



PRELIMINARY NOTICE OF RACE

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45th AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

January 26th – January 29th 2023



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A. Organising Authority and Location of Race

Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club (LCSC)

24 Boreen Parade, Boreen Point Queensland 4565

in conjunction with the Windsurfer Class Association of Australia and the Australian Windsurfing Association.

B. COVID-19

The event will adhere to all health and legal directions in force during the event and may require QR code sign-in, social distancing, wearing of masks, limit group sizes, mandatory vaccination and other requirements as mandated by the Federal and/or Queensland Department of Health.

Updates on requirements will be provided as required.

C. Rules & Definitions

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) (2021 – 2024) and the Windsurfer Class rules, except where these are changed by the Notice of Race (NOR) or by the Sailing Instructions (SIs). The Windsurfing Fleet Racing Rules (Appendix B of the RRS) do not apply.

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

C.1. - Rule 13. - While Tacking

Rule 13 is changed to:

After a board passes head to wind, she shall keep clear of other boards until her sail has filled.

During that time rules 10, 11 and 12 do not apply. If two boards are subject to this rule at the same time, the one on the other's port side or the one astern shall keep clear.

C.2. - Rule 31. - Touching a Mark

Rule 31 is changed to:

While racing, a board shall not touch a starting mark before starting or a finishing mark after finishing. A board may touch a mark that begins, bounds or ends the leg of the course on which she is sailing.

C.3. - Rule 42. - Propulsion (Pumping)

As per Windsurfer Class rules, Rule 42 is changed to:

“A board shall be propelled only by the action of the wind on the sail, by the action of the water on the hull and by the unassisted actions of the competitor except that when:

(i) Course racing

and competitors are sailing to windward or on a close-hauled course, pumping (continuous and/or repetitive movement of the rig to induce wind-flow over the sail) is prohibited except for the first 30 seconds after the starting signal, at which time a horn will sound and pumping whilst sailing on an upwind course is no longer permitted. “

A member of the race committee or a designated observer who sees a competitor infringing these pumping restrictions may disqualify a competitor without a hearing.

Note: Pumping is unrestricted for the slalom and marathon events.

C.4. - Rule 44. - Penalties at the time of Incident

Rule 44 is changed to:

44.1 Taking a Penalty

A board may take a 360°-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while racing. However, if the board caused injury or serious damage or, despite taking a penalty, gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach, her penalty shall be to retire.

44.2 360°-Turn Penalty

After getting well clear of other boards as soon after the incident as possible, a board takes a 360°-Turn Penalty by promptly making a 360° turn with no requirement for a tack or a gybe. When a board takes the penalty at or near the finishing line, her hull shall be completely on the course side of the line before she finishes.

C.5. – Definition - Tack, Starboard or Port

Definition is changed to:

A board is on the tack, starboard or port, corresponding to the competitor's hand that would be nearer the mast if the competitor were in normal sailing position with both hands on the wishbone and arms not crossed.

A board is on starboard tack when the competitor's right hand would be nearer the mast and is on port tack when the competitor's left hand would be nearer the mast.

C.6. – Definition - Capsized

Definition is changed to:

A board is capsized when she is not under control because her sail or the competitor is in the water.

D. Eligibility

Windsurfer Class boards including Windsurfer LT, Windsurfer One Design and Original Windsurfers using class supplied and approved equipment.

All competitors shall:

1. Be paid up members of the Windsurfer Class Association of Australia (WCAA) for the 2022/23 membership year.

You can check if you are a current member of the WCAA [here](#)

You can join the WCAA here including taking the required insurance as detailed below [here](#)

2. Have current Australian Windsurfing Association (AWA) 3rd party liability insurance either through WCAA membership with insurance or membership of Windsurfing Queensland (WQ) or another affiliated Australian Windsurfing Association (AWA) state or club-based organisation.

You can check the AWA register [here](#)

3. Have a unique sail number, displayed in accordance with the Windsurfer Class Rules.

E. Entry Fee & Registration

Competitors will pay the prescribed entry fees as detailed below.

