



FORMULA KITE

Olympic Kiteboarding

2026 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

WORLD SAILING 100 POINT GRADED EVENT

SATURDAY 18TH TO SUNDAY 19TH JULY 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority is



ALAMITOS BAY
YACHT CLUB

2026 FORMULA KITE NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

The inaugural Formula Kite North American Championship incorporating 2 days of racing on Saturday 18 to Sunday 19 July.

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The notation '[SP]' in a *rule* in the Notice of Race (NoR) refers to a standard penalty that may be applied by the race committee without a hearing for a breach of a specific rule.

1. SCHEDULE

Wednesday, 24 June 2026	1800	Early Entry Deadline
Wednesday, 08 July 2026	1800	Standard Entry Deadline
Wednesday, 15 July 2026	1800	Entry Deadline for boards
		Earliest Arrival Date
Friday, 17 July 2026	1000 to 1300 1500 to 1800	Race Office open for registration at ABYC
	1000 to 1130	Race Office open for registration at ABYC
Saturday, 18 July 2026	1130	Competitors' briefing at ABYC
	1200	Support Person Vessel Briefing
	1355	Warning Signal for 1st race of the day
	After Racing	Dinner at ABYC
	1130	Competitors' briefing at ABYC
	1200	Support Person Vessel Briefing
Sunday, 19 July 2026	1355	Warning Signal for 1st race of the day
	After Racing	Awards Presentation at ABYC Clubhouse

- 1.1. Number of races:
A maximum of ten (10) races are scheduled as follows: 5 on Saturday, 5 on Sunday. The race committee reserves the right to have more or fewer races each day to accomplish races scheduled for this event.

2. RULES

- 2.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 2.2. RRS Appendix F applies.
- 2.3. Changes to the Racing Rules of Sailing
a) Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: (2) if it is from a boat that alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31, and is from a boat that was not involved in it, and did not see the incident, or
- 2.4. The US Sailing prescriptions that apply are the prescription to rule 88.2, Appendix R, the prescription to the preamble to Part 5, and the prescriptions to rules 65.1, 70.3(b), and 76.1. The US Sailing prescriptions are available at <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/rules-officiating/racing-rules/>.
- 2.5. As required by the [US-Sailing-Athlete-Safety-Policy-Handbook-2024](#) Article III, Education and Training, Section B and Section C. US Sailing membership is **NOT** required to take training or file a SafeSport Report.
a) Training for minor athletes and their parents is available at [Athlete Safety - US Sailing](#)
b) To report an incident to US Sailing complete the online [SafeSport Report Form](#)

3. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. The sailing instructions will be available after **1800 on Sunday, 12 July, 2026** on the official notice board.

4. COMMUNICATION

- 4.1. The official notice board is located at <https://abyc.org/regatta/eZz53E1VzC/#notice-board>.
- 4.2. [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 4.3. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to support personnel on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the sailing instructions.

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5. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 1.1. The event is open to boards of the Formula Kite class.

Equipment	Quota	Minimum
Formula Kite Men	no limit	5
Formula Kite Women	no limit	5
Formula Kite Youth	no limit	5
Formula Kite Junior	no limit	5

- 5.1. To establish a class, five paid entries are needed. If a class does not meet this requirement by the Standard Entry deadline, it may be canceled and the entry fees refunded, or it may be combined with another class. Fleets may be started together but scored separately.
- 5.2. Eligible boats and support person vessels may enter by completing the online entry form at <https://abyc.org/regatta/eZz53E1VzC/> and submitting it, together with the required fee by **1800 on Wednesday, 15 July 2026**. Entries will only be accepted after that at the discretion of the regatta organizers on the payment of an additional late entry fee.
- 5.3. Each athlete in the Men's and Women's event shall be registered as a World Sailing Sailor on the World Sailing website: <https://www.sailing.org/sailors/world-sailing-profile/>
- 5.4. A boat shall be entered by a member in good standing of a club affiliated to US Sailing or other World Sailing member national authority, or a member of a World Sailing member national authority. (see RRS 75).
- 5.5. ABYC members may join US Sailing at a discounted rate through the [ABYC/US Sailing Member Partner Program](#)
- 5.6. The skipper (Person in Charge see RRS 46) of a boat or support vessel, or the Parent/Legal Guardian of the skipper who is a minor, shall accept and agree to the terms and conditions of the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club Regatta Waiver and Release of Liability as part of online registration. When all competitors in a boat or vessel are minors (participants under 18), each competitor's Parent/Legal Guardian shall accept and agree to the terms and conditions of the Regatta Waiver and Release of Liability as part of online registration.
- 5.7. All competitors in the Junior Class shall be under the age of 17 years on 31 December 2026.
- 5.8. All competitors in the Youth Class shall be under the age of 21 years on 31 December 2026.
- 5.9. A competitor shall be a member of a National Class Association (NCA) or a Member National Authority (MNA) which is a registered member of the International Formula Kite Class Association.
- 5.10. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements, pay all fees and check in at the Race Office during registration.

