



**40<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**  
**AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**WINDSURFER ONE DESIGN & ORIGINAL WINDSURFER**

# **NOTICE OF RACE**

**Organising Authority**  
**Windsurfing NSW and Balmoral Sailing Club**

**Conducted by**  
**Windsurfer Class Association Australia**  
**Balmoral Sailing Club, The Esplanade, Mosman, NSW**

**Thursday 26 January to Sunday 29 January 2017**



# PRELIMINARY NOTICE OF RACE

The Windsurfer Class Association of Australia (WCAA), in conjunction with the Organising Authority of Windsurfing NSW and Balmoral Sailing Club, invites Windsurfer One Design Sailors and Original Windsurfer Sailors to participate in the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Windsurfer Class Australian National Championships in January 2017. Families, friends and supporters are likewise warmly welcomed.

## 1. RULES

1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2020, the Australian Sailing Prescriptions and the WCAA class rules, except where these are changed by the Notice of Race (NOR) or by the Sailing Instructions (SIs).

1.2 No national prescriptions will apply.

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

1.4 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.

## 2. ADVERTISING

2.1 Competitors may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Regatta Committee. ISAF Regulation 20 'Advertising Code' shall apply.

## 3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 The Regatta is open to competitors using: Windsurfer One Design sailboards and equipment complying with class rules, as varied by the sailing Instructions; or Original Design Windsurfer boards equipped with drop-in daggerboards and short-batten sails, 6.3m approx. in size.

3.2 Eligibility for age group divisions shall be the competitor's age on 26 January 2017.

3.3 All competitors shall wear personal flotation devices (ref. Clause 14).

3.4 Every competitor shall have public liability insurance considered appropriate by the Organising Authority for not less than \$10m for any one incident (ref. Clause 22).

3.5 Competitors shall be members of the WCAA. Membership can be obtained at the time of online entry. In addition competitors should have Personal Accident Insurance which may be available by being a member of an Australian Sailing affiliated club or purchased with an insurer.

3.6 ISAF Eligibility Rule 19.1 applies - A competitor whose ISAF eligibility has been suspended or revoked shall not engage in any competition in the sport of sailing.

3.7 Eligible competitors may enter by completing the online entry forms at <https://windsurferclassaustralia.tidyhq.com/> and paying the required fee (ref. Clause 4).

3.8 Late entries may be accepted at the Regatta Office at the discretion of the Regatta Committee. A Late Entry Fee of \$30.00 may be payable. Late entries will not be guaranteed a Regatta T-shirt.

3.9. The Regatta Committee will refund entry fees, if a competitor advises of an unexpected event causing the competitor to be unable to compete, for example non-approval of leave from employment. This is subject to the registered competitor communicating with the Regatta Director.

3.10 Entries will not be valid until applicable payment has been received, or an alternative arrangement has been made with, the Regatta Committee.

3.11 All competitors shall complete registration with the Organising Authority at the specified time.




## 4. FEES

4.1 Required fees, entry cut-off times and Competitor Items are as follows:

Each Competitor entry fee includes: competition entry, welcome event entry and event T Shirt (while stocks last).

Competitor Entry Fees (\$AUD)	
Adult over 21 years of age	150
Adult who is sailing in their first WCAA Australian Championships <b>OR</b> has not competed in the WCAA Australian Championships since 2007 <b>OR</b> a full-time student, over the age of 21 years	120
Adult 18-21yrs	100
Under 18yrs	80
Late Entry Fee (Enter after 5 January, 2017)	+\$30

Nationals Supporter's Fee	
Includes an event shirt and ticket to the welcome function. Available for windsurfers who are not competing, friends, families and other supporters too.	TBA
Closing Function – No fee to attend the Closing Function, which includes Award Presentations.	

