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# ***RACE MANUAL***

## ***Visayas Kite Challenge 2014- The longest Kiterace in the world! PHILIPPINES***

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## 1. Entrance fee, registration and payment

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The participation fee for the Visayas Kitechallenge 2014 is **12000 PHP** per person.

The fee includes transportation from Iloilo back to Boracay, transportation of luggage from spot to spot. It will also include meals and simple sleeping-arrangements after the competition (Iloilo), security and assistance during the race and the banquet dinner.

Registration opens December 20th on [www. Kiteboardtour.asia](http://www.Kiteboardtour.asia) and closes February 1<sup>st</sup>. In the registration form we ask for information about your kite-, extreme sports experience. This is to be seen as an *application*. We will not let you compete in the Visayas Challenge 2014 unless we think you are physically capable and have enough experience to kite 50 km (at least).

### Payment

When you are notified that you are accepted as a participant, the fee of 12000 PHP per person must be transferred within February 1<sup>st</sup> 2014 to this account:

Account number:

IBAN:

BIC/SWIFT:

Bank:

## 2. Cancellation

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If you withdraw from the competition, there will be no refund unless the Visayas Challenge 2014 is cancelled. If you have not paid the entrance fee within February 15<sup>th</sup>, you will be disqualified.

## 3. Race description

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The Visayas Challenge is a 4 day race- with no regulations of kiteequipment. The distance is depending on the wind and will be daily between 50-100 km. At that time of the year the wind normally would be slightly downwind but mostly crosswind, if we are unlucky and the "Timog" wind arrives early it will be slightly upwind. We kite along the beautiful coast of Panay islands and will pass lonely islands and sandbanks. Besides the races there will be some hours each day to discover the area where we stop. The variation of nature such as mountains, bays etc. will create abrupt changes in wind and weather along the route. Visayas Kite Challenge is a time race- every day counts and we stop your time from the start to passing the daily finishing time- the times of the 4 days kiting get summed up to the final result. If you can't join the race for one day or you have an equipment failure, you can still join the race the next day, but you get ranked with the time of the last participant plus 10 minutes.

**The route is as follows (additional checkpoints in between – check the coordinates):**

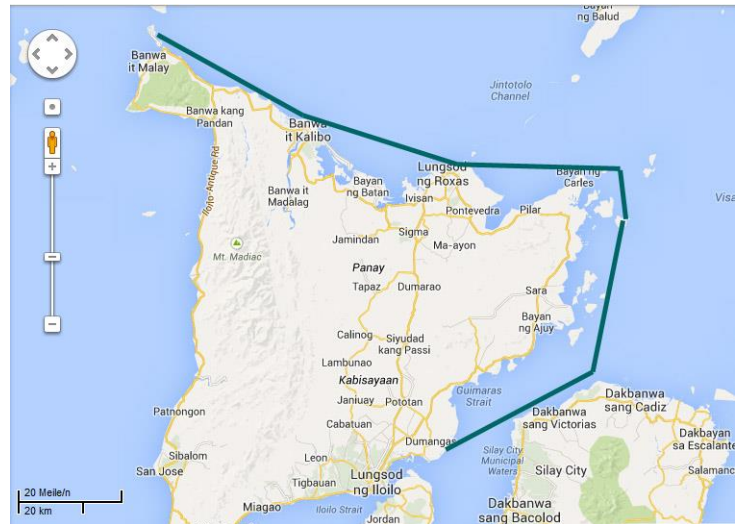
From starting point Bulabog Beach Boracay(50 km)-Kalibo

Kalibo - Roxas (52 km)

Roxas- Sicogon (80 km)

Sicogon- Dumangas (105 km)

Note: The actual sailing distance can often be twice as long due to wind direction.



#### 4. Weather- and wind conditions in the region of the Visayas

In February the temperature will be between 26 to 30 degrees Celsius.

The average watertemperature is 26 degrees. Rain is very seldom at that time of the year and the sun is burning down – means good sunprotection is necessary.

The wind blows normally between 15-25 knots.

The forecasts in Windguru.cz are quite excat.

Due to variations in the nature and topography, the wind can change a lot even within small distances, so its recommend to choose one kite size bigger than you would normally use.



## 5. Safety and insurance

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You participate in the Visayas Challenge at your own risk. A valid accident insurance is required for all contestants and a declaration form must be signed and delivered to us before the race.

Every participant must bring first aid equipment and signal flares, as well as a mobile phone. We will provide philippino simcards, waterproof bags, GPS and Restube for your safety.

### Important phone numbers:

113 = Medical emergency in the Philippines. To be contacted in emergency situations.

(Coming) = Race Management. Contact for help that is not acute. Report position and needs.

Individuals in need of assistance should use signal flares if you need of emergency assistance. If you observe flares: Report the position as accurately as possible to the race management, and try to track down and help the needy.

We will provide each participant with a GPS tracking device. This must be switched on at all times.

## 6. Checkpoints, rest and deadlines

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The Visayas Challenge route does not follow buoys or marks. Participants navigate freely between checkpoints.