6. FEES

- 6.1. Fees are stated in US dollars and include any local taxes. *Fees are as follows:*

	Early Entry <i>Ends 1800 on 24 June 2026</i>	Standard Entry <i>Ends 1800 on 08 July 2026</i>	Late Entry <i>Ends 1800 on 15 July 2026</i>
Formula Kite (All)	\$175	\$200	\$250
Additional Saturday Night Dinners		\$25	

- 6.2. Support Vessels and Support Persons registrations will be accepted until **1400 on Saturday, 25 July 2026**

	Early Entry <i>Ends 1800 on 24 June 2026</i>	Standard Entry <i>Ends 1800 on 08 July 2026</i>	Late Entry <i>Ends 1800 on 17 July 2026</i>
Support person and support vessel Vessel that provides physical or advisory on the water support	\$75	\$75	\$75
Support person (with no vessel)	\$0	\$0	\$0

- ~~6.3. The entry fee includes launching, recovery, and storage at ABYC for visiting competing boats from the day prior to the event until the day following the event.~~

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- 6.4. ~~Coach~~, boats, boards or trailers not paying yard storage fees ~~that wish to arrive before the earliest arrival date or depart after the latest departure date~~ must complete an application for ~~ABYC~~ temporary ~~yard~~ storage. Applications can be completed at ~~<https://www.abyc.org/visiting-sailors>~~ <https://abyc.org/olympic-classes-temporary-storage>. The application must be approved, the fee paid, and the waiver completed before arrival.
- 6.5. Any coach, boat, board or trailer found on ~~ABYC~~ property without prior written authorization from ~~ABYC~~ is subject to impound and associated fees.
- 6.6. If an entry is cancelled by the competitor, or if the regatta is cancelled for reasons of force majeure or for any other grounds outside the control of the organizing authority, the entry fee will be refunded as follows:

Cancellation Date	Entry Fee Refunded	
Before Standard Entry Deadline	100%*	* less credit card and processing fees
Before Formula Kite Late Entry Deadline	50%	
After Formula Kite Late Entry Deadline	0%	

7. ADVERTISING

- 7.1. [DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

8. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

- 8.1. The event may consist of a qualifying series and a final series.

9. VENUE

- 9.1. The event venue will be Alamitos Bay Yacht Club. Overnight storage for equipment is available by application at USSCLB <https://abyc.org/olympic-classes-temporary-storage>. Launching will be off Granada Beach.

- 9.2. The racing area for will be Long Beach Harbor behind the federal breakwater.

10. TRACKING DEVICES OR CAMERAS & ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

- 10.1. Alamitos Bay Yacht Club offers the use of Sail Sync to help sailors and coaches with post-race analysis and debriefs.
- 10.2. In accordance with CR C.4.2.b the use of tracking and GPS devices is permitted.
- 10.3. Data collected from tracking devices used by a fleet may be recorded, transmitted, and displayed live or postrace by Sail Sync or any organizing authority authorized partner.
- 10.4. [SP] Personal Cameras and their attachments may be carried provided that they do not affect the function or use of any existing part of the board or associated equipment.
- 10.5. Any footage or recording is to be made available to the Organizing Authority and/or the American Kiteboarding Association upon request.
- 10.6. The use of visual recordings by the OA and the American Kiteboarding Association as referred to in NoR 16 also relates to video taken by competitors.

