



**SFT Downwind Parawing World Cup 2026 Cabarete
Wing Fest / Cabarete, Dominican Republic
17-21.06.2026**

It is a pleasure for us to announce the [SFT Downwind Parawing World Cup Cabarete 2026](#), taking place in Cabarete, Dominican Republic, from June 17th to June 21st, 2026, hosted by the [Cabarete Wing Fest 2026](#).

This is a SFT World Tour event.

The Cabarete Wing Fest 2026 will make history by hosting the SFT Downwind Parawing World Cup in Cabarete, one of the most legendary wind and ocean sports destinations in the Caribbean. With its reliable trade winds, warm tropical waters, and internationally known water sports culture,

Cabarete provides an outstanding competition venue for the world's top parawing riders. Set against the backdrop of the Dominican Republic's North Coast, this event will combine elite-level racing, strong media appeal, and the unique lifestyle atmosphere that has made Cabarete famous around the world.

As part of the Cabarete Wing Fest, the event will not only showcase world-class competition, but also the spirit of connection, adventure, and ocean lifestyle that defines Cabarete.



REGISTRATION

Entry procedure and Registration

All competitors invited to enter this special SFT World Tour event must register via the link provided on the relevant event page of the SFT World Tour website, or directly through the following link:

<https://app.surffoilworldtour.com/>

Registration may also be completed **by email** at **carlos@surffoilworldtour.com**, or by **other means as specified by the SFT Sports Commission**, no later than the **official closing date for entries** for this event.

The registration period and payment deadline will close approximately 1 week before the event. Timely registration is essential to allow for proper organization of event ycras and the event safety plan. Late registration may still be possible if needed, but riders must write to us directly and acceptance cannot be guaranteed. Riders are strongly advised to secure their accommodation early. Parental authorization is mandatory for riders under 18 years old.

Please note that **accommodation availability in the area is very limited**, and early booking is strongly recommended. Parental authorization (mandatory for riders under 18 years old).

Data Protection

Registration implies acceptance of the SFT Riders App Terms and Conditions and Privacy Policy. Personal data may be processed for sporting and event purposes in accordance with GDPR and applicable data protection laws.



Entry restrictions

The SFT entry fee for this event is **USD\$50**. A valid SFT membership is mandatory and can be obtained as either a single-event membership (**€20**) or a full-year membership (**€40**).

Payments must be made via credit card. For certain exceptions, late payments can be made in cash at the inscription at the respective event. Cash-payments will only be accepted in Euros or USD currency, If so an amount of 30,- EUR processing fee will be added to the regular entry-fee. In the case that the full amount of the inscription fee is not paid by the end of the announced inscription-time, the rider will not be allowed to compete.

SFT Payment Links

SFT Parawing Cabarete Entry Fee (\$50 USD): <https://buy.stripe.com/aEU17c9LW5GKawocOf>

SFT One event only membership fee (20 Euro): <https://buy.stripe.com/28o6rw8HS6KOawo15t>

SFT Full Year membership fee (40 Euro): <https://buy.stripe.com/9AQaHM4rCglodIAeWk>

Eligibility

A competitor is eligible for any SFT event if the following conditions are met:

- The competitor has personal medical insurance with worldwide coverage. A valid membership card or certificate, or other satisfactory evidence of worldwide medical coverage, may be requested.
- The competitor cannot hold the SFT, GKA Event GmbH, Deep Ocean Consulting Ltd, or the event organizer responsible for any claims for damages as a consequence of the competitor not having sufficient personal medical insurance.
- The competitor cannot hold the SFT, GKA Event GmbH, Deep Ocean Consulting Ltd, or the event organizer responsible for any legal liabilities and or any claims for damages by third parties caused by the competitor.
- The competitor holds a valid competitor membership with the SFT World Tour for the current year.
- Riders under 18 must provide signed parental au

Entry allocation

This is an **Open** SFT Downwind Parawing World Cup.



