



2009 Coastwide Oceanic & Australian Raceboard Championships, Illawarra Yacht Club, Wollongong, NSW :: January 23rd to January 25th 2009.

An Australian Windsurfing Association sanctioned event

Notice of Race

1. Event

- 1.1. The 2009 OCEANIC & AUSTRALIAN RACEBOARD CHAMPIONSHIPS will be held from Friday, January 23rd to Sunday, January 25th 2009 at the Illawarra Yacht Club, Wollongong, NSW, Australia
- 1.2. The event is sanctioned by the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) and the International Raceboard Class (IRC) as a Continental Championship.
- 1.3. The event shall be known as "The Coastwide Oceanic & Australian Raceboard Championships".

2. Organiser

- 2.1. The championships will be organised by The Illawarra Yacht Club as the Local Organising Authority (LOA) for and on behalf of, and under specified conditions laid down by the Windsurfing NSW, Australian Windsurfing Association (AWA), the IRC and the ISAF.
- 2.2. The main event sponsors are Coastwide Fabrication & Erection and the Wollongong City Council.

3. Venue

- 3.1. The event will be based at the Illawarra Yacht Club on Lake Illawarra, Wollongong, NSW, Australia. Wollongong is a major regional centre in NSW, 85 km south of Sydney's CBD. The nearest international airport is Sydney Airport, some 75 km north of Wollongong.
- 3.2. Conditions to be expected (based on January 2008)- winds SE to NE, average maximum (at 3pm) speed of 7 – 18 knots; water temperature 22°C; air temperature 20 – 29°C.

4. Rules

- 4.1. This is an ISAF sanctioned event governed by:
 - 4.1.1. The 2009-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), and Appendix B – Windsurfing
 - 4.1.2. The International Raceboard Class Rules V1.1 (2005) and 2008 amendments, (IRCR);
 - 4.1.3. The International Raceboard Class Championship Rules, (IRCCR);
 - 4.1.4. This Notice of Race (NoR) & the Sailing Instructions (SIs).
- 4.2. Alterations to the SIs must be approved by the event's Race Committee.
- 4.3. This event is a category 'C' class as set out in ISAF Regulation 20 - Advertising Code.

5. Eligibility & Entry

- 5.1. All entries shall meet the requirements of ISAF Regulation 19 - Eligibility Code.
- 5.2. Competitors shall possess valid third party liability insurance.

6. Classes & Divisions

6.1. Equipment Divisions

- Raceboard Open – Unlimited sail size
- Raceboard International – Sail sizes will comply with IRCCR G1.1
- Raceboard 7.5 – 7.5m² maximum sail size.
- Raceboard Silver
- Raceboard Junior

6.2. Gender Divisions:

- 6.2.1. The Championship is a single discipline event for Men and Women ;
- 6.2.2. Women shall race with the Men's fleet.

6.3. Age Divisions:

- 6.3.1. A junior is a boy or girl who is less than 17 years of age
- 6.3.2. A Youth is a man or woman who is less than 20 years of age
- 6.3.3. A Master is a man who has reached the age of 35 or a woman who has reached the age of 30
- 6.3.4. A Grand Master is a man who has reached the age of 45 or a woman who has reached the age of 40.
- 6.3.5. An Ancient Mariner is a man who has reached the age of 55 or a woman who has reached the age of 50.
- 6.3.6. A competitor shall have reached the minimum age in the relevant division by Dec 31st 2008.
- 6.3.7. A competitor shall not be older than the maximum age limit in the relevant division by Dec 31st 2009.

6.4. Raceboard Open, International, 7.5 and Silver divisions will race as one fleet.

6.5. The Raceboard Silver division will race a lesser number of laps and/or may race a different course, as decided by the race committee, largely depending upon conditions and the number of entrants.

