

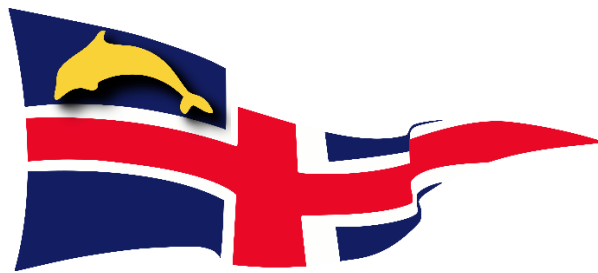


PRELIMINARY NOTICE OF RACE

# WINDSURFER

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN  
COURSE RACING CHAMPIONSHIPS

March 7 & 8 2026



*The Cruising Yacht Club of WA Inc*

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## A. Organising Authority and Location of Race

*The Cruising Yacht Club of WA Inc. (TCYC)* 2 Val Street, Rockingham, Western Australia 6168

on behalf of 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 as mandated by the Federal and/or Western Australian Department of Health.

Updates on requirements will be provided as required.

## C. Rules

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 the Notice of Race (NOR) or by the Sailing Instructions (SIs).

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."

Pumping is unrestricted for Slalom.

## 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 2025/26 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) 3<sup>rd</sup> party liability insurance either through WCAA membership with insurance option or membership of Windsurfing Western Australia (WWA) or another affiliated Australian Windsurfing Association (AWA) state or club-based organisation.

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

3. Have an active Australian Sailing (AS) Number (obtained by being a member of an AS affiliated Club)

You can check the AS number register [here](#)

If you do not have an AS number you can register for a 2 day Sail Pass at the TCYC website.

4. 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 event including meal and presentation.

No entries will be accepted after March 8, 2026.

*Competitors who have entered the WA Travellers Series with a 'Series Entry' are deemed to have registered and paid the entry fee for the State Championships – Course & Slalom*

Competitor Entry Fees (\$AUD)	
Category A – Adult male over 21 years of age	\$90
Category B – Under 21 years OR a full-time student or Women	\$50

Entries are available online – [here](#)

If the event is cancelled prior to the event due to COVID-19 restrictions in Western Australia a full refund will be provided to all competitors.

## F. Charter Boards

A limited number of charter boards may be available. For more information, contact Laurie Huck 0407195146 or Peter Holton: [peter\\_holton@mac.com](mailto:peter_holton@mac.com)

## G. Registration

All competitors shall complete registration with the Organising Authority.

Registration will occur at TCYC between 0830 and 1000hrs on Saturday, February 7 2026.

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 Third party liability (TPL) Insurance and AS number status 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

## H. Schedule

Day/Date	Event	Time	Location
Saturday 7/3/2026	Registration	0830 – 1000hrs	TCYC
	Briefing	1000hrs	
	Racing Session 1 - Warning Signal not before	1100hrs	
	Racing Session 2	PM	TCYC
	Social	~1830hrs	TCYC
Sunday 8/3/2026	Briefing	0930hrs	
	Racing Session 1 - Warning Signal not before	1000hrs	

	Racing Session 2	PM	TCYC
	Presentation	~1700hrs	TCYC

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

Competitors are strongly advised not to leave the vicinity of TCYC 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 the competition format.

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

## **I. Competition Disciplines**

Competition will be conducted in the discipline of Course Racing and Slalom

Target competition program is:

- a. minimum six (6) Course Races.

## J. Competition Divisions

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

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

For Open divisions, 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 3 or 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 TCYC.

## M. Scoring

### Course Racing

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 6 course races have been completed a board's series course racing score will be the total of her race scores.

When 6 or more course races have been completed, a board's series course racing score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score ("one drop").

Western Australian Championship divisional placings will be derived based on positional rankings taken from the overall across the line results in the fleet.