The event entry fee includes racing, event merchandise, social events and presentation.

No entries will be accepted after 11.59pm on January 10, 2023.

Competitor Entry Fees (\$AUD)	
Category A - Adult over 21 years of age	= \$230
Category B - Adult who is sailing in their first WCAA Australian Championships OR has not competed in the WCAA Australian Championships since 2017 OR a full-time student OR between the age of 19 years – 21 years	= \$200
Category C - Under 19 years	= \$175
Category D - Family entry (any number of competitors from the same family)	= \$395

Entries are available online – [click here](#) or copy the url: <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/GfHleIMDFH>

If the event is cancelled prior to the first racing day due to COVID-19 restrictions in Queensland a full refund will be provided to all competitors.

If border restrictions change from current settings happening in your State and you cannot attend due to quarantine, lockdowns, etc a full refund will be provided.

Two social events are included with sailor registration. These include a meal but not drinks.

Additional tickets for friends and family are available as part of the registration process.

F. Charter Boards

A limited number of charter boards may be available.

Available to sailors from WA, TAS and SA on a first come basis. If not filled by January 1st will be open to sailors from other areas.

Pick up at Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club on January 25.

For more information and to reserve, contact Greg Johns at Windgenuity: wwindgen@bigpond.net.au

G. Registration

All competitors shall complete registration with the Organising Authority.

At Registration:

- o All competitors will have to sign an Entry Form which includes the Entry Declaration and Disclaimer of Liability;
- o All competitors will have their AWA Third party liability (TPL) Insurance checked;
- o Competitors under 18 years of age must have an 'Emergency Contact Form' and 'Media Consent Form', completed by their parent/guardian;
- o Male competitors will have their weight recorded;
- o Proof of age of a competitor may be checked, if required by the Organising Authority

Registration will occur at LCSC between 1500 and 1800hrs on Wednesday, January 25th 2023, and between 0800 and 1000hrs on Thursday, January 26th 2023.

H. Schedule

Day/Date	Event	Time	Location
Wednesday 25/1/2023	Registration	1500 – 1800hrs	LCSC
	Social - Meet & Greet social (low key – pay as you go)	PM	LCSC
	Overnight board storage		LCSC
Thursday 26/1/2023	Registration	0800 – 1000hrs	LCSC
	Briefing	1045hrs	
	Racing Session 1 - Warning Signal not before	1130hrs	
	Racing Session 2	PM	
	Social – Australia Day Welcome Night (dinner included for sailor)	~1900hrs	To be advised
	Overnight board storage		LCSC
Friday 27/1/2023	Briefing	0930hrs	LCSC
	Racing Session 1 - Warning Signal not before	1000hrs	
	Racing Session 2	PM	
	Social – TBC (pay as you go)	PM	LCSC
	Overnight board storage		LCSC
Saturday 28/1/2023	Briefing	0930hrs	LCSC
	Racing Session 1 - Warning Signal not before	1000hrs	
	Racing Session 2	PM	
	Social - Celebration Party (dinner included for sailor)	~1900hrs	To be advised
	Overnight board storage		LCSC
Sunday 29/1/2023	Briefing	0930hrs	LCSC
	Racing Session 1 - Warning Signal not before	1000hrs	
	Racing Session 2 - No warning signal after	1400hrs	
	Presentation ASAP after last race		LCSC
	Event Close		

The event will be run on an 'on call' basis.

Competitors are strongly advised not to leave the vicinity of LCSC during racing sessions as decisions to race may be made quickly based on changing conditions or racing requirements.

Decisions will be made by the Organising Authority based on safety, conditions and requirements to complete each of the four competition disciplines.

Competitors will be briefed before each racing session as to what discipline(s) will be run.

Multiple briefings may be held, and changes may be made through verbal instructions or notices to competitors.

More than one discipline may be run in a racing session, and/or divisions may undertake different disciplines within one racing session.

