



PRELIMINARY NOTICE OF RACE

WINDSURFER

44th AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

April 1st – 5th 2021

PYC
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Organising Authority and Location of Race

Parkdale Yacht Club (PYC)

131-132 Bay Trail, Parkdale, Victoria 3195

in conjunction with the Windsurfer Class Association of Australia , Windsurfing Victoria and the Australian Windsurfing Association.

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 Victorian 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) 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.

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 Victoria (WV) 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 register for a four day Sail Pass for \$40 at the PYC website.

Go to <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/parkdaleyacht/temporary-member/>

Select "Don't have an AS number", provide your details and date of birth

You will be taken to "Select a membership type", select "SAIL PASS W/SURFER NATIONALS 2021"

Select the dates – 2/3/4/5 April 2021

Complete the rest of your details, pay via credit card

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

Entry Fee & Registration

Competitors will pay the prescribed entry fees as detailed below.

The event entry fee includes racing, event merchandise, social events and presentation.

Early entry fees apply for entries received by February 28, 2021.

The Early entry fee plus an additional \$50 will apply to all entries received from March 1, 2021.

No entries will be accepted after March 15, 2021.

Competitor Entry Fees (\$AUD)	
Category A - Adult over 21 years of age	Early = \$195
Category B - Adult who is sailing in their first WCAA Australian Championships OR has not competed in the WCAA Australian Championships since 2010 OR a full-time student OR between the age of 19 years – 21 years	Early = \$165
Category C - Under 19 years	Early = \$135
Category D - Family entry (any number of competitors from the same family)	Early = \$305
Standard Entry Fee (Enter from March 1, 2021 – March 15, 2021)	Early +\$50

Entries are available online – [click here](#) or copy url below:

<https://theclubspot.com/regatta/aRiRRC3mRe>

Charter Boards

A limited number of charter boards may be available.

Available to sailors from WA and North Queensland on a first come basis

If not filled by February 25th will be open to sailors from other areas.

Charter fee is \$200, pick up at Parkdale Yacht Club.

For more information and to reserve, contact Greg Johns at Windgenuity: wwindgen@bigpond.net.au

Registration

All competitors shall complete registration with the Organising Authority.

Registration will occur at PYC between 1500 and 1800hrs on Thursday April 1st 2021, and between 0800 and 1000hrs on Friday April 2nd 2021.

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

Schedule

Day/Date	Event	Time	Location
Thursday 1/4/2021	Registration	1500 – 1800hrs	PYC
	Social - Meet & Greet social (low key – pay as you go)	PM	PYC
	Overnight board storage		PYC
Friday 2/4/2021	Registration	0800 – 1000hrs	PYC
	Briefing	1045hrs	
	Racing Session 1 - Warning Signal not before	1130hrs	
	Racing Session 2	PM	
	Social - Welcome Night (included)	~1900hrs	To be advised
	Overnight board storage		PYC
Saturday 3/4/2021	Briefing	0930hrs	PYC
	Racing Session 1 - Warning Signal not before	1000hrs	
	Racing Session 2	PM	
	Social – TBC (pay as you go)	PM	PYC
	Overnight board storage		PYC
Sunday 4/4/2021	Briefing	0930hrs	PYC
	Racing Session 1 - Warning Signal not before	1000hrs	
	Racing Session 2	PM	
	Social - Celebration Party (included)	~1900hrs	To be advised
	Overnight board storage		PYC
Monday 5/4/2021	Briefing	0930hrs	PYC
	Racing Session 1 - Warning Signal not before	1000hrs	
	Racing Session 2 - No warning signal after	1500hrs	
	Presentation ASAP after last race		PYC
	Event Close		

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

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

Competition Disciplines

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

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

Competition Divisions

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

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

For Open divisions, the following gender & weight divisions will be scored:

Women

Men – Light / Medium / Heavy

(subject to numbers a Super Heavy division may be added at the discretion of the Organising Authority)

Weight Divisions will be allocated by one of the two following methods as per Class Rules:

1. Fixed Weights:

Category	Division	Weight (kilograms)
A	Light Weight	Less than 70 kilograms
B	Medium Weight	70.1 – 79 kilograms
C	Heavy Weight	79.1 – 88 kilograms
(optionally) D	Super Heavy Weight	88.1 kilograms or more

2. Split Weights:

- (i) Competitors will be divided into up to 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.

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

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 PYC.

Scoring

Scoring will be conducted by division.

If multiple divisions are raced in a fleet, the across the line results will rescored into divisional results.

For example, if Category A and Category B raced in the same fleet and the first Category B board finishes third across the line, it is rescored to 1st for the Category B 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 8 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").

When 9 or more course races have been completed, a board's series course racing score will be the total of her divisional race scores excluding her two worst scores ("two drops").

Slalom and Freestyle scoring 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

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Slalom : divisional place

+

Marathon : divisional place

=

Overall score

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

Age Group	Age
Junior	Under 15 years on the 1 st racing day of the Event
Youth	Between 15 and under 20 years on the 1 st racing day of the Event
Master	40 years or older on the 1 st racing day of the Event
Grand Master	50 years or older on the 1 st racing day of the Event
Legend	60 years or older on the 1 st racing day of the Event

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 Windsurfer Class Association.

