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'Identified flying objects' soar Sunday in Capitola

CAPITOLA — IFOs — identified flying objects — will be taking to the air on Capitola Beach Sunday when the Seventh Annual Capitola Kite Festival gets under way.

It is sponsored by the Capitola Village Association and some 3,000 spectators are expected during the 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. competition.

Not only will kites soar in the breeze, sundry and other flying and wind-powered apparatus will be featured too. For the fourth consecutive year, windsurfing races will be held. A flying-disc contest will make its second appearance at the festival.

Registration for the kite-flying contests begins at 9 a.m. on the beach next to Zelda's Restaurant. Entry fees are 75 cents for those 12 and under and \$1 for all others.

The contest area will be roped off for the first time ever, according to coordinator Donna Manning. Only registered and numbered entrants will be eligible for

prizes.

Registration for the flying-disc and windsurfing contests begins at 10 a.m.

Kite events begin at 11 a.m. with the smallest and largest categories. The smallest kites must fly on at least 25 feet of line for two minutes, while the largest homemade kites need 50 feet of line.

The ever-popular kite-fighting competition begins at noon. This 2,000-year-old game of aerial battle originated in India.

Double-line kites take to the air at 1 p.m. Contestants will have two minutes to accumulate points for various maneuvers.

Fastest out, highest angle and highest altitude divisions start at 2 p.m., while the longest train competition begins at 2:30.

The flying-disc contests begins at 11 a.m. A three-round "Random Partners Freestyle" format will be conducted.

Windsurfing races start at 10 a.m. and again at 1 p.m. Depending on the weather and number of entrants, there will be races in various classes and divisions for beginners, lightweight and heavyweight.