I. Competition Disciplines

Competition will be conducted in the disciplines of Course Racing, Marathon, Slalom and Freestyle.

Target competition program is a minimum seven (7) Course Races, one (1) Marathon, one (1) complete round of Slalom and one (1) Freestyle event.

J. Competition Divisions

Racing will be conducted for **Open** and **Cruiser** categories.

Cruiser category is for first time / returning racers, novices and more relaxed racers and will sail a shorter course.

For Open categories, the following gender & weight divisions will be scored:

Women

Men – A. Light / B. Medium / C. Heavy

(subject to numbers a D. Super Heavy division may be added at the discretion of the Organising Authority)

Weight Divisions will be allocated by the following method as per Class Rules:

Split Weights:

- (i) Male competitors will be divided into up to 4 categories of weight (A-D) of equal numbers, including Youth and Juniors.
- (ii) After the weighing procedure, in case the total number cannot be divided by four, the first category with one competitor more will be determined upon a random draw. In case two competitors have the same weight, the younger competitor will be considered the lighter.
- (iii) Before the start of the first race, a second weighing procedure may be called for the athletes close to the limits of the categories, in order to recheck the correct registered weight.
- (iv) Where there is a significant difference between cut-off weights and/or a number of competitor weights that are close to the limits between divisions, the Organising Authority may, in its absolute discretion, increase or decrease the number of competitors in a division to promote closer and fairer racing.

Weighing Procedure

- (i) Weighing of competitors will be conducted during the event registration period on the official scales provided by the Organising Authority.
- (ii) Competitors will weigh in T-shirt and shorts only (no footwear) – with all pockets emptied.
- (iii) Competitors may be re-weighed at any time during an event at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- (iv) If subsequent weighing of a competitor indicates a variation of more than 2 kilograms from the original weight that would cause a competitor to change weight division the Organising Authority will assess the circumstances and have the option to change the competitors' division.

K. Equipment

It is the responsibility of each competitor to ensure that their equipment conforms to the current Class Rules.

You can download the Class Rules [here](#)

Equipment inspection may be undertaken at any time during the Event by the Organising Authority to ensure compliance with Class Rules.

Those in Cruiser division may use:

- (i) sails of less than 5.0 metres of any make or model including the Class 4.5 trainer sail
- (ii) masts and booms of any make and model

L. Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions (SIs) including course format and racing procedure will be available online no-later than 3 days prior to the event.

Further instructions may be provided verbally at Briefings and also by Notices to Competitors.

The SIs and Notices to Competitors will be available on the Official Notice Board at LCSC.

M. Scoring

Scoring will be conducted by division.

If multiple divisions are raced in a fleet, the across the line results will be rescored into divisional results.

For example, if Category A and Category B raced in the same fleet and the first Category B board finishes third across the line, it is rescored to 1st for the Category B division.

For course racing and marathon, the *Low Point System* - RRS Appendix A Scoring will apply.

Three (3) course races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

When fewer than 5 course races have been completed a board's series course racing score will be the total of her divisional race scores.

When from 5 to 7 course races have been completed, a board's series course racing score will be the total of her divisional race scores excluding her worst score ("one drop").

When 8 or more course races have been completed, a board's series course racing score will be the total of her divisional race scores excluding her two worst scores ("two drops").

Slalom and Freestyle scoring will be as per Class Competition Rules.

Overall scoring will be in accordance with Class Competition Rules and includes Course Racing, Marathon and Slalom.

Overall scores will be an aggregate of:

Course Racing : divisional place plus the average score of counted races in the division

+

Slalom : divisional place

+

Marathon : divisional place

=

Overall score

Age group positions will be calculated based on the sailor's overall score.

Age Group	Age
Junior	Under 15 years on the 1 st racing day of the Event
Youth	Between 15 and under 19 years on the 1 st racing day of the Event
Master	40 years or older on the 1 st racing day of the Event
Grand Master	50 years or older on the 1 st racing day of the Event
Legend	60 years or older on the 1 st racing day of the Event
Super Legend	70 years or older on the 1 st racing day of the Event

N. Buoyancy

All competitors shall wear whilst racing in course racing, slalom and marathon personal flotation devices which are in good condition and are in accordance with the specifications approved by the 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.

