

# THE WORLD WAVE TOUR

Presented by the PWA & IWT

## THE PUERTO RICO WORLD CUP

4 Star World Wave Tour Event

### RIDER NOTICE

#### Competition Details

Event Window: March 2-9, 2025, Shacks Beach or Surfer's Beach  
Registration: will take place on March 1st

#### Prize Money

\$10,000 Men and Women

1st Man / Woman USD \$2,000  
2nd Man / Woman USD \$1,500  
3rd Man / Woman USD \$1,000  
4th Man / Woman USD \$500

#### Ranking Points

4 Star 60% Men & Women  
4 Star 100% U21, U18, Masters  
Americas Regional Rankings & World Rankings

#### Official Functions

1. Opening Ceremony Saturday, March 1, 2025, Plaza de Aguadilla  
2. Official Awards Party Sunday, March 9, 2025, Shacks Beach, Reception - Villa Shacks.  
Attendance at both ceremonies is mandatory for all competitors. They should make their flight and travel arrangements accordingly. Afterparty: March 9th Paseo Real Boardwalk

#### Rules Sanction and Status

This event is run by the IWT Wave Tour rules and regulations and by the Professional Windsurfers Association (PWA) Rulebook and is sanctioned by the PWA as a 4 Star World Cup status event as part of the 2025 World Wave Tour. Together these form THE WORLD WAVE TOUR rules and regulations.

#### Conditions of Entry – The 2025 Puerto Rico World Cup

Should too few entries be received at the closing date, the PWA IWT reserves the right to limit entries or to adjust the entry structure if it is in the best interests of the sport or the event. All competitors must enter through the Live Heats online entry system:

**REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW 1: <https://www.liveheats.com/events/321864>**

Note: Advance Seed entry closes Friday 14th February.

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<b>MEN'S ENTRY PROCEDURE</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>Places</b>
Top 24 WWT Rolling Ranking - advance seeding	1-24	24
Top 8 Riders Challengers - advance to meet top seeds	25-32	8
Up to 16 Challenger Riders*		Max 16

<b>WOMEN'S ENTRY PROCEDURE</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>Places</b>
Top 24 WWT Rolling Ranking - advance seeding	1-12	12
Top 4 Riders Challengers - advance to meet top seeds	13-16	4
Up to 8 Challenger Riders*		8

<b>MASTER'S ENTRY PROCEDURE</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>Places</b>
Top 24 WWT Rolling Ranking - advance seeding	1-12	12
Top 4 Riders Challengers - advance to meet top seeds	13-16	4
Up to 8 Challenger Riders*		8

<b>PRO JUNIOR'S U21 ENTRY PROCEDURE</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>Places</b>
Top 24 WWT Rolling Ranking - advance seeding	1-12	12
Top 4 Riders Challengers - advance to meet top seeds	13-16	4
Up to 8 Challenger Riders*		8

U18 riders - maximum 16  
 Grand Masters - maximum 8

### Heat Formats

Challenger Rounds are single elimination (dingle if conditions allow).  
 Advance Seed Rounds are Seeding, Redemption, elimination (Standard WWT Dingle).  
 Standard WWT bracket options include the following:

- Standard WWT 32 Dingle, 4 riders per heat (27 Heats - after challenger rounds)
- Standard WWT 24 Dingle, 4 riders per heat (17 Heats - after challenger rounds)
- Standard WWT 16 Dingle, 4 riders per heat (13 Heats - after challenger rounds)
- Standard WWT 12 Dingle, 4 riders per heat (8 Heats - after challenger rounds)
- Note: limited conditions may result in a fast single for all to secure full results.

### Standard Heat Cycles

15 Minutes = 13 minute heat + 2 minute transition (synced to the hour)  
 20 Minutes = 17 minute heat + 3 minute transition (synced to the hour)  
 30 Minutes = 26 minute heat + 4 minute transition (synced to the hour)

Heat flag: nation flag up at heat start - nation flag down at heat end.  
 Postponement flag: large red flag\*

## Environmental

Competitors shall at all times conduct themselves in an environmentally friendly way. Competitors are required to participate in beach clean ups or similar activities to promote positive environmental action.

