

European Pro Windsurfing Tour 2025

Date: 14th -18th of May

Organizer: European Pro Windsurfing Tour ApS

Venue: Hanstholm - Denmark

Rules for Competitors

1. Equipment Specifications

• **Foil-Only Tour:** All competitors must use foil boards only. No traditional fin-based windsurfing boards are permitted.

- **Production Gear Requirement:** All windsurfing gear (including boards, sails, masts, fuselages, and wings) must be production equipment. Custom or prototype equipment is strictly prohibited.
- **Unlimited Gear Use:** Competitors may use any number of boards and sails throughout the competition. Similarly, there are no restrictions on the number of foil masts, fuselages, and wings a competitor can use.

2. Safety Equipment

- Mandatory Helmet and Impact Vest: All competitors must wear a safety helmet and an impact vest at all times during the competition. Minors are required to wear buoyancy vests (50 N) according to DIN EN ISO 12402-5:2021-04.
- Weight Vest Specifications: The use of a weight vest is permitted provided it can fully float when loaded to ensure the safety of competitors in the event of immersion. If you want to use a weight vest during the event, it is mandatory to have it checked at the inscription to ensure it can float.

3. Competition Area

• **Proximity to Shore:** All races will be conducted as close to the shore as safely possible to facilitate easy viewing and rapid emergency response.

4. Wind Conditions

• Wind Range for Competition: Competitions will be held in wind conditions ranging from approximately 8 knots to an upper extreme of 40 knots, if deemed sailable by the event organizers.



5. Compliance and Safety

- **Right to Inspect:** Event organizers reserve the right to inspect any equipment to ensure compliance with the tour's rules.
- **Disqualification:** Failure to adhere to any of the rules set forth may result in disqualification from the competition.
- **Safety First:** Safety measures specified must be followed at all times. The organizers prioritize the health and safety of all competitors and reserve the right to make adjustments to the competition based on real-time weather assessments or safety concerns.

Sailing Instructions

Will be available on registration at the event site.

Communication

- Official Notice Board (ONB): Located next to the race office on the event area.
- WhatsApp Group: There will be a WhatsApp group to support the ONB. The link will be published in the Sailing Instructions (SI) and on the ONB.

Competition Groups

• The maximum number of participants is limited to 32 men.

Discipline

- Foil Only
- Entry registration shall be made by the online form on the official website: epwtour.com
- The entry fee is 150 Euros.
- The entry fee shall be paid upon entering, even if the entry is cancelled later or the competitor does not show up. The entry fee is non-refundable, except for the event or class being canceled by the organizing authority or if the entry is rejected.



Advertising

- **Competitor Advertising:** Restricted to stickers in the sail area below the boom or above the sail number.
- **Sponsor Stickers:** The participant is obliged to use sponsor stickers according to the specifications of the organizer.
- **Lycra:** Every participant is obliged to wear their lycra above the harness on every ride on the water, whether for training or during the races. The lycra and the sponsor stickers will be provided at the inscription.

Schedule

Registration/Inscription

- Monday, May 12th, 16:00 to 20:00.
- Tuesday, May 13th, 16:00 to 20:00.
- Wednesday, May 14th, 16:00 to 20:00.

Warm Up Races before event start

- Tuesday, 13th of May (Event lycras are mandatory)
- Wednesday, 14th of May (Event lycras are mandatory)

Scheduled Number of eliminations

- Thursday, May 15th: Max. 5 eliminations
- Friday, May 16th: Max. 5 eliminations
- Saturday, May 17th: Max. 5 eliminations
- Sunday, May 18th: Max. 5 eliminations

The regatta is scheduled for 4 competition days, with a maximum total number of races being 20. The race committee decides if the conditions are suitable.

Daily Schedule

- **1. Race day May 15th:** Opening ceremony and skippers meeting at 10:00 am, first possible start at 12:30 pm
- 2. Race day May 16th: Skippers meeting at 10:00 am, first possible start at 12:00 pm
- 3. Race day May 17th: Skippers meeting at 10:00 am, first possible start at 12:00 pm
- 4. Race day May 18th: Skippers meeting at 10:00 am, first possible start at 12:00 pm



The program may be changed at the discretion of the organizing committee. A change of the time for the skippers meeting or the first possible start needs to be published on the ONB until 20:00 on the day before. Otherwise, the timings from this schedule apply. On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 17:00. If one or more fleets have no valid result and the race committee sees a chance to achieve a valid result, this deadline may be extended by a maximum of two (2) hours for the affected fleets. In that case, the prize-giving may be postponed accordingly.

