



## NOTICE OF RACE

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# WINDSURFER

NSW SLALOM CHAMPIONSHIPS

AND

ANZAC DAY MARATHON

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2021

**Organising Authority and Location of Race** NCYC, Sail Port Stephens & The Bay Sailing Centre, 147b Seaview Crescent, Soldiers Point.

In conjunction with Windsurfer Class Association of Australia (WCAA), NSW Windsurfer Class, Windsurfing NSW (WNSW) and the Australian Windsurfing Association (AWA).

### Rules

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the [Racing Rules of Sailing \(RRS\) \(2021 – 2024\)](#) and the [Windsurfer Class Rules 2020](#), except where these are changed by the Notice of Race (NOR) or by the Sailing Instructions (SIs).

NOTE: If there is conflict between the NOR and the SIs, the SIs will take precedence.

## Eligibility

Windsurfer Class boards including Windsurfer LT, Windsurfer One Design and Original Windsurfers using class supplied and approved equipment.

All competitors shall:

1. Be paid up members of the Windsurfer Class Association of Australia (WCAA) for the 2020/21 membership year.

You can check if you are a current member of the WCAA [here](#)

You can join the WCAA here including taking the required insurance as detailed below [here](#)

2. Have CURRENT [Australian Windsurfing Association \(AWA\) 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Liability Insurance Policy Cover](#) - either through WCAA membership with insurance or membership of Windsurfing New South Wales (WNSW) or another affiliated Australian Windsurfing Association (AWA) state or club-based organisation.

You can check the AWA register [here](#)

3. Have a unique sail number, displayed in accordance with the Windsurfer Class Rules.

## Entry Fee & Registration

Competitors will pay the prescribed entry fees as detailed below.

The event entry fee includes racing, prize draw, BBQ Dinner (gold coin donation - all welcome) and presentation.

Competitor Entry Fees (\$AUD)	
<b>Category A – All competitors – registrations close at 10:30 am 24/4/2021.</b>	\$70.00
Please get in early to assist in event planning so we all have a positive experience.	
A limited supply of special Sail Port Stephens, Bay Sailing Centre, Windsurfer Class and WindsurferLT1.com ( <b>WindsurferswearWallyware</b> ) event T-Shirts will be on sale at registration for a very special price of \$10 each – Courtesy of Sail Port Stephens, The Bay Sailing Centre and NCYC. Sorry, we cannot guarantee event shirt for everyone, 1 <sup>st</sup> in best dressed! If you are really keen to have one, contact Al Haynes (contact details last page) before 7th April and we will try to reserve you one in your size.	

**Please enter via the following link:**

<https://www.sailportstephens.com.au/racing/enter-sail-port-stephens/>

## Registration

All competitors shall complete Pre-Registration online via link supplied and on-site registration with the Organising Authority.

Registration will occur at The Bay Sailing Centre between 0930 and 1030hrs on Saturday 24th April.

At Registration:

- o All competitors will have to sign an Entry Form which includes the Entry Declaration and Disclaimer of Liability;
- o All competitors will have their Third-Party Liability (TPL) AWA Insurance status checked;
- o Competitors under 18 years of age must have an 'Emergency Contact Form' and 'Media Consent Form', completed by their parent/guardian;

- o All competitors will have their weight recorded;
- o Proof of age of a competitor may be checked, if required by the Organising Authority

