



WINDSURFER

NSW STATE SLALOM CHAMPIONSHIPS

SUNDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2026

NOTICE OF RACE



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NOTICE OF RACE

1. Organising Authority and Location of Race

Balmoral Sailing Club, Balmoral Beach South.

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

2. Rules & Definitions

- 2.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the ***Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) (2025 – 2028)*** and the ***Windsurfer Class Rules***, except where these are changed by this Notice of Race (NOR) or by the Sailing Instructions (SIs).
Note: (The Windsurfing Fleet Racing Rules (Appendix B of the RRS) does not apply.)
- 2.2. If there is conflict between the NOR and the SIs, the SIs will take precedence.
- 2.3. **RRS 31. - Touching a Mark** - 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, but shall not hold on to it.
- 2.4. **RRS 42. - Propulsion (Pumping)** As per Windsurfer Class rules, RRS 42 is changed to:
Pumping is unlimited in slalom.
- 2.5. **RRS 44. - Penalties at the Time of Incident** - 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 or when she may have broken RRS 31. 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.
- 2.6. **Definition - Tack, Starboard or Port** - 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.
- 2.7. **Definition – Capsized** - is changed to:
A board is capsized when she is not under control because her sail or the competitor is in the water.

3. Eligibility

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

All competitors **shall**:

- 3.1. 1. Be paid up members of the Windsurfer Class Association of Australia (WCAA) for the 2026/27 membership year.

You can check if you are a current member of the Windsurfer Class of Australia in the Member Directory:

<https://aus-windsurfers-hosted.theclubspot.com/>

You can join the WCAA as you register including taking the required insurance.

- 3.2. Have current Australian Windsurfing Association (AWA) 3rd party liability insurance either through WCAA membership with insurance or membership of Windsurfing New South Wales (WNSW) or another affiliated Australian Windsurfing Association (AWA) state or club-based organisation.

You can check the AWA register here:

http://www.windsurfing.org/files/info/AWA_Members.pdf

- 3.3. Have a unique sail number, displayed in accordance with the 2020 IWCA Windsurfer Class Rules. Further guidance can be found below.

- 3.3.1. IMPORTANT: in previous events, there have been circumstances of confusion with sail numbers. This has caused difficulty for club management recording results on the water accurately and for scorers determining results. In some cases, sail numbers have been non-compliant, non-existent or different to number registered for the event. Please ensure you have a legible sail number affixed to both sides of sail as per class rules and notify organisers asap (before day of event if possible) if you are intending to enter with a number different to originally registered. Please refer to *Appendix 1 – Sail Identification*.

- 3.3.2. Sail Numbers in Australia Guide. Please check Class website under membership for guide to numbering here for info on numbering you may use. Essentially, to ensure you have a unique number, you may use the hull number on your board or AUS XXXX allocated number. You may check your AWA allocated sailing number here:

http://www.windsurfing.org/files/info/AWA_Members.pdf

4. Entry Fee & Registration

- 4.1. The entry fee is:
\$40 for an adult.
\$30 for entries under 21yo.
- 4.2. Entries received after midnight on Tuesday 27 October 2026 will attract an additional \$10 late fee.
\$50 for an adult.
\$40 for entries under 21yo.
- 4.3. Entries are available online:
<https://theclubspot.com/regatta/uFFkeaEOft>
- 4.4. Cash payments cannot be accepted.

5. Charter Boards

- 5.1. A limited number of charter boards are available.
- 5.1.1. Balmoral Sailing Club have boards suitable for the more casual racer. Contact Kevin Wadham 0402 008 704.
- 5.1.2. For the more serious racer Aroona Group have newer boards.
Contact: Matt Ivshenko Phone: 02 9982 6444 email: matt.i@aroonagroup.com

6. Registration

- 6.1. All competitors shall complete registration with the Organising Authority in addition to the online clubspot entry.
- 6.2. Registration will occur at Balmoral Sailing Club between 08:30hrs and 9:30hrs on Sunday, 8th November 2026.
- 6.3. All competitors will have to sign an Entry Form which includes the Entry Declaration and Disclaimer of Liability.
- 6.4. All competitors will have their \$20 Million Third Party Liability (TPL) Insurance and AS number status checked.
- 6.5. Competitors under 18 years of age must also have an 'Emergency Contact Form' and 'Media Consent Form', completed by their parent/guardian.
- 6.6. Proof of age of a competitor may be checked, if required by the Organising Authority.
- 6.7. **Cruiser Division Sailors may be provided with a coloured streamer** provided upon registration to the top of sail. This will assist race committee differentiate Novices & Cruisers from open fleet sailors, it also assists rescue personnel identify who may be less experienced in case of stronger winds or a sighting of capsized.

