



WINDSURFER CLASS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA
2017-2018 SYDNEY SERIES
for WINDSURFER ONE DESIGN & ORIGINAL WINDSURFER BOARDS
NOTICE OF RACE

- Dates and Venues**
- Heat 1:** 25th November 2017 – Balmoral Sailing Club, The Esplanade, Mosman NSW 2088
- Heat 2:** 14th January 2018 – Narrabeen Lakes sailing Club, The Esplanade, Narrabeen NSW 2101
- Heat 3:** 4th March 2018 – Woollahra Sailing Club, 2 Vickery Ave, Rose Bay NSW 2029
- Organising authority** Windsurfer Class Association of Australia in conjunction with Storm Riders, Balmoral Sailing Club, Narrabeen Sailing Club and Woollahra Sailing Club
- Registration** In person prior to briefing on each day of sailing. No cost.

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Windsurfer Class Association of Australia (WCAA), extends an invitation to Windsurfer One Design sailors and Original Windsurfer Sailors to participate in the 2017 – 2018 Sydney Series.

RACE COMMITTEE

Members of the Race Committee will be identified to competitors at the briefing for each heat. 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) 2017 - 2020, 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 current financial members of Windsurfer Class Association of Australia (<https://windsurferclassaustralia.tidyhq.com>)

2.2 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 18 years of age are permitted to use sails of 5.0m² or less.

2.3 Eligibility for age group divisions shall be calculated using the competitor's age on 1st January 2018.

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

2.5 Every competitor shall 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 for each heat may be provided at the discretion of the race committee(s).

4. RACING AREA

4.1 Racing areas will be described during the briefing for each heat of the series.

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.

Day	Date	Venue	Activity	Time
Saturday	25/11/2017	Balmoral Sailing Club	Briefing First signal not before	1000 1100
Saturday	14/1/2018	Narrabeen Lakes sailing Club	Briefing First signal not before	To be advised. Expect early afternoon
Sunday	4/03/2018	Woollahra Sailing Club	Briefing First signal not before Presentation	To be advised. Expect morning. After racing concludes

6. REGISTRATION

6.1 All sailors who wish to be scored in the Sydney Series shall make themselves known to representatives of Windsurfer Class Association of Australia (WCAA) prior to the briefing on each days' sailing.

7. ENTRY FEE

7.1 There is no cost to enter, however current financial membership of WCAA is required

8. COMPETITION DISCIPLINES

8.1 Competition will be conducted in course racing.

9. COMPETITION DIVISIONS

9.1 Competition will be conducted in the following divisions:

Men, women and junior (under 18)

Junior sailors are encouraged to enter and are permitted to use sails of 5.0m² or less.

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 will be described during the briefing for each heat of the series.

12. SCORING

12.1 The Low Point System, Appendix A shall apply.

12.2 Each heat of the series will consist of between one and six races.

12.3 Each heat will be scored separately, to allow for different numbers of races to be held within each heat. Competitors' rankings from each heat will be combined using the low points system to produce the final series ranking. Results from all three heats will be included in the final series ranking (no 'drops').

12.4 Scores for each heat will be calculated on a whole-of-fleet basis, rather than on a division-basis, with the lowest scoring sailor from each division being awarded first place in each heat.

12.5 If five or six races are completed within a heat one 'drop' will be allowed for that heat.

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 that 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 WCAA members who purchase their insurance through 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 series 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 joining WCAA or another group affiliated with the Australian Windsurfing Association (AWA). Membership can be purchased on-line at <https://windsurferclassaustralia.tidyclub.com>

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]

South Lake Macquarie Sailing 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. FURTHER INFORMATION

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