Disciplines

This SFT World Tour event will feature one official discipline only. The Pro/Am Division Invitational will be open to both men and women.

Please note: This Race Notice applies to the SFT Downwind Parawing event only.

As Parawing is a newly established discipline, the world's top Parawing foil riders have been selected by SFT, while additional Parawing riders are also invited to participate in order to test their level and gain competitive experience.

SFT has contacted all major Parawing brands to encourage the participation of their leading riders and ensure the highest possible competitive level.

Awards Categories:

- 1, 2, 3 Open Pro Am Men
- 1, 2, 3 Open Pro Am Women
- 1 Masters Male
- 1 Masters Female
- 1 Youth Male
- 1 Youth Female

Parawing Divisions:

- **Open Pro/Am** (minimum 14 years old in the year of competition)
- **Masters:** (minimum 40 years old in the year of competition)
- **Youth** (U18) All riders race in Open. Minimum age to compete: 14 years old (in the year of competition).

Event Seeding

Event seeding will be determined by time trials conducted on the morning of the first competition day. A short course will be set, including designated stash zones, with times recorded from start to finish. All competitors will be seeded into the competition ladder based on their fastest valid time, with lower times receiving higher seeding priority.

Important Info

- All riders need to wear a helmet during competition!
- Competitors have to wear the official lycra at all times when proceeding to the water, also during training.
- Each rider will get one competition rider lycra at the registration.
- Each rider is responsible for his competition vest. In case of loss, a replacement might not be possible.



- Competitors shall wear the event advertising lycra vest supplied by the Event Organizer over all other clothing on the water at all times during the event and one SFT board sticker to be placed on the top and on the bottom of the board.
- All competitors are required to abide by the advertising rules as laid out in this Event Rules. Competitors breaching these rules may be warned in writing for the first offense and may incur a fine at the second offense of not more than EUR 500 for each violation.
- All rider meetings and opening/closing ceremonies in the schedule are mandatory to all riders. Please be on time and ready.
- Riders are not permitted to publicly associate their names in non-authorized parties/ autograph sessions.
- There will be a social event-calendar for each event site that all riders must join via social media and share.

SFT Membership

- Every competitor needs to hold a valid one event only or a full year SFT membership.
- Membership fees shall be determined by the SFT at the start of the year and may be changed at any notice during the year.
- Competitors are not fully covered by SFT membership. They must still prove that they have accident insurance and a civil liability. There may be a request for medical certificate.
- At the end of the inscription-time, the rider must be able to prove a valid SFT membership.
- Payments must be made via credit card. For certain exceptions, late payments can be made in cash at the inscription at the respective event. Cash-payments will only be accepted in Euros or USD currency.
- The cost of the SFT membership for this one event is 20€. Competitors competing for the whole year are advised to pay the standard 40€ per year to cover you for all remaining events in 2026.

Travel info

Cabarete is one of the Caribbean's best known wind and watersports destinations and is easily accessible through the international airports serving the north coast of the Dominican Republic.

Nearest airport: Puerto Plata Gregorio Luperón International Airport (POP)

The event site is approximately 19 km from the airport, or around 28 minutes by car under normal traffic conditions.

Other airport options may also be available via Santiago or Santo Domingo, depending on the rider's travel route.

Travel documents and Visa

- If an invitation letter is needed for riders, please email carlos@surffoilworldtour.com and we will issue the document for you.

Ground Transportation

- Taxi from POP to Cabarete: approx. US\$35–50
- Private shuttle services are widely available
- Car rental is recommended for flexibility during your stay



Event Location

Location: Cabarete, Dominican Republic

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/ARTYBotF4ZbWHMaz7>

Main event area and registration: Vela Watersports Cabarete

Full details and exact meeting points will be communicated prior to the event.

