



WINDSURFER CLASS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA
2016 NSW STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS
for WINDSURFER ONE DESIGN & ORIGINAL WINDSURFER BOARDS
NOTICE OF RACE

Dates	Saturday 3 rd December and Sunday 4 th December 2016
Organising authority	Windsurfing NSW in conjunction with Sailing Australia
Venue	Middle Harbour 16ft Skiff Club
Address	The Spit, Mosman NSW 2088
Registration	Online: Sunday 20 th Nov– Saturday 3 rd Dec 2016 https://windsurferclassaustralia.tidyclub.com Saturday 3 rd Dec 09:00 –10:00 at MH 16' Skiff Club

NOTICE OF RACE

Middle Harbour 16ft Skiff Club with Windsurfing NSW in conjunction with Sailing Australia (the Organising Authority) and the Windsurfer Class Association of Australia (WCAA), extends an invitation to Windsurfer One Design sailors and Original Windsurfer Sailors to participate in the WINDSURFER CLASS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA 2016 NSW STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

RACE COMMITTEE

Members of the Race Committee will be identified to competitors at the Briefing. Race committee members can be asked questions regarding the operation of the regatta whilst on shore and may meet to make decisions on race management, eligibility and compliance with class rules.

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2012-2016, the Yachting Australia Prescriptions and the International Windsurfer Class Association (IWCA) class rules, except where these are changed by the Notice of Race (NOR) or by the Sailing Instructions (SIs).

2. ELIGIBILITY

2.1 The regatta is open to competitors using: Windsurfer One Design sailboards and equipment complying with IWCA class rules, as varied by the sailing Instructions; or Original Windsurfer sailboards and equipment, i.e. original design Windsurfer boards equipped with non-retractable daggerboards and short-batten sails of approximately 6.3m². Sailors under 16 years of age are permitted to use sails of 5.0 m² or less.

2.2 Eligibility for age group divisions shall be calculated using the competitor's age on 3rd December 2016.

2.3 All competitors shall wear personal flotation as described in clause 13 of this notice of race.

2.4 Every competitor shall be a member of Windsurfer Class Association of Australia and have public liability insurance considered appropriate by the Organising Authority for not less than \$10m for any one incident as described in clause 16 of this notice of race.

3. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Sailing instructions will be posted on the WCAA website (<http://windsurferclass.wordpress.com/>) by 1st December 2016.

4. RACING AREA

4.1 Competition will be conducted on the waters of Middle Harbour in the vicinity of Balmoral Beach.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1 The competition schedule will be in accordance with the following as well as notices to competitors.

5.2 The championship is an 'on call' regatta.

5.3 No racing session will be started after 16:30 on Sunday 4th December 2016.

Day	Date	Activity	Time
Saturday	3/12/2016	Briefing	1000
		First signal not before	1030
		Freestyle Demonstration Event	1500
Sunday	4/12/2016	Briefing	1000
		First signal not before	1030
		Freestyle Demonstration Event	1500
		Presentation	After racing concludes

6. REGISTRATION

6.1 All competitors shall complete registration with the Organising Authority.

6.2 Registration must be performed on-line by providing entry details and payment of the entry fee at <https://windsurferclassaustralia.tidyclub.com/events>. On-line entry is open until 3/12/2016.

6.3 All competitors must finalise their registration process by signing an entry disclaimer and weighing in (male competitors only) in person at MH 16' Skiff Club between 09:00 and 10:00 on Saturday 3/12/2016.

6.4 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee.

7. ENTRY FEE

7.1 The entry fee is \$50.

7.2 Membership of WCAA is an additional \$50 and includes third party public liability insurance to June 30, 2017 for Australian Windsurfing Association (AWA) sanctioned events and a 10% discount on Windsurfer equipment and accessories purchased from Windgenuity

8. COMPETITION DISCIPLINES

8.1 Competition will be conducted in course racing.

8.2 A demonstration event for Freestyle will be held to provide practice for the upcoming National Championships in January.

9. COMPETITION DIVISIONS

9.1 Competition will be conducted in the following gender and weight divisions:

Men – lightweight, mediumweight and heavyweight; Women. Junior sailors are encouraged to enter and are permitted to use sails of 5.0m or less.

