

2019 Cape Hatteras Wave Classic presented by Patagonia
- Official Competition Instructions -

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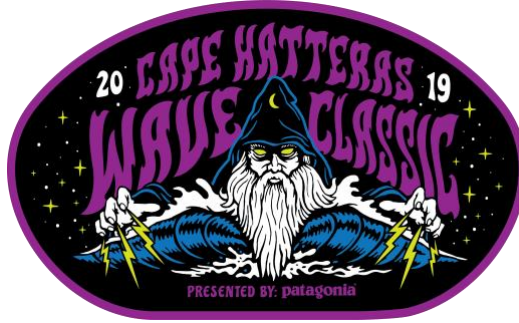
Format: Two divisions: Open Men's and Open Women's.

- Round 1 is heats of three kitesurfers with 1st place progressing to Round 3 and 2nd and 3rd place progressing to Round 2. Round 1 is a non-elimination round.
- Round 2 is heats of two kitesurfers with the winner advancing to Round 3 and the loser being eliminated.
- Round 3 is heats of two kitesurfers with the winner advancing to Round 4 and the loser being eliminated.
- Round 4 is heats of three kitesurfers with the 1st place progressing to Round 6 and 2nd and 3rd place progressing to Round 5. Round 4 is a non-elimination round.
- Round 5 onwards will be two kitesurfer heat rounds with the loser being eliminated until a contest winner is decided.
- Heat duration will vary between 10 minutes and 30 minutes depending on conditions. Heat duration will be decided by Event Organizers and posted on the heat board.
- Female competitors may enter to compete in the Open Men's division if they choose. If a female competes in both divisions, they must pay both separate registration fees.

**Format may be altered to accommodate number of competitors and conditions.

Judging & Scoring:

- Heat Scores are based 50% on wave riding, 25% on tricks, 25% on overall impression.
 - Wave riding: Each wave ridden will receive a score, two highest scoring waves will be counted towards heat score.
 - Tricks: Each trick performed will be given a score, the average of the two highest scored tricks will be counted towards heat score.
 - Overall impression: A single score will be assigned to overall judge impression and counted towards heat score.
- Scoring range:
 - Whole number scores from 0-10 will be assigned to each wave, trick, and overall impression. The following scale will be used to assign scores:
 - 0-1 = poor; 2-3 = fair; 4-5 = average; 6-7 = good; 8-10 = excellent



Judging & Scoring - Heat Scores (con't):

- How a heat score is calculated:
 - $[Two\ Highest\ Wave\ Scores] + [(two\ highest\ trick\ scores) / 2] + [overall\ impression\ score] = heat\ total$
 - The heat totals from each judge will be averaged to provide final heat total.
- Details on scoring categories:
 - Wave riding: All turns and maneuvers performed on a single wave will be counted towards a single wave score. Any aerial maneuvers performed while on the wave landing on the same wave will be counted towards the score of that wave. Competitors are encouraged to link multiple turns and maneuvers on a single wave for higher wave scores.
 - Tricks: Any maneuver performed while not riding a wave will be counted as a trick score.
 - Overall Judge Impression: Performance and style throughout the entire heat will determine overall impression score. Overall impression score is influenced by speed, power, and flow throughout the entire heat.
- Equipment:
 - Competitors may choose to ride strapless or strapped surfboards as well as twin tips or any other type of board.
 - Competitors may switch out their board or kite at any time during the competition including during heats.
 - A portion of each score is based on "commitment and degree of difficulty". Therefore, tricks or wave rides performed on a strapless board will be deemed more difficult than the exact same action performed on a strapped surfboard, which will be deemed more difficult than the exact same action performed on a twintip board.

Right Of Way Rules:

- Any kitesurfer not riding a wave must give right of way to kitesurfer riding a wave. First kitesurfer on the wave will have right of way on the wave.
- Any kitesurfer not riding a wave or performing a trick must give right of way to a kitesurfer performing a trick.
- If a kitesurfer violates the right of way rules they will receive an interference penalty.
 - Any kitesurfer receiving an interference penalty will lose their second highest scoring wave and only have one wave (their single highest scoring wave) counted towards their heat total.

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- The judging panel will solely decide any interference calls. Once an interference is called, it is irrevocable.
- Any kitesurfer who uses their body or equipment to intentionally collide with another kitesurfer or their equipment will be immediately disqualified from the event.

Competition area:

- Kitesurfers must perform wave rides and tricks within the competition area. Markers will be placed on the beach to define the boundary of the competition area.
- Wave rides and tricks performed outside the competition area will not be scored.
- If a rider exits the competition area while riding a wave or performing a trick, any portion of the ride or trick performed outside of the competition area boundary will not be scored.
- Kitesurfers may not enter the competition area before their heat starts.
- Kitesurfers must immediately exit the competition area downwind at the end of their heat.

Flags and horn signals:

- No flag indicates event on hold.
- Black flag raised indicates 5 minutes until heat starts.
- Green flag will be raised on beach and a long single blast from the horn indicates heat start.
- Black Flag will be raised, green flag pulled down, and a short single blast from the horn indicates 5-minutes left in the heat.
- A triple blast from the horn signifies heat end. If another heat is starting, the green flag will be raised.

Prize Purse: Both Men's and Women's divisions have an equal prize purse.

Men's Prize Purse

- 1st - \$4000
- 2nd - \$2500
- 3rd - \$1500

Women's Prize Purse

- 1st - \$4000
- 2nd - \$2500
- 3rd - \$1500

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Additional info:

- Competitors are responsible for being on time for their heats. No heat will be postponed if a competitor is not present, heats will begin even if competitor is not present.
- If a rider already has 5 scored waves or 5 scored tricks in a heat, judges may not record additional lower scores that would not improve the rider's score line.

If the contest can not be completed due to lack of contestable conditions, the Women's prize purse will be divided equally among the females who advanced furthest in their division, and the Men's prize purse will be divided equally among the males who advanced furthest in their division. If no rounds are completed at all due to lack of contestable conditions, the Women's prize purse will be divided equally among all registered female competitors, and the Men's prize purse will be divided equally among all registered male competitors. Page Break

- Event organizers reserve the right to remove any competitor from the event at any time if deemed necessary.
- Event organizers reserve the right to alter the contest format at any time if deemed necessary to accommodate changing conditions or other circumstances.

Questions?

- Write any questions in the space below and bring them to the first riders meeting:

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