The manned checkpoints have mandatory rest periods, they are marked with huge flags on the beach. Also you have a laminated description with GPS locations of the checkpoints. When riders arrive, our checkpoint personnel will give them a “departure time”. The rider must stay at the checkpoint until designated time.

Checkpoint*	Type	Rest* *	Deadline**	Service
Bulabog	Start			
Unidos	Manned	20min	-	
Kalibo	Accommodation	-	-	Hotel, first aid personal, results, charging Station, Massage
	Manned	-	-	
Roxas	Accommodation	-	-	Hotel, first aid personal, results, charging Station
	Manned	-	-	
Sicogon	Accommodation	2h	74h	Tents, first aid personal, results, charging Station
	Manned	-	-	
Dumangas/ Iloilo	Finish line	30min	-	Results

\*There will be some additional unmanned checkpoints along the route. Check the list coordinates.

\*\*Deadlines and mandatory rest can be changed at any time before start.

## 7. Race-regulations

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### *Ways of moving*

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#### **You are allowed to:**

- Using the board of your choice twintip, hydrofoil, raceboard, surfboard

#### **You are not allowed to:**

- To move on land between the checkpoints
- to use other sailing equipment than kites

### *Classes*

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There is only one class the Visayas Challenge 2014. The participants can be males, females, on raceboards, hydrofoils, twintips or surfboards and compete on the same terms.

You have to be over 18 years of age to participate in the Visayas Challenge.

## *Equipment*

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The equipment requirements for Visayas Challenge are strict. Read the equipment list carefully before you register! Lack of mandatory equipment will lead to exclusion from the Race.

Losing the GPS tracker provided by Visayas Kite Challenge will cost 4000 PHP

## *Times*

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Start Boracay/ Bulabog Beach : February 10<sup>th</sup> 11am  
Sailing window closes February 13th 4pm

Final result is the sum of the time of all kited days.

Results will be posted after everyday on the competition site and online at [www.facebook.com/visayachallenge](http://www.facebook.com/visayachallenge)

## *Exclusion and deadlines*

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There are deadlines, which are on your laminated routemap. If you are late to one of the manned checkpoints, there will be no volunteers anymore, as the checkpoint closes. Please give the racedirector a call and wait for a pick up. You are eliminated for this day and get ranked with the time of the last participant plus 10minutes. If you find the Visayas Challenge too hard and have to abort the race due to exhaustion or equipment failure that is not considered as an emergency, you cannot expect any transport arrangement by the Visayas Challenge, except from Iloilo back to Boracay on the last day.

If you choose to abort early (1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> day) you have the following options:

- Catch one of the busses or minivans on Panay back to Boracay!
- Use public transport or handlers/crew to transport you to Dumangas or Sicogon, where you can kite until everyone arrives there. There will be no organized sleeping arrangements until the scheduled day for all participants.

### **No wind?**

The race will be started in 8 knots or suitable conditions , if there is a lack of wind, we will delay the start. If a start is not possible, which we don't expect- participants will be transported to the next starting point.

### *Interruptions/pauses*

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Race master can stop the race temporarily by extreme weather forecasts and severe weather. By such an announcement, all participants must enter land at their positions until further notice is given by race master.

By long lasting bad weather, the race can be cancelled for the day.

### *Way of right / sailing behavior*

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The main right of way rules will be reviewed at race meeting, as well as on the website.

Note: Visayas Kite Challenge is a kite competition, and participants should sail when the conditions are safe.

Authorized personnel at checkpoints can also disqualify or stop participants from continuing at any time due to violation of rules or for safety reasons.



## 9. Declaration form

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You must read, understand and sign the declaration form before you can participate in Visayas Kite Challenge 2014.

### **Declaration form Visayas Kite Challenge 2014**

**By signing this document, I acknowledge and agree to the following:**

I am aware of the risks and dangers of participating in this competition. I certify that I am in good physical and mental shape.

I know what to do if an emergency arises. All my personal equipment is in good condition, and I assume full responsibility for my personal belongings from start to finish.

Race master or authorized personal can take me out of the race if it is harmful or dangerous for me to continue the race, or I have caused risk for others.

Participation is at the participant's own risk.

The ways are not marked with buoys. I can navigate in the sea, with GPS or natural marks and a map.

If Visayas Kite Challenge 2014 is cancelled due to weather or other unforeseen conditions during the race, my registration fee will not be refunded.

I am obliged to help others in the event of an emergency. I have a valid insurance that covers kite related injuries.

Photos/videos of me taking by the organizers might be used to promote/document the competition. Visayas Kite Challenge may publish pictures of the participants, without asking for permission.

#### **Mandatory equipment list for the race**

Cellphone  
Resttube  
Cash money 1000 php

#### **Limitations for the transported luggage:**

One personal bag  
2 spare kites (no board)  
Drop off every morning at 10 am at the skippersmeeting

#### **Recommended equipment list:**

GPS  
Camelbag (drinking back)  
Energy bars  
Sunprotection  
Sunglasses