## Advertising

Competitors will be required to wear advertising vests. According to PWA & IWT Rules, WWT competitors will be required to carry sail stickers and wear advertising vests. All other advertising on sails and boards will be according to PWA & IWT Advertising Rules.

Competitors must make maximum effort to ensure sails are clean and that stickers are properly fixed in place, regardless of sail material or the age of the sails. Sails should be fully cleaned at the start of the event and stickers applied to all sails that may be used at the event on the first day, not just as and when a sailor chooses to use them, as there may not be time to affix branding at that point. It shall be the competitor's own responsibility to make sure that branding is properly fixed and penalties may be imposed for anyone not carrying the correct branding for any reason whatsoever.

## Media

4 Star event media

- Live Hearts live scoring all divisions
- Live broadcast optional at 4 Star events - focus is on TV News & Social Media
- Drones & Photos every competition day - WWT posted, available to riders to post
- Journalism - press release every competition day with global PR reach
- Social Media - every competition day posted with global PR reach

## Travel / Visa Requirements

All competitors must make sure that they are aware of any necessary visas or other specific travel arrangements.

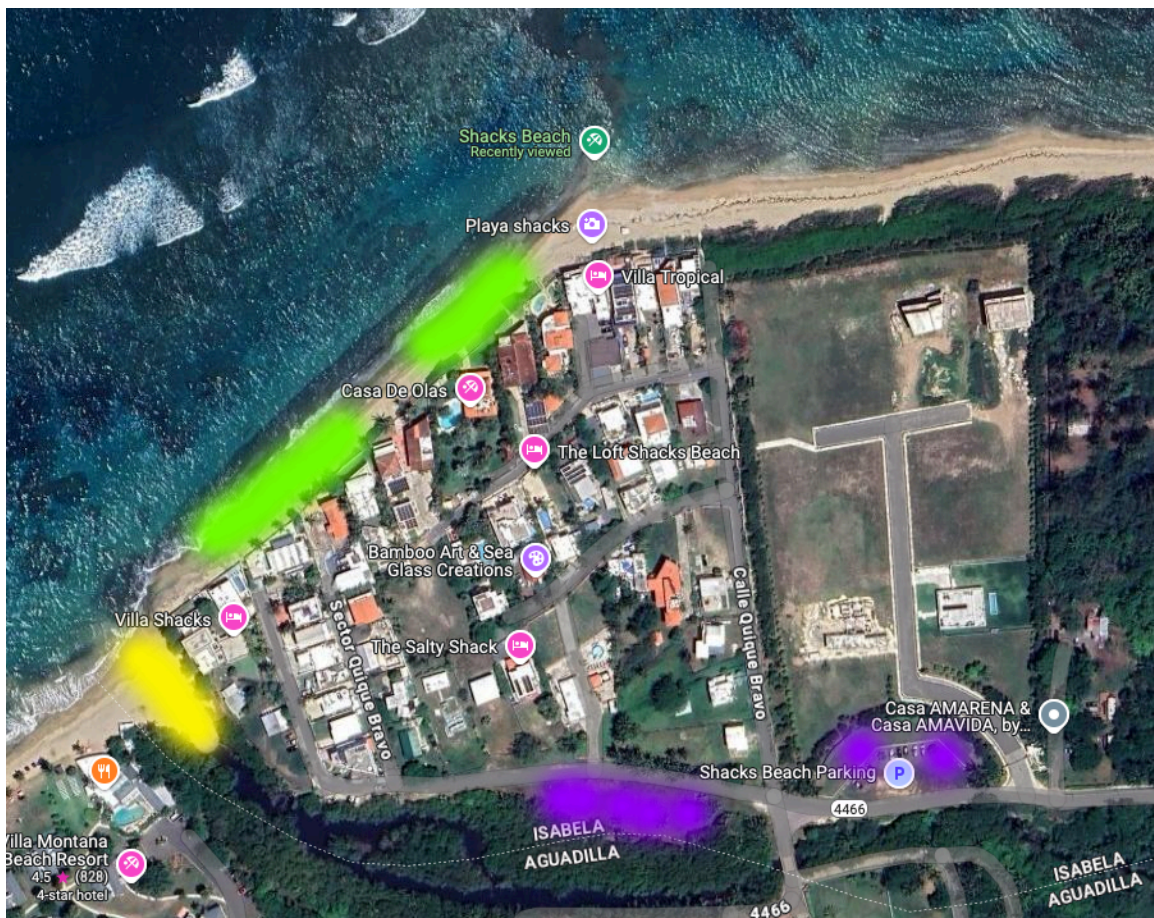
## Puerto Rico Event Headquarters

Unit 1 at Villa Shacks

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Event Site: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/MK5mgsqMEkA9aC6F7>



- Green Zone: Spectator Area
- Yellow Zone: Athlete Area
- Purple Zone: Parking

## Local Event Sponsors

- Blue Waters Insurers
- Good Winds Watersports
- N1 Surf Shop
- Municipio de Aguadilla
- Discover Puerto Rico
- Royal Isabela

# Event Schedule

- **Saturday, March 1, 2025**
  - Registration
- **Sunday, March 2, 2025**
  - 10:00 am - *Mandatory Safety Briefing*
  - 11:00 am - possible heats
  - 12:00 pm - lunch for judges on event days
  - 6:00 pm - close
- **Monday, March 3, 2025**
