



SAIL PORT STEPHENS



The Bay Sailing Centre, Seaview Crescent, Soldiers Point (off Soldiers Point Road)

24 – 25 APRIL 2021

WCAA NSW Slalom State Championships 2021 / Heineken Handicap Sprint / Anzac Day Marathon



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS. V1.5.1 Final 23/4/21

1 RULES

1.1 The Sail Port Stephens event Windsurfing Events will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024, the Australian Sailing Prescriptions and the International Windsurfer Class Association (IWCA) class rules, except where these are changed by the Notice of Race (NOR) or by these Sailing Instructions (SIs). The SI's shall take precedence over the NOR in case of conflicting rules.

1.2 References:

- 1.2.1 RRS 2021-2024 including reference to Appendix B. (Windsurfing Competition Rules)
<https://cdn.revolutionise.com.au/site/mqrfo10kdm3bxyko.pdf>
- 1.2.2 Windsurfer Class Rules 2000
http://www.windsurferclassaus.com/uploads/1/2/1/7/121784591/windsurfer_class_rules_2020_final_1.9.20.pdf
- 1.2.3 Australian Sailing Prescriptions as stated in RRS 2021-2024.
- 1.2.4 Notice of Race <http://bit.ly/sailps-windsurfer-slalom>

2 CLASS FLAGS

The class flags with a Windsurfer Insignia shall be used for this event.

3 THE COURSES

The diagrams in SI Addendum A show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.



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4 MARKS

- 4.1 Marks will be described at the briefing.

5 THE START

- 5.1 For the Marathon – TWO OPTIONS AVAILABLE to be determined on the morning of event. EITHER a Le mans start off the beach OR the starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee vessel and the course side of the orange starting line buoy.
- 5.2 Boards in divisions whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races and shall stay 50 metres away from boards that are starting or manoeuvring around the starting area to prepare for the start.
- 5.4 A board that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal may be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing.
- 5.5 No Handicapped starts will be applicable for Marathon or Slalom. However, starts may be staggered into two divisional groups for Marathon with the SHW Cruisers and Heavies possibly starting first. For the Slalom, the Women will be first to race, followed by LW, MW, HW, SHW and repeat cycle as day progresses until Slalom concluded or a final is run.
- 5.6 Please see noticeboard for race start info and course information.

6 THE FINISH

- 6.1 The finishing line for the marathon will be EITHER between FLAGS ON THE BEACH IF A BEACH START IS RUN OR, between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee vessel and the course side of the orange finishing line buoy. Competitors will be notified at Briefing.
The slalom finish line will be as per Addendum A and the entire course.
Finish and start lines for the handicap event will be detailed on the day.
- 6.2 When boards are finishing, boards who have finished shall avoid the finishing area, keeping well clear of all boards racing, and shall not act to interfere with a board that has not finished.

7 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 7.1 The time limits for the Marathon shall be 3 hours, 15 minutes per slalom course and 45 minutes for the Handicap Race.
- 7.2 Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress, a board may have her place recorded outside these times at the discretion of the Race Officer.
- 7.3 Boards failing to finish within the time stated in the finishing window after the first board sails the course and finishes may be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing.
- 7.4 The time limits above are primarily for event management and for safety.

8 STARTING PROCEDURE

Slalom

<i>Minutes relative to starting signal</i>	<i>Flag Signal</i>	<i>Sound Signal</i>	<i>Means</i>
- 1	Red Flag up	One	Warning signal
- 0.5	Red Flag Down	One	Preparatory signal
0	Class Flag Up	One Long	Start



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Handicap Sprint

Competitors will be allotted a handicap start time, the times may be called or displayed, more details at the briefing. This is a fun novelty event and will be run close to shore and the course will be determined by the conditions on the day.

Marathon

- Course races will be started by using rule 26 amended as follows:

<i>Minutes relative to starting signal</i>	<i>Flag Signal</i>	<i>Sound Signal</i>	<i>Means</i>
- 5	Class Flag and /or Numeral Flags	One	Warning signal
- 4	Code Flag P	One	Preparatory signal
- 1	Code Flag P removed	One Long	One minute
0	Class Flag and / or Numeral Flags removed	One	Starting Signal

9 SCORING

RRS Appendix A – ‘Low Point System’ will apply.

