



PRELIMINARY NOTICE OF RACE

***2023***  
***WINDSURFER***  
***Western Australian***  
***Open Championships***

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*Applecross, Perth, Western Australia*

December 15<sup>th</sup> 2023 – December 17<sup>th</sup> 2023

Presented by



## Organising Authority and Location of Race

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*South of Perth Yacht Club (SoPYC)*

Coffee Point, 2 Canning Beach Road, APPLECROSS Perth Western Australia 6153

on behalf of the Windsurfer Class Association of Australia (WCAA) and the Australian Windsurfing Association (AWA)

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### A. 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 Australian and/or Western Australian Department of Health.

Currently there are no requirements,

<https://www.wa.gov.au/government/covid-19-coronavirus>

### B. Rules & Definitions

The regatta will be governed by:

- 1) the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) (2021 – 2024) - Windsurfing Fleet Racing Rules (Appendix B)
  - a. No National Authority prescriptions will apply
- 2) the Windsurfer Class rules

If there is conflict between the Notice of Race (NOR) and the Sailing Instructions (SIs), the SIs will take precedence.

If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.

#### B.1. - 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. Eligibility

Windsurfer Class boards of the Windsurfer LT type using class supplied and approved equipment.

All competitors shall:

1. Be paid up members of their National or Regional Windsurfer Class Association.

For Australian competitors the NCA is the Windsurfer Class Association of Australia (WCAA).

2. Have current Australian Windsurfing Association (AWA) 3<sup>rd</sup> party liability insurance (included in the entry fee for international sailors)

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

## D. Entry Fee & Registration

Competitors will pay the prescribed entry fees as detailed below.

The event entry fee includes racing, a social event and presentation.

The social event provided with sailor registration includes food but not drinks.

Additional tickets (\$20.00 Adults / \$10 Under 16) for friends and family are available as part of the registration process.

No entries will be accepted after 11.59pm on December 11, 2023.

Competitor Entry Fees (\$AUD)	
Category A – Open	AUD\$95.00
Category B – Youth - aged under 19 years on the first racing day	AUD\$80.00

Entries are available online – [click here](#) or copy the url: <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/bGBWBq6zE9>

## E. Charter Boards

The Australian Windsurfer LT distributor – “Windgenuity Sailboards” is providing charter boards for **International Non-Australian residents only** that have been previously reserved for use in the World Championship.

For more information contact Greg Johns at Windgenuity Sailboards: [wwindgen@bigpond.net.au](mailto:wwindgen@bigpond.net.au)

## F. Registration

All competitors shall complete registration with the Organising Authority on December 15<sup>th</sup> 2023.

At Registration:

- All competitors will have to sign an Entry Form which includes the Entry Declaration and Disclaimer of Liability;
- All competitors will have their Windsurfer Class and Insurance status checked;
- Competitors under 18 years of age must have an ‘Emergency Contact Form’ and ‘Media Consent Form’, completed by their parent/ guardian;
- Male competitors will have their weight recorded;
- Proof of age of a competitor may be checked, if required by the Organising Authority

Registration will occur at SoPYC between 01100 and 1345hrs on Friday, December 15th 2023.

## G. Schedule

Day/Date	Event	Time	Location
Friday 15/12/2023	Registration	1100 – 1345hrs	SoPYC
	Briefing	1415hrs	SoPYC
	First start - Warning Signal not before	1500hrs	SoPYC
Saturday 16/12/2023	Briefing	0930hrs	SoPYC
	First start - Warning Signal not before	1030hrs	SoPYC
	Social Event	~1700hrs	SoPYC
Sunday 17/12/2023	Briefing	0930hrs	SoPYC
	First Start - Warning Signal not before	1030hrs	SoPYC

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

Competitors are strongly advised not to leave the vicinity of SoPYC 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.

## H. Competition Disciplines

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

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

## I. Competition Divisions

Racing will be conducted for:

**Women**

**Men** – A. Light / B. Medium-Light / C. Medium-Heavy / D. Heavy

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
- (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.

### J. Equipment

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

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

### K. 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 SoPYC.

### L. Scoring

Scoring will be conducted by 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").

Slalom 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

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Slalom : divisional place

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Marathon : divisional place

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Overall score

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

Age Group	Age
Youth	Under 19 years on the 1st racing day of the Event

## M. 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.

## N. Trophies and Prizes

Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the WCAA.

