



2018 AZORES WINDSURF-FOIL OPEN CHALLENGE

Praia da Vitoria, Terceira Island, Azores

6th to 10th November 2018

<https://azoreschallenge.internationalwindsurfing.com/>

NOTICE OF RACE

Organised by **Clube Naval da Praia da Vitoria**

in co-operation with the

Açores Government

An International Windsurfing Association sanctioned event

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing – Windsurfing Competition Rules (WCR).
- 1.2 The [Azores Windsurf Foil Open Equipment Rules](#) shall apply.
- 1.3 The Class Rules (equipment rules) of the International Funboard Class Association (IFCA) and the International Formula Windsurfing Class (IFWC), as amended by #1.2, shall apply for Class Division prizes.
- 1.4 National prescriptions will not apply.
- 1.5 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Sailors may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.
- 2.2 Event branding shall be worn at all times when afloat, and as requested by the organizers during media interviews and during the prize giving.

3 DIVISIONS

- 3.1 **Gender Divisions:** Men and Women.
- 3.2 **Class Divisions:** IFCA and IFWC.
- 3.3 **Age Divisions:**
 - 3.3.1 A Master shall be a man over the age of 35 (born 1982 or earlier).
 - 3.3.2 A Grand Master shall be a man over the age of 45 (born 1972 or earlier).
- 3.4 A minimum of 5 competitors is required to constitute a division.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Competitors shall be members of a National Class Association which is a paid up member of the international class association, or of the IWA. Membership formalities can be completed on site.
- 4.2 Eligible competitors may [enter online](#) - credit/debit card or bank transfer payment required. Online entry will close on 30th **October 2018**.
- 4.3 An entry is not valid until the entry fee is paid.
- 4.5 The following shall be presented upon registration:
 - Evidence of valid third party insurance
 - Proof of age
 - [Parental Permission Form](#) - *for those under age of 18*

5 FEES

- 5.1 The required entry fee is: 190 euro.
- 5.2 A 30 euro discount will be deducted for entries paid by 15th **October 2018**.
- 5.3 Entry fees paid at registration shall be paid in cash (euro).
- 5.4 Late entries will be surcharged 20 euro.
- 5.5 Entry fees may be paid by bank transfer to:
Account Name: The International Windsurfing Association
Bank Details: Barclays Bank Plc, GB
IBAN: GB93 BARC 2008 4452 9772 99

SWIFTBIC: BARCGB22

Please include "AFOC" in your payment advice and e-mail confirmation of payment to: iwaoffice@internationalwindsurfing.com

6 RACE FORMAT

- 6.1 The competition format will be "upwind/downwind" racing.
- 6.2 Men and women may race separately.
- 6.3 Competitors shall race a maximum 5 races per day, in a maximum 16 race series.
- 6.4 Three races are required to validate the event for each division.

7 SCHEDULE

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| Sat>Mon 3/5 Nov | | Arrival & Training |
| Tuesday 6 Nov | 1000-1600 | Registration |
| | 1800 | Opening Ceremony |
| Wednesday 7 Nov | 1200 | First possible warning signal |
| to Saturday 10 Nov | | |
| Saturday 10 Nov | 1700 | Last possible warning signal |
| | 2000 | Prize giving ceremony & party |
| Sunday 11 Nov | | Departure |
- 7.1 There will be a daily skippers meeting on racing days one hour before the first possible warning signal.

8 EQUIPMENT & EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 8.1 An **Equipment Inspection Form**, which will also be available at registration, shall be returned to the Event Equipment Inspector before the end of registration.
- 8.2 Equipment inspections may be made at any time during the event.
- 8.3 Unless otherwise directed by the organising authority, boards and equipment shall be launched and retrieved from the designated area at the event site.

9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions (SI's) will be available upon registration. Any changes to the SI's shall be approved by the IWA Representative at the event.

10 COURSES

Courses will be as described in the sailing instructions and Event Rules.