O. Trophies and Prizes

Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Windsurfer Class Association.

The Windsurfer Class Youth Scholarship will be awarded to the best overall placed male and female racing in Open category aged under 19 years on the first day of racing.

Sailors who have previously been awarded a Scholarship are ineligible.

P. Responsibility

Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 3 - Decision to Race, which states "The responsibility for a board's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".

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.

Competitors will sign a disclaimer of liability at registration.

Q. Advertising

Competitors may be obliged by the Organising Authority to display advertising of sponsors on sails and/or other equipment and/or on their persons in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.

R. Media Rights

Competitors give full rights and permission to the Organising Authority and / or Windsurfer Class Association of Australia for use and broadcasting of photographs or videos of persons or boards competing in the event including, but not limited to, spots on television, online mediums and social media and can be used for editorial purpose, promotion or printed information.

Competitors under 18 years of age may opt out when completing the disclaimer of liability at registration.

S. Additional Information

Updates will be provided via any of the following methods – email, social media or website.

Windsurfer Class website: www.windsurferclassaus.com

Windsurfer Class Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/windsurferclassaus>

For specific questions about LCSC and local issues:

Josh Green josh@prodocs.com.au 0432 851 600

For general event information, entry queries, membership and class matters: windsurfer.regatta.team@gmail.com

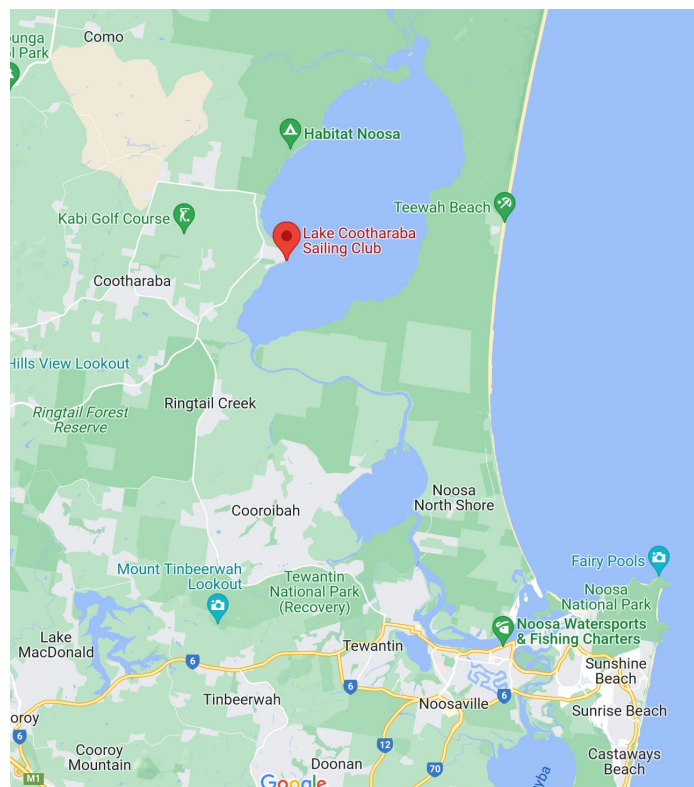
Appendix 1 – Regatta Site and Racing Area

Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club is located at 24 Boreen Parade, Boreen Point, Queensland 4565

Boreen Point is located 26 km (20 minutes) from Noosa Heads.

Lake Cootharaba is approximately 10 kilometres by 5 kilometres in size.

The racing area will be the waters of Lake Cootharaba in proximity to the Sailing Club.



Weather

Sailing at Lake Cootharaba provides a challenging variety of potential conditions.

The majority of wind directions provide clear wind flow over the course area.

Land effects may come into play when the wind directions move into the west and southwest.

The prevailing sea breeze favours south easterly and north easterly directions.