7. Schedule

Day/Date	Event	Time	Location
Sunday 8/11/26	Registration	0830 – 0930hrs	BSC
	Briefing	1000hrs	BSC
	Racing Session 1 - Warning Signal not before	1100hrs	BSC
	Racing Session 2 – No warning signal after	1530hrs	BSC
	Presentation	ASAP after last race	BSC
	Event Close		

- 7.1. The event will be run on an 'on call' basis.
- 7.2. Competitors are strongly advised not to leave the vicinity of Balmoral Sailing Club during racing sessions as decisions to race may be made quickly based on changing conditions or racing requirements.
- 7.3. Decisions will be made by the Organising Authority based on safety, conditions and requirements to complete the competition format.
- 7.4. Multiple briefings may be held, and changes may be made through verbal instructions or notices to competitors.

8. Competition Disciplines

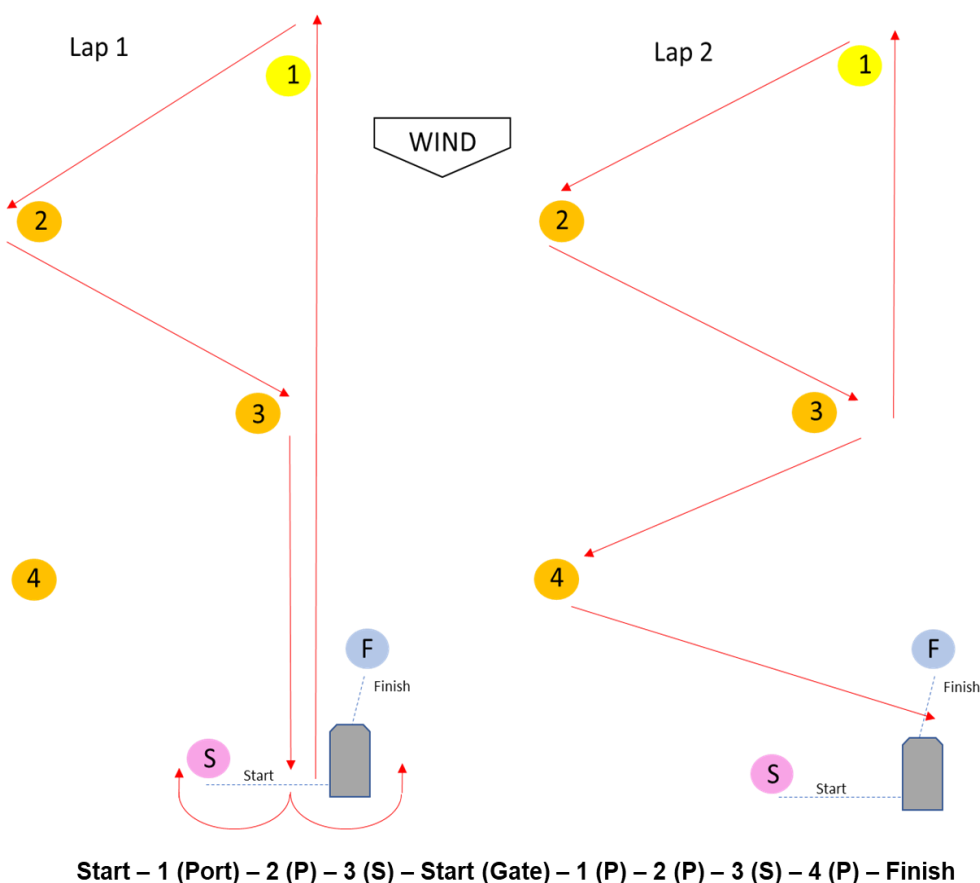
- 8.1. The competition will be conducted in the discipline of Slalom Racing.
- 8.2. This event will not be the usual knock out format used at other major class events.
- 8.3. Target is minimum four (4) Slalom heats per division
- 8.4. The exact format will be dependent on the number of entries, but the objective is to maximise the number of heats sailed by all competitors.

