

INTERNATIONAL SKYDIVING COMMISSION

26TH FAI WORLD PARACHUTING CHAMPIONSHIPS OF FORMATION SKYDIVING
15TH FAI WORLD PARACHUTING CHAMPIONSHIPS OF ARTISTIC EVENT
5TH FAI WORLD PARACHUTING CHAMPIONSHIPS OF WINGSUIT FLYING
5TH FAI WORLD PARACHUTING CHAMPIONSHIPS OF SPEED SKYDIVING

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> Crystal Coast Skydiving Beaufort, North Carolina USA October 4<sup>th</sup> – October 12<sup>th</sup> 2024

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# 1. Event Organizers

#### **Skydive Chicago**

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#### 1.2 National Parachute Federation

U.S. Parachute Association 5401 Southpoint Center Boulevard Fredericksburg, Virginia 22407

Phone: +1 (540) 604-9740 Fax: +1 (540) 604-9741

## 1.3 ISC Delegate

Jim Rees

Phone: +1 (781) 330-9296 E-mail: jrees@uspa.org

## 1.4 Organizing Committee

Same as above.

## 1.5 Application Fee

Banking information for ISC refunds to the Organiser or the NAC needed for a return of the application fee if the bid is not accepted.

Account Name: Paraclete Aviation Account Number: 0005108546907

#### **Skydive Paraclete XP**

143 Airport Dr Raeford, North Carolina 28376 Phone: +1 (910) 904-0000

Contact: John D'Annunzio iohn@flyxp.co IBAN: 053101121

**BIC/SWIFT: BRBTUS33** 

Truist Bank 207 S Main St Raeford, NC 28376 910-904-2200

### 1.6 Commercial rights

As per FAI rulings.

#### 1.7 Distribution of Revenue

According to FAI by-laws 5.2.1

## 2. Event Details

#### 2.1 Full Name of the Event

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## 2.2 Letter of Approval

See Appendix A for a letter from the City of Beaufort.

## 2.3 Disciplines to be Contested

Formation Skydiving

4-way FS (open, female)

4-way VFS

8-way FS

**Artistic Events** 

Freefly

Freestyle

Wingsuit Flying

Performance

**Acrobatics** 

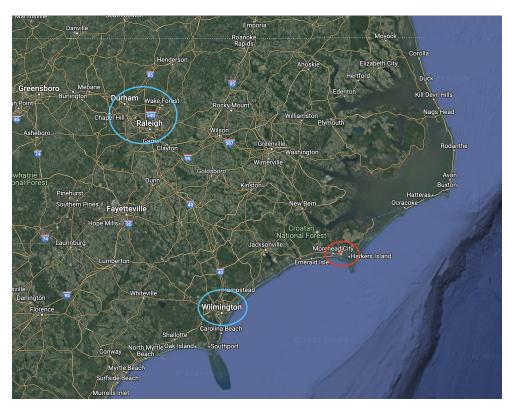
Speed Skydiving

#### 2.4 Event Dates

Proposed dates are October 4-12, 2024

Proposed schedule:

4 October	Official Arrival Day, Official Practice Period	All Day
5 October	Judges Conference, Official Practice Period	07:00-16:30
5 October	Opening Ceremony	19:00
6 October	Competition Jumps Start	07:00
11 October	Competition Ends (Last Take Off)	15:00



#### 2.5 Location of Event

Skydive Chicago and Skydive Paraclete XP, the Organizing Committee, would like to put forth Crystal Coast Skydiving as the location for the 2024 world parachuting events listed above. Crystal Coast Skydiving is located at Michael J Smith Field, which is a public airport in the City of Beaufort and is approximately 250 kilometers to the south east of downtown Raleigh, North Carolina and 160 kilometers to the north east of downtown Wilmington, North Carolina.

The airport consists of 104 hectares of municipal land. The main landing area consists of approximately 16

hectares of unobscured, flat, manicured grass. There are alternative landing areas just to the south. See <a href="Appendix B">Appendix B</a> for pictures of the landing areas.

#### 2.6 Details of Access to Location

## 2.6.1 Access by Air

There are two international airports within a reasonable driving distance to Crystal Coast Skydiving, Raleigh-Durham International Airport (RDU) and Wilmington International Airport (ILM).

