

TOP OF THE GULF 2018 KITEBOARDING THAILAND CHAMPIONSHIPS 2018

NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (NoR/SI)

1 DATES AND VENUES

28-29 APRIL 2018, OCEAN MARINA,
SATTAHIP CHONBURI

2 RULES

2.1 The TT:R Slalom events will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2020 . Other documents under RRS definition *Rule (g)* include:

2.1.1 [DP] [SP] The IKA Equipment Regulations (ER)

2.2 No national prescriptions will apply.

2.3 A kiteboard shall neither make radio transmissions while competing nor receive radio communications not available to all kiteboards, except in an emergency. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

2.3 In all rules governing the event;

2.3.1 The terms 'rider', 'competitor', 'crew', 'athlete' and 'owner' mean a person competing or

intending to compete in the event;

2.3.2 [DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee;

2.3.3 [SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee

without a hearing or a discretionary penalty applied by the protest committee with a hearing;

and

2.3.4 [NP] denotes a rule that will not be grounds for protests by a kiteboard.

2.4 If there is a conflict between languages the Thai text will take precedence.

3 [NP] [DP] ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 Each event is open to competitors from any country, and for the following equipment and divisions.

- IKA Formula Kite Men
- IKA TwinTip:Racing Men
- IKA TwinTip:Racing Women
- IKA TwinTip:Racing Men B (as shown in Appendix A)

3.2 All entry applications shall be made and signed at the time and place published.

3.3 Competitors shall bring their own equipment.

4 ENTRY FEE

Entry Fees is 500 Baht for each division.

5 SCHEDULE

5.1 The schedule for this event will be as follows:

28 April 2018	Registration	0900-1200 hours
	Skipper Briefing	1230 hours
	Racing	1300-1700 hours
29 April 2018	Racing	1000-1600 hours
	Prize Giving	TBA

5.2 Four elimination series / half fleet / full fleet races per division per day are scheduled.

5.2.1 Races and eliminations not sailed on the scheduled day may be sailed on the following day at the discretion of the race committee.

5.2.2 Not more than one race/elimination per class/flight/fleet may be sailed ahead of schedule at the discretion of the race committee, and only if the weather forecast makes it unlikely that the scheduled number of races can be sailed in the following days.

5.3 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 16:00 hours.

6 FORMAT

6.1 The format for each division will be a single series consisting of multiple single elimination series, half fleet and full fleet races.

6.2 Divisions may be grouped together based on number of entries.

7 STARTING AND FINISHING

7.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an blue IKA flag on the race committee starting vessel and the course side of the nearby red cherry inflatable mark to leeward.

7.2 [DP] Kiteboards whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence of other races. The starting area is defined as a rectangle 75 meters from the starting line and marks in all directions.

7.3 The finishing line will be between a blue flag on the race committee finish vessel and the course side of the nearby red cherry inflatable mark to leeward.

7.4 [DP] Kiteboards not racing shall avoid the finishing area.

8 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

8.1 Time limits and target times, in minutes, for the final series are as follows:

<i>Format</i>	<i>Time Limit</i>	<i>Mark 1 Time Limit</i>	<i>Finish Time Window</i>
Formula Kite	15	5	5
TwinTip:Racing	7	2	2

8.2 If no kiteboard has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned.

8.3 Kiteboards failing to finish within the Finish Window will be scored DNF without a hearing.

9 COURSES AND RACING AREAS

9.1 Formula Kite courses will be windward leeward.

9.2 TwinTip:Racing courses will be downwind slalom.

9.3 The courses, the course designations, the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left will be posted not later than 20 minutes before the start of the first heat.

9.4 Courses will not be shortened.

9.5 Course Marks are:

Marks:	Red inflatable pyramid buoys
Finish Pin:	Red Cherry inflatable buoy
Start Pin:	Red Cherry inflatable buoy

10 COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

10.1 The Official Notice Board is located at the registration office.

10.2 Division Flags will be:

DIVISION	DIVISION FLAG
Formula Kite:	Red Flag
TwinTip:Racing:	White Flag with black TT:R

11 CHANGES TO NOTICE OF RACE AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the NoR/SI will be posted 30 minutes before it will take effect.

12 [DP] [NP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

12.1 While racing, every competitor shall wear, above the waist, an impact vest with a minimum buoyancy of 25N in fresh water. The buoyancy will be tested with a ferrous metal weight of 20N, which shall remain supported for a minimum of 5 minutes.

12.2 While racing, every competitor shall wear a helmet that shall be to the minimum standard EN1385 or equivalent

13 [DP] CODE OF CONDUCT

13.1 Competitors shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official.

13.2 Kiteboards not racing shall avoid areas where kiteboards are racing and any official boat.

14 EVENT SCORING

14.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta.

14.2 Each elimination series counts as one race.

14.3 A kiteboard's series score will be the sum of her race scores, excluding her worst score when

3 to 4 races are completed, her two worst scores when 5 to 7 races are completed, her three worst scores when 8 races have been completed.

14.4 A kiteboard starting later than 1 minute after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start.

14.5 To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a kiteboard may complete a scoring enquiry form available at the race office.

15 PRIZES AND SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

15.1 Trophies will be awarded to the top 3 competitors of each division.

15.2 [DP] The top three competitors in each division as well as individual race winners (if applicable) may be required to attend a media press conference each day.

15.3 [DP] Competitors may be required for interviews at the regatta.

15.4 [DP] Competitors shall not leave the event venue before the day before the prize giving ceremony. Competitors finishing in the top 3 in their division shall not leave the event venue before the conclusion of the closing ceremony.

15.5 KAT may reduce or remove a prize in the case of misconduct or refusal to comply with any reasonable request, including attendance at official functions.

16 RISK STATEMENT

16.1 Competitors and support team participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk and they are reminded of the provisions of RRS 4, Decision to Race. Kiteboarding is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their equipment to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their equipment and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- d) By participating in any form of competition, they are satisfied that their equipment is in good order, equipped to compete in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e) The provision of a race management team, rescue crafts, judges, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the Organizing Authority does not relieve them of their own responsibilities; and
- f) The provision of rescue craft cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.