



2023

# WINDSURFER

## QUEENSLAND STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2022  
Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club, Boreen Point, QLD



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Organising Authority: Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club on behalf of the Windsurfer Class Association of Australia, Windsurfing QLD and the Australian Windsurfing Association

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club, in association with Windsurfing QLD and the Windsurfer Class Association of Australia (WCAA), welcomes Windsurfer Class sailors participating in the 2023 Windsurfer Class Queensland State Championships and their families, friends, supporters and sponsors.

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021 – 2024. In the event of a conflict, these Sailing Instructions (SIs) will prevail.
- 1.2. The Windsurfer Class rules will apply.
- 1.3. The Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 for off the beach boats shall apply.

### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official race notice board located upstairs, inside the clubhouse at Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club.

### 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 45 minutes before the scheduled start time of first race of the day it will take effect on the official notice board.

#### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the club flagpole on the yardarm at Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 20 minutes' in the race signal AP instruction.
- 4.3. When Code Flag 'Q' is displayed ashore, no boards are permitted to leave the shore

#### 5. SIGNALS MADE AFLOAT

- 5.1. In addition to the signals provided in the rules, the following signal will be used. International Pennant 'M' displayed on the finishing boat means, "Competitors should remain in the starting area. There will be another race starting in the current racing period as soon as the Race Officers deem practical."

#### 6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 6.1. The Championship is an 'On Call' regatta. The event/s for each day will be advised at that day's briefing.
- 6.2. Multiple briefings may be conducted during the day before each race session.
- 6.3. No racing session will be started prior to 1200 hours on Saturday, nor after 1500 hours on Sunday.
- 6.4. The competition schedule will be in accordance with the following, as well as notices to competitors:

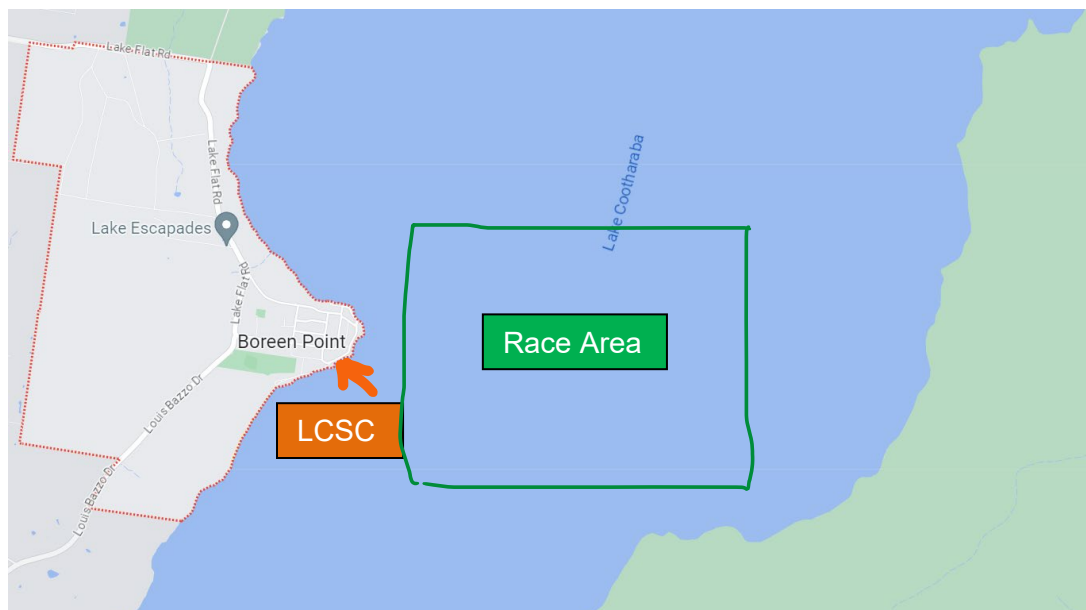
Day	Date	Activity	Time
Saturday	4/11/2023	Registration	0930-1030hrs
		Competitor Briefing	1100
		Race Session 1	1200
		Race Session 2 BYO dinner at Apollonian Hotel	PM ~1800
Sunday	5/11/2023	Competitor Briefing	0930
		Race Session 1 First signal not before	1030
		Race Session 2 No warning signal after	1500
		Presentation	ASAP after racing

#### 7. CLASS FLAG

- 7.1 The class flag will be square, with a white Windsurfer symbol on a blue background.

## 8. RACING AREA

8.1 The competition area will be as noted in the below map.



## 9. COURSES

- 9.1. The diagrams in Attachment 1 show the course for course racing.
- 9.2. All divisions will race on the same course. Divisions may race in one fleet or may be divided into multiple fleets.
- 9.3. Course racing sessions may consist of multiple races back-to-back.
- 9.4. A maximum of 7 course races will be conducted.

## 10. MARKS

### 10.1. Course Racing Course

- Marks 1, 2 and 3 will be a round red buoys.
- The starting marks will be a flagstaff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat at the starboard end and a mark with a purple inflatable buoy. (mark S)
- The finishing marks will be a blue flag on the Race Committee boat and a round red buoy (mark F)
- A clearance buoy may be streamed from the stern of the Race Committee start boat. Boards shall not pass between this buoy and the Race Committee start boat at any time.

## 11. THE START

### 11.1. Course Races

Course races will be started by using rule 26 amended as follows:

<i>: Minutes relative to starting signal</i>	<i>Flag Signal</i>	<i>Sound Signal</i>	<i>Means</i>
- 5	Class Flag and Numeral flags	One	Warning signal
- 4	Code Flag P, U, Black flag	One	Preparatory signal
- 1	Preparatory flag removed	One	One minute
0	Class Flag and Numeral Pennant removed	One long	Starting Signal
+ 30 Seconds		3 short	Cease Pumping

- A board starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored 'Did Not Start'.

