

NOTICE OF RACE

2014 RACEBOARD OCEANIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

24th to 27th January 2014

And

2014 WINDSURFER ONE DESIGN & ORIGINAL WINDSURFER NSW STATE TITLES

25th to 26th January 2014

TO BE HELD AT

Georges River Sailing Club, Botany Bay, NSW, Australia

<http://www.raceboards.net.au>

Organised by:

Australian Windsurfing Association
in co-operation with the
International Raceboard Class Association
and the
Windsurfer Class Association of Australia (WCAA),

An International Windsurfing Association sanctioned event *including*

2014 NSW WINDSURFER ONE DESIGN STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS
2014 RACEBOARD OCEANIC CHAMPIONSHIPS
2014 AUSTRALIAN RACEBOARD CHAMPIONSHIPS



1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing – Windsurfing Competition Rules (WCR).
- 1.2 The Class Rules shall apply for the Championships.
- 1.3 No national prescriptions will apply, except for the Australian Raceboard Titles.
- 1.4 If there is conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions (SI's), the SI's will take precedence.
- 1.5 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2 ADVERTISING

Boards may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority. ISAF Regulation 20 'Advertising Code' shall apply.

3 DIVISIONS

- 3.1 The participating classes and divisions shall be:
 - 3.1.1 Windsurfer One-Design and Original Windsurfer (WOD) Class - Men, Women, Youth and Junior
 - 3.1.2 Raceboard Class – Men, Women, Youth, Senior, Master, Grand Master and Veteran.
- 3.2 **Age Divisions:**
 - WOD**
 - 3.2.1 A WOD Junior shall be under the age of 16 (born in or after 1999);
 - 3.2.2 A WOD Youth shall be under the age of 18 (born in or after 1997 and no later than 1999).
 - Raceboard**
 - 3.2.3 A Raceboard Youth shall be under the age 20 (born in or after 1995 and not later than 1999).
 - 3.2.4 A Raceboard Senior shall be a man under the age of 35 (men born 1978 or earlier but no later than 1995) or a woman under the age of 30 (women born 1983 or earlier but no later than 1995).
 - 3.2.5 A Raceboard Master shall be a man over the age of 35 (men born 1978 or earlier) or a woman over the age of 30 (women born 1983 or earlier).
 - 3.2.6 A Raceboard Grand Master shall be a man over the age of 45 (men born 1968 or earlier) or a woman over the age of 40 (women born 1973 or earlier).
 - 3.2.7 A Raceboard Veteran shall be a man over the age of 55 (men born 1958 or earlier) or a woman over the age of 50 (women born 1963 or earlier).

3.3 Weight Divisions – for Australian Raceboard titles:

3.3.1 Light weight - 69.9 kg and below;

3.3.2 Medium weight - 70 to 85 kg;

3.3.3 Heavy weight - 85.1 kg and above.

3.3.4 Competitors weighing in close to or within + - 2 kg's to the next weight division may choose in which division to participate.

3.4 Weight Divisions – for Windsurfer One Design titles – Men only:

3.4.1 Light weight - 75 kg and below;

3.4.2 Medium weight - 75 to 85 kg;

3.4.3 Heavy weight - 85.1 kg and above.

3.4.4 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 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.

3.4.5 Competitors in the Junior division can choose whether to use a) a full size rig, b) a Junior Windsurfer One Design set-up or c) swap between rigs, during the regatta.

3.5 A minimum of 3 competitors is required to constitute a division.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 All entries shall meet the requirements of ISAF Regulation 19-Eligibility Code.

4.2 Competitors shall be members of a National Class Association which is a paid up member of the relevant international class association, or of the IWA. Membership formalities can be completed on site.

4.3 Eligible competitors may enter by completing the online entry forms at:

<http://www.raceboards.net.au> - by 22nd January 2014.

The following shall be presented upon registration:

- Evidence of valid third party insurance
- Proof of age

4.4 Junior competitors must ensure the following forms are completed online:

- [Emergency Contact and Health Information Form](#) - *for those under age of 18*

4.5 Coaches and team support personnel may enter by completing the online form at:

<http://www.raceboards.net.au> - by 22nd January 2014.

The following shall be presented upon registration:

- Boat Driving Licence.
- Evidence of valid third party insurance.

5 FEES

5.1 The required fees are as follows:

Raceboard

Youth (under 20): \$100

Men/Women: \$150

Windsurfer One Design

Junior (under 16) \$25

Youth (under 18): \$50

Men/Women: \$75

5.2 A late fee of \$50 applies to entries received after January 22nd 2014.

5.3 Entry fees are paid online as part of the registration process. Paypal is used as the payment agent – you don't need a Paypal account to pay, however a credit or debit card will be required if you don't have an account.

6 RACE FORMAT

6.1 The Championship shall be a single discipline, *course racing*, "open entry" event.

6.2 Men and women, boys and girls, shall race together.

6.3 Classes shall have separate starts.

6.4 Classes shall race a maximum 4 races per day, in a maximum 15 race series for Raceboard and 8 races for Windsurfer One Design.