## 2.6.2 Access by Road

Crystal Coast Skydiving is located about 160 km or 2.2 hours drive from Wilmington International Airport, and about 250 km or 3 hours drive from Raleigh-Durham International Airport.

Both of these international airports offer car rentals from most major car rental companies, including but not limited to: Advantage, Alamo, Avis, Budget, Dollar, Enterprise, Hertz, National, and Thrifty. Enterprise car rental is also available in Beaufort, North Carolina and Turo car-sharing app is available everywhere.

## 2.6.3 Access by Rail

There is very limited or no rail transportation servicing the area near Crystal Coast Skydiving. It is not a recommended means of transportation.

### 2.7 Weather Conditions

October weather on the east coast of North Carolina provides some of the most sought out weather conditions in the country. With the coastal breeze and sunny days past the heat of summer, these 7

weather conditions make it very enjoyable to spend time outdoors. Sunshine hours will be from 07:04 to 18:46 on October 4, 2024 to 07:10 to 18:36 October 11, 2024 allowing for over 11 hours of daylight each day.

Statistics for the weather conditions over the previous five years are included in **Appendix C**.

## 2.8 Airspace Restrictions

The organizing committee will work with controlling agencies to ensure adequate airspace for the event.

#### 2.9 Landowner Restrictions

Crystal Coast Skydiving is located on Michael J Smith field, which is owned and operated by the city of Beaufort. The city and airport management have authorized the event and look forward to hosting. Letter of Approval can be found in Appendix A.

## 2.10 Details of Comprehensive Insurance

The Organizing Committee and Crystal Coast Skydiving will have comprehensive limited liability insurance through Mcgriff Insurance Services Inc. FAI and ISC, as needed, will be added as named parties to this policy prior to the start of the event.

## 2.11 Details of Insurance Required by Participants

The Organizing Committee requires that all jumpers have a third party liability insurance, similar to that provided by USPA and many other aero clubs around the world. Competitors who do not already have insurance through their federation or another source may purchase a USPA membership in advance or at the time of check-in at Crystal Coast Skydiving. The two options for USPA memberships are (1) a full one-year membership (\$78 US at the time of bid submission) or (2) a temporary 90-day membership (\$30 US at the time of bid submission).

Medical/repatriation insurance is not required to jump at Crystal Coast Skydiving or in the state of North Carolina. The Organizing Committee strongly advises participants to purchase the appropriate travel or medical insurance prior to the participation in the event.

## 2.12 Proposed Budget

All budgeting and pricing has been forecasted using the current ISC rules in regards to the number of rounds, judge panel requirements, etc. the Organizing Committee reserves the right to revise these figures should any changes occur in the rules that result in increased costs to the organizer. The ISC will immediately be informed in that case. If changes occur, this will be noted in Bulletin One.

Competitor entry fees include all competition costs (jumps, jump offs, re-jumps, and one official practice jump for FS and Speed or two official practice jumps for AE and WS), sanction fees, lunch on days of competition jumping (October 6-11), Opening Ceremony, Awards and Closing Ceremonies, banquet dinner, and a competitor gift.

Competitors are responsible for their own lodging, travel, transportation, and some food. Recommendations will be provided on the website and in the official bulletins.

Entry fees for Heads of Delegation, Team Leaders, and other Delegation Members includes all of the above except the competition costs. Accompanying Person includes lunch on days of competition jumping (October 6-11), Opening Ceremony, Awards and Closing Ceremonies, banquet dinner, and a gift.

Entry fees will be as follows:

Formation Skydiving (4-way, 8-way)
Vertical Formation Skydiving
Artistic (Freefly and Freestyle)
Wingsuit Performance
Wingsuit Acro
Speed Skydiving

Additional Event
Member of Official Delegation
Alternate Team Member
Accompanying Person

\$1336 US + ISC sanction fee \$1336 US + ISC sanction fee \$1260 US + ISC sanction fee \$1336 US + ISC sanction fee \$1260 US + ISC sanction fee \$1260 US + ISC sanction fee

\$100 US + Jumps

\$375 US + ISC sanction fee

\$375 US + ISC sanction fee

\$375 US

The above pricing is based on fuel costs remaining below \$5.50 US/gallon. An increase of \$0.50 US per gallon will increase the cost per jump (regular rounds, official training jumps, and pre-event training) by \$1.50 US.