In January common conditions range from 8-18 knots from the northeast or the southeast, the prevailing wind directions that time of the year.

The passing of high pressure can disrupt the pattern and will often result in a light to moderate easterly wind for a few days, followed by a swing to the south-east.

Weather Summary - January	
Average Temperature	Mean maximum: 28°C
	Mean minimum: 23°C
Average Water Temperature	27°C
Rainfall	Average Rain Days per month: 10

Appendix 2 – Additional Information

Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club Venue & Facilities



Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club is located on the edge of Lake Cootharaba with views of the lake from the clubhouse deck and bar.

The Club and its members are laid-back, friendly sailors so you should all feel right at home!

Next door to the Club is a canteen for coffee, cold drinks, lunches and light snacks before and after racing.

We recommend pre-ordering your lunch before the day's racing starts.

The club 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 LCSC.

Parking on Boreen Parade and surrounding streets is non-metered.

Secure board storage is available from Wednesday 25th – Sunday 29th January 2023 for a limited number of sailors not camping at one of the campgrounds.



Local Amenities

Next door to the club is a café serving coffee, breakfast burgers, cold drinks and lunch. The Apollonian Hotel is a 10-minute walk.

Woolworths, chemists and a wide-range of shopping is a 15-minute drive to Tewantin.

Travel

Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club is an estimated 2-hour drive from central Brisbane and Brisbane airport, 15 minutes to the nearest service centres of Tewantin and Pomona, 20 minutes to Noosa and 40 minutes from the Sunshine Coast Airport.

Arriving via Sunshine Coast Airport

Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club is 50 kilometres (approx. 40 minutes) from the Sunshine Coast Airport.

Regular domestic flights by Jestar, Virgin and Qantas fly to the Sunshine Coast from most major airports.

Rental cars are available for pickup from Sunshine Coast Airport.

Accommodation

[See video on accommodation options](#)

Boreen Point Campground (Camping)

Boreen Point

(800m from Club)

www.noosaholidayparks.com.au/boreen-point

Close to the Club and great value. Leave your boards rigged and ready to roll.

On the web it will show all the sites booked out during the Nationals – the Class has done a deal to exclusively reserve sites until September 1.

Book campsites directly on (07) 5485 3244

Mention the Windsurfer Nationals to get one of the secured campsites.

Habitat Noosa (Eco Glamping/Camping)

Elanda Point Road, Elanda Point QLD 4565

(4.9 km from Club)

5% Discount for Windsurfers on Glamping and Camping

Telephone: (07) 5485 3165

www.habitatnoosa.com.au

Email: res@habitatnoosa.com.au

Habitat Noosa Everglades EcoCamp awarded “Australia’s Best New Tourism Business” is set on 65 acres of National Park and perched on the edge of Lake Cootharaba.

Various accommodation options from campsites (powered and unpowered) to Glamping Tents of various configurations.

On site bistro plus Micro brewery.

Use Promo Code: **WNC2023**

Boreen Point Real Estate – Rental Houses

There are a limited number of Holiday Houses available to rent locally (within 5 kms) through Boreen Point Real Estate.

Office – 11 Orchard Avenue, Boreen Point Qld AUSTRALIA 4565

All Enquiries M. 0439798445

Email – rhonda@bpre.net.au

Online Availability & Bookings

www.bpre.net.au/holiday/

Islander Noosa Resort (4 Star Apartments/Villas)

187 Gympie Terrace, Noosaville, Queensland 4566

(23km from Club)

10% Discount for Windsurfers (conditions apply)

Telephone: 07 5440 9200

<https://islandernoosa.com.au/book-now/>

Email: info@islandernoosa.com.au

Self contained villas nestled into 4 acres tropical gardens in heart of Noosaville, a stroll to shops and cafes with the Noosa River Foreshore at your door. Three pools, six restaurants and bars on site.

Use Promo Code: **Windsurfer**

There are dozens of additional accommodation options in Noosa and surrounds.

Air BnB offers numerous properties within easy proximity of LCSC