6.6. The Raceboard Junior division will race on its own course.

6.7. The Oceanic Championship will be decided by the results in the Raceboard International division.

6.8. Competitors racing in the Raceboard 7.5 division are automatically included in the Raceboard International & Open divisions. Competitors racing in the Raceboard International division are automatically included in the Raceboard Open division.

7. Race Format

- 7.1. There shall be a maximum of 4 races per day. The maximum number of races in the series is 10.
- 7.2. A minimum of three (3) races are required for a valid Championship.
- 7.3. For the Raceboard Junior division there will be a maximum of 2 races per day. The maximum number of races in the series is 5.
- 7.4. For the Raceboard Junior division a minimum of three (3) races are required for a valid championship.

8. Schedule

Friday Jan 23 rd	0830 – 1030 hrs Registration 1030 hrs Skippers meeting 1100 hrs First possible start
Saturday Jan 24 th	0830 – 1000 hrs Registration
Sat/Sun Jan 24/25 th	1030 hrs Skippers meeting 1100 hrs First possible start

Sunday Jan 25th Last possible start 1600 hrs, Prize Giving Ceremony 1800 hrs

Monday Jan 26th Australia Day IYC Marathon (non-championship race), Departures

For the Raceboard Junior division;

Friday Jan 23 rd	0830 – 1000 hrs Registration 1000 hrs Skippers meeting 1030 hrs First possible start
Saturday Jan 24 th	0830 – 0900 hrs Registration
Sat/Sun Jan 24/25 th	0930 hrs Skippers meeting 1000 hrs Racing

9. Equipment & Inspection

- 9.1. All competitors shall bring their own equipment.
- 9.2. It is the responsibility of each competitor to ensure that his/her board and equipment conforms to the International Raceboard Class Rules.
- 9.3. Equipment checks may be made throughout the event.
- 9.4. The equipment inspectors may pay special attention to sail identification. National letters & sail numbers may be placed on both sides of the sail and in a colour that contrasts strongly with the body of the sail; placed immediately above the event advertising. All competitors should endeavour to comply with the national letter system according to the RRS 77.
- 9.5. Competitors can nominate three (3) different sails to use over the event. This statement changes IRCR paragraph C.1.1(a)

10. Sailing Instructions (SIs)/ Event Programme

The sailing instructions will be available from the www.iycwindsurfing.net.au website and at registration. Details about the event programme scheduling social functions will be available from the registration office.

11. Venue

The Illawarra Yacht Club, Northcliffe Drive, Wollongong, NSW is the event base. The rigging area is in front of the western car park. The sailing area will be on Lake Illawarra.

12. Courses

The course to be set for any race will be determined by the Race Committee and set by the race officer. The race officer will ensure that the course diagram is posted on the Official Notice Board not later than 30 minutes before the start of a race.

13. Scoring

The RRS-Appendix A - low points scoring system shall apply.

14. National Jury

A National Jury will be appointed in accordance with the RRS 70.5. Their decisions will be final and cannot be appealed.

15. Radio Communications

A sailor shall neither make radio transmission while racing nor receive radio communication not available to all sailors. This restriction also applies to mobile telephone communications.

16. Coaches & Support Boats

- 16.1. Coaches are required to complete registration as per competitors.
- 16.2. Coach boats may support competitors. If you propose to bring your own, please advise the local organisers in advance.
- 16.3. Coaches and support crew shall wear buoyancy at all times whilst afloat.
- 16.4. Coach boats shall keep 100m clear of the course area during racing except when asked to assist by the Race Committee.

17. Personal Flotation Devices

All competitors shall wear above the waist a jacket, harness, or vest with a minimum buoyancy of 4kg uninflated, in fresh water. The buoyancy shall be tested with a metal weight of 4kg, which shall remain supported for a minimum of 5 minutes. It is recommended to be at least a Type 2 PFD under Australian Standards of Safety Equipment. Personal buoyancy shall not weigh more than 1.5kg when wet weighed in accordance with RRS Appendix H. Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 1.2.

18. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors take part in all races at their own risk. See RRS rule 4, Decision to race. The IYC, Windsurfing NSW, AWA IRC and sponsors, their officers, members, servants, agents or representatives accept no liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the championship.

19. Insurance

All entrants competing in the 2009 Coastwide Oceanic & Australian Raceboard Championships shall have third-party liability insurance cover of not less than AUD \$1,000,000 or equivalent thereof in any currency for any accident. All coaches/competitors who sign the Entry Form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover. Competitors may be asked to produce evidence of such insurance at registration.

20. Bibs/ Vests & Competitors Sail Branding

During racing, competitors may be required by the organisers to wear bibs/vests carrying the event sponsors' branding; and carry the event sponsors' advertising on their sails. The stickers may not be cut or trimmed in any way.

21. Medals and Prizes

- 21.1. Medals or trophies may be awarded up to the first three place getters within the Raceboard International division – Men's division, depending on entry numbers.
- 21.2. Medals or trophies may be awarded up to the first three place getters within the Raceboard International women's division depending on entry numbers.
- 21.3. Medals or trophies may be awarded to the first place getter within the Raceboard Open division.
- 21.4. Medals or trophies may be awarded to the first place getter within the Raceboard 7.5 division.
- 21.5. Medals or trophies may be awarded to the first place getter within the Junior, Youth, Masters, Grand Masters, and Ancient Mariner divisions in the Raceboard International division, depending on entry numbers.
- 21.6. The first male in the Raceboard International division shall be known as the 2009 Oceanic and Australian (male) Raceboard Champion. The first female in Raceboard International division shall be known as the 2009 Oceanic and Australian (female) Raceboard Champion.

22. Anti Doping

Competitors are reminded of RRS rule 5.

23. Television and Media

In registering for the event, competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority the right in perpetuity to make, use and show from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproduction of them, taken during the period of the event, for the said Championship as defined in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions in which he/she participates without compensation.

24. Dress Code

- 24.1. Smart casual clothes shall be worn for the Prize Giving Ceremony.
- 24.2. The organisers reserve the right to refuse entry to anyone whose standard of attire is not commensurate with the occasion.

25.Accommodation

There is a variety of holiday-rental accommodation, caravan parks and camping available in the areas near to the race site and in the surrounding suburbs. More information about accommodation for the event will be posted on the IYC Windsurfing website: www.iycwindsurfing.net.au.

26.Air Travel/ Transportation/ Transfers

- 26.1. Sydney has both an International and Domestic Airport, approximately 75km north of the race site.
- 26.2. The organising Committee can arrange transport to and from the airport for equipment, competitors and support personnel. It would assist the organiser if the competitors, requiring this service, could advise their flight details at least a week prior to the first day of the event.

27.Registration

- 27.1. The registration office during the regatta will be situated on the ground floor of the Illawarra Yacht Club, adjacent to the rigging and race area. For more local information before the regatta and to make enquiries please contact: Glen Morrell mobile: +61 (0)418 493 763
E-mail: glen.morrell@gmail.com - URL: www.iycwindsurfing.net.au
Pat Coleman mobile +61 (0)414 244 144
E-mail: aus456@gmail.com - URL: www.lbws.com.au
- 27.2. Competitors will be required to produce the following information at registration.
 - 27.2.1. Equipment Registration Form
 - 27.2.2. Regatta entry fee
- 27.3. Competitors may be required to produce the following information at registration
 - 27.3.1. Proof of current third-party insurance
 - 27.3.2. Proof of age

28.Entries & Payment

- 28.1. The entry fee for this event is \$AUD 60.
- 28.2. Junior competitors can enter free of charge.
- 28.3. Entry fees will be paid on site in cash in AUD\$ only.

29.Amendments

Any amendments to this Notice of Race will be posted on the IYCWindsurfing website no later than 1 January 2009.