



**Pre-Notice of Race
WIND BRASIL 2006
Formula Windsurfing Grand Prix
Fortaleza / Ceara (Brasil)**



1. EVENT

- 1.1 The WIND BRASIL **2006** - Formula Windsurfing Grand Prix, Fortaleza, will be held from Sunday November 26th to Sunday December 3rd 2006.
- 1.2 The regatta gives points for the annual ranking lists of the International Formula Windsurfing Class .**The 'Grand Prix' is a LEVEL 1 World Tour event.**

2. ORGANISER

- 2.1 The Formula Windsurfing Grand Prix will be organised by Arrow Marketing (Address: Av. Dom Luís, 500/1727 Fortaleza -Ceará- Brazil Zip code: 60160-230 Tel: 55 85 3242-5050 e-mail: arrow@arrowmarketing.com.br Web: www.windbrasil.com), the Organizing Authority, in co-operation and with approval of the ISAF, the Federação Brasileira de Vela e Motor – FBVM, represented by Federação de Vela e Motor do Estado do Ceará – FVMEC, and the Brazilian Association - ABWS - Associação Brasileira de Wind Surf, and sponsored by the of the Government of the State of Ceara.

3. VENUE

- 3.1 Racing will take place in the waters in front of the beach of Fortaleza, which is the capital of the Ceará state. It is located on northeast of Brazil, on the coast of the Atlantic Ocean. The International Airport is located 15 km from the coast line. In November the Alisios Winds blows from 15 to 25 knots. The air and water temperature is around 28° Celsius.

4. RULES

- 4.1 This is an ISAF sanctioned event governed by:
 - 4.1.1 The 2005/2008 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)- **Windsurfing Competition Rules** ;
 - 4.1.2 The IFWC Class Rules & Championship Rules;
 - 4.1.3 This Notice of Race ("NoR") & the Sailing Instructions (SIs);
- 4.2 Alterations to the SI's shall be approved by the Class's Race Supervisor.
- 4.3 The IFWC is classified as 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 Competitors shall possess valid third party liability insurance.

5.3 Competitors shall be members of a National FW Class Association or the IFWC if no national class association exists. Individual Membership formalities can be completed on site.

5.4 The regatta shall be a single discipline event for Men and Women.

5.5 A minimum of 3 races is required for a valid regatta.

6. FLEETS

6.1 The maximum size of the fleet is limited to 120 competitors.

6.2 Men and Women competitors **may** race separately .

6.3 There shall be a maximum of 4 races per day . The maximum number of races in the series is 15.

7. DIVISIONS

7.1 Definition

7.1.1 There may be separate prizes or trophies for **Youth (U20) , Master (O35) and Grand Master (O45)**.

7.1.2 The position of the competitor within the division will be his/her position in the fleet results.

7.2 Age:

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

7.2.2 A competitor must not be older than the maximum age limit, in the relevant division, by Dec. 31st 2006

7.2.3 A Youth shall be under the age of 20 (Born in or after 1987).

7.2.4 A Master (O35) is a man who has reached the age of 35 (1970>) or for a woman, 30 (1975>).

7.2.6 A Grand Master (O45) is a man who has reached the age of 45 (1960>) or for a woman, 40 (1965>).

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 General

Only divisions specified will apply. A minimum of 5 entries is required to constitute a division within a fleet.

8. EQUIPMENT

8.1 All competitors may bring their own equipment.

9. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

9.1 Each Competitor shall ensure that his/her sailboard and equipment conforms to Class Rules.

9.2 Equipment Registration forms must be completed at Registration. Equipment checks may be made throughout the event.

9.3 The equipment inspectors will pay special attention to sail identification rule compliance.

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

If personal buoyancy is prescribed every competitor & support boat crewmember shall wear, above the waist, a jacket, harness, or vest with 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

Competitors take part in all races at their own risk. The Organizing Authority, the IFWC, IWA, ISAF, 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. Notice is drawn to **RRS 4**.

13. COURSES

The courses for the Formula Windsurfing Grand Prix are optional. They may be described in Sailing Instructions , or posted on the Official Notice Board not later than 30 minutes before the start of a race .

14. SCORING

The **RRS** low points scoring system shall apply.

15. INTERNATIONAL JURY

A International Jury may be appointed ; and in accordance with RRS 70.4 , their decisions will be final and cannot be appealed .

16. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI)/EVENT PROGRAMME

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 and advise the organizer if they propose to bring their own coachboats.

17.2 Coaches shall wear a buoyancy aid when the "Y" flag is flown.

18. SCHEDULE

- **Sunday** November 26th - 12:00 hrs - Open Long Distance Race
- **Mon/ Tues** November 27th - 28th 10:00 – 18:00hrs- Registration
- **Wed/Sat** Nov. 29th to Dec. 2nd 10:00 hrs First possible start
- **Sunday** December 3rd 12:00 hrs First possible start / Racing

16:00 hrs Last possible start

18:00 hrs Closing ceremony and prizes

19. DRUG TESTING.

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.

20. MEDALS AND PRIZES

20.1 Medals or Trophies may be awarded to the first three Men/Women in each fleet/division.

20.3 A prize money fund of U\$ 30.000, for the FWGP shall be divided according to the General Rules of the Formula Windsurfing World Cup.

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 reproductions 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 In the competitions area: during racing, prize awarding, and on interviews to media, competitors may be required to wear bibs/vests carrying the event sponsors' branding and shall carry the event sponsor's advertising on their sails.

23. DRESS CODE

23.1 Smart casual clothes will be required for the Opening Ceremony and Prize Giving Ceremony.

23.2 The organisers reserve the right to refuse entry to those whose standard of attire is not commensurate with the occasion.

24. TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION

24.1 The Camaleao Turismo e Aventura is the official travel agency. Bookings for a complete package with air ticket, accommodation, transfers and tours for the sailors and companions at the website www.camaleaotur.com.br, or by the email camaleao@camaleaotur.com.br

24.2 The nearest Airport is Fortaleza. (15 km from the coast).

25. RACE OFFICE

25.1 The race office during the regatta will be announced on the official website of the IFWC www.formulawindsurfing.org

25.2 Competitors shall produce the following prior to completing registration formalities on site:

- Original Regatta Entry Form (**Form 1**)
- Proof of age (Passport)
- Original Bank Transfer/Draft details
- **Evidence of valid third party insurance**
- Parental/legal Guardian Assent if needed (**Form 2**)
- Medical Treatment Permission (**Form 3**)

- Equipment Registration Form signed by the Inspectors.

27. ENTRIES & PAYMENT

27.1 Competitors can enter through the IWA Office by mailing or faxing the Official Entry Application Form (found on the Formula Windsurfing website or event website) to the entry address or by using the Online Entry Application Form on the IWA website www.internationalwindsurfing.com .

27.2 The entry fee can be paid directly at the event site at the inscription, but in cash - US\$ only. Competitors may be surcharged for late entry.