Competitor Items / Entry cut-off times		
Timing of Entry Fee payment	Items which competitors will be in time to receive	
 EARLY Entrant – Paid before 1 December	Welcome Function Ticket	T-shirt
 REGULAR Entrant – Paid before 5 January	Welcome Function Ticket	T-shirt size cannot be guaranteed
 LATE ENTRY – Paid after January 5th	Welcome Function Ticket	T-shirt availability cannot be guaranteed

## 5. SCHEDULE

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

5.2 The Championships is an 'On Call' Regatta.

5.3 No racing session will be started after 1600 hours on Sunday 29 January 2017.

#### 5.4 Regatta Schedule table

Day	Event	Time	Location
Wednesday 25/1/2017	Limited overnight board storage		Balmoral SC
Thursday 26/1/2017	Registration	0830 – 1000hrs	BSC
	Briefing	1030hrs	
	Warning Signal Competition not before	1100hrs	
	Welcome Event	1830hrs	TBA
	Overnight board storage		BSC
Friday 27/1/2017	Briefing	0930hrs	BSC
	Warning Signal not before	1000hrs	
	Free evening		
Saturday 28/1/2017	Briefing	0930hrs	BSC
	Warning Signal not before	1000	
Sunday 29/1/2017	Briefing	0930hrs	BSC
	Warning Signal not before	1000hrs	
	No warning signal after	1600hrs	
	Presentation ASAP after last race		
	Event Close		
Monday 30/1/2017	Remaining equipment must be removed from the club by 10.00am		BSC

## 6. EQUIPMENT

6.1 It is the responsibility of each competitor to ensure that their equipment conforms to the current class rules, according to rule 78 and B2.2.

6.2 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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6.4 The measurement committee shall determine whether equipment could breach clauses 6.2 and 6.3 and any relevant penalties.

## 7. REGISTRATION

7.1 All competitors shall complete registration with the Organising Authority.

7.2 Registration shall occur at Balmoral SC between 0830 and 1000hrs on Thursday 26 January 2017.

7.3 At Registration: o All competitors will have to sign an Entry Form which includes the Entry Declaration (ref. Clause 21); o All competitors will have their Third party Insurance status checked; o Competitors under 18 years of age must present a printed form 'Emergency Contact and Health Information Form', which has been previously completed by their parent/guardian (provided upon entry); o Male

competitors must have their weight recorded; o Proof of age of a competitor will be checked, if required by the Regatta Committee.

## 8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

8.1 SIs will be published online at the WCAA website, at least one week prior to the first race.

8.2 SIs will be available for view on the notice board.

## 9. VENUE - REGATTA SITE AND COMPETITION AREA

9.1 The Regatta site will be Balmoral Sailing Club, The Esplanade, Balmoral Beach, Mosman, NSW.

9.2 Competition will be conducted on the waters of Middle Harbour, mainly in the vicinity of BSC.

9.3 Attachment 1 shows the location of the Regatta Site and the Competition Area

## 10. COMPETITION DISCIPLINES

10.1 Competition will be conducted the sailing disciplines of COURSE RACING, MARATHON, SLALOM, FREESTYLE and Pentathlon in accordance with Class Rules.

10.2 In the COURSE RACING discipline, the Courses to be sailed will be Windward-Leeward and will be detailed in the sailing instructions.

## 11. COMPETITION DIVISIONS

11.1 Competition will be conducted in the following gender, weight and age divisions: Men – lightweight, medium weight and heavy weight\*; Women; Youth (under 18years of age on 26/1/2017), Junior (under 16 years of age on 26/1/2017).

11.2 Male competitors will be weighed at the time of registering. 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.

11.3 Male competitors will be allocated to weight divisions as per the class rules which currently are:

Light Weight - less than 75kg

Medium Weight - 75kg and over, but less than 85 kg

\*Heavy Weight - 85kg and over

If a sufficient number of entries are received from male competitors weighing 95kg and over, a Super Heavyweight division will be in place. This will be at the discretion of the Race Committee.

11.4 Male competitors shall compete in their allocated weight division. Male competitors may be reweighed 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 registration. 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.

11.5 Competitors in the Junior division can choose whether to use a full size rig, a \*\*Junior Windsurfer One Design rig OR swap between rigs during the Regatta.

\*\*A Junior Windsurfer One Design rig is for sailors under 16 years, using sails of 4.5m or less on a Windsurfer One Design or Original Windsurfer board, OR other board as approved by the measurement committee.