11 PROTEST COMMITTEE

A Protest Committee will be appointed in accordance with WCR Appendix M. There shall be no appeal from their decisions.

12 SCORING

Scoring will be according to the WCR Appendix A except as amended by the following discard profile: 1 after 4 races; 2 after 7 races; 3 after 11 races.

13 COACHES & SUPPORT BOATS

Coaches shall be registered with the organiser. Support boats are not permitted on the race area.

14 SAFETY

Competitors shall wear a personal flotation device that shall conform to the minimum standard of ISO 12402-5 (level 50) and a suitable helmet.

15 PRIZES

15.1 Prizes may be awarded to top 3 competitors of a properly constituted division.

15.2 The first man and woman in their respective Open Overall Ranking will be declared - “**2018 Azores Windsurf Foil Open Challenge Champion**”.

15.3 There shall be a prize fund of **40,000 euro** (net of taxes) which shall be distributed according to revised **[Azores Open Prize Fund Rules](#)**.

15.4 The results from the Open Overall Ranking will be added to the 2018 Foil Grand Prix Series final ranking.

16 OFFICIAL CEREMONIES

Competitors are requested to attend the event’s social functions; including the opening and closing ceremonies. **Prize winners may forfeit prizes for non attendance at the prize giving ceremony.**

17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk, see WCR 4 - Decision to Race. The organising authority or any of their officials or representatives or the sponsors or their officials or representatives 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.

18 INSURANCE

Each participating competitor shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 300,000 euro per event or the equivalent.

19 RIGHT TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

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 reproduction of them, taken during the period of the event, for the said Event as defined in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions in which he/she participates without compensation.

20 FURTHER INFORMATION

20.1 Registration will be in the race office at the event site

20.2 For further information please contact: **Carlos Borges**

Tel: + 351 968908817 Email: secretaria@cnpv.org

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SHEET

The following information is not part of the rules for the Event.

A TRAVEL & TRANSFER

[Azores Airlines baggage allowance](#)

The distance between the airport of Terceira to the Race Office is 5 km. There will be free transfers between the Airport and the Race Office, we only ask to send an email to the organization with the date and your flight schedule.

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B ACCOMMODATION

There is a variety of holiday-rental accommodation on the island of Terceira, but the local organiser has a contract with local hotels with excellent conditions and prices for all the competitors and family.

All the hotels have a maximum distance to the Race Office of 500m.

For long stays, we could try to arrange local private houses, in good prices.

[Further accommodation](#)

C PREVAILING CONDITIONS

Wind: 12 to 25 knots; Air temperature: 18°C to 22 °C; Water temperature: 20°C

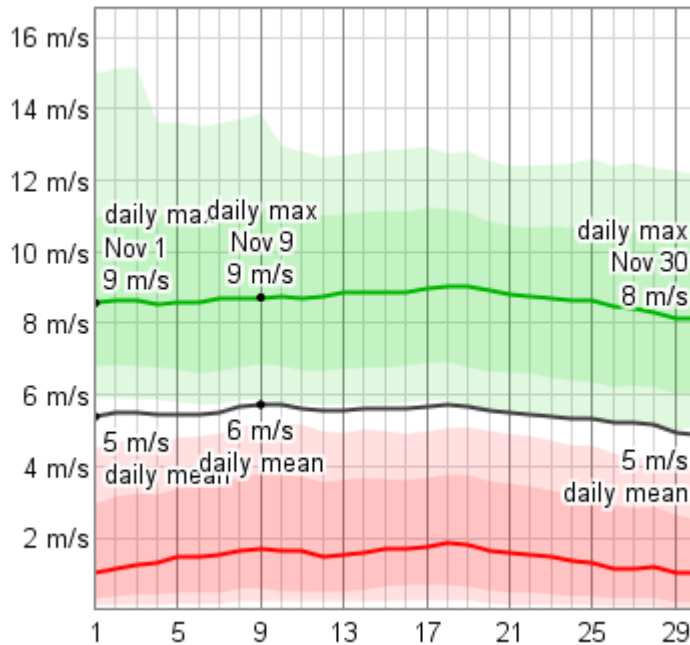
Wind

Over the course of November typical wind speeds vary from 1 m/s to 9 m/s (light air to fresh breeze), rarely exceeding 15 m/s (high wind).

