

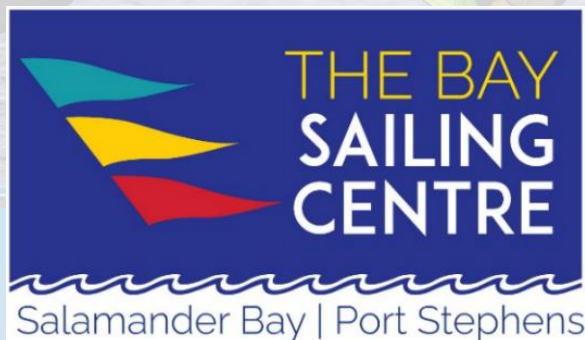
Sail Port Stephens Windsurfing

Join us at the Bay Sailing Centre on the weekend of 9-10 April 2022 for the Windsurfer racing as part of Sail Port Stephens.

Now in its second annual edition, the event will showcase Windsurfer racing out the front of the Bay Sailing Centre clubhouse.

Entry to the event can be found on the event webpage –

<https://baysailingcentre.com.au/regattas/sail-port-stephens-windsurfing/>



NOTICE OF RACE

**For: WINDSURFER LT, ONE DESIGN & ORIGINAL WINDSURFER BOARDS
AND RIGS**

**Windsurfer Class NSW NOTICE OF RACE for the 2022 Sail Port
Stephens Regatta**

Our Class Sponsors –

National Sponsors

Thank you: Windgenuity, Mobium, Surflogic, Vaikobi, Ivadore

New South Wales Sponsors

Thankyou: WSS Boards, OneDesygn / LT1

Dates: 9th & 10th April 2022

**Location: The Bay Sailing Centre
147B Seaview Cres, Soldiers Point NSW 2317**

Note This event is run by Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club and the Bay Sailing Centre; while our Class supports this event, it is not run by the Windsurfer Class.

Entry Fee: \$75

Please click on the following link for entry:

<https://baysailingcentre.com.au/regattas/sail-port-stephens-windsurfing/>

1. RULES

- 1.1 The 2022 NSW Windsurfer Class Sail Port Stephens Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024, the Australian Sailing 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 Series is open to competitors using: Windsurfer LT, 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 dagger boards and short batten original Windsurfer Dacron sails of approximately 6.3m². Sailors under 15 years of age are permitted to use windsurfer trainer sails of 4.5m², 4.0m² or less, preferably Windsurfer branded, dacron or mylar construction or as approved by discretion of the organising committee of Class Reps.
- 2.2 Eligibility for age group Categories shall be calculated using the competitor's age on 9 April 2022. It is intended that the only age Categories that may be scored will be the Youth and Ancient Mariner (over 70) Categories as detailed below in Clause 9.
- 2.3 Every competitor shall be a member of Windsurfer Class Association of Australia (WCAA) and have Australian Windsurfing Association (AWA) public liability insurance.

You may join the WCAA and obtain insurance here –

<http://www.windsurferclassaus.com/class--membership.html>

- 2.4 All competitors shall wear whilst racing 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 (I.E. L50/ level 50). No inflatable PFD's permitted.
- 2.5 Covid-19 Eligibility Criteria must also be met. See Clause 10.

3. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Sailing Instruction will be available by Wednesday 6 April 2022.

4. RACING AREA

- 4.1 Competition will be conducted on the waters in the vicinity of each of the Bay Sailing Centre. Courses will likely be in a "triangle - hotdog" configuration i.e. A windward leg, two reaching legs around a wing mark and a windward return finishing downwind. Details of the chosen course will be confirmed at the pre-race briefing for the event.

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. The event/s for each day will be advised at that day's briefing.
- 5.3 Based on wind conditions it is planned to run at least up to 5 races per day. Last Race to commence before 1600 hours on Saturday and 1500 hours Sunday. It is likely to be 3 races per day with first over the line expected around the 40 minute mark.

