NOTICE OF RACE

WINDSURFER

WA Midwinter Championships 2021

Sunday June 27th 2021

Organising Authority and Location of Race

Mounts Bay Sailing Club (Inc.) (**MBSC** or the **Organising Authority**)

http://www.mbsc.com.au

Location at MBSC at Australia II Drive Crawley WA 6009 PERTH

Organised by the Organising Authority with the assistance and sponsorship of the Windsurfer Class Association of Western Australia Inc. (**WCAWA**).

For the purposes of the release, hold harmless, responsibility, limitation of liability, disclaimer and protection against liability provisions (**Release Provisions**) set out in this NOR or any other document contemplated by it any reference to the Organising Authority in such Release Provisions includes and extends to each of MBSC and WCAWA and its and each of their respective officers, members, committee members, agents and servants so as to afford each and every one of them the same protections from liability under the Release Provisions as the Organising Authority.

COVID-19

The event will adhere to all health and legal directions in force during the event and may require social distancing, wearing of masks, limit group sizes and other requirements as mandated by the Federal and/or WA Department of Health. Updates on requirements will be provided as required.

Rules

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (**RRS**) (2021 – 2024) including the Australian Sailing Prescriptions all as amended by the Windsurfer Fleet Racing Rules (**WFRR**) (with the WFRR found commencing at page 65 of the RRS) and the Windsurfer Class rules, except where these are changed by the Notice of Race (NOR) or by the Sailing Instructions (SIs).

Racing Rules of Sailing (2021-2024) including Australian Sailing Prescriptions and the WFRR:

https://www.sailingresources.org.au/class-assoc/racing-rules/

Windsurfer Class Rules 2020

http://www.windsurferclassaus.com/uploads/1/2/1/7/121784591/windsurfer_class_rules_2020_final_1.9.20.pdf

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

Pumping Rules

- RRS WFRR 42 is amended to read:

"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."

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 2020/21 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 Western Australia (WWA) or another affiliated Australian Windsurfing Association (AWA) state or club-based organisation. You can check the AWA register **here**

3. Be a member of an Australian Sailing affiliated Club and have an active Australian Sailing Number

You can check the AS number register **here**

If you do not have an AS number you can purchase a temporary membership from MBSC for the duration of the regatta. Please email sailing@mbsc.com.au for further information. Cost: $50.00.This must be purchased and paid for prior to entry into and prior to the day of the event and cannot be purchased on the day of the event.

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

Entry Fee & Registration

Initial Registration and payment of fees are to be made here via topyacht:
https://www.topyacht.com.au/entreg/enter.php?e=102.2.461

https://mbsc.com.au/upcoming-regattas/

The entry fee including event racing, pizza, prize giving, social function is $45 which must be paid online by the closing date of 5pm Friday , 25 June 2021. Entry is not possible on the day so all entry and initial registration must be done online on topyacht. Late entries will not be accepted on the day of the event, even at Registration.

Entry fees into the regatta includes various benefits at and after the event including membership of the Windsurfer Class Association of Western Australia Inc. (WCAWA) for the financial year ending on 30 June 2022.

Prizes for the presentation and pizza for the regatta social function are being provided by WCAWA and other sponsors for this event.

Registration

All competitors must have entered by the published closing dates. MBSC is unable to process entries to the competition on the day of racing so you will not be permitted to race if you expect to enter on the day.

Successfully entered competitors must present for registration at MBSC between 0800 hrs and 0900 hrs on Sunday 27th June 2021. At Registration:

o All competitors will have to sign an Entry Form which includes the Entry Declaration and Disclaimer of Liability; and

o Proof of age and/or weight of a competitor may be checked, if required by the Organising Authority.

Schedule

Day/Date	Event	Time	Location
Sunday 27/06/2021	Registration	0800 – 0900hrs	MBSC Kilburn Hall
	Food and drink available for purchase on Matilda Deck	AM/PM	MBSC Matilda Deck
	Morning Briefing	0930hrs	MBSC Lawn
	Morning Racing Session 1 - Warning signal no later than:	1000hrs	Matilda Bay
	Afternoon Briefing	1330hrs	MBSC Lawn
	Afternoon Racing Session 2	1400hrs	Matilda Bay
	EVENT – Presentation (prizes provided by the Organising Authority, the Windsurfer Class Association of Western Australia Inc.and other sponsors noted at end of this NOR)	1800hrs	MBSC Upstairs Bar & Balcony
	Social event after Racing (pizza provided by Windsurfer Class Association of Western Australia Inc.)	1800hrs	MBSC Upstairs Bar & Balcony

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

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

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

Competition Disciplines

Competition will be conducted in the discipline of Course Racing only.
Target competition program is a minimum of three (3) or maximum of six (6) Course Races.