The *highest* average wind speed of 6 m/s (moderate breeze) occurs around November 9, at which time the average daily maximum wind speed is 9 m/s (fresh breeze).

The *lowest* average wind speed of 5 m/s (gentle breeze) occurs around November 30, at which time the average daily maximum wind speed is 8 m/s (fresh breeze).

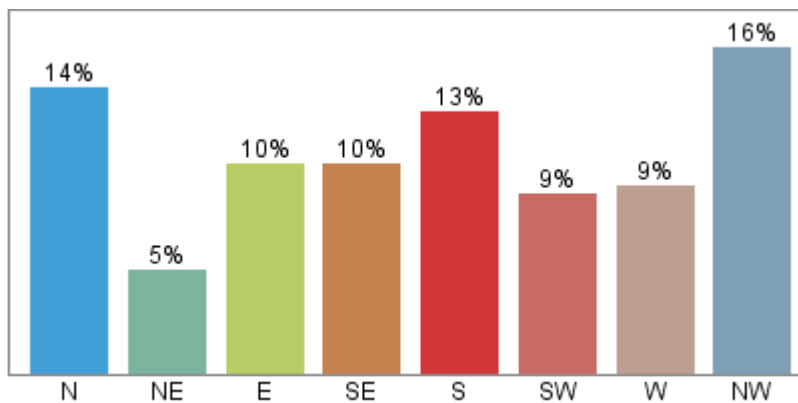
Wind Speed in November



The average daily minimum (red), maximum (green), and average (black) wind speed with percentile bands (inner band from 25th to 75th percentile, outer band from 10th to 90th percentile).

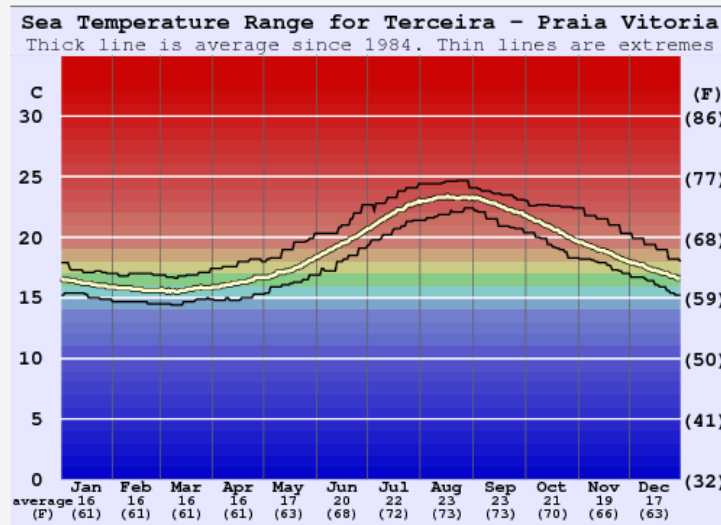
The wind is most often out of the north west (16% of the time), north (14% of the time), south (13% of the time), east (10% of the time), and south east (10% of the time).

Wind Directions in November



The fraction of time spent with the wind blowing from the various directions over the entire year. Values do not sum to 100% because the wind direction is undefined when the wind speed is zero.

Below is a graph of Historical Sea Surface Temperature for Terceira - Praia Vitoria. This has been derived from analysis of two decades of oceanographic satellite measurements of nearby open water. We have calculated the average water temperature variation around the year as well as the extremes that have been observed on each date.



All of the graphs for the surf breaks presented on Surf-Forecast.com are on the same scale to enable comparison between locations around the world.

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