31st 2007.
 - 7.2.4. A competitor shall not be older than the maximum age limit, in the relevant division, by Dec 31st 2008.
- 7.3. **Weight:**
 - 7.3.1. **Lightweight** - a sailor who weighs less than 75kg.
 - 7.3.2. **Heavyweight** - a sailor who weighs more than 75kg.
- 7.4. A minimum of 5 entries is required to constitute a division within a fleet.

8. EQUIPMENT

- 8.1. All competitors shall bring their own equipment.

9. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 9.1. It is the responsibility of each competitor to ensure that his/her board and equipment conforms to the Class Rules.
- 9.2. The equipment inspectors will pay special attention to sail identification rule compliance.
- 9.3. Equipment checks may be made throughout the event.

10. SAIL INSIGNIAS

- 10.1. National letters & sail numbers shall be in a colour that contrasts strongly with the body of the sail; placed immediately above the event advertising; and positioned according to RRS App. G. Alternatively sail insignias may be placed back to back on a white background. All Sails shall otherwise comply with the national letter system according to the RRS 77 and App. G.

11. BUOYANCY

- 11.1. If personal buoyancy is prescribed, each competitor & support boat crew member 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.

12. LIABILITY

- 12.1. Competitors take part in all races at their own risk. The Organiser, IFWC 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. 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.

13. COURSES

- 13.1. Courses shall be as prescribed in the IFWC Championship Rules or in the Sailing Instructions.

14. SCORING

- 14.1. The RRS low points scoring system shall apply.

15. INTERNATIONAL JURY

- 15.1. An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with the RRS 70.4. Their decisions will be final and cannot be appealed.

16. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)/ EVENT PROGRAMME

- 16.1. The 'Championship SIs' will be available at registration, as will the Event Programme scheduling social events.

17. COACHES

- 17.1. Coaches are required to register in advance by filling in (**Form 4**).
- 17.2. Coach boats may support competitors. If you propose to bring your own, please advise the local organisers in advance.
- 17.3. Coaches shall wear buoyancy aids when the "Y" flag is flown.

18. SCHEDULE

Sat/ Sun	Sept 6/ 7 th		Arrival & Training
Monday	Sept 8 th	10:00 - 18:00	Registration
Tues	Sept 9 th	19:00 09:00 -13:00 15:00	Opening Ceremony Registration First possible start
Wed/ Sat	Sept 10/ 13 th	10:00 11:00	Skippers meeting First possible start
Sunday	Sept 14 th	09:00 17:30 19:00	Racing Last possible start Prize Giving Ceremony/ Dinner & Party

19. MEDALS AND PRIZES

- 19.1. Medals or trophies may be awarded up to the first five competitors in the Championship, including Youth and Masters, Light, depending on entry numbers. Prize categories and the actual number of prizes to be awarded in each properly constituted division will be posted on the official notice board after the close of registration.
- 19.2. The **first man** in the **FWWC** shall be known as the **Formula World Champion**.
- 19.3. The **first woman** in the **FWWC** shall be known as the **Formula Women World Champion**.
- 19.4. These Championships carry a prize fund of **30,000 euros** (net of taxes), which shall be divided according to Prize Money rules published on the formula website.

20. DRUGTESTING

- 20.1. Competitors are reminded of the ISAF rules and regulations concerning the use of banned methods and substances. Drug testing may take place during the event.

21. TELEVISION AND MEDIA

- 21.1. In registering for the event, competitors automatically grant to the Organising 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.

22. BIBS/VESTS & COMPETITORS SAIL BRANDING.

- 22.1. During racing, competitors may be required by the organisers to wear bibs/vests carrying the event sponsors' branding; and carry the event sponsor's advertising on their sails. The maximum size of the event-advertising sticker is 600mmX1000mm. The stickers may not be cut or trimmed in any way.

23. DRESS CODE

- 23.1. Smart casual clothes shall be worn for the Opening Ceremony and Prize Giving Ceremony.
- 23.2. The organisers reserve the right to refuse entry to anyone whose standard of attire is not commensurate with the occasion.

24. ACCOMMODATION

- 24.1. **The Recommended Hotel for the event are Pestana Hotels & Resorts - www.pestana.com.**
- 24.2. Vehicles and camper vans may park free of charge at the event site.

25. AIR TRAVEL/TRANSPORTATION/TRANSFERS

- 25.1. A wide range of scheduled and charter flights are available from all over Europe.
- 25.2. Overpower Club will arrange transport to and from the airport for equipment, competitors and support personnel. The deadline for booking this service is August 25th. (**Form 5**).

26. REGISTRATION

26.1. The registration office during the regatta will be situated adjacent to Hotel Pestana Dom João II. For more local information before the regatta and to make enquiries please contact:

Isabel Guimarães - Tel: + 351 919 583 043.

The address of the club may also be used for contacting competitors during the event:

Overpower - Windsurfing Club

Rua Coelho da Rocha, 20 A - 1250-088 Lisboa, Portugal

Tel: + 351 919 583 043 - Fax: + 351 211 454 956.

Email: overpower@100surf.pt - URL: www.overpower.net

26.2. Competitors will be required to produce the following prior to completing registration formalities on site:

- Original Regatta Entry Form (**Form 1**);
- Evidence of valid third party insurance;
- Parental/ Legal Guardian Assent (**Form 2**) - *for those under age of 18*;
- Medical Treatment Permission (**Form 3**) - *for those under age of 18 or on their parents medical insurance policy*;
- Original Bank Transfer/ Draft details;
- Proof of age;
- Equipment Registration Form signed by the Official Inspector.

27. ENTRIES & PAYMENT

27.1. The entry fees are as stated on the attached entry form (**Form 1**) and shall be paid at the time of entry by MasterCard, Visa Card or bank transfer only. The cut-off date for pre-entries is **August 15th, 2008**.

27.2. Competitors may **enter in advance electronically** through the IWA website at www.internationalwindsurfing.com or: by faxing: + 44 2392 468831 or mailing an official entry form (**Form 1**) with their entry fees. The Entry Forms may be downloaded from the Formula Class website (attached to this NOR).

27.3. Money transfers shall be in the name of: **The International Windsurfing Association** and be sent to:

Account Name: The International Windsurfing Association

Euro Account #: 52977299

Sort Code: 20-08-44

Bank Details: Barclays Bank Plc, Birmingham, UK (*Bank charges to your account*)

SWIFTBIC: BARCGB22 (Bank Identifier Code)

IBAN: GB93 BARC 2008 4452 9772 99

Bank Detail: Barclays Bank Plc, Birmingham, UK

27.4. Or by Cheque/ Bankers Draft, drawn on a British Bank to:

International Windsurfing Association

Mengham Cottage, Mengham Lane, Hayling Island, Hampshire PO11 9JX, United Kingdom

Tel: +44 (0) 2392 468831 - Fax: +44 (0) 2392 468831

E-mail: iwaoffice@internationalwindsurfing.com

27.5. Entry fees paid on site shall be made in cash in **Euros Only**. Late entries may incur a late entry surcharge.