11.6 Subject to entries and Race Committee's discretion, the Junior division will be further divided into the following categories; Junior (under 16) and Sub-Junior (13 and under).

## 12. PENALTIES

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

11.2 Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in rule 70.5

## 13. SCORING

13.1 The ' Low-point Scoring System ' RRS Appendix A4.1 will apply for course racing.

13.2 Scoring for other disciplines will be notified via the Sis or amended via a notice to competitors.

## 14. BUOYANCY

14.1 All competitors shall wear personal flotation devices which are in good condition and are in accordance with the specifications approved by a national authority at or above the minimum level required (ie L50/ level 50) or as approved by the Organising Authority (changes rules 27.1 and 40.1.) Attention is drawn to rule 1.2.

## 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 Australian Windsurfing Association (AWA) sail numbers. If you require a number, please consult the list of sail numbers on the AWA website to select an available number and then arrange Third Party Public Liability Insurance payment via the WCAA Events site.

15.3 Priority regarding the use of clashing numbers shall always be given to the sailor possessing an 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. RADIO COMMUNICATION

16.1 Except in an emergency, a competitor shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## 17. PRIZES

17.1 Trophies will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed male Competitors and the 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed female Competitors: in each Division for Course Racing; in Marathon; in Slalom; in Freestyle.

17.2 Trophies will be awarded to the first placed Junior Competitor and the first placed Youth Competitor in Course Racing

17.3 Trophies will be awarded to the first placed Competitors in the Pentathlon Age Divisions of: Junior <16yo; Youth <18yo; Master 40-49yrs; Grand Master 50-59yrs; Ancient Mariner 60yrs+. All ages are as of 26 January 2017.

17.4 Perpetual Trophies will be awarded to the first placed male Competitors and the first placed female Competitor: in each Division for course racing.

17.5 Prizes and other trophies may also be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee

## 18. EQUIPMENT - TRANSPORT OF BOARDS

18.1 Transport of competitors' own boards and rigs, is at their own undertaking.

18.2 Competitors can indicate online that they would like to share board transport with someone else. The Regatta Committee will endeavour to match up such requests.

## 19. EQUIPMENT - LOAN OF BOARDS

19.1 There will be a limited number of charter boards available.

19.2 Initially they will be offered to sailors from the most distant states, WA, NT and Tasmania.

19.3 The charter fee will depend on whether the competitor brings their own sail, boom and centreboard.

19.4 Charterers can purchase sails, booms and centreboards through Windgenuity a 30% discount off RRP.

19.5 Charter fees

Complete board \$200

Without sail, boom and centreboard \$100

19.6 The committee will also endeavour to obtain loan boards to maximise interstate participation.

## 20. RISK WARNING

This RISK WARNING is issued to all persons wishing to participate in the 2016-2017 Windsurfer One Design and Original Windsurfer Australian Championships. Participants are warned that, regardless of the precautions, which might be taken by reasonable and experienced persons, sailing can be a dangerous pursuit and participants are exposed to significant risk of property damage, physical harm and possibly death. As an indication, these risks may include, but are not limited to:

- a. The extremes of weather and sea conditions.
- b. The potential that control of vessels may be lost, resulting in collision with objects and other vessels.
- c. The sudden movement of the vessel at any time and the possibility that participants may fall or be thrown overboard, resulting in drowning.
- d. The possibility that participants may be injured by equipment on the vessel.
- e. The absence of immediate medical care and the likelihood that significant delays may occur before medical care is available.
- f. Exposure to the elements for extended periods.

The Organising Authority also warns participants that regardless of their best intentions, they may be unable to render assistance to participants who are in distress. Participants are warned to consider the above risks and all other risks before deciding to participate in the regatta.

Participants are also advised that although Australian Sailing affiliated sailing clubs are covered by third party liability insurance, this cover DOES NOT extend to participants. Any participant who considers they have a need for insurance must make their own private arrangements with an insurer. Membership of a sailing club affiliated with AS entitles you to personal accident insurance cover.