  - 10:00 am - Weather Call
  - 11:00 am - possible heats
  - 12:00 pm - lunch for judges on event days
  - 6:00 pm - close
- **Tuesday, March 4, 2025**
  - 10:00 am - Weather Call
  - 11:00 am - possible heats
  - 12:00 pm - lunch for judges on event days
  - 6:00 pm - close
- **Wednesday, March 5, 2025**
  - 10:00 am - Weather Call
  - 11:00 am - possible heats
  - 12:00 pm - lunch for judges on event days
  - 6:00 pm - close
- **Thursday, March 6, 2025**
  - 10:00 am - Weather Call
  - 11:00 am - possible heats
  - 12:00 pm - lunch for judges on event days
  - 6:00 pm - close
- **Friday, March 7, 2025**
  - 10:00 am - Weather Call
  - 11:00 am - possible heats
  - 12:00 pm - lunch for judges on event days
  - 6:00 pm - close
- **Saturday, March 8, 2025**
  - 10:00 am - Weather Call
  - 11:00 am - possible heats
  - 12:00 pm - lunch for judges on event days
  - 6:00 pm - close
- **Sunday, March 9, 2025**
  - 10:00 am - Weather Call
  - 11:00 am - possible heats
  - 12:00 pm - lunch for judges on event days
  - 6:00 pm - close
  - *Award ceremony: Sunday, March 9, 2025 (onsite)*
  - *Awards Dinner*



# Contest Safety Protocol

## Objective:

The purpose of this safety protocol is to ensure the safety of all participants, staff, and spectators during the wave sailing contest. This protocol outlines the necessary steps to prevent accidents and ensure quick response in the event of an emergency. (e.g., first aid, lifeguards, safety boats).

## Pre-Event Safety Briefing

- **Mandatory Briefing:** All competitors, staff, and volunteers must attend a pre-event safety briefing, where they will be informed about contest rules, emergency procedures, weather conditions, and equipment checks.

## Weather Monitoring and Risk Assessment

- **Weather Conditions:** The contest organizers will continuously monitor local weather conditions (wind, waves, temperature, and tides). If conditions exceed predefined safety limits, such as extreme winds or large swells, the contest may be delayed or canceled.
- **Water Conditions:** The event may also be postponed or canceled if the water conditions become too hazardous for participants.

