

**NOTICE OF RACE**  
**2005 US Windsurfing National Championships**

*Hosted by VMG Events*

July 25 – 30, 2005

Hood River, Oregon

### **1. INVITATION**

1.1 US Windsurfing Association, the Columbia Gorge Windsurfing Association, and VMG Events, cordially invite you to attend the 2005 USW National Championships to be held Monday, July 25 through Saturday, July 30, 2005 on the waters of the Columbia River in Hood River, Oregon.

### **2. LOCAL ORGANIZING AUTHORITY**

2.1 The Regatta is recognized and sanctioned by US Windsurfing as the 2005 National Championships. The Local Organizing Authority will VMG Events for and on behalf of and under specified conditions laid down by IFWC, ISAF, US Sailing, USW and CGWA.

### **3. VENUE**

3.1 Racing will take place in Hood River, Oregon, USA on the Columbia River. The weather conditions in July are influenced by cool ocean air moving through the Columbia River Gorge to the heat of the inland deserts. Air temperature: 75-100 F Water temperature: 75 F Winds: predominantly West 10-25 knots Current: 3-5 knots

### **4. RULES**

4.1 The race will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* ([www.sailing.org](http://www.sailing.org)), the IFWC 2005 Class Rules & Racing Guidelines ([www.formulawindsurfing.org](http://www.formulawindsurfing.org)), this Notice of Race ("NOR") and Sailing Instructions (SIs).

4.1.2 Alterations to the SIs must be approved by the Race Director.

4.2 Competitors are asked to attend the opening & closing ceremonies including the dinner, and awards ceremony.

### **5. ELIGIBILITY**

5.1 Competitors shall comply with ISAF Regulation 19, Eligibility Code. ([www.sailing.org](http://www.sailing.org))

5.2 A minimum of 1 race is required for a valid Regatta.

5.3 All US-based competitors shall be US Windsurfing Members. Competitors may join US Windsurfing on site for US \$30.00.

5.4 Foreign competitors shall be a member of a National FW Association or of the IFWC. National Associations shall be paid members of the IWA.

5.5 Membership formalities can be completed on site.

### **6. CLASSES / DIVISIONS**

6.1 For the determination of the USW National Champions, the discipline will be Course Racing. Slalom results will not be counted in a competitors' overall score.

Racing will be held in the following classes:

#### **Formula**

Formula Junior Men <=18

Formula Junior Women <=18

Formula Men 19-34  
Formula Women 19-34  
Formula Masters 35-44  
Formula Masters Women 35+  
Formula Grand Masters 45-54  
Formula Senior Grand Masters 55+

### **Open/ Sport**

For recreational racers and non-conforming race equipment i.e.: long boards and custom boards.

Junior <=18

Men 19-34

Women 19-34

Masters 35-49

Grand Masters 50+

### **One Design Formula Experience**

Fun Time Racing (all ages)

FE Junior (8.5m<sup>2</sup>)

FE Youth (11m<sup>2</sup>)

FE Espoir (11m<sup>2</sup>)

FE Senior (11m<sup>2</sup>)

FE Master (11m<sup>2</sup>)

FE Grand Master (11m<sup>2</sup>)

### **Prodigy**

Prodigy Men 19-34

Prodigy Women 19-34

Prodigy Master 35-49

Prodigy Grand Master 50+

### **Gorge Slalom**

This is not a traditional slalom course. Go to [www.vmgevents.com](http://www.vmgevents.com) and check out the course section for details. Scoring and prizes will be separate from the Formula results and equipment will be Open.

*Gorge Slalom (cont.)*

Junior <=18

Men 19-34

Women 19-34

Masters 35-49

Masters Women 35-49

Grand Masters 50+

### **RS:X**

Men

Women

6.2 A **minimum of 5 entries** is required to constitute a 'class' or a division within a class.

6.3 A competitor must have reached the minimum age limit, in the relevant division, by Dec. 31, 2005.

6.3.1 A competitor must not be older than the maximum age limit, in the relevant division, by Dec. 31, 2005.

## **7. EQUIPMENT**

7.1 All competitors may bring their own equipment that complies with rules. Equipment will be available for charter. Check [www.vmgevents.com](http://www.vmgevents.com) for updates.

7.2 National closed event organizers may accept non production boards meeting all other FW board requirements but not meeting the specific requirement of A.9\*. No international qualifying or ranking will result from competition use of non registered boards.

\*Class rule A.9.1 No board shall race in IFWC events unless it is a series production board registered with the ISAF , and included on the FW Production Board List by the first of January in the year of competition.

## **8. MEASUREMENT**

8.1 It is the responsibility of each competitor to ensure that his/her board and equipment conforms to the Class Rules.

8.2 The measurers will pay special attention to sail identification rule compliance.

8.3 Measurement and equipment checks may be made throughout the event.

## **9. SAIL INSIGNIAS**

9.1 All sails shall comply with Appendix B 2.4 Windsurfing Competition Rules of the RRS 2005-2008 ([www.isaf.org](http://www.isaf.org)) or PWA Rule 13.7. Competitors must register with the sail number they plan to race with or notify the Race Committee in writing of any changes before racing.

