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**AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS
WINDSURFER ONE DESIGN & ORIGINAL WINDSURFER**

NOTICE OF RACE

**Organising Authority
Windsurfing VICTORIA and Parkdale Yacht Club**

**Conducted by
Windsurfer Class Association Australia
Parkdale Yacht Club, Beach Road, Parkdale, VIC**

Thursday 25 January to Sunday 28 January 2018

Supported by



PRELIMINARY NOTICE OF RACE

The Windsurfer Class Association of Australia (WCAA), in conjunction with the Organising Authority of Windsurfing VIC and Parkdale Yacht Club, invites Windsurfer One Design Sailors and Original Windsurfer Sailors to participate in the 41th Anniversary Windsurfer Class Australian National Championships in January 2018.

Families, friends and supporters are 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 25 January 2018.

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 merchandise (while stocks last).

Competitor Entry Fees (\$AUD)	
Adult over 21 years of age	150
Adult who is sailing in their first WCAA Australian Championships OR has not competed in the WCAA Australian Championships since 2007 OR a full-time student, over the age of 21 years	120
Adult 18-21yrs	100
Under 18yrs	50
Family entry (any number of competitors from the same family)	200
Late Entry Fee (Enter after 30 December, 2017)	+\$30

Nationals Supporter's Package	
Includes an event merchandise and ticket to the welcome function, Australia Day party and the Saturday Session. Available for windsurfers who are not competing, friends, families and other supporters.	30
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
REGULAR Entrant - Paid before 30 December, 2017	Event Merchandise Welcome Event, Australia Day Party, Saturday Session and Presentation Entry into draw for new Windsurfer One Design sail
LATE ENTRY - Paid after 30 December, 2017	Event Merchandise Welcome Event, Australia Day Party, Saturday Session and Presentation

5. SCHEDULE

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

5.2 The Championship is an 'On Call' Regatta.

5.3 No racing session will be started after 1600 hours on Sunday 28 January 2018.

5.4 Competition Schedule table

Day	Event	Time	Location
Wednesday 24/1/2018	Overnight board storage (For access prior to Wednesday contact windsurfer.regatta.team@gmail.com)		PYC
Thursday 25/1/2018	Registration	0830 – 1000hrs	PYC
	Briefing	1030hrs	
	Warning Signal Competition not before	1100hrs	
	Welcome Night – Pasta & Live Music	1830hrs	PYC
	Overnight board storage		PYC
Friday 26/1/2018	Briefing	0930hrs	PYC
	Warning Signal not before	1000hrs	
	Australia Day Party – Lamb on Spit, Salads & Live Music	1830hrs	PYC
Saturday 27/1/2018	Briefing	0930hrs	PYC
	Warning Signal not before	1000	
	Saturday Session – Live Music & Nibbles	1830hrs	PYC
Sunday 28/1/2018	Briefing	0930hrs	PYC
	Warning Signal not before	1000hrs	
	No warning signal after	1600hrs	
	Presentation ASAP after last race		
	Event Close		
Monday 29/1/2018	Remaining equipment must be removed from the club by 10.00am		PYC

Social Events for the regatta are as follows.

Costs for these events are included in the entry fee for competitors and those taking the Supporter Package.

Date	Event	Inclusions	with	Fee for non racer/supporter
Thursday, 25th January	Welcome Night	Pasta meal with salads	Live Music	\$10
Friday, 26th January	Australia Day Party	Lamb on Spit with salads	Live Music	\$15
Saturday, 27th January	Saturday Session	Nibbles	Live Music	\$5
Sunday, 28th January	Closing & Presentation	Nibbles		Free

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 Parkdale YC between 0830 and 1000hrs on Thursday 25 January 2018.
- 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 Sailing Instructions (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 Regatta notice board.

9. VENUE - REGATTA SITE AND COMPETITION AREA

- 9.1 The Regatta site will be Parkdale Yacht Club, Beach Road, Parkdale Beach, Parkdale, VIC.
- 9.2 Competition will be conducted on the waters of Port Phillip Bay, mainly in the vicinity of PYC.
- 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:

- a. Men – lightweight, medium weight and heavy weight*;
- b. Women;
- c. Youth (between 16 year and under 21 years of age on 25/1/2018),
- d. Junior (under 16 years of age on 25/1/2018)
- e. Green Fleet#

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 (with a sub div of Super Heavy weight 95kg & 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).

11.7 # Green Fleet racers (competitors with limited racing experience) may nominate to sail shorter courses (less laps) when course racing. Competitors may be reallocated at Race Committee's discretion.

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 Prizes and trophies will be awarded at the discretion of the Organising 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 may be a limited number of charter boards available for a nominal fee. Contact windsurfer.regatta.team@gmail.com to express interest/reserve a board.

20. RISK WARNING

This RISK WARNING is issued to all persons wishing to participate in the 2018 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.
- g.

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 and is part of the membership fee of 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 email the Regatta Organising Committee - windsurfer.regatta.team@gmail.com

ATTACHMENT 1 - REGATTA SITE AND COMPETITION AREA

Parkdale Yacht Club – Beach Road, Parkdale, Victoria

Parkdale is a bayside suburb, located 23 km south-east from Melbourne's central business district.