11. SCORING

- 11.1. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.2. When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 11.3. When between 5 and 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 11.4. When 10 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 11.5. Second and subsequent BFD disqualification shall not be excluded in calculating her series score and will be scored DNE. This changes RRS 30.4.
- 11.6. Rule 90.3(e) applies.

12. SAFETY AND ADULT RESPONSIBILITY

- 12.1. [DP] [SP] Entering and Leaving Alamitos Bay
- c) Breaches of the following may result in a Standard Penalty of 5% applied by the race committee without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.
 - d) The Alamitos Bay entrance channel is designated as a no wake zone with a maximum speed limit of 5 mph (4 knots).
 - e) A series of centerline buoys from the edge of the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club basin to the end of the Alamitos Bay entrance channel (including "A Mark" at the end of the channel) mark the center of the channel. When entering or exiting Alamitos Bay stay to starboard of these when traveling in either direction (see diagram).
 - f) The Long Beach Transit Ferry operates within Alamitos Bay and is classified as a vessel restricted in its ability to maneuver.
 - g) **Interference with Commercial Vessels:** Recreational vessels (boats and support vessels) must not impede the safe passage or operation of commercial traffic at any time. Under **46 U.S. Code § 2302**, violations may result in civil penalties of up to **\$5,000**. Gross negligence may escalate to criminal penalties, including fines and imprisonment.



13. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 13.1. [DP] Support person vessels (any vessel that provides, support to a competitor) shall register with the organizing authority and pay the applicable fees.
- 13.2. [DP] Support person vessels shall conspicuously display a numbered flag supplied by the organizing authority. No flag, banner, pennant, signal or shape other than that supplied by the organizing authority shall be displayed. The numbered flag shall be returned to the organizing authority at the end of the event. Failure to return the flag may result in the payment card used to register the support person vessel being charged to replace the flag.
- 13.3. [DP] Support person vessels must be equipped with a VHF radio and be prepared to monitor a designated VHF channel.
- 13.4. [DP] If called upon, support person vessels will be required to act as rescue boats.
- 13.5. [DP] Every person on board a support vessel less than 6m (20ft) in length must wear a properly secured personal flotation device of an appropriate size for that person at all times the engine is running.
- 13.6. [DP] Support person vessel's driver shall use the kill cord at all times the engine is running.
- 13.7. Further rules governing the conduct of support person vessels will be in the Sailing Instructions.

14. BERTHING

- 14.1. Support person vessels may be launched and berthed at Alamitos Bay YC depending upon the number of entries and support vessels.
- 14.2. All dollies, road trailers and coach boat trailers are required to display a temporary ABYC storage tag identifying the competitors' name, boat type, yacht club and dates approved. Competitors arriving before official registration days must collect a tag from ABYC's front office during office hours before their boat enters the yard. Competitors arriving on official event registration days can collect their tag at registration.

15. RISK STATEMENT

- 15.1. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or continue racing is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

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- 15.2. The organizing authority including the sponsors, the race committee, the officers, directors, employees and members of the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club and all those involved in these organizations will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.

16. DEPICTION RELEASE

- 16.1. Competitors, by competing in this event, grant to Alamitos Bay Yacht Club, perpetually and irrevocably, the unconditional and exclusive right, title and interest throughout the world to use, simulate and portray Participant's name, likeness, voice, personality, personal identification and personal experiences, incidents, situations and events, whether visual and/or audio, including without limitation photographs, videotape, film and other recordings, electronic or optical-based media, or any other form or medium whatsoever, whether now or hereafter existing, and of every kind and character (collectively "The Images"), which may be taken or taken of Participant while participating in any aspect of the event. Images including video may be shared with US Sailing for the purposes of race official training.

17. PRIZES

- 17.1. Prizes, for each class, will be awarded at the discretion of the organizing committee based on the number of paid entries. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Formula Kite North American Class Association.

18. INSURANCE

- 18.1. Each 'person in charge' (see RRS 46) shall have valid insurance including third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 300,000 USD per incident or the equivalent.
- 18.2. Each support vessel shall have valid insurance including third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 300,000 USD per incident or the equivalent.
- 18.3. The organizing authority is not responsible for verifying the status or validity of certificates.

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 19.1. For further information please contact Alamitos Bay Yacht Club. regattas@abyc.org or +1 (562) 434-9955.
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