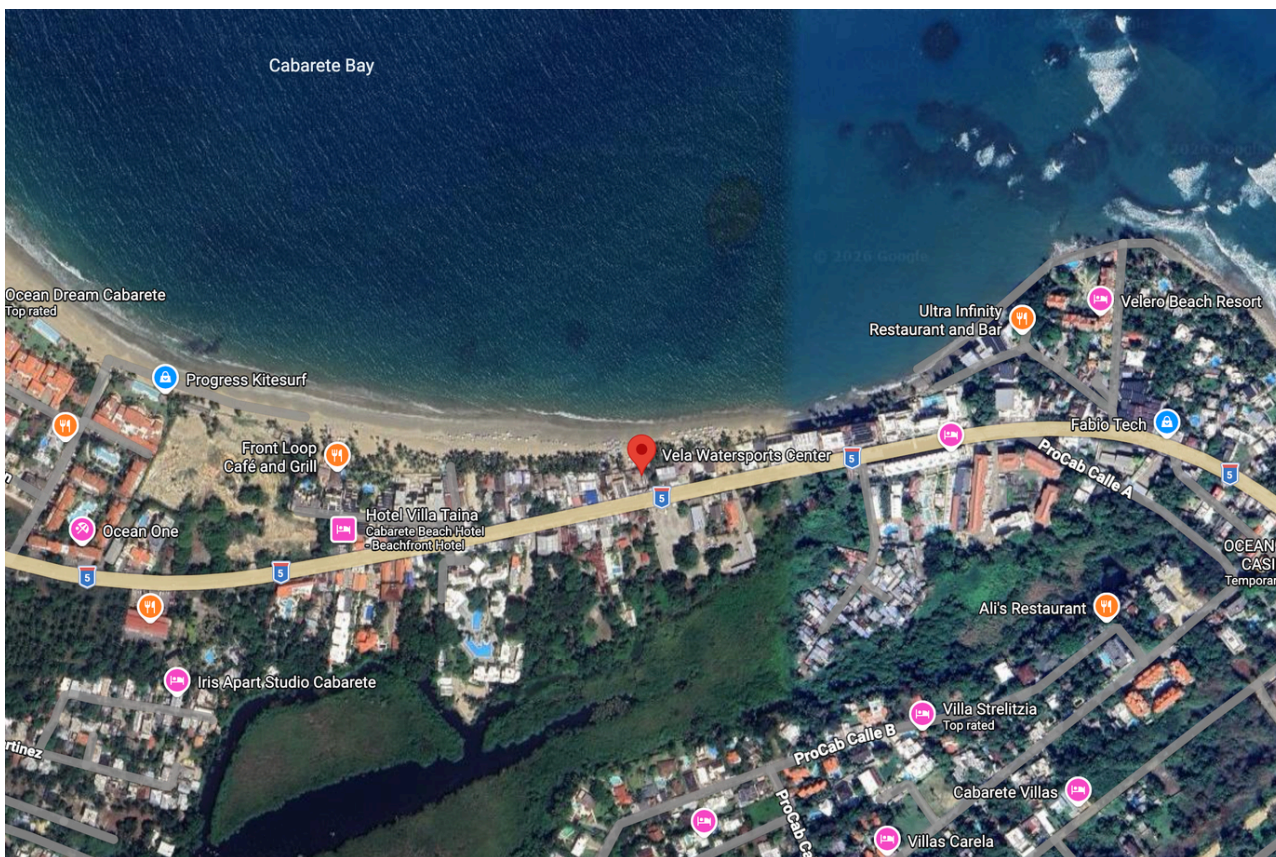
Organizer Contact

For accommodation options, please contact: Audrey Audreycabarete@gmail.com

Accommodation

Cabarete offers a wide range of accommodation options, contact Contact@velacabarete.com for booking reservations.

Participants are encouraged to book early, as availability can be limited during event dates. Special partner rates may be available through official event partners.





Weather

Cabarete has built its reputation on consistency, with reliable trade winds, warm waters, and a dynamic mix of flatwater and ocean conditions.

