

WINDSURFER CHAMPIONSHIP FOR FREEPORT

Over 500 windsurfers from 40 countries are expected here for the 1980 Windsurfer World Championships.

Participants will begin arriving here in Freeport October 25 for five days of tune-up sailing followed by five days of races ending November 5.

Bonnie Crail, editor of Windsurfer Magazine and the regatta chairman, said the event is shaping up to be the largest single-design regatta in sailing history.

Heading the list of competitors is current champion Matt Schweitzer, 22, of California. Schweitzer's father, Hoyle, is credited with having invented the windsurfer.

Other top performers will include 17-year-old Robbie Naish of Hawaii, winner of this year's Pan American Windsurfing Championship; Anders Foyen, 22, of Norway, an outstanding competitor; Cort Larned, 25, of Fort Lauderdale, winner of the Pentathlon event at the 1978 world championships in Greece and current Florida State Open Ocean Champion.

The brothers Alex and Greg Aguera, 19 and 17, of Clearwater, Florida, will also be here for the event. They thrilled spectators with their head-to-head competition in the pentathlon at last month's American Windsurfer Championships in Falmouth, Massachusetts, which saw the younger brother emerge the winner.

Headquarters for the event will be Freeport/Lucaya's 500-room Holiday Inn, and racing will take place directly in front of the hotel beach.

Windsurfing is a fast growing sport that can be considered a cross between sailing and surfing, combining the thrills of each. It is also the only sailing sport that offers competition in freestyle and slalom racing in addition to round-the-buoys course racing and long distance racing.