9.2 Male competitors will be weighed to complete their registration process. They will be required to wear light clothing such as shorts and shirt. The Race Committee may use any means they deem suitable to ascertain whether competitors are artificially adjusting their weight.

9.3 Male competitors will be allocated to divisions of lightweight, mediumweight; heavyweight and Superheavyweight. Competitors weighing less than 75.0 kg shall race in the lightweight division. Competitors weighing between 75.0 and 84.99 kg will race in the mediumweight division. Competitors weighing 85.0 kg and over shall race in the heavyweight division. Competitors weighing 95.0 kg and over shall race in the Superheavyweight division.

9.4 Male competitors shall compete in their allocated weight division. Male competitors may be re-weighed at any time before the commencement of any racing session at the Race Committee's discretion. Re-weighing will be conducted using the same set of scales as used during the initial weigh-in. A sailor whose weight at re-weighing varies by more than 2.0 kg from that recorded during their official weigh-in and who no longer conforms to the requirements of their allocated division may have their weight division re-allocated by the Race Committee, according to the requirements.

10. PRIZES

10.1 Prizes will be awarded to the winners of each division.

10.2 Other prizes may also be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.

11. COURSES

11.1 The courses to be sailed in each discipline will be described in the sailing instructions.

Course racing courses will be windward-leeward courses.

12. SCORING

12.1 The Low Point System, Appendix A shall apply.

12.2 In each course race, a competitor may choose to finish after completing one lap of the course instead of the full two laps. Competitors who complete one lap will be scored as if they finished after the last finisher who completed the full course.

13. BUOYANCY

13.1 All competitors shall wear personal flotation devices which are in good condition and are in accordance with the specifications issued or approved by Yachting Australia (changes rules 27.1 and 40.) Attention is drawn to rule 1.2.

14. EQUIPMENT

14.1 It is the responsibility of each competitor to ensure that their equipment conforms to the IWCA class rules. Class rules can be found at <http://windsurferclass.wordpress.com/class-rules/>

14.2 Downhaul systems that can be adjusted whilst sailing without the need for the sail to be in the water shall not be used.

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14.4 The Race Committee shall determine whether equipment could breach the class rules and whether to apply any relevant penalties.

14.5 Immediately after the conclusion of a race, place getters and other competitors may be subject to a spot check for compliance with IWCA class rules. Where a board fails a spot check she may be disqualified from racing for that race or races without appeal.

15. SAIL NUMBERS

15.1 Sail numbers which are readily visible shall be used at all times.

15.2 Competitors are encouraged to use official AWA sail numbers, which are allocated free of charge to all members of the WCAA. If you require a number, please consult the list of sail numbers on the AWA website to select an available number and then email your selected number to one of the contact people below.

15.3 Priority regarding the use of clashing numbers shall always be given to the sailor using their own official AWA number.

15.4 The Race Committee is under no obligation to give redress for any incident caused by lack of sail numbers of the official AWA type, size and description.

16. INSURANCE

16.1 Every competitor shall have public liability insurance considered appropriate by the Organising Authority for not less than \$10m for any one incident.

16.2 Every competitor who completes the registration process and enters the championship is requested to confirm that they have, and are able to prove currency of, such insurance.

16.3 Competitors unable to prove currency or found not to have such insurance at the time of weigh-in or registration shall have their entry not accepted or revoked.

16.4 Such insurance can be obtained by becoming a member of WCAA or another group affiliated with the Australian Windsurfing Association (AWA). Membership can be purchased on-line at <https://windsurferclassaustralia.tidyclub.com/events>

17. ENTRY DISCLAIMER

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.

By way of entering, competitors also agree to compete in a spirit of good sportsmanship, which promotes safe, fair and inclusive sport. [Australian Sports Commission]

Middle Harbour 16 ft Skiff Club, the Race Committee and the parties in the Organising Authority reserve the right to refuse / rescind an entry.

Attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4 Decision to Race "A boat is solely responsible for deciding whether or not to start or to continue racing".

18. VENUE FACILITIES

18.1 Middle Harbour 16ft Skiff Club is at The Spit, Mosman NSW 2088.

18.2 Board storage may be available from Saturday afternoon until Sunday morning. Boards are stored at the owners' risk and should not impede other classes racing from the club.

18.3 Food and drinks are available to purchase from the club during the event.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

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