ATTACHMENT 2 - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

PARKDALE YACHT CLUB VENUE & FACILITIES



Parkdale Yacht Club is located right on the edge of Port Phillip Bay with a fantastic viewing deck facing the racing area. Perfect for spectators to view the action and for sailors to unwind after sailing.

The club has a canteen for coffee, cold drinks, lunches and light snacks before and after racing. The premises is licensed and offers a range of beverages for purchase.

Showers, change rooms and a large general lounge room is available.

There are grass and sand rigging areas at PYC.

Parking on Beach Road and surrounding streets is non-metered.

Secure board storage is available from Wednesday 24th - 29th January.

Parkdale Beach information

Free parking

WEATHER

January	
Average Wind speed	Mean at 0900hrs: 9 knots - S
	Mean at 1500hrs: 14.5 knots - SW
Average Temperature	Mean maximum: 26°C
	Mean minimum: 15°C
Rainfall	Average Rain Days per month: 4
Average Water Temperature	17°C

Sailing at Parkdale in January provides excellent general conditions.

During the summer months, the prevailing synoptic pattern favours a southerly direction.

Over Port Phillip, the land-sea interaction causes a typical cycle to this pattern.

Light winds around midnight are typically replaced by a gentle landbreeze between 4 and 5am, as the land cools more than the sea surface temperature of the northern bay and flows offshore.

The land breeze remains until around 10-11am, when the sun warms the land temperature above that of the bay, and a light seabreeze develops from the south-southwest.

This seabreeze strengthens through the afternoon, typically reaching around 15-16 knots by 4pm. Around this time the ocean breeze arrives, as the larger scale land warms above the temperature of the ocean, some 50-60km to the south, and draws air from Bass Strait up to the northern end of the bay.

The arrival of the ocean breeze raises the median wind speed to around 17-18 knots and swings the wind more southerly. The wind stays around this speed until 7-8pm, after which the sinking sun causes the land heating to reduce, thus weakening the combined sea/ocean breeze. After sunset (8-9pm), the cooling of the land steadily reduces the wind speed.

The passing of cold fronts can disrupt the pattern and will often result in a moderate northerly wind followed by a swing to the south west, and an accompanying rise (sometimes only briefly) in wind speeds.

With the prevailing sea breeze expect some swell and chop. As the breeze increases the wave size can reach 1m depending on direction.

TRAVEL Melbourne from / to Melbourne AIRPORT

Parkdale Yacht Club is 50 kilometres (approx. 1 hour) from Melbourne Tullamarine Airport.

Regular domestic flights by Qantas, Virgin and Tiger to Melbourne from all states.

Rental cars are available for pickup from Melbourne Airport.

Skybus (skybus.com.au) runs regular express bus services from Melbourne Airport.

The Frankston & Peninsula Airport Shuttle (FAPAS) offers a stop at Parkdale Motor Inn, 2.3km's from Parkdale YC.

Taxi's cost approximately \$100 door to door.

Trains are available from Flinders Street Station. Take the Frankston line and get off at Parkdale station. It is then a 10 minute walk to the Club.

Local Travel

Taxi's are widely available:

13 Cabs	13 22 27	Silver Top	13 10 08
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Uber is available in Melbourne and can be booked online via the Uber app.

ACCOMMODATION

Please indicate on the online Entry site, if you'd like to share accommodation for the Regatta.

For competitors living in Melbourne, please indicate on the online Entry site, if you have billeting available.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Regatta Organising Committee with any queries
windsurfer.regatta.team@gmail.com

There are a range of accommodation options close to the venue.

Parkdale Motor Inn (3-star motel/apartments)

202-208 Nepean Highway (Corner Warrigal Road) Parkdale 3195

(2.3 km from Club)

Telephone: (03) 9584 4222 www.parkdalemotorinn.com.au

Email: stay@parkdalemotorinn.com.au

Aspendale Shore Motel (3 Star and 3-star apartment)

31 Nepean Highway Aspendale 3195

(2.7km from Club)

Telephone: (03) 9580 6140 www.aspendaleshoremotel.com.au/

Email: admin@aspendaleshoremotel.com.au

Beaumaris Bay Motel (3.5-star)

31 Bodley Street Beaumaris 3193

(3.4km from Club)

Telephone (03) 9589 6044

www.beaubay.com.au/

The Buckingham International (4 -star motel, 4.5-star apartments)

1130 Nepean Highway Highett 3190

(6.5km from Club)

Telephone: (03) 9555 0011 thebuckingham.com.au/

Email: contact@thebuckingham.com.au

Air BnB list over 50 properties within 3 kilometres of PYC.

Limited camping facilities will be available in the grounds of a private residence which is located on the foreshore, 3 km's from PYC.

Contact windsurfer.regatta.team@gmail.com to express interest/reserve a spot.

LOCAL AMENITIES

Within a 10 minute walk is the Parkdale strip shopping area which offers a good range of options including a small IGA, fast and fresh food retailers and a Pharmacy.

Within 5 minutes drive is the major retail precinct at Mordialloc that includes a large Woolworths supermarket, Pharmacy, Bottle Shops, Bakeries, Greengrocer and a variety of fast food and other retail.