## **10. LIABILITY**

10.1 Competitors take part in all races at their own risk. The Organizing Authority, US Windsurfing, ISAF, FW Class, IWA 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.

## **11. COURSES**

11.1 Courses will be specified in the Sailing Instructions and on the official Notice Board.

## **12. SCORING**

12.1 The Alternative Scoring System, Appendix B 8.3 of the RRS 2005/2008 will apply ([www.isaf.org](http://www.isaf.org)).

12.2 Slalom will be scored separately. The Alternative Scoring System, Appendix B 8.3 of the RRS 2005/2008 will apply ([www.isaf.org](http://www.isaf.org)).

## **13. PROTESTS**

13.1 A Protest Committee will be appointed in accordance with rule 90(a) ([www.sailing.org](http://www.sailing.org)). Their decisions will be final and cannot be appealed.

## 14. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs) / EVENT PROGRAM

14.1 The Regatta SIs will be available at registration as will the Event Program, scheduling social events.

## 15. SCHEDULE

All Skippers Meetings on official race days shall be held at 10:00 am unless an alternate time is posted the night before on the Notice Board.

Monday	July 25	Late Registration and Check-in Practice Race- Skippers meeting 3:00pm Welcome Party
Tuesday	July 26	Racing
Wednesday	July 27	Racing Halfway Party
Thursday	July 28	Racing
Friday	July 29	Racing
Saturday	July 30	Racing Awards Banquet

## 16. MEDALS AND PRIZES

16.1 Medals may be awarded up to the top three Men/Women in each Class/Division 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 and before the first race.

## 17. TELEVISION AND MEDIA

17.1 In registering for the event, competitors automatically grant to VMG Events 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, (*cont.*) for the said Championship as defined in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions in which he/she participates without compensation.

## 18. BIBS & COMPETITOR SAIL BRANDING

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

## 19. REGISTRATION

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

- Official Entry Form
- Gear Registration Form
- Parental/legal Guardian Assent - for those under age of 18
- US Based competitors must show their Official USW membership Card or join USW on site if they wish to enter.

## 20. ENTRIES & PAYMENT

20.1 VMG Events must receive the completed entry form and early fees (see Fee Schedule below) by June 1, 2005.

*Payment Options:*

By Check or Money Order made payable to **VMG Events** and mailed with entry form to:

VMG Events  
555 Forestview Drive  
Hood River, OR 97031

By PayPal by visiting [www.paypal.com](http://www.paypal.com). Make payments to user: [vmgevents@charter.net](mailto:vmgevents@charter.net)

Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of VMG Events until the close of registration on Monday, July 25, 2005.

20.2 *Fee Schedule:*

Men and Women entries and payment on or before June 1st	\$140
Men and Women entries and payment after June 1st	\$165
Junior entries and payment on or before June 1st	\$100
Junior entries and payment after June 1st	\$125
Non-competitor Social fee (includes entry to social events)	\$40

## 21. ACCOMMODATIONS

21.1 Accommodations in Hood River and the Gorge are plentiful and varied. Information is available on the following websites:

Hood River Vacation Rentals [www.hrvacations.com](http://www.hrvacations.com) 1-877-260-2519

Gorge Central Vacation Rentals [www.gorgeres.com](http://www.gorgeres.com) 1-877-386-6109

Best Western Hood River Inn [www.hoodriverinn.com](http://www.hoodriverinn.com) 1-800-828-7873

Gorge Networks ISP Lodging Page [www.gorge.net/lodging.htm](http://www.gorge.net/lodging.htm)

Hood River Chamber [www.hoodriver.org](http://www.hoodriver.org)

Columbia River Gorge Visitors Association <http://business.gorge.net/crgva>

Skamania County Chamber [www.skamania.org](http://www.skamania.org)

### *Camping*

Gifford Pinchot National Forest Campgrounds <http://www.fs.fed.us/gpnf/campgrounds/>

Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/columbia/camp.htm>

Gorge.net Campground Directory <http://www.gorge.net/business/camping.htm>

## 22. AIR TRAVEL / TRANSPORTATION

22.1 The nearest Airport is Portland International (1 hour by car).

Rental Cars are available with a competitor discount by contacting Enterprise Rent-a-Car. If you are making a reservation online, go to [www.enterprise.com](http://www.enterprise.com). In the optional 4th box enter: **46W1862**. On the next security screen enter: **VMG**

If you wish to reserve your car by phone call toll free 800-593-0505. Give the representative customer number **46W1862**.

## 23. EQUIPMENT CHARTER

There will be a limited number of Starboard and BIC charter boards available during the event. The charter fee is \$125 USD per board with a damage deposit of \$100 USD. Rigs will also be available from Sailworks, Severne and MauiSails for \$125 USD per week per rig with a damage deposit of \$125 USD. Prodigy packages are available for \$250 per week. Please complete a Charter Equipment Form to make a reservation. 50% of the charter fee is due upon registration. Charters will be assigned on a strict first come - first serve basis. Please reserve your charters before June 1, 2005. Charter boards & rigs will be available for purchase after August 6, 2005.

## 24. CONTACT INFORMATION

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PayPal: user id [vmgevents@charter.net](mailto:vmgevents@charter.net)

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