In June, riders can expect:

- Wind: approximately 15 to 25 knots
- Air temperature: approximately 28 to 32°C / 82 to 90°F
- Water temperature: approximately 26 to 28°C / 79 to 82°F

These conditions create an ideal playground for Downwind Parawing, offering both technical sections and open ocean glide along Cabarete's iconic coastline. Approximate sunrise is 06:00 and approximate sunset is 19:30.

Event experience

More than a competition, Cabarete Wing Fest delivers a full festival experience that blends sport, community, and lifestyle. Riders and guests will take part in a week of curated experiences including a kickoff registration party, pro athlete clinics, and ocean talks featuring stories from leading watermen and women.

On the water, participants can test the latest gear, join supported 12 km open ocean downwinders, and take part in foil races and expression sessions. Off the water, the energy continues with beachside dinners, daily social gatherings, and a VIP celebration bringing together athletes, brands, and the global foiling community, all captured through professional media coverage.

Equipment storage

Equipment storage will be available at Vela beachfront.

Event Schedule

The official daily schedule, riders meetings, registration timing, competition windows, and social program details will depend on the forecast and will be communicated through the official WhatsApp group. https://chat.whatsapp.com/DVW9vShpCk4F8pLtQVQvs?mode=gi_t

Competition may be run across the full event window from 17th to 21st June 2026, depending on weather conditions, safety requirements, and event flow.

Equipment

- Only hydrofoils are eligible for use in competition. There are not any restrictions on the size
- length and width of the quiver.
- There are no restrictions on dimensions or constructions of the boards.
- Foot-straps, pads and wax are allowed.
- Both serial and prototype parawings are allowed.
- The use of a helmet and vest is mandatory.



Prize money

The total prize money for the SFT Downwind Parawing World Cup 2026 will be **USD\$3,000**.

There must be a minimum of 4 competitors to run a valid division, otherwise men and women run together in one division.

General Allocation Principle Equal Gender.

The total prize money is divided into two components:

1. **Podium Prize Money (Top 3) – 80%**
2. **Depth Bonus (4th to 6th) – 20%**

Masters and Youth divisions are ranking-only and do not receive prize money, unless their results place them within the paid positions of the Pro Men or Pro Women divisions. All percentages are calculated based on the **total event prize money**.

Podium Prize Money (Top 3 – 80%) Men and Women.

80% of the total prize money is allocated to the Top 3 and is equally split between Men and Women (40% per division), regardless of the number of participants.

Within each division, the Top 3 prize money is distributed as follows:

- **1st place: 50%**
- **2nd place: 30%**
- **3rd place: 20%**

This ensures full gender equality at podium level.

Depth Bonus (4th–6th – 20%)

The remaining 20% of the total prize money is allocated as a depth bonus and is awarded only in divisions with more than 10 registered riders.

If applicable, the depth bonus is distributed within that division as follows:

- **4th place: 7.0%**
- **5th place: 6.8%**
- **6th place: 6.2%**

If a division has fewer than 10 registered riders, the depth bonus does not apply in that division and the corresponding amount is added to the Podium Prize Money (Top 3) of the same **division**, maintaining the same podium distribution percentages. This system is designed to reward competitive depth while maintaining equal prize money distribution at podium level.

Example, Total Prize Money: 3,000 USD

Men Division, more than 10 riders registered

- 1st place, 20%: 600 USD
- 2nd place, 12%: 360 USD
- 3rd place, 8%: 240 USD
- 4th place, 7%: 210 USD
- 5th place, 6.8%: 204 USD
- 6th place, 6.2%: 186 USD

Women Division, fewer than 10 riders registered

- 1st place: 600 USD
- 2nd place: 360 USD
- 3rd place: 240 USD



SFT World Tour

As a competitor, I agree to respect the racing rules and in particular:

- To display visibly the competitor-number attributed to me.
- To always wear the official event-competition-lycra when proceeding to the water (also during training) as well as during interviews, official presentations and on podium.
- To wear a safety helmet during the competition, to follow the recommendations and/or instructions provided by the crew. to place board stickers (SFT Surf Foil World Tour & Event sponsor) on the top and on the bottom of the board at all times during the event (competitions, interviews, media conferences, award ceremony...).
- To take note that all rider meetings, opening/closing ceremonies and media conferences requested by the Event Organizer are mandatory to all riders. I assure that I'll be on time and ready. I'm aware that a non-observance of this rule will incur a fine of up to 500 EUR.
- Any competitor finishing in the top 3 positions who fails to attend the awards ceremony on time (without being justified by a force of major circumstance) will incur a fine equal to their earned prize money for the event. Furthermore, fine can incur an additional penalty of up to 1,000 EUR and suspension for the next event.