Late registrations may be accepted if capacity allows, and the registration fee will be increased by 20% (except the sanction fee which stays the same).

The Organizing Committee shall bear all costs necessary for the proper organization and staging of the event and shall be solely liable therefor. The Organizing Committee represents and warrants that it has and will maintain the financial capability to properly organize and stage the event as per its bid.

#### 2.13 Facilities

Crystal Coast Skydiving is home to a stunning view of the United States' Outer Banks along the east coast. Skydive Chicago and Skydive Paraclete XP have come together to organize the FAI World Events at this location, forgoing the opportunity to host at either of their home dropzones. specifically showcase one of the most beautiful areas in the country for a new and unique competitor experience.

The following facilities will be available: One 550-square-meter main hanger with a few rooms for manifest, packing, information center; four judging rooms in two portable offices



fully equipped for judging; multiple video dubbing stations for competitor uploads; creeping and dirt diving areas including mock ups; packing tent; tents for delegations; catering tent; first aid station; public toilets; wifi and internet access; and parking lot.

The Organizing Committee will outfit Crystal Coast Skydiving with appropriate registration and manifest office space. There will be one copy machine available in addition to several printers

<sup>\*</sup>ISC sanction fee will be determined at winter 2024 ISC Meeting

dedicated solely to the use of the judges. Computer workstations are equipped with internet and wireless capabilities are offered throughout the facility.

The Organizing Committee will utilize offices dedicated solely for the use of judges. Offices are equipped with Intime judging stations, which have the ability for slow-speed playback. If needed, the judges' area can be expanded to accommodate a Judges' Training Course if conducted.

Skydive Chicago is home to the 2016 Mondial World Championships as well as several world records, USPA Nationals competitions, and international festivals with experienced management and staff. Skydive Paraclete XP also has a long list of experience hosting large-scale records, competitions, and events. The Organizing Committee made up from these two dropzones will ensure an incredible experience for all participants.

The main landing area consists of approximately 16 hectares of unobscured, flat, manicured grass. There are alternative landing areas just to the south. See <u>Appendix B</u> for a picture of the landing area.

#### 2.14 Aircraft

Skydive Chicago and Skydive Paraclete XP will be supporting the event with multiple Twin Otters. These provided aircraft will allow for nearly 200 jumps an hour, if required. Skydive Chicago and Skydive Paraclete XP have more aircraft than the event requires, and additional aircraft will be available in the case of any mechanical issue. All events will be flown at 85-90 knots, 15lbs left and 20lbs right on torque.

Crystal Coast Skydiving has approximately 56,800 liters of on-site jet fuel storage in one stationary fuel tank and mobile refueler, with the capability to fuel two aircraft at once and to have more fuel delivered in one day's notice.





## 2.15 Pre Event Training Jumps

The jump pricing for pre-event training jumps will be:

3,000+ m: \$39

This pricing also applies to jump fees for additional events. As with jumps included in the registration, these prices are subject to a fuel surcharge based on current fuel prices.

Crystal Coast Skydiving is usually open three days per week (Friday-Sunday) and is open year-round. The dropzone will be operating every day from September 28 (7 days before arrival day) for training.

### 2.16 Accommodations

Within 7 km of the DZ:

Beaufort Hotel (252) 728-3000 Pecan Tree Inn (252) 728-6733 beauforthotelnc.com pecantree.com

Inlet Inn	(252) 728-3600	inlet-inn.com
Beaufort Inn	(252) 728-2600	beaufortinn.com
Langdon House B&B	(252) 728-5499	langdonhouse.com

At the time of this printing, the average nightly rate per room with two queen beds is approximately \$130 US for the close boutique hotels or \$105 for slightly further away chains such as DoubleTree, Hampton Inn, or Holiday Inn.

There are also many options available on the home-sharing app AirBnB and vacation rentals available on various websites.

### 2.17 Local Transportation Provided

The Organizing Committee will provide rental cars for the judges and staff related to the event to share. Rental cars will be assigned two to three people per car.