## Schedule

Day/Date - Event	Event Details	Time	Location
Saturday 24/4/2021	Registration and receipt of event merchandise packs.	0830 – 1030hrs	The Bay Sailing Centre
<i>NSW Windsurfer Slalom Championships</i>	Race day & Slalom Briefing	1100hrs	The Bay Sailing Centre
Racing Competitors to have split lunch breaks between their respective divisional heats	Slalom Racing Session 1 - Warning Signal not before: Note: Slalom will be run in continuous series heats of alternating divisions all afternoon until conclusion. You will need to be on the water ready for your heat before previous division has competed theirs. THIS IS NOT AN ELIMINATION EVENT, EVERYONE GETS TO SAIL IN NUMEROUS RACES.	1130hrs	Run from the Beach – Adjacent Jetty
<i>If time and conditions permit: The Heineken Handicap Sprint Race – This is a Seriously Fun NEW Event Dash for the slab... (Sailors under 18 years of age and the adults who really are off the pace will be competing in the Soft Drinkers Hard Luck Handicap - dash for THAT slab!)</i>	Quick pre-race Heineken Handicap and Hard Luck Handicap Briefing after Conclusion of Slalom.  Race duration expected to be Approx 10 - 20 mins and starting immediately after briefing.  The big shots will be anxiously standing on the shore watching the slower sailers head out then doing their utmost to catch up for the surprise victory treat on offer!  It will be on for young and old and an event not to be missed at the end of some gruelling slalom action!	~1500hrs	From the Jetty  Le Mans Handicap staggered Start and beach sprint finish to claim your prize.
BBQ Dinner & Presentation	Social fun with Included BBQ Dinner (Gold coin donation to support junior and youth sailing at the club), Awesome Lucky Giveaways and Slalom championships. Presentation – after racing	~1800hrs	The Bay Sailing Centre Function Room
Sunday 25/4/2021	Briefing	1100hrs	The Bay Sailing Centre
<i>Anzac Day Marathon</i>	Start - Warning Signal not before	1130hrs	Le Mans Start from the Beach - Adjacent Jetty
Quick Presentation	Social with Awesome Lucky Giveaways and Marathon Presentation ASAP after racing	~1430 - 1500hrs	The Bay Sailing Centre Function Room
Both Mornings Pre race 2 – 4 x VOLUNTEERS WANTED!	Discover Windsurfing demo & intro lessons. Experienced sailors are welcome to assist. Contact Al Haynes before event if you can assist.	~0845 – 1045hrs	On the beach near jetty

The Championship is an 'On Call' regatta. The event/s for each session will be advised at a briefing. Multiple briefings may be conducted during each session including before and during each race session.

## Competition Disciplines

Competition will be conducted in the discipline of Slalom and Marathon

Target competition program is up to nine (9) Slalom races per weight division.

Other racing formats may be run if time or conditions dictate but these do not count towards the Slalom scoring.

## Competition Divisions

Racing will be conducted based on weight category divisions.

### Light / Medium / Heavy

(Subject to numbers, a Super Heavy division may be added at the discretion of the Organising Authority)

Weight Divisions will be allocated by one of the two following methods as per Class Rules:

#### 1. Fixed Weights:

Category	Division	Weight (kilograms)
A	Light Weight	Less than 75 kilograms
B	Medium Weight	75 – 84.9 kilograms
C	Heavy Weight	85 – 94.9 kilograms
(optionally) D	Super Heavy Weight	95 kilograms or more

#### 2. Split Weights:

- (i) Competitors will be divided into up to 4 categories of weight (A-D) of equal numbers, including Youth and Women.
- (ii) After the weighing procedure, in case the total number cannot be divided by four, the first category with one competitor more will be determined upon a random draw. In case two competitors have the same weight, the younger competitor will be considered the lighter.
- (iii) Before the start of the first race, a second weighing procedure may be called for the athletes close to the limits of the categories, in order to recheck the correct registered weight.
- (iv) Where there is a significant difference between cut-off weights and competitors weights that are close to the limits between divisions, the Race Committee may, in its absolute discretion, increase or decrease the number of competitors in a division to promote closer and fairer racing.

#### Weighing Procedure

- (i) Weighing of competitors will be conducted during the event registration period on the official scales provided by the Organising Authority.
- (ii) Competitors will weigh in T-shirt and shorts only (no footwear) – with all pockets emptied.
- (iii) Competitors may be re-weighed at any time during an event at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- (iv) If subsequent weighing of a competitor indicates a variation of more than 2 kilograms from the original weight that would cause a competitor to change weight division the Organising Authority will assess the circumstances and have the option to change the competitors' division.

#### Gender & Age

Division	Age
Female	
Youth & Juniors Combined	Under 18 years on the 1 <sup>st</sup> racing day of the Event

Note: Female and Youth Competitors will race in their allocated weight division.

## Equipment

It is the responsibility of each competitor to ensure that their equipment conforms to the current Class Rules.

You can download the Class Rules [here](#)

Equipment inspection may be undertaken at any time during the Event by the Organising Authority to ensure compliance with Class Rules.

## Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions (SIs) including course format and racing procedure will be available online no-later than 3 days prior to the event.

Further instructions may be provided verbally at Briefings.

The SIs will be available on the Official Notice Board at The Bay Sailing Centre.

## Scoring

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

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

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”).

When over 7 races have been completed, a board’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst two score (“two drops”).

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).

The three competitors from each weight division with the lowest scores may race (time and conditions permitting) in a Finals Series of up to 3 races with no drops. The results of the finals do not alter the divisional placings.

