



Kite Clash 2014

Kite Clash brings the top riders in not only Canada but the USA together for a weekend long event in Squamish, British Columbia. Riders compete in 3 disciplines over the course of the weekend. Best Trick, Big Air, and Freestyle. The Freestyle event is the deciding factor for the Canadian National title. The top finishing Canadian will take the title as the national champion. With the event now in its second year and with such positive feedback after its first year, organizer Thor Kaze has planned to take the event to new heights. For 2014 Thor has created more categories to accommodate the large variety of riders attending the event. This year in the freestyle category there will be a Junior division (18 & under), men's division, masters division (35+) and a women's division. In the Best Trick and Big Air event there will be both mens and women's divisions. Last year the turn out for the Kite Clash was massive with the top Canadians attending including Matt Cooper, Sam Medysky and Daniel Koenig. Pro riders from the states that joined the event included Rich Sabo, Jason Slezak and Brandon Scheid. This year the event is expected to have over 60 competitors and several riders are coming from across Canada and across the border to attend!

The Location

Squamish, British Colombia. Located halfway between downtown Vancouver and Whistler's high alpine, Squamish is where the ocean meets the mountains in Sea to Sky country. It lies at the crossroads between incomparable outdoor recreation and unforgettable West Coast culture. It's where rugged landscapes and stunning vistas come together to create adventure.

The Spit. While surrounding lakes make for good practice areas, those seeking the delicate balance necessary for high performance days need look no further than the Squamish Spit. Recent upgrades have made this secret spot accessible to all with much needed renovations to the parking and launch area. A key point to remember when entering this playground: dress warmly. The Squamish River is primarily snowmelt so wet or dry suits are a must. Of course, like any outdoor activity, check the forecast before you head out. To catch the perfect day it should be cooler in Vancouver than Squamish and cooler in Squamish than Whistler. If it is a clear day in Squamish and Whistler chances are it will be an epic day at The Spit.

The Squamish Windsports Society is the local club dedicated to the spit. Like most local clubs they operate on a very limited budget considering their services. They're involved in providing access to prime launch areas, rigging area for felt mats, toilets and change rooms, retrieval Sea Doo services, orientation, assistance and first aid from on-duty staff, not to mention the most important these days, they cover the liability insurance.

What makes Windsports and the Spit so great is that even those that can't do, can easily watch. From a breathtakingly beautiful backdrop, anyone can easily watch remarkable athletes playing every summer day.

Event Format

Big Air- Single elimination (\$20 upon registration)

The Big Air event is open for everyone to compete in. The event will be a crowded pleaser for sure! The judging criteria will be similar to the "Red Bull King of the Air". Riders will be judged on 70% height, 15% technicality and 15% style. Riders must land their jumps otherwise they will not be counted. The heats will consist of 4 riders. Each rider will be given a different colour jersey. The heats will be 8 minutes long. After the first 4 minutes, 1 rider will be flagged off the water and the remaining 3 will compete the remaining 4 minutes to decide which 2 riders will advance to the next heat.

Best Trick- Overall Impression (\$20 upon registration)

The Best Trick event is for riders to go out and huck it! Whether it's a trick they've never tried or a trick they've been working on it's all on the line for the Best Trick event. Crash and burn or stick it clean and hope you have the most radical trick to beat the others. Riders will be given 2 attempts at their chosen trick. Judges will be awarding the title to the most high risk sickest trick!

Freestyle- Single Elimination (\$20 upon registration)

The Freestyle event will be a sight for everyone to check out. With the top Canadians competing for the national title and the other foreign riders competing to take home the Kite Clash freestyle podium positions, it will be an event not to be missed. The judging criteria will be similar to the PKRA. Riders will be judged on the technicality of their tricks, kite position, and execution. Heats will be 7 minutes long. Riders have 12 trick attempts and will be judged on their best (highest scoring) 5 tricks.