## Rescue and Emergency Protocols

- **Rescue Team:**
  - Safety Jet Ski
  - Emergency Response Team
- **Safety Committee** - Nelson Perez, Phil Morstad
- **Emergency Evacuation Plan:** The event venue will have clear signage and procedures for emergency evacuations, with designated routes and assembly points for competitors and spectators.
- **Medical Assistance:** A medical team will be stationed near the competition area, and first aid equipment will be available at the event site. Ambulances must be on-site or on standby in case of serious injuries.
- **Safety Kit** - small wounds, sutures, tourniquet, disinfection, anaesthesia, breathing, defibrillator
- **Important Phone Numbers:**
  - Buen Samaritan Hospital - (787) 658-0200
  - EMT - 911
  - Police - (787) 872-2020

## Competition Conduct and Personal Responsibility

- **Physical Fitness:** Competitors must ensure they are physically fit and healthy to participate in the event. Anyone feeling unwell before or during the contest must notify the organizers and seek medical advice if necessary.
- **Liability Waiver:** All competitors must sign a liability waiver before participating, acknowledging that they understand the risks involved in wave sailing and agree to comply with the event safety protocols.
- **Media Release:** All competitors must sign a media release before participating. Media release is compulsory.

- **Adverse Weather Conditions:** In the event of rapidly changing weather, competitors are expected to abandon the competition area if they believe the conditions pose a personal risk. It is the competitor's responsibility to know their limits.

### On-Site Protocols

- **Flag System:** A flag system will be used to communicate weather and safety information.
- **Participant Check-In/Check-Out:** Competitors must check in with the beach marshal before entering the water and check out after exiting, so the event team knows the number of people on the water at all times.

### Incident Reporting

- **Accident Reporting:** All incidents, regardless of severity, must be reported immediately to event organizers and the rescue team. A formal incident report will be filed after each occurrence.

### Post-Event Debrief

- **Post-Event Safety Review:** A debrief will be held after the event to evaluate safety protocols and identify any areas for improvement. This review will involve feedback from participants, and tournament committee
- **Continuous Improvement:** Any issues arising from the event will be incorporated into future safety plans to ensure the safety of competitors, staff, and spectators at subsequent events.

### Permits & Insurance

- **Event Permits:** Check with local authorities regarding necessary permits or regulations for water use, noise, or crowd control.
- **Insurance:** Marine General Liability - Blue Waters Insurers / Maristany Insurance

### Recruitment of Key Personnel

- **Event Manager/Coordinator:** Irene Kravitz 787-685-3266
- **Beach Marshall:** Kiko Dalmau
- **Safety Manager:** Nelson Perez
- **Registration:** Kendra Holmes
- **Media:** Drone, Videos, Highlights Matteo Nativelle
- **Judges & Officials:**
  - Simeon Glasson
  - Jessica Crisp
  - Russell Faurot
  - Dicky Villanueva
  - Manolo Burgos
  - Manuel Baez

### Post-Event Wrap-Up

- **Clean-Up:** Ensure the venue is returned to its original state.
- **Post-Event Survey:** Collect feedback from participants to understand what went well and what could be improved for future events.

# Competition Rules

- **Wave scoring**
  - Commitment and degree of difficulty
  - Speed, power and flow
  - Combination of major manoeuvres
  - Variety of manoeuvres
  - Innovative and progressive manoeuvres
- **Jump Scoring**
  - Height
  - Difficulty
  - Execution & Style
  - Clean Landing
  - Creativity
  - NOTE: Some reward for pushing new and difficult moves but a clean landing takes priority. 'Wet' landings receive lower scores.
- **Judging Scale**
  - [0.0 — 1.9: Poor]
  - [2.0 — 3.9: Fair]
  - [4.0 — 5.9: Average]
  - [6.0 — 7.9: Good]
  - [8.0 — 10.0: Excellent]
- **HEAD JUDGE** - Every event is ruled by the Head Judge. The Head Judge decides where the heats will run, when they will run, in which order they will run, how long they will run, and what will be scored on every day of the competition window. It is the Head Judges discretion to run with only 2 waves and no jumps if conditions are not fair for jumping but great for wave riding and all combinations therein. The Head Judge has final say on all matters regarding the heats, format, seeding, and points awarded. There is no appeal process. The Head Judge's word is final. The Head Judge oversees three Scoring Judges to ensure fairness, consistency and that all riders are treated fairly.
- **FOR WAVE RIDING ONLY EVENTS** there will be a panel of three to five (3-5) Scoring Judges who work under the (1) Head Judge. At least one local scoring judge ensures local knowledge of conditions are deeply understood in the judging process, while also ensuring local riders have high confidence that they will be treated very fairly. Every wave ride and every jump is scored by all three to five judges, with Head Judge oversight. The three judges scores are added together to form total heat scores for each rider. The riders with the highest points tally win and move to the next round. If two or more riders end up with a tied points total in a heat, then the rider with the highest individual wave or jump score in that heat wins (unless there is a dissenting judging sheet – at which time the tie break method is at the discretion of the Head Judge).
- **HEATS** - events are comprised of **rounds** and those rounds are made up of **heats**, with anywhere from two-to-four riders looking to lock in their two highest-scoring wave rides. Both rides out of a possible 10 points. For a possible 20 point heat total for riding. At riding + jumping events, riders lock in their two (2) best waves and one (1) or two (2) best jumps, each out of 10. For a possible 30-40 point heat total. Pending the Head Judge's assessment of conditions on the day.
- **ELIMINATION FORMAT** - the event starts with a non elimination seeding round, progressing to knockout rounds, concluding with a final and a winner. All riders