Competitors are responsible for their own transportation to and from the dropzone. There are many car rental companies that operate out of Raleigh-Durham and Wilmington airports, and an Enterprise car rental is located in Beaufort, North Carolina. Turo is also a widely available car-sharing app.

#### 2.18 Outline of Media Plan

The organizing committee will provide a media officer who will work with and give full cooperation with the ISC Media Liaison Officer.

The Media Officer and Organizing committee will use the following channels to raise awareness and generate excitement for the event:

Website and Social Media Presence Press Releases and Media Outreach Email Marketing Local & Industry Partnerships Community Engagement Video Content Live Streaming

More detailed media plans will be presented at the ISC Meeting.

### 2.19 Accommodations for FAI/ISC Officials

Accommodations for the FAI/ISC officials will be provided close to the dropzone in Beaufort, North Carolina.

## 2.20 Judging and Scoring Equipment

The Organizing Committee will be utilizing InTime as the required electronic scoring systems for FS, AE, Speed, Wingsuit Acro, and Wingsuit Performance judging.

The Organizing Committee will provide InTime judging stations with slow-speed capability as well as as many monitors as needed. The Organizing Committee will also secure the Flysights required for speed and wingsuit performance. There will be enough tables and chairs for the judging area to accommodate. The Organizing Committee can provide any staff assistance and supplies that the judges require, including but not limited to paper, pens, ink, staples, etc.

The Organizing Committee will post scores, easily accessible by teams and judges.

## 2.21 Public Address System

The Organizing Committee will provide a Public Address system that reaches all areas of the hangar and immediate outside surrounding areas of the hangar. The Organizing Committee will also utilize Whatsapp for real-time announcement updates available to competitors' phones.

## 2.22 Safety

The Organizing Committee will provide a full time first aid and CPR trained person to be on site for the duration of the event. Full ambulance and medical services are available via 911 emergency phone call, with a typical response time of ten minutes. Med-evac helicopter service is available. The closest major trauma center hospital, located in Greenville, North Carolina is about a 30-minute helicopter ride away, with a couple of smaller hospitals nearby.

## 2.24 Proposals for Event Officials

The Organizing Committee proposes Melissa Nelson as Meet Director and Marylou Laughlin as Assistant to Chief Judge. The SP Scoring Technical Director, WS Technical Scoring Director, and Media Officer are to be determined.

The Organizing Committee will cover travel, visa costs, food, lodging costs, and expenses connected with their duties for the following officials: FAI Controller, Assistant to the Chief Judge, SP Scoring Technical Director, and WS Technical Scoring Director.

The Organizing Committee will also cover food, lodging, and local transportation costs for the Chief Judge, Panel Judges, and Chief of Judges Training if a Judge Training Course is held at the same time.

#### 2.25 On-Site Communications

#### 2.25.1 Aircraft Communication

The Organizing Committee will have in place full time ground-to-air communications with aircraft on a dedicated frequency. The Organizing Committee will provide portable handheld ground-to-air radios for additional aircraft communication.

#### 2.25.2 Ground Communication

The Organizing Committee will provide many handheld ground-to-ground radios and will provide the needed amount of radios as required for operational staff.

Telephones, particularly through Whatsapp, will be used for official communication between officials and Heads of Delegates and unofficial competitor announcements. The online website will also be used for news and information. The official information board will be available for announcement postings. A link to manifest will also be provided for competitors and judges.

## 2.26 Federal, State, Local Legislation/Rules

There are no federal, state, or local legislation or rules that would interfere with the event. AADs are not required under any law, however, the Organizing Committee will require the use of AADs and helmets.

All competitors must present a valid skydiving license, logbook, insurance (see 2.11), an in-date AAD, and a reserve parachute packed within 180 days from October 11 by an FAA Rigger (see https://www.uspa.org/traveling-with-equipment#TSO-Memo for details).

## 2.27 Visa Requirements

Visitors to the USA may be required to obtain a DS-160 visitors visa (B-2 visa) to attend this sporting event. Visitors can apply online to the US State Department using form DS-160 at <a href="https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/visa-information-resources/fees/fees-visa-services.html">https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/visa-information-resources/fees/fees-visa-services.html</a>. The nonimmigrant visa application fee for the athlete category at the time of this printing is \$205 US, and is not covered by the registration fees.