6.5 Three races are required to validate the championship for each class.

7 SCHEDULE

7.1	Thursday 23 Jan		Early arrivals & training
	Friday 24 Jan	0830-1130	Registration (Raceboards)
		1200	Skippers Meeting
		1300	Racing
	Saturday 25 Jan	0830-1030	Registration (WOD)
		1030	Skippers Meeting
		1130	Racing
	Sunday 26 Jan	1100	Racing
		1800	Prize giving (WOD)
	Monday 27 Jan	1100	Racing
		1600	Last possible warning signal
		1800	Prize giving and closing ceremony

8 EQUIPMENT & EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

8.1 An Equipment Registration Form, which will be available at registration, shall be returned to the Event Equipment Inspector before the start of competition.

8.2 Equipment inspections may be made at any time during the event.

8.3 Unless otherwise directed by the organising authority, boards and equipment shall be stored, launched and retrieved from the designated area at the event site.

RACEBOARD

8.4 A maximum of 3 sails can be registered for the event – this changes Raceboard Class Rules C.8.1(a)

8.5 Those sailors **only** competing for the Australian Championship may race with a board that is not registered with ISAF. The board must comply with the class dimension rules and a form must be completed to seek prior approval from the organiser.

WOD

- 8.6 It is the responsibility of each competitor to ensure that their equipment conforms to the current class rules.
- 8.7 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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- 8.9 Any design/mechanism/attachment that connects to the board and/or rig that is not specifically allowed in the class rules will NOT be permitted.
- 8.10 Sail numbers which are readily visible shall be used at all times.
- 8.11 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 the class representative.
- 8.12 Priority regarding the use of clashing numbers shall always be given to the sailor possessing an official AWA number.
- 8.13 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.

9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions (SI's) will be available upon registration. Any changes to the SI's shall be approved by the Principle Race Officer and Class Representative at the event.

10 COURSES

Courses will be as described in the sailing instructions.

11 PROTEST COMMITTEE

An 'Independent Protest Committee' will be appointed according to WCR 91(a).

12 SCORING

- 12.1 Scoring will be according to the WCR Appendix A, and using the Low Points Scoring System.
- 12.2 For Raceboard an overall ranking will be published. The finishing positions for the Youth, Senior, Master, Grand Master, Veteran and Weight Divisions will be determined by their respective finishing position in the overall ranking.
- 12.3 For the Oceanic and Australian Raceboard titles the results will be scored separately.
- 12.4 For Windsurfer One Design an overall ranking will be published. The finishing positions for the Women, Youth, Junior and Men's Weight Divisions will be determined by their respective finishing position in the overall ranking.

13 SUPPORT BOATS

Support boats shall be registered at the race office.

14 SAFETY

Every competitor and support boat crew member shall wear a personal flotation device that shall conform to the minimum standard of ISO 12402-5 (level 50), or meets AUS Standards AS1499 & AS1512.

15 PRIZES

- 15.1 Prizes will be awarded to the first competitor of each properly constituted class /division. Properly constituted divisions will be posted on the official notice board after the completion of the registration.
- 15.2 Prizes will be awarded to the first 3 competitors in the overall Raceboard Oceanic Championship.
- 15.3 The first man and the first woman overall in the Oceanic Championship will be declared “....Men’s/Woman’s.....**Oceanic Champion**”.
- 15.4 Titles shall only be awarded to competitors eligible to compete for an Oceanic national class association, except for the Australian Raceboard Titles – refer to clause 8.5.

16 OFFICIAL CEREMONIES

Competitors are requested to attend the event’s social functions; however, the organising authority may refuse entry to those whose standard of attire is not commensurate with the occasion.

17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk, see WCR 4 - Decision to Race. The organising authority or any of their officials or representatives or the sponsors or their officials or representatives will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the event.

18 INSURANCE

Each participating boards shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUS\$ 1,000.000 per event or the equivalent.

19 RIGHT TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

In registering for the event, competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority the right in perpetuity to make, use and show from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproduction of them, taken during the period of the event, for the said Event as defined in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions in which he/she participates without compensation.

20 FURTHER INFORMATION

20.1 Registration will take place at the Regatta Office at Georges River Sailing Club.

20.2 For further information please contact: **Glen Morrell**

Mobile – +61 (0) 418 493 763 Email – glen.morrell@gmail.com

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SHEET

The following information is not part of the rules for the Event.

A ACCOMMODATION

There is a variety of accommodation in Sydney. More information about accommodation for the event will be updated on the event website: <http://www.raceboards.net.au>

B AIR TRAVEL/TRANSPORTATION/TRANSFERS

Georges River Sailing Club is directly across Botany Bay from Sydney Airport, and approximately 8 km by car.

The organiser will endeavour to arrange help with transport to and from Sydney airport for equipment, competitors and support personnel for those travelling from interstate/overseas. It would assist the organiser if the competitors, requiring this service, could advise their flight details as early as possible prior to the first day of the event.

For enquiries re travel, transportation or accommodation assistance, please contact :
Glen Morrell : Mobile – +61 (0) 418 493 763 Email – glen.morrell@gmail.com

C PREVAILING CONDITIONS

Wind: 10 to 25 knots; sideshore and onshore.

Water temperature: 25⁰C. Air temperature: 25 – 35⁰C.

E VENUE

Georges River Sailing Club, Sanoni Ave, Sandringham NSW 2219