compete in at least two heats before elimination. Like the WSL, riders compete in Seeding Round 1, winners advance to Round 3, losers enter Round 2 for a second chance to advance in the Redemption Round. If conditions don't allow the time required for a full Redemption Round, then the same heat draw can be run without the redemption round as a single elimination to reach the final and fill event results.

- **WAVE PRIORITY**

- The rider with priority is the one who is 'first to be propelled by the power of the wave'.
- Other riders in the heat can go for, and catch, the same wave, but only if they do not hinder the scoring potential of the rider with priority.
- A rider loses priority once they go for but miss or pull out of that wave.

- **INTERFERENCE**

- A rider who hinders the scoring potential of another rider with priority over them will be given an interference penalty.
- In most situations, this means that their total heat score will be calculated using only their best scoring wave (1 wave score, not 2).
- If a rider causes two interferences during a heat they will be disqualified from the heat.

- **RIDER DISCIPLINE**

- The Head Judge is in charge of rider discipline when necessary. The Head Judge's call is final.
- No fines will be issued.
- The worst penalty a rider may endure is elimination from the round which prompts the disciplinary action – ie. if a rider in Round 1 infringes the rules then they may be eliminated at that round resulting in an equal last place for the event result and ranking points – ie. last place in the round that prompts the disciplinary action.

- **HEAT RESTART**

- If no one catches a wave during the first one third (1/3) of a heat, then the Head Judge has the discretion to abandon and restart the heat: the head judge also has then option of extending the heat (athletes time on the water) rather than having them come in and then start again which can waste time (this assumes clear and timely communication with riders on the water is possible).

## TOUR NOTES:

- **General Note:** Throughout the World Wave Tour, the judges and the IWT organization reserve the right to change and update the judging criteria according to feedback and evaluation of heats, rider comments, sponsor feedback and more.
- **DNS:** In the event of an athlete entering and attending an event, but unable to sail, will receive a Did Not Start (DNS). A DNS is number of competitors entered plus one. The best possible ranking for DNS is 8th place (if small field).
- **DNF:** If an athlete starts a heat, but is injured or has to withdraw from the event, they will be awarded a Did Not Finish (DNF). The rider will receive points earned up to the moment of withdrawal.
- **Incomplete Event Points:** Only completed rounds will count toward overall points.
- **Incomplete Event Points:** A minimum of one completed round is required for points to be earned at an event.
- **Prize Money and Trophies:** division winners must attend the closing ceremony to be guaranteed prize money and trophies.
- **Filling A Spot in the Bracket:** Before round three, if an advancing rider drops out of the event, the spot may be filled at the Head Judge's discretion.
- **Event Cancellation:** In the unfortunate circumstance that an event has to be cancelled, due to unforeseen circumstances such as this the Covid-19 crisis, then any registered rider is entitled to a refund. If a rider wishes to extend their registration to a different event, or the same event in the following year, they are welcome to do so at no additional cost.