9. Competition Divisions

- 9.1. Racing will be conducted for **Open**, **Women** and **Cruiser** categories.
- 9.2. Cruiser is for returning, progressing or relaxed sailors who do not want to sail the full course.
- 9.3. Women competitors will have the choice of entering Women's Division without being weighed or may elect to be weighed and compete in the Open Division.
- 9.4. Open Division – up to 4 weight divisions will be scored A. Light / B. Medium / C. Medium-Heavy / D. Heavy
- 9.5. Split Weights:
 - 9.5.1. Open competitors will be divided into up to 4 categories of weight (A-D) of equal numbers, including Youth, Juniors and Women who elect to race in the Open Division.
 - 9.5.2. If the total number of competitors in the Open Division is below 32, there may be less than 4 divisions to ensure each division has as close as possible to 8 competitors.
 - 9.5.3. Open - competitors will be allocated to weight divisions as per class rules H3.3 – 2 - split weights.
- 9.6. After their official weigh-in competitors may not request a reweigh.

10. Course

- 10.1. Course Diagram - shows the course for slalom, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.



- 10.2. Depending on the wind conditions the Cruiser Division course may be shortened to one lap, being just Lap 2.

11. Equipment

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

- 11.2. You can download the Class Rules here:
http://www.windsurferclassaus.com/uploads/4/4/3/5/44357007/2018_windsurfer_class_rules_draft-r4.pdf
- 11.3. Equipment inspection may be undertaken at any time during the Event by the Organising Authority to ensure compliance with Class Rules.
- 11.4. Those in Cruiser division or juniors under 15 years of age may use:
- 11.5. Sails of less than 5.0 metres of any make or model including the Class 4.5 trainer sail.
- 11.6. Masts and booms of any make and model.

12. Sailing Instructions

- 12.1. The Sailing Instructions (SIs) including course format and racing procedure will be available online no-later than 3 days prior to the event.
- 12.2. Further instructions may be provided verbally at Briefings and/or by Notices to Competitors.
- 12.3. The SIs and Notices to Competitors will be available on the Official Notice Board at Balmoral Sailing Club.

13. Scoring

- 13.1. The Low Point System - RRS Appendix A Scoring will apply.
- 13.2. Three (3) slalom races per division are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 13.3. When fewer than 4 slalom races have been completed a board's series slalom score will be the total of her divisional race scores.
- 13.4. When 4 or more course races have been completed, a board's series slalom score will be the total of her divisional race scores excluding her worst score ("one drop").
- 13.5. Top place getters in each weight division may race in a combined slalom final(s) to award overall placings but this does not alter divisional place results.

14. Buoyancy

- 14.1. All competitors whilst competing shall wear 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.)
- 14.2. Failure to comply with this Instruction will result in a board being scored as a 'Did Not Compete' (DNC) without a hearing for all races the competitor did not wear a personal floatation device.
- 14.3. This changes rules 35, A4, and A5.

15. Trophies and Prizes

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

16. Responsibility

- 16.1. 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.

17. Advertising

- 17.1. 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.

18. Media Rights

- 18.1. 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.

19. Merchandise

- 19.1. Limited merchandise may be available subject to availability.

20. COURSE RACING ON SATURDAY NOVEMBER 7th

- 20.1. Kevin Wadham invites you to make it a 2-day event, by racing with Balmoral's club racing on Saturday, November 7th. 2 to 3 course races, briefing 12.45, first start 2.00. visitors fee of \$20 that includes a post-race BBQ.

21. Parking Arrangements and Gear Drop Off

- 21.1. Parking close to the club costs \$40 for the day and rangers police it regularly, so don't risk not paying. However, there is free parking in nearby residential streets about 5 to 10 minutes' walk away.
- 21.2. Gear can be dropped off at the club before you park your car.
- 21.3. For anyone racing both Saturday and Sunday there is limited board & rig storage overnight Saturday in the club. Priority will be given to charter boards. So, we encourage anyone who can take their gear home to do so.

22. Additional Information

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

Windsurfer Class website: <http://www.windsurferclassaus.com/>

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

For general Class matters, event information, entry queries and membership:

Peter Doolan, Class Rep:

Phone: 0468 300 299

Email: petermdoolan@gmail.com

Scotty O'Connor, Class Rep:

Phone: 0420 297 065

Email: scottyocfiji@gmail.com

For any enquiries related to Balmoral Sailing Club contact:

Kevin Wadham

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Email: kevin.wadham@balmoralsc.com.au

Appendix 1 – Sail Identification