Parawing competition Format

The Cabarete SFT Downwind Parawing Competition 2026 will consist of various distinctive courses, designed to test different aspects of parawing skills. There will be 5 days where the competition can take place depending on wind forecast: 17th to 21st June 2026.

Time Trials, Qualification Series

On Day 1 we will run the time trials/fleet trials races, which count as qualification times and seeding for the elimination series. If a competitor misses the time trial race, the athlete may still compete in the elimination series, but will enter the first elimination race with a seeding lower than those who participated in the time trials.

Elimination Series

After the time trials we will run elimination series. The race is run in an elimination ladder format, where each heat has a number of athletes (small fleet or big fleet) competing against each other at the same time on the course and the best X number of athletes advance into the next round until the final of the race. We may also run half fleet or full fleet races depending on the number of registered riders, weather conditions, logistics, available race area, and judging capacity.

Race Course Examples

The race courses may vary according to weather and sea state. The main goal is to identify the most complete rider through combinations of upwind, beam reach, broad reach, and stashed downwind sections.

If conditions are flatter and more offshore, stash zones may be shorter because they will demand more pumping. If conditions include more swell and more open downwind energy, stash zones may be longer in order to use the ocean energy available.

Final course layouts and any variations will be communicated at the riders meeting before racing.



Penalties and Race Status

DSQ, Disqualification

A competitor will be disqualified from the run for:

- a jump start, starting before the green flag or official start signal
- failure to follow the correct buoy sequence

DNS, Did Not Start

A competitor will be scored as DNS if they are not present at the starting line when the official start sequence is given by the boat:

- red flag raised: 1 minute
- yellow flag raised: 1 minute
- Yellow flag down (No flag) 1 minute
- green flag up: Start

DNF, Did Not Finish

A competitor will be scored as DNF if they are unable to regain flight within two minutes following a crash.

Elimination series, Group race format

Final courses for the elimination series will be decided by the competition director depending on weather and sea conditions and will be communicated at the riders briefing.

- All competitors in a heat start at the same time on a starting signal command.
- The starting signal command will be given in acoustic and visual form by the competition director or any other member of the jury.
- All competitors must complete the course in the same way according to the course diagram.
- The result of the heat is determined by whoever completes the course correctly and crosses the finish line in finishing order.
- A competitor who completes the course incorrectly is disqualified.
- Depending on the number of competitors in a heat, a given number of athletes will advance to the next round. This number will be announced at the riders meeting.
- Competitors not qualifying for the next round will be ranked in the heat according to their finishing position across the finish line or the distance completed if the finish line is not crossed.
- A heat is valid as soon as the number of competitors who qualify for the next round have completed the course, or two minutes after the first competitor has completed the course. The ranking of the remaining competitors in the heat is then determined according to the distance they have completed.



Crashes in the Elimination Series, Group races

- If a competitor crashes at the start or during the course, the athlete may get back on foil and continue.
- If two or more competitors crash with each other, the incident is generally treated as a standard racing incident unless dangerous riding is identified.
- Dangerous riding may be called by the competition director or any member of the jury observing the race if a competitor behaves in a rude or abusive manner with the intention of putting other competitors in danger. A competitor who acts under dangerous riding will be disqualified from the heat.

Elimination ladder

Any race in the elimination series is run with an elimination ladder in a knock out system. Multiple athletes compete against each other in different heats, where the best competitors from a single heat advance into the next round until the final.