Table 2. **Schedule**

Date	Event
<i>Saturday 9th April</i>	(0900 – 1030) – Weigh in and registration
	(1030 – 1100) – Information session / Briefing / Sailing Instructions
	(1600) – Latest possible Warning Signal
	Bar & BBQ after racing
<i>Sunday 10th April</i>	(1030 – 1100) – Information session / Briefing / Sailing Instructions
	(1500) – Latest possible Warning Signal
	Bar & BBQ after racing
	Prizegiving Ceremony asap after racing at BSC Clubhouse

6. BOARD STORAGE

There is no board storage provided at this event, competitors will be responsible for their board storage.

7. BOARD CHARTER

- 7.1 Competitors may be able to charter boards. This may also apply to locals and sailors from other classes based on availability.
- 7.2 For charter hire contact Windgenuity Ph: 02 9982 6444 for information on fees and availability for pickup at Cromer in most instances.

8. MEASUREMENT

- 8.1 Boards & rigs may be inspected at any time during the regatta for compliance with IWCA class rules. You may view the IWCA 2020 Windsurfer Class Rules [here](#) (on Windsurfer Class Aus website).

- 8.2 **Sail Numbers** - 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.
- 8.3 Sail number availability. Contact Windgenuity for sail numbers. Ph: 02 9982 6444
- 8.4 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 first 3 digits of your board number or AUS XXXX allocated number. You may check your AWA allocated sailing number [here](#).

9. SCORING

- 9.1 Selection of appropriate Division and or Category.
It is intended to have floating weight divisions for the following divisions / categories for this event as detailed below.

1 Race will be the minimum required to determine the results for each heat of the series. (This paragraph is not to be over ruled by a Sailing Instruction, the above is only to be changed via an update to the NOR)

Table 3. Allocation to appropriate Scoring Division / Category

Scoring Code	Division / Category	Weight (Kilograms)
A	Light Weight Division	FLOATING
B	Medium Weight Division	FLOATING
C	Heavy Weight Division	FLOATING
D	Super Heavyweight Division	FLOATING
E	Women's Division	NOT APPLICABLE* ⁷
F	Youth Category	NOT APPLICABLE* ^{4,5}
G	Cruiser Category	NOT APPLICABLE* ⁶
H	Legend and Ancient Mariner Categories	NOT APPLICABLE* ⁵

9.2 Floating Weights:

- I. Competitors will be divided into up to 4 Divisions (A - D) of weight 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 who have weighed close to the limits of the categories, this is done to ensure competitors are fairly entered into the correct weight divisions.
- IV. Where there is a significant difference between cut-off weights and/or several 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.

9.2.2 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) For this event competitors may use the weight recorded for the NSW Windsurfer Class “Navigator”/Summer Series or Last NSW State Titles. (Special Note Whilst you can use the weight recorded at the previous events listed above, it does not mean you will remain in the same weight division as these events)

9.3 Competitors (other than Cruiser Category) are to decide to sail in only one major division (with gender or official recorded weight to be determining factors) which are:

1. Women's*⁷,
2. Lightweight
3. Medium Weight
4. Heavy Weight, and
5. Super Heavy Weight

***Note 7:** Female competitors will have the choice of competing in their respective Weight Division; Women's' Division or Cruiser Category. Awards will be based on scores within their chosen Division or Category only.

9.4 In addition to the 5 core divisions there will also be prizes for:

1. Youth Category*⁸
2. Ancient Mariner Category*⁸ (For People who are over 70 at the first event of the series)
3. Cruiser Category*¹⁰

- 9.5 Cruiser Class is intended for less confident or newer windsurfers who may feel they are not up to racing the whole racing course. A shortened course may be implemented for cruisers - depending upon availability and at the discretion of the club's race committee and available resources.

We want new participants to the sport to enjoy themselves and not feel pressured to compete directly against the "gun sailors". It will also assist in completing the course for each race within a suitable time frame so as not to hold up the following race. We have had good success with the cruiser Class entries in the past including at the Toronto Nationals where more than a dozen racers competed in Cruiser class and performed very well.

A great opportunity for you to be involved learn from other sailors and enjoy the fun of simple one design racing and our social activities! Welcome Aboard!