Competition Divisions

Overall results will be scored and no other divisions will be separately scored.

The following gender, age & weight divisions will be included in prizegiving allocations for first three places:

Women-Overall and Youth (under 18)

Men – Overall, Light and Heavy and Youth (under 18)

Fixed Weights:

Category	Division	Weight (kilograms)
A	Light Weight	up to and equal to 78kg
B	Heavy Weight	greater than 78kg

Results will be displayed overall for all competitors and published in full for overall standings but no divisional results for age, weight or gender as above will be scored separately nor published. The organising authority reserve the right to change the weight division cut off points in accordance with the weight demographic of the entrants.

For any weight division prizes or pennants will be allocated by the Organising Authority/Race Management to the first three overall and in each weight division and to the first three women sailors with also prizes for youth under 18.

Only the first three (3) in each weight divisions or other denominations will be published in the prizegivings at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

There will be additional prizes at the discretion of the Organising Authority and Race Management for age groups and including older and veteran sailors and for consistency or random novelty prizes.

The emphasis of the event is 50% fun and 50% racing with sailing in a regatta being a practice as a warm up for the Australian Masters Games and future events planned for the 2021-2022 season.

Competitors will enter their weight at the date of entry into the topyacht field. There is a trust reposed by the Organising Authority in the entrants in this respect. The trust is that the entrants will be truthful and honest. In the case of suspected fraud or manifest error in the submitted weight determined by the Organising Authority, Race management may require a competitor to submit to a weigh-in. The decision of the Organising Authority will be final in this respect.

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:**http://www.windsurferclassaus.com/uploads/1/2/1/7/121784591/windsurfer_class_rules_2020_final_1.9.20.pdf**

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

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 MBSC.

Scoring

Scoring will be conducted in overall placings regardless of weight and the results tabulated according to all races sailed with no discards provided that if all six (6) races are sailed by a competitor the competitor will be allowed one drop (or discard).

The low point scoring system, RRS Appendix A shall apply.
3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a competitor's series score will be the total of her race scores.
When 6 races have been completed, a competitor's series score will be the total of the competitor's race scores excluding the competitor's worst score.

If multiple divisions are raced in a fleet, the across the line overall results will rescored into divisional results but only the first three (3) in each division will be published and announced in the prize-givings at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

Touching a Mark

Rule 31 is changed to: A board may touch a mark but shall not hold on to it.

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.

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.

Trophies and Prizes

Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

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. Competitors under 18 years of age may opt out when completing the disclaimer of liability at registration, provided that they are permitted to sign by their adult guardian or legal personal representative.

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.

Media Rights

Competitors give full rights and permission to the Organising Authority and / or Windsurfer Class Association of Australia and/or Windsurfer Class Association of Western Australia Inc. 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.

Additional Information

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

Event Information at the MBSC website: https://mbsc.com.au/upcoming-regattas/

Topyacht entry: https://www.topyacht.com.au/entreg/enter.php?e=102.2.461

Windsurfer Class Association of Australia website: www.windsurferclassaus.com

Windsurfer Class Association of Western Australia Inc. website(under construction): www.windsurferclasswa.com

Facebook WCAWA: https://www.facebook.com/Windsurfer-Class-Association-of-Western-Australia-Inc-100181515374413

Club Contact Details

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For specific questions about MBSC and local issues: Larry Smith larry.smith@mbsc.com.au

Club Secretary – admin@mbsc.com.au

Event Manager – events@mbsc.com.au

Sailing Administration – sailing@mbsc.com.au

Opening Hours Office **Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM**

List of Governing Documents

Racing Rules of Sailing (2021-2024) including Australian Sailing Prescriptions

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Appendix 1 – Regatta Site and Racing Area

Mounts Bay Sailing Club, Australia II Drive Crawley WA 6009. Minutes from Perth's city centre, Mounts Bay Sailing Club sits on the banks of the Swan River and boasts spectacular city views, a huge lawn for rigging and a protected sandy beach perfect for launching during Perth's famous sea breezes.

Enjoy the event and best wishes from MBSC and WCAWA for a great MidWinters Championship ! Club racing scenes follow.

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Thanks also to all volunteers in WCAWA and at MBSC, all event, rescue, start crews, race management teams and all others who are responsible for making this happen. Sport happens because of volunteers. Thanks for your extraordinary efforts and support.