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. 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". The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta

## 21. COMPETITOR DECLARATION, INCLUDING DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors shall be required to sign a liability disclaimer at the onsite registration before the competition starts.

### **Code of Conduct**

Sailing Australia places great value on the time and commitment all participants invest and will not accept behaviour which breaches the Racing Rules of Sailing or the relevant Code of Conduct detailed in its Member Protection Policy. The Organising Authority reserves the right to refuse an entry.

The key expectations are to:

Encourage participants to play by the rules and respect the officials' decisions and that of the Event or event organiser; Abide by the law; Appreciate good performances and the skill of all participants; Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from activities; and respect the rights, dignity and worth of every participant regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

## 22. INSURANCE

22.1 Every competitor shall have Third Party Public Liability Insurance, considered appropriate by the Organising Authority, for not less than \$AUD10 million for any one incident.

22.2 Every competitor who signs the Entry Form and enters the Championships must only do so if they have such insurance. Competitors found not to have such insurance shall have their entry revoked.

22.3 i) Such insurance can be obtained online through the WCAA ii) Such insurance can also be obtained by joining another group affiliated with the Australian Windsurfing Association (AWA), in which case a competitor is not required to duplicate the insurance through the WCAA.

22.4 For compliance with the Racing Rules of Sailing, competitors should have Personal Accident Insurance. This may be purchased directly from an insurer or is also available through membership of a club affiliated with Australian Sailing.

## 23. MEDIA RIGHTS

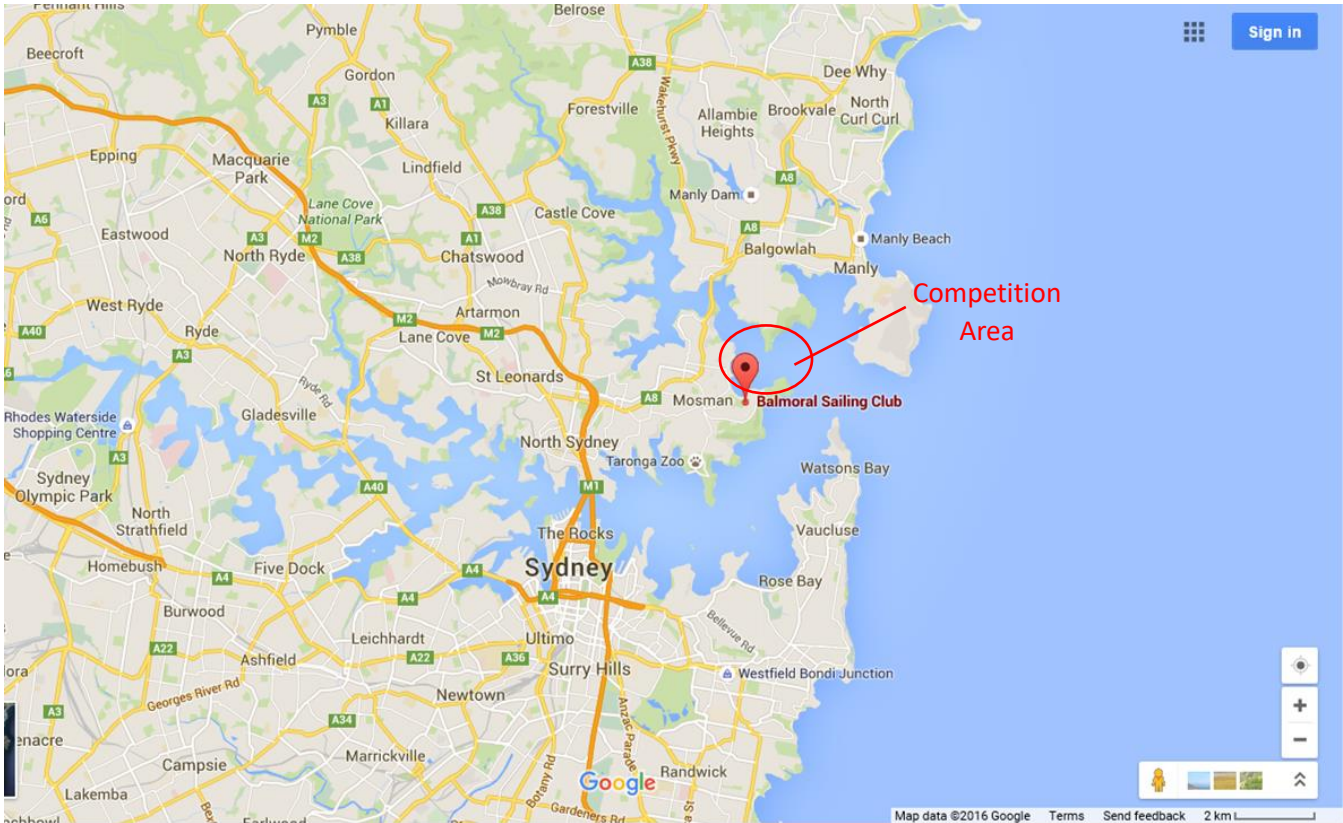
23.1 In participating in the regatta, a competitor automatically grants the Organising Authority and the sponsors of the regatta, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition for the said regatta in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the said regatta without compensation.