For certainty the following scoring example is provided:

Example		Example		Example		Example		Example		Example		Example		Example		Example		Example	
2021 Victorian Windsurfer Championships - Course Racing																			
Sandringham Yacht Club										February 20 & 21, 2021									
L M H SH W										5 races or more = 6 drop DNC/DNS/OCS/DSQ = Entrants +1									
First Name	Last Name	Sail #	Weight	Categor	Age	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	Total	Drop	Net	Rank	Div	Age	
X	XX	62.5		Open	Junior	2	1	4	1	1	1	2	12	4	8	1	1		J 1
Y	YY	67.7		Open		1	9	1	2	2	2	1	18	9	9	2	2		
Z	ZZ	67.7		Open		4	6	2	3	3	3	3	24	6	18	3	3		
A	AA	82.6		Open		5	3	6	6	4	7	4	35	7	28	4	1		
B	BB	75.6		Open		6	2	7	4	5	6	6	36	7	29	5	2		
C	CC	79.6		Open		7	4	3	10	6	5	5	40	10	30	6	3		
D	DD	87.6		Open		3	5	8	5	7	4	38	70	38	32	7	1		
E	EE	77.5		Open		20	12	5	7	8	8	8	68	20	48	8	4		
F	FF	82.8		Open		12	8	9	9	9	10	7	64	12	52	9	5		
G	GG	82.8		Open		14	10	10	8	10	9	14	75	14	61	10	6		
H	HH	89.6		Open		9	11	22	13	11	11	12	89	22	67	11	2		
I	II	97.6		Open		8	16	11	12	18	12	11	88	18	70	12	1		
J	JJ			Womer	Youth	13	15	12	11	15	14	9	89	15	74	13	1		Y 1
K	KK	84.6		Open		11	12	13	21	16	15	10	98	21	77	14	3		
L	LL	88.7		Open		18	17	18	18	12	13	13	109	18	91	15	7		
M	MM	83.6		Open		15	19	15	22	13	17	38	139	38	101	15	4		
N	NN	93.3		Open		21	22	27	16	14	18	15	133	27	106	17	2		
O	OO	78.9		Open		23	14	23	20	19	16	16	131	23	108	18	8		
P	PP	56		Open	Junior	10	25	17	15	21	23	23	134	25	109	19	4		J 2
Q	QQ	93.1		Open		19	18	20	17	17	24	21	136	24	112	20	3		
R	RR	45		Open	Junior	17	7	14	14	28	38	38	156	38	118	22	5		J 3
S	SS	95.1		Open		16	24	16	38	23	21	18	156	38	118	23	4		
T	TT	99		Open		25	21	21	23	22	20	17	149	25	124	24	5		
U	UU	99.2		Open		22	31	28	19	20	19	19	158	31	127	25	6		
V	VV	84.2		Open		27	23	19	24	24	25	22	164	27	137	26	5		
W	WW			Women		24	20	25	25	32	28	25	179	32	147	27	2		
X	XX			Women		23	26	24	26	25	38	38	200	38	162	28	3		

Cruisers																	
First Name	Last Name	Sail #	Weight	Division	Category	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	Total	Drop	Net	Rank	Age
AB	AB		87.4		Cruiser	3	3	3	6	2	2	1	20	6	14	1	
BB	BB		89.6		Cruiser	5	2	1	5	3	1	10	27	10	17	2	
CC	CC		64.6	Women	Cruiser	1	1	4	2	4	10	10	32	10	22	3	
DD	DD		70.6		Cruiser	6	6	7	3	1	10	10	43	10	33	4	
EE	EE		89.5	Junior	Cruiser	2	9	2	1	10	10	10	44	10	34	5	J4
FF	FF		67.6	Youth	Cruiser	9	4	6	4	10	10	10	53	10	43	6	
GG	GG			Women	Cruiser	8	7	5	10	10	10	10	60	10	50	7	
HH	HH		60		Cruiser	7	6	8	10	10	10	10	61	10	51	8	
II	II		89.5		Cruiser	4	8	10	10	10	10	10	62	10	52	9	
KK	KK		41.1		Cruiser	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	70	10	60	10	J5

## Age

Age group positions will be calculated based on the sailor's overall score (course racing place + course racing average points + slalom divisional place).

Open division sailors rank above Cruiser division competitors.

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

## N. Buoyancy

All competitors shall wear whilst competing in course 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 (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.

## 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](http://www.windsurferclassaus.com)

Windsurfer Class Western Australia Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/235680600489912>

For specific questions about TCYC and local issues:

Contact at Club (08) 9527 5468

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

Laurie Huck 0407 195 146

Peter Holton 0409 826 372

Windsurfer Class general enquiries refer to the class website.