## O. 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.

## P. 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.

## Q. Media Rights

Competitors give full rights and permission to the Organising Authority and / or WCCA 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.

## R. Additional Information

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

WCAA website: [www.windsurferclassaus.com](http://www.windsurferclassaus.com)

WCAA Facebook: [www.facebook.com/windsurferclassaus](https://www.facebook.com/windsurferclassaus)

For specific questions about SoPYC and local Perth issues:

Denis Jones [headcoach@sopyc.com.au](mailto:headcoach@sopyc.com.au)

Matt Doyle [OWGAdmin@sopyc.com.au](mailto:OWGAdmin@sopyc.com.au)

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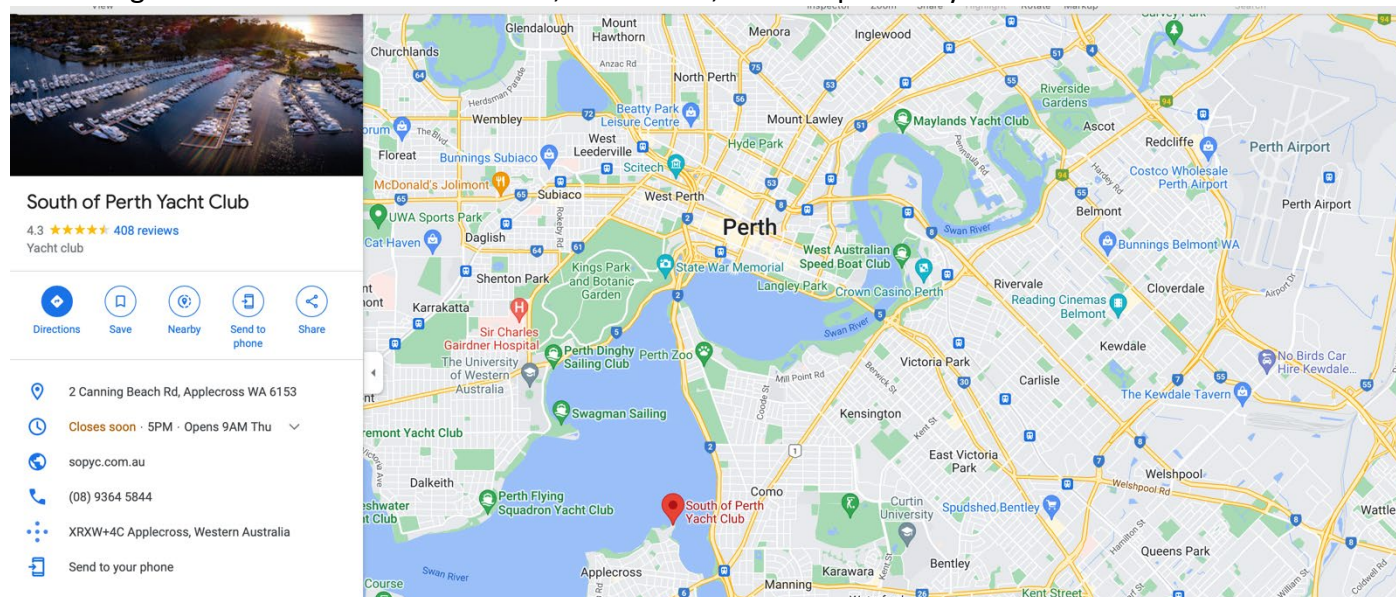
For enquiries about other Windsurfer Class activities in Western Australia:

Peter Holton [peter\\_holton@mac.com](mailto:peter_holton@mac.com)

## Appendix 1 – Regatta Site and Racing Area

**South of Perth Yacht Club** is located at Coffee Point, 2 Canning Beach Road, APPLECROSS Perth Western Australia 6153

The racing areas will be on Melville Water, Swan River, Perth in proximity to the SoPYC..



## Weather

Sailing on Melville Water at this time of the year has a generally light easterly land breeze in the morning followed by an afternoon sea breeze from the south-west called the “Fremantle Doctor” which is usually 10-25 knots.

Frontal systems can disrupt the usual wind pattern.

Weather Summary - December	
Average Temperature	Mean maximum: 28°C Mean Minimum 17°C
	Daylight 14 hours
Average Water Temperature	22°C
Rainfall	Average Rainfall 10mm

## Appendix 2 – Additional Information

### South of Perth Yacht Club

South of Perth Yacht Club enjoys a spectacular location on the Swan and Canning Rivers overlooking Perth City.