#### 2.28 Medals

The Organizing Committee will produce the award medals in accordance with the ISC Medal Policy.

## 2.29 Anti-Doping Requirements

In the event that anti-doping testing becomes a requirement, the Organizing Committee will provide the facilities necessary for testing.

## 2.30 Date of Post Event Report

The Organizing Committee will provide a post event report within 7 days after the event.

#### 2.31 Additional Information

#### 2.31.1 Opening/Awards/Closing Ceremonies

The Organizing Committee will host an Opening Ceremony the evening prior to the start of competition, which will also include a competitor briefing and delegation parade.

The Organizing Committee will host one Awards/Closing ceremony at the completion of all events on October 12, including a banquet dinner and entertainment. A full program of Opening and Closing Ceremonies and Social Events will be provided in the first Official Information Bulletin.

#### 2.31.2 Social Events

The Organizing Committee will plan a banquet dinner to coincide with the Awards and Closing Ceremonies.

### 2.31.3 Ability to Accommodate Persons in Addition to Official Delegation

Additional persons who only wish to attend the closing banquet will have the option to purchase a banquet dinner ticket only, which will be \$65 US. This should be purchased on or before October 5, 2024.

#### 2.31.4 Gifts

Each competitor, delegation member, and official will receive an event gift. The gift will consist of a selection of promotional and take home gifts from sponsors and the Organizing Committee.

# **Appendices**

## Appendix A - Letter of Approval



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November 8, 2023

Members of the International Parachuting Committee:

On behalf of the Town of Beaufort, NC, I wish to thank you for your consideration of the Town of Beaufort and the Beaufort Airport as a potential host site for the 2024 FAI World Parachuting Championships.

The Town of Beaufort is uniquely situated between several bodies of water and will provide a scenic location for the 2024 FAI World Parachuting Championships with breathtaking aerial views of the Atlantic Ocean, the Beaufort Inlet, the Core Sound and Taylor's Creek.

The Town's historic charm is unparallel. Visitors will have the opportunity to enjoy downtown Beaufort which steeped in history, southern charm and pirate lore. There are numerous shops, restaurants and entertainment venues in Beaufort for visitors to enjoy.

We look forward to hosting skydivers from across the world and having the opportunity of welcoming them with Southern hospitality while showcasing the natural beauty of our area.

Thank you for your consideration of Beaufort, North Carolina as a potential site for the 2024 World Championships of Skydiving.

Sharon E. Harker

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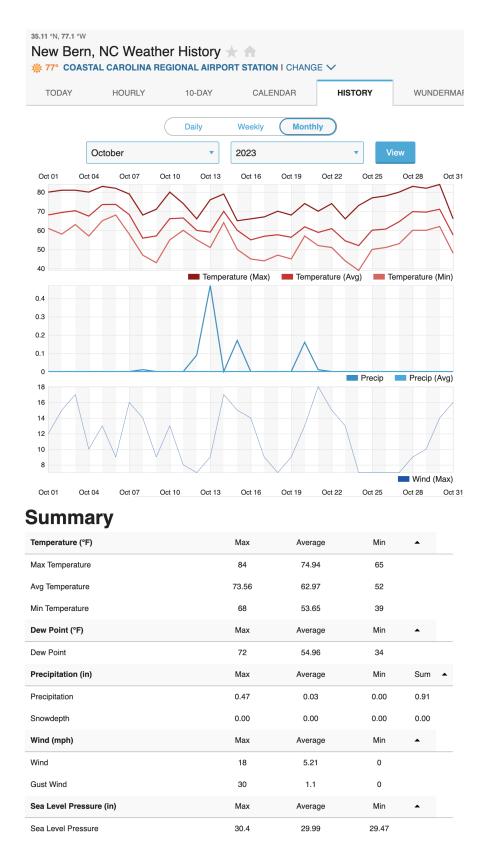
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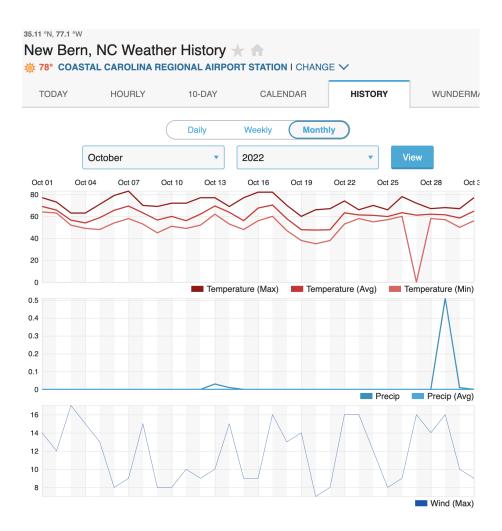
# **Appendix B - Landing Area Picture**



