

2017 FORMULA & RACEBOARD OCEANIC/AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

24th to 27th January 2017

TO BE HELD AT

Jimmy's Beach, Hawks Nest, NSW, Australia

Organised by:

Australian Windsurfing Association
in co-operation with the
International Raceboard Class Association,
International Formula Windsurfing Class Association

An International Windsurfing Association sanctioned event *including;*

2017 Oceanic Formula Windsurfing Championships
2017 Australian Formula Windsurfing Championships
2017 Oceanic Raceboard Championships
2017 Australian Raceboard Championships



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1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing for 2017-2020, Appendix B Windsurfing Competition Rules (WCR).
- 1.2 The respective Class Rules will apply.
- 1.3 No national prescriptions will apply.
- 1.4 If there is conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions (SI's), the SI's will take precedence.
- 1.5 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2 ADVERTISING

Boards may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. World Sailing Regulation 20 'Advertising Code' shall apply.

3 CLASSES and DIVISIONS

- 3.1 The participating classes shall be Formula and Raceboard.
- 3.2 The participating divisions shall be:
 - 3.2.1 Raceboard Class – Men, Women, Youth, Senior, Master, Grand Master, Veteran, 7.8m.
 - 3.2.2 Formula Class – Men, Women, Youth, Grand Master, Veteran, Legend
- 3.3 **Age Divisions:**
 - 3.3.1 A Youth shall be under the age 20 (born in or after 1998).
 - 3.3.2 A Senior shall be a man or woman over the age of 19 (men born 1997 or earlier).
 - 3.3.3 A Master shall be a man over the age of 35 (men born 1981 or earlier) or a woman over the age of 30 (women born 1986 or earlier).
 - 3.3.4 A Grand Master shall be a man aged 45 or older (born in 1971 or earlier) or a woman aged 40 or older (born in 1976 or earlier).
 - 3.3.5 A Veteran shall be a man aged 55 or older (born in 1961 or earlier) or a woman aged 50 or older (born in 1966 or earlier).
 - 3.3.6 A Legend shall be a man aged 65 or older (born in 1951 or earlier) or a woman aged 60 or older (born in 1956 or earlier).
- 3.4 **Weight Divisions (Raceboard):**
 - 3.4.1 Light weight - 69.9 kilo and below;
 - 3.4.2 Medium weight - 70 to 85 kilo;
 - 3.4.3 Heavy weight - 85.1 kilo and above.
 - 3.4.4 Competitors weighing in close to or within + - 2 kg to the next weight division may choose in which division to participate.
- 3.5 **7.8 Sail Division (Raceboard)**
 - 3.5.1 For competitors registering 7.8m² maximum sail size.
 - 3.5.2 Competitors in this division will sail a shortened course.
- 3.6 **Free Formula Division (Formula)**
 - 3.6.1 Competitors in this division will sail a shortened course.
 - 3.6.2 All Youth will sail in the Free Formula division.
- 3.7 A minimum of 3 competitors is required to constitute a class and/or division.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Entries shall meet requirements of World Sailing Regulation 19-Eligibility Code.
- 4.2 Competitors shall be members of a National Class Association which is a paid up member of the relevant international class association, or of the IWA. Membership formalities can be completed on site.
- 4.3 Eligible competitors may enter by completing the online entry forms at:
<http://downunderpro.com/> - by 24th January 2017.
The following shall be presented upon registration:
- Evidence of valid third party insurance
 - Proof of age
- 4.4 Junior competitors must ensure the following forms are completed online:
- [Parental Permission Form](#) - *for those under age of 18*
- 4.5 Coaches and team support personnel may register on registration day at the race office. The following shall be presented upon registration:
- Boat Driving Licence (if applicable)
 - Evidence of valid third party insurance.

5 FEES

- 5.1 The required fees are as follows:
Youth (under 20): 150 \$AUS
Men/Women: 250 \$AUS
- 5.2 Entry fees are paid online as part of the registration process. Paypal is used as the payment agent – you don't need a Paypal account to pay, however a credit or debit card will be required if you don't have an account.