## Touching a Mark

Rule 31 is changed to:

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.

## Penalties at the time of Incident

Rule 44 is changed to:

### 44.1 Taking a Penalty

A board may take a 360° Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while racing. The sailing instructions may specify the use of some other penalty. However, if the board caused injury or serious damage or, despite taking a penalty, gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach, her penalty shall be to retire.

### 44.2 360° Turn Penalty

After getting well clear of other boards as soon after the incident as possible, a board takes a 360° Turn Penalty by promptly making a 360° turn with no requirement for a tack or a gybe. When a board takes the penalty at or near the finishing line, her hull shall be completely on the course side of the line before she finishes

## Buoyancy

All competitors shall wear whilst racing personal flotation devices which are in good condition and are in accordance with the specifications approved by the National Authority at or above the minimum level required (ie L50/ level 50). Attention is drawn to rule 1.2.

## Trophies and Prizes

Trophies will be awarded at the discretion of the Windsurfer Class Association and the Organising Authority. There will be a trophy awarded for the winner of each weight division, Women, Youth/Junior and Ancient Mariner for both the Slalom and Marathon Events if completed as planned.

Up to 3 x Windsurfer Regatta Sails are up for grabs at Lucky Entry Prize draws on Saturday evening (x2) and Sunday Afternoon (x1). You must be present to win these prizes so please stay around and enjoy the festivities.

Other giveaways include a cool Naish 80 Litre Dry Bag to haul all your gear after racing.

Other Prizes may also be awarded at discretion of the Organising Authority and Windsurfer Class NSW.

## Responsibility

**Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 4 - Decision to Race, which states "The responsibility for a board's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".**

It is the competitor's sole decision to enter this event and to start and or to continue to compete. By way of entering, competitors acknowledge and agree that participation in this event can be dangerous and accept that their participation is at their exclusive risk in every respect.

In addition, by way of entering competitors shall hold harmless the organising authority, its officers, members, servants and agents and all other competitors in respect of all liability for injury to their person and or loss or damage to their property howsoever arising from their participation or intended participation in this event and acknowledge and accept that the organising authority, its officers, members, servants, agents and other competitors accept no responsibility in respect to loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of a competitor's participation or intended participation in this event or arising for whatever reason in connection with this event. Competitors will sign a disclaimer of liability at registration.

## Advertising

Competitors may be obliged by the Organising Authority to display advertising of sponsors on sails and/or other equipment and/or on their persons in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.

## Media Rights

Competitors give full rights and permission to the Organising Authority and / or Windsurfer Class Association of Australia for use and broadcasting of photographs or videos of persons or boards competing in the event including, but not limited to, spots on television, online mediums and social media and can be used for editorial purpose, promotion or printed information.

Competitors under 18 years of age may opt out when completing the disclaimer of liability at registration.

## Additional Information

Updates will be provided via any of the following methods – email, social media or website.

## Contact information

Windsurfer Class website: [www.windsurferclassaus.com](http://www.windsurferclassaus.com)  
Windsurfer Class Facebook National Page: <https://www.facebook.com/windurferclassaus>  
Windsurfer Class NSW Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/windsurferclassnsw>

### **For specific questions about Sail Port Stephens:**

The Bay Sailing Centre and local issues -

Sail Port Stephens Website: <https://www.sailportstephens.com.au>  
Sail Port Stephens Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/sailportstephens/>  
Email the Bay Sailing Centre: [info@ncyc.net.au](mailto:info@ncyc.net.au)

(Managed by NCYC)

The Bay Sailing Centre Website: <https://baysailingcentre.com.au>

The Bay Sailing Centre Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/BaySailingCentre/>

Visit NSW – Port Stephens: <https://www.visitnsw.com/destinations/north-coast/port-stephens-area/nelson-bay/events/sail-port-stephens>

### **For general event information, entry queries, membership and class matters:**

Contact the NSW Class Reps:

Al Haynes	WCAA NSW Joint Rep	0438 336 495	<a href="mailto:windsurferclassnsw@gmail.com">windsurferclassnsw@gmail.com</a>
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Greg Johns	Windgenuity / Sales & Charter	0299 826 444	<a href="mailto:wwindgen@bigpond.net.au">wwindgen@bigpond.net.au</a>

Windgenuity Website

- For Windsurfer LT and One Design spare parts and new equipment <https://windgenuity.com.au>

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