

Defender GKA Kite-Surf World Cup

Westerland, Brandenburger Strand | 25. – 30. August 2026

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EVENT INFORMATION RIDER & GKA CREW

August 25th – 30th, Westerland (Sylt), Germany

WELCOME

We as the organizer of the Kitesurf World Cup Sylt 2026 would like to welcome all athletes to Sylt. The following pages should give you some helpful information for your tour stop in Germany.

To make sure things run smoothly in such a big event, we would like to request you to follow these guidelines where you will find the DOs and DON'Ts. Please be part of this big event and help us to make it an awesome experience for everybody. THANK YOU very much.

We wish you a pleasant and of course a successful stay in Germany.

Please be always aware of your exemplary / role model function!!!

For many young people you are idols! That's why we would like to ask you to behave accordingly and to respect the whole beach, the ocean and event area as a nature reserve!

Many thanks!

Enjoy and have a good time!

Your Kitesurf World Cup Sylt Organization Team

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Accommodations:

Contact:

Insel Sylt Tourism Service
Phone: +49 (0)4651 998 0
E-Mail: info@westerland.de
Website: www.insel-sylt.de

Free accommodation for the Top 10 riders (male) and Top 6 riders (female) of the current seeding list of the official GKA Kite World Tour in flats for 2 people- from the day before inscription through one day after the event (24.8. - 31.08.2025).
For Hydrofoil athletes, there are free accommodation for the Top 6 riders (male) and Top 2 riders (female).

Appartments:

Appartement Wiking Sylt
Steinmannstraße 7-9
25980 Westerland/Sylt
Tel.: 04651 83001
Fax: 04651 28300
Mail: info@wiking-sylt.de

Apartment Brünig
Strandstraße 13
25980 Westerland / Sylt
Tel: 0049/4651/5858
bruening-sylt@t-online.de

Advertising:

Competitors must wear an event advertising lycra vest supplied by the Event Organizer **over all other clothing, including harness** on the water during training and competition and four (4) board stickers to be placed **on top and on the bottom of the board on each board**.

1. Lycra/Competitions Riders' Vest over the harness.
2. Assigned board sticker, two stickers on the top deck of the board and two on the bottom (see picture – positions may change). We will help you to apply the stickers correctly. In Case you lost your sticker, please contact Tom Hartmann or one of the Crew.

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All competitors are required to abide by the advertising rules as laid out in the Rule Book. Competitors breaching these rules may be warned in writing for the first offence and may incur a fine at the second offence of not more than \$ 500 for each violation. Repeated offenders may be disqualified from the Event and/or Series.

Front & Back

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	50% Zasta
	50% Junited Autoglas

Front

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Breakfast:

For all riders we have a breakfast prepared from 8:30 - 10:00 o'clock daily at the Riders Lounge. In case of an early start the breakfast can be provided earlier. There will be also vegetarian and vegan options available.

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Caddies:

Each rider is entitled to register **ONE** caddy.

Like the last year, Caddies will not have free access to the Riders Lounge!!!

Caddies will only have access to the launching area and the equipment tent, to help their fellow riders with their kite equipment, starting and landing.

Caddies wanting access to the Riders Lounge have to pay a fee of **EUR 180.00** cash at the registration day (max. 1 Caddy per Rider). This will include breakfast, lunch, dinner and drinks during the competition days.

This year, all caddies must be registered in advance. Please send your registration to the following mail:

anna.kirchhoff@mmpevent.de

Camping:

In case you would like to camp, please contact:

Campingplatz Westerland
Süderstraße 66
25980 Sylt / Westerland
www.duenencamping-westerland.de



Campingplatz Rantum
Hörnummer Straße 3
25980 Sylt / Rantum
www.camping-rantum.de



Car Transport Train / DB Sylt Shuttle:



Sylt Shuttle

If you are traveling by car you can get a voucher for the car transport train (DB AutoZug). You will get a discount around 25%. This voucher is **ONLY** for the car transport train **NOT** for the normal train. Please notice that we can only provide vouchers **while stocks last**.

If you would like to have a voucher, please email Anna: anna.kirchhoff@mmpevent.de

DEADLINE: not later than 17th August 2026!

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Please note the conditions of carriage. Especially for camper vans with roof hatch!