6 RACE FORMAT

- 6.1 The Championship shall be a single discipline, course racing, "open entry" event.
- 6.2 Formula and Raceboard classes will sail as fleets with separate starts.
- 6.3 All divisions in each class shall race together.
- 6.4 For Raceboard, there shall race a maximum 4 races per day, in a maximum 15 race series.
- 6.5 For Formula, there shall be a maximum of 5 races per day, in a maximum 15 race series.
- 6.6 Three races are required to validate the championship for each class.

7 SCHEDULE

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| Monday 23 Jan | 1700 | Welcome food & drink |
| Tuesday 24 Jan | 0930-1130 | Registration |
| | 1200 | Skippers Meeting |
| | 1300 | Racing |
| Wednesday 25 Jan to | 1100 | Racing |
| Friday 27 Jan | 1100 | Racing |
| | 1600 | Last possible warning signal |
| | 1800 | Prize giving and closing ceremony |
- 7.1 The first possible warning signal each day will not be made before 1100hrs,

except on the first day when the first possible warning signal will not be made before 1300hrs.

8 EQUIPMENT & EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 8.1 An Equipment Registration Form, which will be available at registration, shall be returned to the Event Equipment Inspector before the start of competition.
- 8.2 Equipment inspections may be made at any time during the event.
- 8.3 Unless otherwise directed by the organizing authority, boards and equipment shall be stored, launched and retrieved from the designated area at the event site.
- 8.4 Australian Raceboard Championship. Those sailors only competing for the Australian Championship may race with a board that is not registered with ISAF, but shall complete the online form to seek prior approval from the organiser.

9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions (SI's) will be available upon registration. Any changes to the SI's shall be approved by the Race Officer and Class Representatives at the event.

10 COURSES

Courses will be as described in the sailing instructions.

11 PROTEST COMMITTEE

An 'Independent Protest Committee' will be appointed according to WCR 91(a).

12 SCORING

- 12.1 Scoring will be according to the WCR B8, and using the Low Points Scoring System. For the Formula Class, WCR B8.A2.1 shall be replaced by: "Each board's series score shall be the total of her race scores with the number of her worst scores excluded as follows: 1-3 races, 0 excluded; 4-6 races, 1 excluded; 7-10 races, 2 excluded; 11-15 races, 3 excluded.
- 12.2 An overall ranking will be published. The finishing positions for the Women, Youth, Master, Grandmaster, Veteran 7.8m, and Weight Divisions will be determined by their respective finishing position in the overall ranking.
- 12.3 Each class shall be scored separately and for the Oceanic and Australian Raceboard titles the results will be scored separately.

13 SUPPORT BOATS

Support boats shall be registered at the race office.

14 SAFETY

Every competitor shall wear, whilst afloat, a personal flotation device that shall conform to the minimum standard of ISO 12402-5 (level 50), or meets AUS Standards AS1499 & AS1512.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SHEET

The following information is not part of the rules for the Event.

A ACCOMMODATION

There is a variety of holiday-rental accommodation, caravan parks and camping available in the areas directly adjacent to the race site and in the surrounding town. More information about accommodation for the event will be updated on the event website:

<http://downunderpro.com/>

B AIR TRAVEL/TRANSPORTATION/TRANSFERS

Hawks Nest Beach is 56km north of Newcastle Airport, the nearest domestic airport and 234km north of Sydney International Airport, the nearest international airport.

The organiser will endeavour to arrange help with transport to and from Sydney or Newcastle airport for equipment, competitors and support personnel for those travelling from interstate/overseas. It would assist the organiser if the competitors, requiring this service, could advise their flight details as early as possible prior to the first day of the event.

C PREVAILING CONDITIONS

Wind: 10 to 25 knots; sideshore and onshore.

Water temperature: 25°C. Air temperature: 25 – 35°C.

E VENUE

Jimmy's Beach (*Coorilla Street Carpark*) Hawks Nest, NSW 2324, AUS.

F CHARTER BOARDS - Raceboards

A small selection of *used* Starboard Phantoms will be available for charter on a first come first served basis. The boards are complete with fins, straps and centreboard.

Contact Glen Morrell for more details.