(<http://www.prokitetour.com/pkra-event-rules.php>)

Event Information

Facebook- <https://www.facebook.com/KiteClash>

Website- <http://www.squamishwindsports.com/events/kite-clash/>

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Schedule

Friday

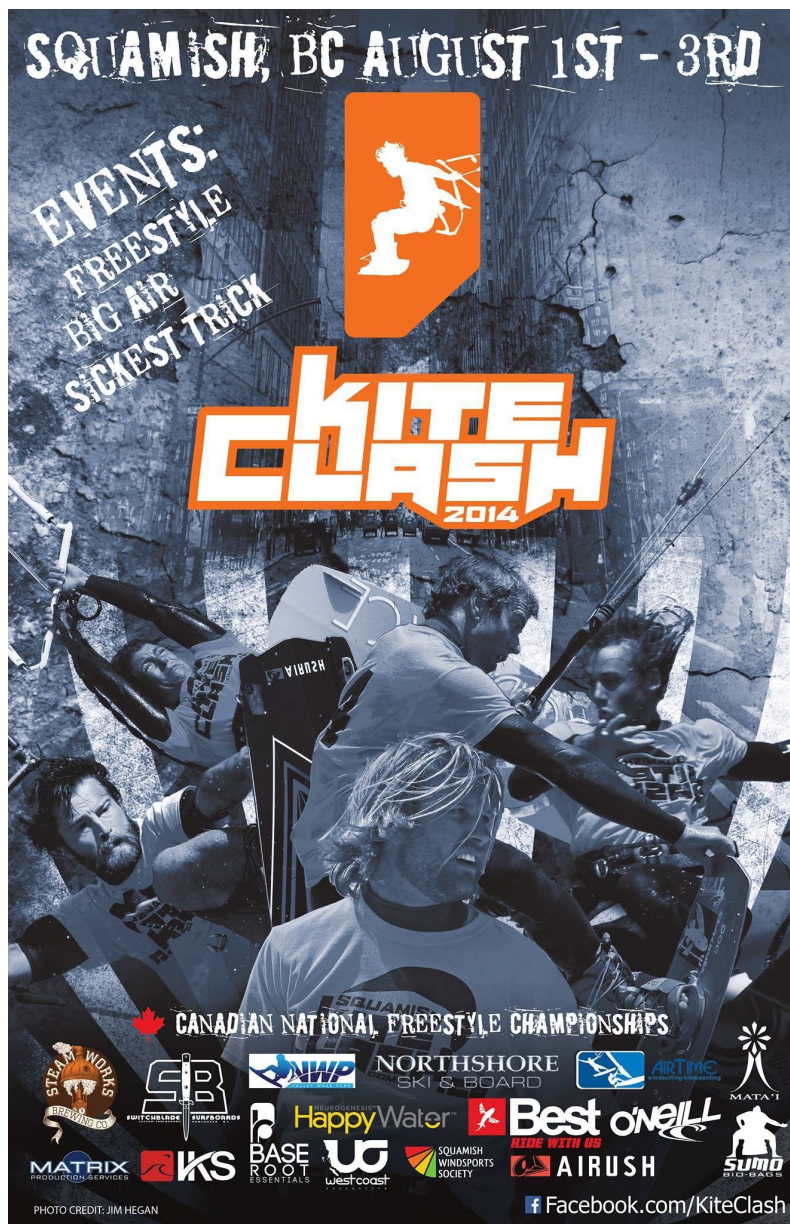
10:00am Registration
11:30am Skippers meeting
-Best Trick-
12:30pm First possible start
-Junior Freestyle-
3:00pm First possible Start

Saturday

10:00am Skippers meeting
-Men's Freestyle-
11:00am First possible start
-Women's Freestyle-
Following the Men's

Sunday

11:00am Skippers meeting
Big Air
12:00pm First possible start
4:00pm Awards!



The poster for Kite Clash 2014 features a collage of kiteboarders in action against a background of a cracked, urban wall. At the top, it reads "SQUAMISH, BC AUGUST 1ST - 3RD". Below this, the events are listed: "EVENTS: FREESTYLE, BIG AIR, SICKEST TRICK". The main title "KITE CLASH 2014" is prominently displayed in a stylized, orange and white font. At the bottom, there is a section for "CANADIAN NATIONAL FREESTYLE CHAMPIONSHIPS" and a grid of sponsor logos including STEARNS WORKS, SB, NWS, NORTHSHORE SKI & BOARD, AIRTIME, MATA-1, MATRIX PRODUCTION SERVICES, KKS, BASE ROOT, UG westcoast, SQUAMISH WINDSPORTS SOCIETY, AIRUSH, and SUMO. A Facebook link "Facebook.com/KiteClash" is also present.

Registration

Registration will 20\$ per event. The fee covers the cost of event jerseys, set up and trophies. All riders under 18 will need a legal guardian present during registration.