## 24. FURTHER INFORMATION

24.1 For further information please contact the Regatta Director on +61 2 99826444.



## ATTACHMENT 1 - REGATTA SITE AND COMPETITION AREA



## ATTACHMENT 2 - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### WEATHER

Sydney Harbour and Sydney Observatory weather stations data - Bureau of Meteorology	
Average Wind speed	Mean at 0900hrs 8.6 km/h
	Mean at 1500hrs 17.6 km/h
Average Temperature	Mean maximum 26°C
	Mean minimum 19°C

Sydney Harbour and Sydney Observatory weather stations data - Bureau of Meteorology	
Rainfall	Average Rain Days per month 8
Average Water Temperature	20-24°C

## TRAVEL IN SYDNEY from / to SYDNEY AIRPORT

The regatta site is approximately 25km Northeast of Sydney Airport at Balmoral Beach (see map above). A taxi fee from the airport is likely to be around AUD\$75 and higher in peak times.

There is an "Airportlink" train service to and from the airport to the city of Sydney. International airport to City costs AUD\$17.20. Domestic airport to City is \$16.40. The regatta site is around 15km from the city of Sydney.

Public transport in Sydney uses an "Opal card" system which can be purchased and topped up online or at various train stations and bus stations. Opal cards can be used with government buses, trains and ferries. After 8 trips in a week, travel is free.

The 257 Bus goes to Balmoral Beach and departs from Chatswood station. Trip duration is around 40 minutes (longer in peak times) and the bus picks up and sets down passengers along main roads in Crows Nest, Neutral Bay, Cremorne and Mosman along the way.

Uber is available in Sydney and can be booked online.

## BALMORAL SAILING CLUB VENUE FACILITIES

Balmoral Sailing Club is located at the south-east end of The Esplanade, Balmoral Beach, Mosman, NSW, 2088. There are grass and sand rigging areas at BSC and board storage is available from Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> January. Showers and change rooms and a general lounge room is available. The club is not licensed and does not have a canteen. (Lunches may be available if pre ordered during the regatta).

### Balmoral Beach information

Metered parking is next to BSC, but is often full and expensive. A car-ferry system will be in place, so that competitors can park in locations where there is non-metered, all-day parking available. On arrival, drop off your equipment, find a car-park and call for pick up.

Competitors arriving prior to the commencement of the regatta should contact the Regatta Director regarding appropriate arrangements for access and storage.

## ACCOMMODATION

Please indicate on the online Entry site, if you'd like to share accommodation for the Regatta. For competitors living in Sydney, please indicate on the online Entry site, if you have billeting available.

There's accommodation available near to the Regatta site, however most of this is holiday rentals and can be expensive. Please do not hesitate to contact the Regatta Director with any queries.

## **ENTERTAINMENT**

There are many great tourist attractions in Sydney, including the Sydney Harbour Bridge Climb, Opera House tours, great beaches and Historic sites to explore.

Social Events for the regatta will be advised on the online Entry site and at Registration.