



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

Saturday 3rd December and Sunday 4th December 2016

Middle Harbour 16ft Skiff Club The Spit, Mosman NSW 2088

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Middle Harbour 16' Skiff Club, in association with Windsurfing NSW and the Windsurfer Class Association of Australia (WCAA), welcomes Windsurfer One Design Sailors and Original Windsurfer Sailors participating in the 2016 Windsurfer One Design NSW State Championships and their families, friends, supporters and sponsors.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013 – 2016 including Appendix B, Windsurfing Competition Rules; except where they are changed by the Notice of Race (NOR) or by the Sailing Instructions (SIs). In the event of a conflict, the SIs will prevail.
- 1.2. The prescriptions and special regulations of Australian Sailing will apply.
- 1.3. The Windsurfer Class rules will apply.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official race notice board at Middle Harbour 16' Skiff Club.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 60 minutes before the scheduled start time of first race of the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole at Middle Harbour 16' Skiff Club.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the course race signal AP instruction.
- 4.3. When Code Flag 'Q' is displayed ashore, no boards are permitted to leave the shore.

5. SIGNALS MADE AFLOAT

- 5.1. In addition to the signals provided in the rules, the following signal will be used. International Pennant 'M' displayed on the course race finishing boat means, "Competitors should remain in the starting area. There will be another race starting in the current racing period as soon as the Race Officers deem practical."

6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 6.1. The Championship is an 'On Call' regatta. The event/s for each day will be advised at that day's briefing.
- 6.2. It is anticipated that between three and six course races will be conducted each day.
- 6.3. No racing session will be started prior to 1030 on Saturday, nor after 1630 hours on Sunday.

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

Day	Date	Activity	Time
Saturday	3/12/2016	Course Racing Briefing First signal not before Freestyle Briefing Freestyle expression session Freestyle routines	1000 1030
Sunday	4/12/2016	Briefing First signal not before Presentation	1000 1030 After racing concludes

7. CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be square, with a black Windsurfer symbol on a gold background or as advised at the briefing.

8. COURSE RACING AREA

The competition area will be the waters of Middle Harbour in the vicinity of Balmoral Beach, Wyargine Point, Castle Rock beach and Grotto Point.

9. COURSES

- 9.1. The diagrams in Attachment 1 show the course for course racing.
- 9.2. All divisions will race on the same course.
- 9.3. In each course race, a competitor may choose to finish after completing one lap of the course instead of the full two laps. In this case the competitor would round mark 1, then round mark 3 and then cross the finish line. The competitor must attempt to hail the race committee boat when finishing to advise they have completed a 1 lap course.
- 9.4. Course racing sessions may consist of up to four races back-to-back.
- 9.5. A maximum of 8 course races will be conducted.
- 9.6. For Freestyle the course will be a square of approximately 25m² x 25m² and will be located in front of MH16' Skiff Club.

10. MARKS

- 10.1. Marks will be described at the first briefing. Course racing Mark 1 is likely to be danbuoy style flying a code flag U with a 16' printed over the top. The gate marks 2a and 2b are likely to be large spherical fluoro orange mooring balls. The starting marks will be a flagstaff on the race committee boat at the starboard end and the centre of a mark to be described at the briefing at the port end. The finishing marks will be a flag on the race committee boat at the windward end and the centre of a mark to be described at the briefing directly to the stern of the committee boat as per mark 4 in the course diagram in Attachment 1.

A clearance buoy may be streamed from the stern of the race committee boat. Boards shall not pass between this buoy and the race committee boat at any time.

11. THE START

- 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 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 or Numeral Flags removed	One	Starting Signal
+ 30 Seconds		One	Cease Pumping

A board starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored 'Did Not Start'.

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing mark) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 12.2. Except at a gate, boards shall pass between the race committee boat signaling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes rule 28.1.

13. PROPULSION

- 13.1. Rule 42 shall apply only when competitors are sailing to windward or on a close-hauled course from 30 seconds after the starting signal (changes rules 42). One long sound signal may be made to indicate 30 seconds after the starting signal.
- 13.2. **A member of the race committee or a designated observer who sees a competitor infringing SI 13.1 may disqualify that competitor without a hearing.**

14. PENALTIES

Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

15. TIME LIMIT COURSE RACING

- 15.1. The target time for the first board to complete the full course will be 30 minutes.
- 15.2. The time limit for the first board to complete the full course will be 60 minutes. If no board has finished within 60 minutes of the start of that race, the race will be abandoned.
- 15.3. Boards failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first board finishes the full course will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4, and A5.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1. Protest forms will be available from the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.2. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last board has finished the last race of the day.
- 16.3. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the race office beginning at the time posted.
- 16.4. Notices of protests by the race committee will be posted to inform competitors under Rule 61.1(b).
- 16.5. Breaches of instructions 19, 21 and 22 will not be grounds for protest by a board. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the Protest Committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this Instruction will be 'DPI'.
- 16.6. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
 - within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes Rule 66.
- 16.7. On the last scheduled day of competition a request for redress based on a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes Rule 62.2 and Rule 66.

17. SCORING COURSE RACING

- 17.1. The Low Point System will apply. Each board will be awarded points for each race based on her finishing place within her division. Divisions are defined in clause 9 of the notice of race.
- 17.2. 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.