Different elimination ladder systems may be used according to the total number of participants and the number of riders per heat.

Seeding in Elimination ladder

For the first race of the elimination series, all competitors are seeded into the elimination ladder according to their result from the time trials.

If multiple competitors have the same result from the time trials because they did not start or did not make it to the finish line:

- competitors who crashed at the start will be seeded below those who have a ranking from the time trials, and a draw will determine the positions between those without a ranking
- competitors who did not start at all in the time trials will be seeded below those who participated in the time trials, and a draw will determine the positions between those who did not participate

For the second and any following elimination race, the result of the previous elimination race counts for the seeding of the next race. Shared positions are split for the allocation in the elimination ladder by the result from the time trials.

Event Ranking

If the Elimination Series runs one race only, the result of that one elimination stands as the final event ranking. All heats need to be completed to have a valid result.

If the Elimination Series runs multiple races, the results of each race count towards the final event ranking. A competitor collects points for every result of a single race according to the position the athlete finishes within that race.



Event ranking points

The winner receives 0.7 points, second place receives 2 points, third place receives 3 points, fourth place receives 4 points, and after that the athletes knocked out receive the average points of all other competitors knocked out in the same round in the same finishing position.

The competitor with the lowest accumulated points is in first position of the event ranking, the competitor with the second lowest accumulated points is in second position, and so on.

Discards

- If four or more races are completed in the elimination series, every competitor may discard one result of all races. This means the highest points collected in a single race will not count towards the event ranking.
- If seven or more races are completed in the elimination series, every competitor may discard two results of all races.
- If ten or more races are completed in the elimination series, every competitor may discard three results of all races.

Tie Breaks

- If multiple competitors end with the same total points in the event ranking, a competitor is ranked above another competitor by the following order of rules:
- in favour of the competitor with the better result from the time trials
- in favour of the competitor with lower discarded points, if any discard has been effected in favour of the competitor who has finished more often ahead of the other throughout all races, including discarded races
- in favour of the competitor with the higher number of first, second, third, and so on, place finishes throughout all races, including discarded races
- in favour of the competitor who finished better in the last race
- if all of the above rules fail to determine who finishes ahead, the final event ranking shall stand with a shared position between those competitors

Parawing Downwind Key Rules, SFT

Discipline

- Races are held over a defined course with start and finish lines, marked by buoys.
- One or more downwind sections are included.
- During downwind sections, riders must advance using wave energy and or pumping only.
- Downwind Parawing propulsion is strictly forbidden and the parawing must remain stashed at all times.



Right of Way

- Starboard tack has priority over port tack.
- Leeward rider has priority when overlapped on the same tack.
- Rider clear ahead has priority when not overlapped.
- A rider changing tack or transitioning must keep clear until established.
- When converging downwind and priority is unclear:
 - overlapped: rider on the other rider's starboard side keeps clear
 - not overlapped: rider clear astern keeps clear

Safety and Conduct

- Avoid contact at all times when reasonably possible.
- Riders acquiring right of way or changing course must give room to keep clear. • Blocking or deliberate obstruction is prohibited.
- Non competing riders must stay outside the competition area.

Interference and Penalties

- Interference includes hindering another rider's course or unsportsmanlike conduct.
- Interference penalties may be applied by the race officials, with or without a hearing.
- Penalties may include warnings, score adjustments, heat reruns, of disqualification.
- In serious or deliberate cases, disqualification from the event may be applied.

Redress

- Redress may be granted if a rider's result is materially affected through no fault of their own.
- Requests must be submitted in writing within the prescribed time limits.
- The Race Director may apply any fair corrective action, including reruns or score adjustments.

SFT Cabarete Team 2026

Tour Manager: Tom Hartmann

Contest Director: Carlos Saez

Scoring Operator: Julio Furest

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Video Production and Media: TBA

Any questions, please contact our Sports Director at carlos@surffoilworldtour.com.

We look forward to seeing you very soon.

The SFT Team