## 12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing mark) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 12.2. Except at a gate, boards shall pass between the race committee boat signaling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes rule 28.1.

## 13. PROPULSION

- 13.1. Rule 42 shall apply only when competitors are sailing to windward or on a close-hauled course from 30 seconds after the starting signal (changes rules 42). Three short sound signals may be made to indicate 30 seconds after the starting signal.
- 13.2. A member of the race committee or a designated observer who sees a competitor infringing SI 13.1 may disqualify that competitor without a hearing.

## 14. PENALTIES

Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

## 15. TIME LIMIT COURSE RACING

- 15.1. The target time for the first board to complete the full course will be 25 minutes.
- 15.2. The time limit for the first board to complete the full course will be 45 minutes. If no board has finished within 50 minutes of the start of that race, the race will be abandoned
- 15.3. Boards failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first board in their start group finishes the full course will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4, and A5.

## 16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

### 16.1. Course Racing

- Competitors intending to protest shall inform the finish boat as soon as practicable after finishing.
- Protest forms will be available from the Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club on the official notice board or from the shore race officer. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the race officer within the appropriate time limit.
- The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last board has finished the last race of the day.
- Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the race office beginning at the time posted.
- Notices of protests by the race committee will be posted to inform competitors under Rule 61.1(b).
- Breaches of instructions 18, 20 and 23 will not be grounds for protest by a board. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the Protest Committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this Instruction will be
- On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered;
  - within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
  - no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes Rule 66.

16.2. On the last scheduled day of competition, a request for redress based on a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes Rule 62.2 and Rule 66.

## 17. SCORING

17.1. Course Racing: Appendix A will apply for course racing.

17.2. Three course races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

17.3. When fewer than 5 course races have been completed, a board's series course racing score will be the total of her race scores.

17.4. When from 5 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"). This changes Appendix B A2 (a) and (b).

17.5. The QLD Windsurfer State Champions will be awarded based on the divisional results in course racing.

## 18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1. For each Course race or Course race session each board intending to race shall personally sign-on using the Windsurfer App prior to the warning signal of the race or race session, and shall personally sign-off as soon as practicable upon returning to shore, but no later than the end of protest time for that day. QR codes for opening the webapp will be available around the race site area.

Failure to comply with this Instruction will result in a board being penalised with a scoring penalty of 5 places in her division in the race or the first race of that race session by the Race Committee. This changes Rule 63.1 and A4.1.

18.2. All competitors shall wear whilst competing, personal flotation devices which are in good condition and in accordance with the specifications issued or approved by Australian Sailing. Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 1.2

18.3. A competitor that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee before leaving the racing area, or if that is not possible, shall notify the race office as soon as possible after returning ashore and before the end of the protest time limit.

## **19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

- 19.1. A board or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and Sailing Instructions. On the water, a board can be instructed by a Race Committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.
- 19.2. Substitution of equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 19.3. Competitors shall not wear or carry clothing or equipment for the purpose of increasing their weight. However, a competitor may wear a drinking container that shall have a maximum capacity of one litre and weigh no more than 1.5 kilograms when full.

## **20. SUPPORT BOATS**

- 20.1. Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boards are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first division/s to start until all boards have finished or retired or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 20.2. During any start sequence support boats shall stay at least 50 metres below the starting line and its extensions.

## **21. BASIC PRINCIPLES**

- 21.1. Environmental Responsibility - participants are encouraged to minimize any adverse environmental impact for the event.
- 21.2. Sailors shall not put rubbish in the water. Rubbish may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

## **22. ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION**

- 22.1. Radio: except in an emergency, a board shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boards. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.
- 22.2. Tracking equipment: during the marathon only, competitors may carry a mobile phone or GPS device. This allows for a competitor to use a GPS-based application, or similar, in order for a remotely located guest to follow their on-water progress.

## **23. RACE RESULTS**

Race results will be posted on the official notice board when available. Results may also be published online.

## **24. PRIZES**

- 24.1. Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

## **25. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 25.1. Competitors who participate in competition at Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club do so entirely at their own risk and 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".
- 25.2. Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club, Windsurfing QLD, Australian Sailing and the Windsurfer Class Association of Australia, its officers, officials, members, servants, volunteers and agents accept no liability with respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of competitors' participation or intended participation in the event or howsoever arising in connection with the event.

25.3. ENTRY DISCLAIMER

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

25.4. All competitors will be required to sign an entry form at registration that includes an entry disclaimer.

By way of entering, competitors also agree to compete in a spirit of good sportsmanship, which promotes safe, fair and inclusive sport.

**26. INSURANCE**

26.1. Every competitor shall be a member of the Windsurfer Class Association of Australia.

26.2. Every competitor shall have valid public liability insurance through an approved Australian Windsurfing Association (AWA) affiliated member organization.

26.3. Every competitor who enters the Championship is deemed to have confirmed that they have such insurance. Competitors found not to have such insurance shall have their entry revoked.

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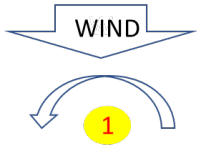
<http://www.windsurfing.org/insurance.htm>

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## ATTACHMENT 1 – COURSE DIAGRAMS

### COURSE RACING DIAGRAM

The following diagram describes the course, the order in which the marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.



#### Course – Triangle / Windward/Leeward

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Open Men / Women: **Start – 1 (Port) – 2 (P) – 3 (P) – 1 (P) – S (P) – Finish**  
Cruiser: **Start – 1 (P) – 2 (P) – S (P) – Finish**

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