Equipment and Doping Inspection

- Equipment inspections may take place at any time.
- Doping tests may take place during the event.

Venue

- The event venue is located at the Hanstholm Surfklub, Nordre Strandvej 51-53, 7730 Hanstholm, Denmark.
- The race office will be located in Hanstholm Surfklub.
- The racing area is the North Sea.

Courses

• The courses will be defined in the Sailing Instructions (SI).

Scoring

- To achieve a valid result for the European Pro Windsurfing Tour, at least one elimination needs to be completed.
- The score of a participant is the sum of the points of their races minus the worst point(s) according to the following:

1 to 4 races: 0 discards
5 to 7 races: 1 discard
8 to 12 races: 2 discards
13 to 17 races: 3 discards

• 18 to 20 races: 4 discards



Lycras

During the event, all sailors will be given black lycras. The yellow lycra will be worn by the sailor leading the competition on Day 2, Day 3 and Day 4.

This year, there will also be a white lycra for the best-ranked sailor under 18 years old. The sailor leading this category on Day 2, Day 3 and Day 4 will wear the white lycra.

Support Person Vessels

- All support person vessels shall be registered with the organizing authority.
- When support persons are present in the racing area, they are required to comply with local legislation and follow any orders by the race committee.
- Support persons shall wear personal flotation devices at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- The drivers of support person vessels shall use the kill cord at all times while the engine is running.
- Support person vessels shall be insured with valid and for the racing area suitable third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 3,500,000 EUR per incident or the equivalent.

Equipment Area

- An equipment area is provided directly at the venue free of charge. The entire windsurfing equipment may be stored there.
- The equipment is NOT guarded by a security service during the night.

Media and Data Privacy

- Upon registration to the event, competitors agree that photos and videos may be taken of their person and used as part of the organizing authority's public relations activities, e.g., via websites, newsletters, print and TV media, and social networks.
- Competitors or their guardians grant to the organizing authority the unlimited right to use images, photographs, television and radio material produced of them during the event without compensation.
- Competitors may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment, and positioning equipment as specified and supplied by the organizing authority.
- Competitors may be required to be available for interviews at the event.

Data Privacy Policy: The organizing authority will process and store personal data collected from entering and participating in the event. Further information can be found under "data protection" on the official website.



Limitation of Liability

With registration for the regatta, the competitor explicitly accepts the Disclaimer of Liability.

Disclaimer of Liability: All participants take part in the event at their own risk. It is the responsibility of the participant to decide to take part in the competition and to take responsibility for his or her crew. The participant is responsible for the crew's seamanlike behavior and the boat's seaworthiness. The organizer may cancel or adjust the event in cases of force majeure, safety concerns, or administrative order. In this case, there is no participant's right to compensation.

Participants have no right to compensation by the organizer for any damages incurred in connection with the competition. In case of a violation of obligations that do not constitute primary respectively material contractual duties (cardinal obligations), the liability of the organizer, no matter because of which cause in law, for material and property damages of all kinds and their consequences that arise to the participant during or in connection with the participation in the event resulting from the conduct of the organizer, his representatives, servants, or agents, is restricted to damages that were caused willfully or grossly negligent. When a violation of cardinal obligations occurs, in cases of simple negligence the liability of the organizer is limited to foreseeable, typically occurring damages. To the extent that the liability for damages of the organizer is excluded or restricted, the participant also relieves the staff – employees and representatives, agents, servants, sponsors, and individuals who provide or drive salvage, safety or rescue vessels or assist with their use - from individual liability for damages, as well as all other individuals who were instructed to act in connection with the realization of the event. This is valid for the organizer, the club, the European Pro Windsurfing Tour.ApS and/or all the officials and representatives.

Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid (and for the racing area suitable) third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 1,500,000 EUR per incident or the equivalent.

Prizes

Prizes will be awarded to the positions 1 to 5 in each discipline at the European Pro Windsurfing Tour Qualification, Maj 15th to 18th, 2025. Prizes not claimed at the prize-giving ceremony will remain with the organizing authority.

Travelling and Accommodation

There are various options for places to stay in Hanstholm, from camping to hotels.



Event Coverage

Results (live scoring), daily news, and photos will be available on the official website <u>epwtour.com</u>. Additionally, the event will be covered on the official social media channels of the European Pro Windsurfing Tour.

• **Instagram:** @epwtour

• Facebook: European Pro Windsurfing Tour

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