Each event will be treated independently. I.E. The results of Slalom Series, Handicap and Marathon have no bearing on results for the other two events.

Each board will be awarded points for each race based on her finishing place within her weight division.

For the Slalom Series: Three races in each weight division are required to be completed to constitute a series.

When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a board's series score will be the total of her race scores.

When from 5 to 7 races have been completed, a board's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score ("one drop").

Overall Female and Youth places will be based on the board's weight division place plus the total of the counted division race score divided by the number of races counted (division average points).

Marathon and Handicap Races: One race only for each.

10 TOUCHING A MARK

While racing, a board shall not touch a starting mark before starting or a finishing mark after finishing. A board may touch a mark that begins, bounds or ends the leg of the course on which she is sailing.



11 PROTESTS

- 11.1 For Slalom: These will be handled on the water by race committee. Please notify start boat for a decision on any infringements encountered for a quick decision.
- 11.2 For Handicap Sprint: Intended as a fun event so please try to go with the flow!
- 11.3 For Marathon: Protest process as per RRS. Arbitration in accordance with Appendix T on formal protests lodged will be commenced immediately after racing concluded.

ADDENDUM A – The Courses

SLALOM





Event Management Guidelines Slalom


General



High spectator appeal - try to set course as close to shore as possible.

Start Sequence

- Upcoming heat posted on Start boat
- 1 minute start sequence
- Heat number removed
- Next heat not to start until all boards finished and placings recorded/confirmed onto Ladder

Red Flag	Up	1 min
		

Red Flag	Down	-30 sec
		

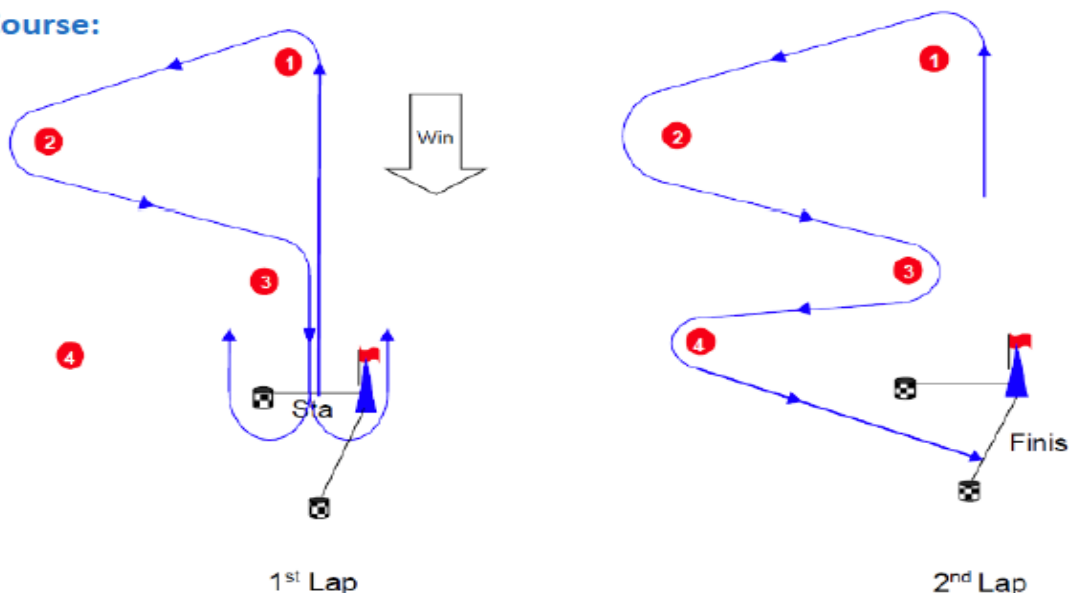
Class Flag	Up	0
		

4 MARKS

Course: Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – Start (Gate) – 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – Finish

Lap 1 = P, Lap 2 = M

Course:



Course Length Guidance

Very short! The focus is on board handling. Target time 5-7 minutes

Leg length ~0.04 – 0.08nm

Start Line Length

Short = 3 board lengths = ~14 metres

Finish Line Length

Super Short = 1.5 board lengths = ~6 metres

MARATHON AND HANDICAP RACES

The Marathon and Handicap Sprint race courses will be displayed at a briefing prior to the event.