Competition Office:

For information concerning sports organization, please contact the GKA Competition Office next to the Judge Tower at the promenade.

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Dinner:

Dinner will be served daily from 06:30 p.m. until 08:00 p.m. at the Riders' Lounge.

Disciplines:

There will be two Official Disciplines in a KSWC event with the following categories:

- Kitesurfing Wave & Strapless Freestyle
- Hydrofoil

Both categories can be used in any event, even in the same elimination depending on the conditions.

Divisions:

- Pro Men: any age (minimum 14 years old in the year of competition)
- Pro Women: any age (minimum 14 years old in the year of competition)

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Emergency Numbers:

Police: 110

Ambulance: 112

Fire Department: 112

Your location is:

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Brandenburger Strand
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Equipment:

There are no restrictions on equipment for the disciplines other than those imposed at the GKA Rulebook and/or NoR.

Event Area:

See map at the end of this document!

Event Check-in:

For information concerning organization, please contact the Event Check-in at the event area:

Brandenburger Parkplatz
25980 Sylt

Opening Hours: Daily from **09:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.** and **1:30 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.**

Contact number: +49151 57355377

Event Schedule:

See at the end of this document!

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First Aid:

Ambulance: Use the Emergency Number 112

In emergency cases please contact somebody from the GKA- or Orga-Crew who has a radio device.

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Homepage:

www.kitesurfworldcup.de
www.facebook.com/kitesurfworldcup
www.instagram.com/kitesurfworldcup
[Kite-Surf World Cup \(@kitesurfworldcup\) | TikTok](#)

please use the following hashtags in every social media post:
#kitesurfworldcupsynt #kitesurfworldcup #gkasynt #feeltheelements #defender

You are also welcome to tag us in your postings. @kitesurfworldcup

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ID-Strap:

The Riders ID-Strap authorizes you to enter the beach area free of charge, the equipment storage tent, the launching area and the Riders' Lounge.

You will receive the Riders ID-Strap personally at the event check-in.

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Kitesurf Radio:

During the whole event there will be an off-air radio program at the event site. Please be cooperative if the moderators want to make an interview with you. Please be free for interviews with radio moderators and/or TV-Channels. There will be also official announcements via the Kitesurf Radio.

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Lunch:

Lunch will be served daily from 12:30 p.m. until 02:00 p.m. at the Riders' Lounge. There will be also vegetarian and vegan options available.

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Live Stream:

All competitions will be live streamed on the GKA YouTube Channel.

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Material tent / Equipment tent:

There will be secure storage for all riders' equipment at the equipment storage tent from the 24th of August until the 31st of August 09.00 am 2026. Access only allowed with valid Rider/Caddy ID-Straps.



Please keep the storage tent clean and put rubbish into the bins, as this tent is only for riders it is your responsibility to keep it clean. After the event we kindly ask you to take ALL your personal belongings with you.

The organizer cannot take any responsibility for theft or damage of personal belongings.

Medical Care:

A **doctor** and a **physiotherapist** will be available exclusively for athletes in the Riders' Area throughout the tournament. They will always be on site during the competitions.

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Official Functions:

Mandatory for all riders!!!

Opening Ceremony:

Defender GKA Kite-Surf World Cup Germany: Tuesday, 25th August at around 3:00 pm, exact time will be confirmed the same day depending on weather conditions.

Closing/Awards Ceremony:

Defender GKA Kite-Surf World Cup Germany: Sunday, 30th August at around 3:30 pm, exact time will be confirmed the same day depending on weather conditions.

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Opening Hours:

Event Check-In:

Daily from 09:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. and from 01:30 p.m. to 05:30 p.m.

Riders' Lounge:

Daily from 08.30 a.m. until 08:00 p.m. Opening hours in the morning can vary because of early starts.

Daily Event-Parking:

Riders are allowed to park their car or caravan at the event parking area "Brandenburger Platz" daily from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The parking area has a limited capacity of 30 vehicles and operates on a first come, first served basis.

A parking permit is required and will be issued at the event check-in.

IMPORTANT:

- **Overnight parking is strictly prohibited.**
- **Illegally parked vehicles will be towed at the owner's expense.**

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Prize Money:

The prize money for the GKA KITE-SURF WORLD CUP Germany will be 25.000 Euro.
The prize money for the GKA HYDROFOIL BIG AIR EURO CUP will be 10.000 Euro.