# **Appendix C - Weather Conditions**

#### 2023 Weather Statistics





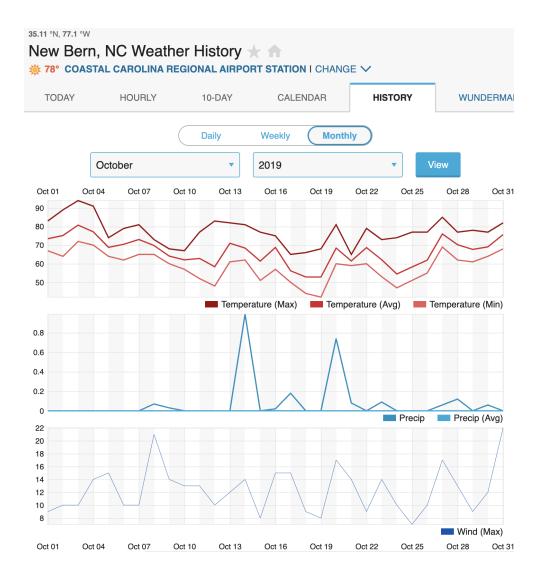
Temperature (°F)	Max	Average	Min	•	
Max Temperature	83	71.74	60		
Avg Temperature	70.33	60.7	47.52		
Min Temperature	64	50.94	0		
Dew Point (°F)	Max	Average	Min	•	
Dew Point	69	53.52	0		
Precipitation (in)	Max	Average	Min	Sum	•
Precipitation	0.51	0.02	0.00	0.56	
Snowdepth	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Wind (mph)	Max	Average	Min	•	
Wind	17	5.72	0		
Gust Wind	25	0.98	0		
Sea Level Pressure (in)	Max	Average	Min	•	
Sea Level Pressure	30.35	30.04	29.63		



Temperature (°F)	Max	Average	Min	•	
Max Temperature	85	76.68	67		
Avg Temperature	74.29	66.11	55.29		
Min Temperature	71	56.9	0		
Dew Point (°F)	Max	Average	Min	•	
Dew Point	73	59.26	0		
Precipitation (in)	Max	Average	Min	Sum	•
Precipitation (in) Precipitation	Max 0.77	Average 0.04	Min 0.00	Sum 1.31	•
					•
Precipitation	0.77	0.04	0.00	1.31	•
Precipitation Snowdepth	0.77	0.04	0.00	1.31	•



Temperature (°F)	Max	Average	Min	•	
Max Temperature	84	76	62		
Avg Temperature	74.61	65.67	54.83		
Min Temperature	66	56.16	0		
Dew Point (°F)	Max	Average	Min	•	
Dew Point	75	60.15	0		
Precipitation (in)	Max	Average	Min	Sum	•
Precipitation (in) Precipitation	Max 1.73	Average 0.12	Min 0.00	Sum 3.67	•
					•
Precipitation	1.73	0.12	0.00	3.67	•
Precipitation Snowdepth	1.73	0.12	0.00	3.67 0.00	•



Temperature (°F)	Max	Average	Min	•
Max Temperature	94	77.35	65	
Avg Temperature	80.79	66.5	52.82	
Min Temperature	72	58.77	42	
Dew Point (°F)	Max	Average	Min	•
Dew Point	77	61.15	40	
Precipitation (in)	Max	Average	Min	Sum
Precipitation	0.99	0.08	0.00	2.44
Snowdepth	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Wind (mph)	Max	Average	Min	•
Wind	22	6	0	
Gust Wind	32	1.72	0	