### Local Amenities within 1 kilometre

IGA Supermarket

Multiple of coffee shops, restaurants, delis and a large hotel with restaurant and bar.

Medical Centre, chemist, hairdressers.



## Travel in Perth

### HOW TO GET THERE

PERTH AIRPORT TO SOPYC - TAXI 18km AUD\$45.00 (EUD\$30), 25 minutes.

PERTH AIRPORT TO CITY HOTELS - TRAIN - Exit arrivals hall then take lift to elevated 250 metre walkway to Airport Central Station. the train to Perth City platform 8 - 19 minutes.

PERTH CITY TO SOPYC- TRAIN -Underground station take Mandurah line to Canning Bridge Station – 8 minutes, then a 15 minute flat walk to SOPYC.

PERTH CITY TO COMO HOTELS - BUS - Perth Bus Port to Hotels, Route 30 – 17 minutes, 2 minute walk

COMO HOTELS TO SOPYC - flat walking (40 minutes) and bike paths (15 minutes)

PERTH AIRPORT to UNIVERSITY of WESTERN AUSTRALIA -TAXI - 19km AUD\$45.00 (EUD\$30) 25 minutes,

BIKE PATHS from local Airbnb and motels

CANNING BRIDGE train station to SOPYC is a 15 minute flat walk.

### Flying to Perth International Airport

Perth is serviced with 1 stop flights from Europe stopping in Dubai, Doha, Singapore and Kuala Lumpur by Emirates, Qatar, Finnair, Air France, KLM and Malaysian.

Perth is serviced with 1 stop flights from West Coast USA ports via Asian or Australian east coast ports.

Perth has direct flights from most Asian ports.

### Accommodation

There is limited accommodation within walking distance.

We suggest intending visitors conduct a “Google” review of the normal websites for self-catering accommodation near Applecross, Perth City, Fremantle.

- [www.airbnb.com.au](http://www.airbnb.com.au)
- [www.stayz.com.au](http://www.stayz.com.au)
- [www.booking.com](http://www.booking.com)
- [www.tripadvisor.com](http://www.tripadvisor.com)

In addition, the following sites specifically promoting accommodation in the vicinity of South of Perth Yacht Club are worth reviewing;

- <https://www.canningbridgeautolodge.com.au/> 1.5km
- <https://www.pagoda.com.au/> 3.5km
- <https://windsorlodge.com.au/> 3.5km
- <https://lodestarhotel.com.au/> 4.5km
- City accommodation –large choice of price and quantities

## UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA summer accommodation. **St George's College\_Room Rates**

Phone +61 8 9449 5555

Email [admin@stgeorgescollege.uwa.edu.au](mailto:admin@stgeorgescollege.uwa.edu.au)

Web [Stgeorgescollege.uwa.edu.au](http://Stgeorgescollege.uwa.edu.au)

There will be a morning and afternoon boat shuttle from the SOPYC to the University of Western Australia

Contact : Gayjoong Bhutii <[gbhutii@stgc.uwa.edu.au](mailto:gbhutii@stgc.uwa.edu.au)>

Don't just come for the sailing, make it a once-in-a-lifetime holiday to Western Australia. Great beaches and wineries up and down the coast.

We suggest you do your own research as there is so much to see and do and we would suggest you look at the following websites;

- [www.westernaustralia.com](http://www.westernaustralia.com)
- [www.experienceperth.com/](http://www.experienceperth.com/)
- [www.visitfremantle.com.au](http://www.visitfremantle.com.au)
- [www.fremantlewesternaustralia.com.au/](http://www.fremantlewesternaustralia.com.au/)
- [www.planetware.com/tourist-attractions-/western-australia-aus`-wa-wa.htm](http://www.planetware.com/tourist-attractions-/western-australia-aus`-wa-wa.htm)
- [www.ytravelblog.com/things-to-do-in-western-australia/](http://www.ytravelblog.com/things-to-do-in-western-australia/)
- [www.MargaretRiverWesternAustralia.com.au](http://www.MargaretRiverWesternAustralia.com.au)
- [www.lonelyplanet.com/australia/western-australia](http://www.lonelyplanet.com/australia/western-australia)