Where there is a split start the cruisers will normally start with the heavy weights and super heavy weight divisions.

- 9.5.1 If not mentioned at the pre-race briefing Cruisers will do a single lap.
- 9.6 If 5 or more races are completed in an Event then one race can be dropped following RRS 2021-2024.

- 9.6.3 Scoring DNS, OCS, DNF, RET, DNC, BFD, UFD, ZFP, SCP, DNE (not including RDG & DPI).

For races where a competitor earns a lettered score besides DNC, one point will be added to the number of entered division competitors in attendance and racing at the Event. DNC will be scored by adding one point to the largest number of total Series entrants within the respective division, to be determined at the completion of the Series.

- 9.7.1 Event/Scoring ties.
In the case of a tie between two or more sailors at the completion of either the Event, the sailors' placing will be split according to RRS 2021-24, Appendix A.

- 9.7.2 Time Limits

The RO may at his discretion apply a time limit of the time for the first sailor to cross the line multiplied by 1.75. For example, if the first board crosses the line in 20 minutes any boards crossing the line may not be counted as finishing if they can not complete the course in 35 minutes. The RO is planning to run several classes and it may be necessary to impose time limits for the operation of the regatta. Where a board crosses the line later than the 1.75 multiplier, the RO has discretion to record the board as finishing if it does not impact the event.

- 9.8 Series Scoring Example: for WINDSURFER LT, ONE DESIGN & ORIGINAL WINDSURFER BOARDS

10. COVID-19 Regulations and requirements

10.1 Please be aware that COVID requirements can change at any time, we will follow the NSW Government, host club's and any other authorities' guidelines, the following is a general guide.

- Arrive ready to race;
- Practise good hand hygiene before and after sailing;
- Avoid physical contact;
- If change rooms are open it is still recommended that all competitors arrive dressed and ready to sail and rig early;
- Stay home if you are unwell, reasonably suspect you may have been exposed to the virus recently, have recently been at an overseas location or interstate where there is a requirement to self-quarantine or if you have been directed to quarantine or stay at home by a health practitioner;
- If your current health, age or any other reason places you at high risk of complications - should you contract Covid-19, consider your own health and safety as a first priority;
- Don't share drinks or towels;
- Sharing of equipment should be avoided and if necessary, it should be kept to a minimum;
- Shared equipment, if any, should be regularly wiped down and sanitised, as practicable after use;
- Keep a distance of 1.5 metres where reasonably practicable;
- Sign on & off;
- All competitors shall follow the one person per 4 square metres rule ashore to ensure sufficient physical distancing between people; and
- Competitors are encouraged to use the COVID Safe App.
- Competitors will be notified wherever possible if any changes to Covid – 19 Regulations or requirements are publicly announced.
- It is recommended you regularly check the Australian Sailing Covid-19 Information Hub for announcements and ways you can minimise risk of transmission of the Covid Virus. The address link is here:
<https://www.sailingresources.org.au/covid-19/>
- Please follow and directives by organisers.

11. Prizes and Giveaways

11.1 Awards

Whilst scores will be provided there will only be awards given for first place on the following divisions

1. Womens
2. Youths
3. Ancient Mariners
4. Light Weights
5. Medium Weights
6. Heavy Weights
7. Super Heavy Weights

12. Definitions

"Event" is defined as a hosted race or series of races at a venue.

"Race" is defined as an individual race within an Event.

13. Event Merchandise.

We do not intend to retail any class specific merchandise at this event.

14. Regatta Contacts

Please feel free to contact either Al, Peter and Scott as we are keen to include everyone and help in any way we can.

Table 5. Regatta Contacts

Name	Role	Phone Number	Email / Website
Al Haynes	(NSW Class Rep)	0438 336 495	windsurferclassnsw@gmail.com
Peter Doolan	(NSW Class Rep)	0468 300 299	petermdoolan@gmail.com
Scott O'Connor	(Sailors Liaison Rep)	0420 292 065	scottyocfiji@gmail.com
Greg Johns	National Sponsor - Windsurfer LT Distributor, Charter Gear Supplier	0299 826 444	www.windgenuity.com.au