- 17.3. Three course races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.4. When fewer than 5 course races have been completed, a board's series course racing score will be the total of her race scores.
- 17.5. When from 5 to 7 course races have been completed, a board's series course racing score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score ("one drop").
- 17.6. When 8 to 12 races have been completed, a board's series course racing score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores ("two drops"). This changes Appendix B A2 (a) and (b).

18. FREESTYLE DEMONSTRATION EVENT

- 18.1 Freestyle will be a separate event and scoring will not contribute to Course Racing and NSW Championship standings.
- 18.2 The event will have 2 disciplines, an 'expression session' and a 2 minute routine.
- 18.3 The 'expression session' will involve competitors impressing judges with the best tricks and there will be no penalties for falls or incompletions. Dismounts may be performed at any time. Multiple competitors will be on course and the maximum time limit will be 10 minutes. A sound signal will be made at the start and finish of the expression session. Prizes will be awarded based on artistic flare and 'wow' factor.
- 18.4 The 2 minute routine will be performed within the course area. Competitors will be notified of their start order. A single sound signal will be made when judges are ready for a competitor's routine. Competitors will raise their hand to begin their routine timing and commence judges scoring. At 30 seconds remaining in the routine a single sound signal will be made. At the conclusion of the 2 minutes a double sound signal will be made at which time a further 5 seconds will be allowed to commence a dismount and a final sound signal will be made.
- 18.5 Freestyle 2 Minute routine placings will be determined using the following method:

A minimum of three judges observe each competitor's 2 minute routine and award points according to the guidelines on the freestyle scoring sheet. Blank scoring sheets will be available for competitors' information prior to the freestyle event.

Each competitor receives a numerical point score from each judge. For each judge, every competitor's numerical point score is converted into a ranking score, with the highest scoring competitor receiving a rank score of 1 from each judge. The rank scores from the three judges are added together to create a combined rank score for each competitor. The competitor with the lowest combined rank score in each gender is awarded 1st place, with the next lowest combined rank receiving 2nd place and so on.

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1. For each course race or course race session each board intending to race shall personally sign-on in the area below the club deck prior to the warning signal of the race or race session, and shall sign-off as soon as practicable upon returning to shore, but no later than the end of protest time for that day. Failure to comply with this Instruction may result in a board being penalized for one or more races of that day by the Race Committee. This changes Rule 63.1.
- 19.2. All competitors shall wear whilst competing in course racing, personal flotation devices which are in good condition and in accordance with the specifications issued or approved by Australian Sailing. Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 1.2. This instruction does not apply to the Freestyle event.
- 19.3. A competitor that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee before leaving the racing area, or if that is not possible, shall notify the race office as soon as possible after returning ashore and before the end of the protest time limit.

20. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 20.1. A board or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and Sailing Instructions. On the water, a board can be instructed by a Race Committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.
- 20.2. Substitution of equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

21. SUPPORT BOATS

- 21.1. Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boards are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first division/s to start until all boards have finished or retired or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 21.2. During a start sequence, support boats shall stay at least 50m below the starting line and its extensions.

22. BASIC PRINCIPLES

- 22.1. Environmental Responsibility - Participants are encouraged to minimize any adverse environmental impact for the event.
- 22.2. Sailors shall not put rubbish in the water. Rubbish may be placed aboard support and committee boats.

23. ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION

- 23.1. Except in an emergency, a board shall neither make or receive transmissions while racing.

24. RACE RESULTS

- 24.1. Race results will be posted on the official notice board when available.
- 24.2. Where mark roundings are posted they are indicative only, and are not included in results.

25. PRIZES

- 25.1. Prizes will be awarded to the winners of each division.
- 25.2. Other prizes may also be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.

26. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 26.1. Competitors who participate in competition at Middle Harbour 16' Skiff Club do so entirely at their own risk and 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".
- 26.2. The Race Committee, Windsurfer Class Association of Australia, Windsurfing NSW and Australian Sailing NSW, its officers, officials, members, servants and agents accept no liability with respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of competitors' participation or intended participation in the event or howsoever arising in connection with the event.
- 26.3. '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 organizing 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.

27. INSURANCE

- 27.1. Every competitor shall have valid public liability insurance considered appropriate by the Organising Authority for not less than \$AUD10million per event.
- 27.2. Every competitor who enters the Championship is deemed to have confirmed that they have such insurance. Competitors found not to have such insurance shall have their entry revoked.

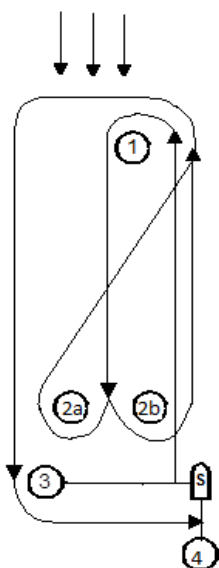
References.

<http://windsurferclass.wordpress.com/class-rules/>

ATTACHMENT 1 – COURSE DIAGRAMS

COURSE RACING DIAGRAM

The following diagram describes the course, the order in which the marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.



FREESTYLE COURSE DIAGRAM

The following diagram describes the freestyle course, the marks may be buoys or fixed obstructions as described at the briefing.