The prizemoney is paid by the organizer to the competitors and will be transferred to the winners after the event. The organizer will subtract the individual tax from the respective individual prize money amount. Rider can hand in the receipts for their event related travel and accommodation expenses to make those expenses tax-deductible. Only official receipts (invoices) handed in BEFORE the payment of the prizemoney will be recognised!

The prize split will be made in accordance with the GKA Kite World Tour Rulebook and the Notice of Race.

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Registration:

The registration for GKA Kite-Surf World Cup 2026 takes place in the Riders' Area at the "Brandenburger Platz" on **Tuesday, 25th August from 09.00am – 10.30am**. The Riders Briefing will take place at 11:00 am at the Riders' Area.

Riders' Lounge:

The Riders' Lounge will be open for riders, legitimate caddies, GKA and legitimate employees only. You will be able to enter the Riders Lounge with your personal ID-Strap.

Opening time will be every day from 08:30 am until 08:00 pm.

The organizer can't take any responsibility for theft or damage of personal belongings.

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Skippers Meeting:

If not differently communicated during the registration, **first Skippers Meeting** will be on **Tuesday, 25th August at 11.00 a.m.** at the Riders Lounge. The following skipper meetings will be announced with the last official announcement of the day.

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Travel information:

By car:

There is no road for cars as connection between the island of Sylt and the mainland. To reach the island by car, you have to take the car-train (Autozug) of the Deutsche Bahn or the Syltferry (Syltfähre) from the danish island Rømø/ Port Havneby to List on Sylt.

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DB Autozug – Sylt Shuttle

The DB Autozug leaves from Niebüll (Kurt-Bachmann-Ring 2, 25899 Niebüll) to Westerland.

www.syltshuttle.de

Please note: It is not possible to make a reservation. Please note the conditions of carriage. Especially for camper vans with roof hatch!

Syltfähre/ Ferry from Denmark to Sylt

(Havneby <-> List)

Secure your transfer on board of Ferry "SyltExpress" in advance and avoid waiting times. Book your tickets online or call +49-461 864-601.

<https://www.syltfaehre.de/en/>

By train:

Many German cities are directly connected with the railroad station "Westerland". Simply take one of the regional trains of the Deutsche Bahn or the Nord-Ostsee-Bahn. There is nearly one train connection between Hamburg and Westerland per hour. If you start in Hamburg Altona, you can use the Schleswig-Holstein-Ticket.

<https://int.bahn.de/en>

From Hamburg Airport (HAM) you can get to the departure station "Hamburg Altona", by taking the S-Bahn line "S1" (green) in the direction of "Wedel".

By airplane

Sylt also has a commercial airport. During the season, direct flights from Düsseldorf, Frankfurt/Main, Mannheim, Munich, Stuttgart and Zurich land on the island. The airport is centrally located, approx. 2 kilometres east of Westerland in Tinnum. The IATA code is >GWT<.

<https://www.flughafen-sylt.de/>

TV-Production:

"Best Boys" (Germany) will do all the TV Production of the event. "Quattro Media" (GKA) will be doing the International TV Distribution of the event. Please be open for interviews, water shots and more to both of these crews.

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Visitors:

About 100.000 visitors during 6 event days are expected.

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Waste:



Please, keep the nature clean... and your storage tent, the Riders' Lounge and the parking area as well! Please take into account the bottle deposit system and hand in returnable bottles in the Riders Lounge.

Weather conditions:

hours of daylight (average): about 14 hours

air temperature in August: between 16°C and 18°C

water temperature: approximately 19°C

wind speeds (average): about 12 kts

Due to lack of sand at the beach this year there is already the danger of floods at 25 knots from the west, which floods large parts of the beach including the equipment area on the beach. Therefore each Sailor is obligated to inform himself about the wind predictions and to bring his own material in safety in the material tent at the Brandenburger parking lot. This is particularly important for the flood at night if appropriate wind forces are predicted. The organizer accepts no liability or guarantee for lost or damaged material. The beach has to be clearances every evening.

We hope you will enjoy your stay in Germany. We wish you all the best for your competitions!

Yours Kitesurf World Cup 2026 Organization Team

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Map Event Side

