



RULES AND SAFETY WADDEN SEA DOWNWIND RACE 19 MAY 2019

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Program

Sunday: Wadden Sea Downwind Race

A downwind race on the Wadden Sea, of around 36km (20nm) or 23km (12nm). From Den Oever or from the Afsluitdijk to Harlingen.

Location

The event is held at the Wadden Sea. The homebase of the event is Harlingen.

Competitor

A competitor is always allowed to take part in the Wadden Sea Downwind Race individually.

Registration Fee

The registration fee has to be paid by the 15th of March. On the 1st of March the competitor will be sent a payment notification. After the 15th of March, there will be an additional charge of €20. The registration fee can only be reversed 1 month before race day.

Boat

All the crafts shall be boats which the competitor sits on with one water tight compartment, and selfbailing. There are no length or weight limitations for surfski construction.

Safety

All competitors shall

- a) wear a flotation device approved by the race committee from before the start until after the finish of every event.
- b) wear a leash (approved by the organisers) attaching the competitor or paddle to their craft.
- c) carry a whistle.

Depending on the duration of the race, the course, weather and sea conditions, the Wadden Sea Downwind Race organisation can make the following equipment compulsory:

- a) signalling mirror.
- b) pyrotechnic devices such as hand or aerial flares.
- c) communication device such as a cell phone or VHF radio.
- d) navigation aids such as a compass, GPS or charts.
- e) all around white light if the race is expected to start before sunrise or continue after sunset.
- f) cable rescue; cable on the bow for towing.

Ocean Racing may involve participants in dangerous situations. It is a requirement that any competitor, seeing another in real danger shall render all assistance in his or her power. Failure to do so may involve disqualification. Time bonuses based on actual delays can be awarded to any competitor providing assistance to a fellow participant.

Language

The language used shall be English.





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Course

The courses for the Wadden Sea Downwind Race will be selected to test the seamanship and ability of the competitors to use the water conditions to their advantage. The course may be changed at short notice to suit the best downwind conditions on the day of the race.

Officials

One person may function in two or more of the positions mentioned below:

- Race Director
- Technical Director
- Competition Secretary
- Starter(s)
- Aligner
- Course Umpire
- Finishing Line Judge(s)
- Timekeeper(s)
- Boat Scrutineer
- Embarcation Marshall
- Safety Officer
- Announcer
- Press Official
- Jury

Final authority at the Wadden Sea Downwind Race shall rest with a Jury composed of up to five persons appointed by the Competition Committee. One of these persons shall be appointed Chair of the Jury. The Competition Committee may disqualify any competitor who behaves improperly or who by his or her conduct or speech shows contempt towards the officials, other competitors or onlookers.

Appeals

Competitors have the right to appeal to the Jury against a decision of the Competition Committee. The appeal, in writing and with reasons, must be submitted within 20 minutes after the race ends. An appeal must be accompanied by a fee of (or equivalent to) 20 Euros. The fee will be refunded if the appeal is upheld. The appeal shall be heard as soon as possible. Witnesses may be called. The decision of the Jury is final.

Start

- The start line shall be clearly marked, with the marks described to the competitors in the race instructions.
- After shouting the word "Ready", the start signal, audible to all racers, may be a blast of a whistle or horn, a shot from a start gun or a shouted word "go". The start signal shall be described in the race instructions.
- The start will be as fair as possible, allowing all competitors an equal chance. The type of start will be selected according to prevailing conditions.
- Paddlers shall be called to the water at least ten minutes before the scheduled start
- If a competitor moves forward after the word "Ready" and before the start signal, he or she has made a false start. A competitor who attempts a false or unfair start will be warned. A second warning will result in the imposition of a two minute penalty. A third warning will result in the competitor's disqualification from the event. A disqualified competitor must leave the water immediately.



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The Group Racing and Slipstreaming

When competitors are racing in a group, it is the duty of all the competitors in the group to keep clear of each other at all times. This rule applies to any manoeuvring within the group and while slipstreaming. Inadvertent contact between craft should be avoided.

Damage

Any competitor who is considered by a course umpire or race official to have been responsible for a deliberate collision, or who deliberately damages the craft or paddle of another competitor may be disqualified.

Disqualification

Any Competitor who attempts to win a race by any other than honourable means, or who breaks the racing regulations, or who disregards the honourable nature of the racing regulations will be disqualified for the duration of the race concerned.

Assistance

A competitor may not be accompanied along the course or assisted in any way by other craft not entered in the event or by any vessel.

Awards

The Wadden Sea Downwind Race medals shall be given in three values, gilded, silvered and bronze. If there are no more than three participants, than only the gold medal will be awarded.

Doping

We will follow the rules of the Dutch Doping Authority (www.NeCeDo.nl)

Responsibility

'I, as a competitor, accept the risk as a participant of the training for and participating in the Dutch Coast Race, disability and mortality in the worst case. Otherwise I will not participate in the Dutch Coast Race, the workouts in advance and / or other related activities. Finally, by competing I will not accuse Dutch Coast Race volunteers, employees, directors, sponsors, municipal, county and / or any legal entities and / or individuals associated with the Dutch Coast Race for any damage and / or loss in one of these activities. I'm aware that I sign for this on the entry form.'