The Windsurfer Class Youth Scholarship will be awarded to the best overall placed male and female aged under 20 years. Sailors who have previously been awarded a Scholarship are ineligible.

Responsibility

Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 4 - 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.

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 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.

Additional Information

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

Windsurfer Class website: www.windsurferclassaus.com

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

For specific questions about PYC and local issues:

Paul Grimshaw grimshaw.wisp@gmail.com 0419 666 192

For general event information, entry queries, membership and class matters: windsurfer.regatta.team@gmail.com

Appendix 1 – Regatta Site and Racing Area

Parkdale Yacht Club – 131-132 Bay Trail, Parkdale, Victoria

Parkdale is a bayside suburb, located 23 km south-east from Melbourne's central business district.

The racing area will be the waters of Port Philip Bay adjacent to the Parkdale Yacht Club.



Appendix 2 – Additional Information

Parkdale Yacht Club Venue & Facilities



Parkdale Yacht Club is located right on the edge of Port Phillip Bay with a fantastic viewing deck facing the racing area. Perfect for spectators to watch the action and for sailors to unwind after sailing.

The Club is undergoing a complete rebuild and will be a state-of-the-art sailing facility.

The club has a canteen for coffee, cold drinks, lunches and light snacks before and after racing.

The premises is licensed and offers a range of beverages for purchase.

Showers, change rooms and a large general lounge room is available.

There are grass and sand rigging areas at PYC.

Parking on Beach Road and surrounding streets is non-metered.

Secure board storage is available from Thursday 1st – Monday 5th April.

Weather

Sailing at Parkdale provides a challenging variety of potential conditions.

The majority of wind directions provide clear wind flow over the course area.

Land effects may come into play when the wind directions move into the North and East.

The prevailing synoptic pattern favours a southerly direction.

The passing of cold fronts can disrupt the pattern and will often result in a moderate northerly wind followed by a swing to the south west, and an accompanying rise (sometimes only briefly) in wind speeds.

With the wind from the West or South expect some swell and chop.

As the breeze increases the wave size can reach 1m depending on direction.

April	
Average Wind speed	Mean at 0900hrs: 7 knots – S
	Mean at 1500hrs: 11.5 knots – S
Average Temperature	Mean maximum: 18°C
	Mean minimum: 11°C
Average Water Temperature	17°C
Rainfall	Average Rain Days per month: 8

Travel - Melbourne from / to Melbourne Airport

Parkdale Yacht Club is 50 kilometres (approx. 1 hour) from Melbourne Tullamarine Airport.

Regular domestic flights by Qantas and Virgin to Melbourne from all states.

Rental cars are available for pickup from Melbourne Airport.

Skybus (skybus.com.au) runs regular express bus services from Melbourne Airport.

The Frankston & Peninsula Airport Shuttle (FAPAS) offers a stop at Parkdale Motor Inn, 2.3km's from Parkdale YC.

Taxi's cost approximately \$100 door to door.

Trains are available from Flinders Street Station. Take the Frankston line and get off at Parkdale station. It is then a 10-minute walk to the Club.

Local Travel

Taxi's are widely available:

13 Cabs	13 22 27	Silver Top	13 10 08
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Uber is available in Melbourne and can be booked online via the Uber app.

Accommodation

Please do not hesitate to contact the Regatta Organising Committee with any queries
windsurfer.regatta.team@gmail.com

There are a range of accommodation options close to the venue.

Beaumaris Bay Motel (3.5-star)

31 Bodley Street Beaumaris 3193

(3.4km from Club)

Telephone (03) 9589 6044

www.beaubay.com.au/

Parkdale Motor Inn (3-star motel/apartments)

202-208 Nepean Highway (Corner Warrigal Road) Parkdale 3195

(2.3 km from Club)

Telephone: (03) 9584 4222

www.parkdalemotorinn.com.au

Email: stay@parkdalemotorinn.com.au

Aspendale Shore Motel (3 Star and 3-star apartment)

31 Nepean Highway Aspendale 3195

(2.7km from Club)

Telephone: (03) 9580 6140

www.aspendaleshoremotel.com.au/

Email: admin@aspendaleshoremotel.com.au

The Buckingham International (4 -star motel, 4.5-star apartments)

1130 Nepean Highway Highett 3190

(6.5km from Club)

Telephone: (03) 9555 0011

www.thebuckingham.com.au/

Email: contact@thebuckingham.com.au

Air BnB list over 50 properties within 3 kilometres of PYC.

Local Amenities

Within a 10-minute walk is the Parkdale strip shopping area which offers a good range of options including a small IGA, fast and fresh food retailers and a Pharmacy.

Within a 5-minute drive is the major retail precinct at Mordialloc that includes a large Woolworths supermarket, Pharmacy, Bottle Shops, Bakeries, Greengrocer and a variety of fast food and other retail.