



2021/22 Class Update

*7.30 pm Wednesday,
June 29, 2022
Via Zoom meeting*





Meeting Attendees & Formalities

In Attendance

Nick Bez
Justin Page
Steve Newman
Paul Grimshaw
Shane Baker
Peter Doolan
Geoff Kitchen
Mark Simpson
Josh Green
Martin Gamble
Karen Murden
Peter Monkhouse
David West
Grant Berry
Al Haynes
Scott Watson
Jim Kariotis

Apologies

Greg Johns
Tim Bannerman
Scotty O'Connor

Chairman / Host

Nick Bez (WCAA President)

Meeting Commenced

7:32pm AEST

Meeting Concluded

8:31pm AEST



Agenda

Review of 2021/22 Season

Announcement of WCAA
National Committee for
2022/23 & Forward Plans

General Business



2021/22 Committee

President:	Nick Bez
Secretary:	Jim Kariotis
Treasurer:	Paul Grimshaw
SA State Rep:	Tim Lelliott
VIC State Rep:	Justin Page
QLD State Rep:	Josh Green
WA State Rep:	Paul White
TAS State Rep:	Al Cook
ACT State Rep:	Mark Simpson
NSW Reps:	Al Haynes Peter Doolan (Scotty O'Connor)
WNSW Rep:	Martin Stone





WCAA Structure



National Exec

President

Treasurer

Secretary

State Reps

NSW

VIC

QLD

SA

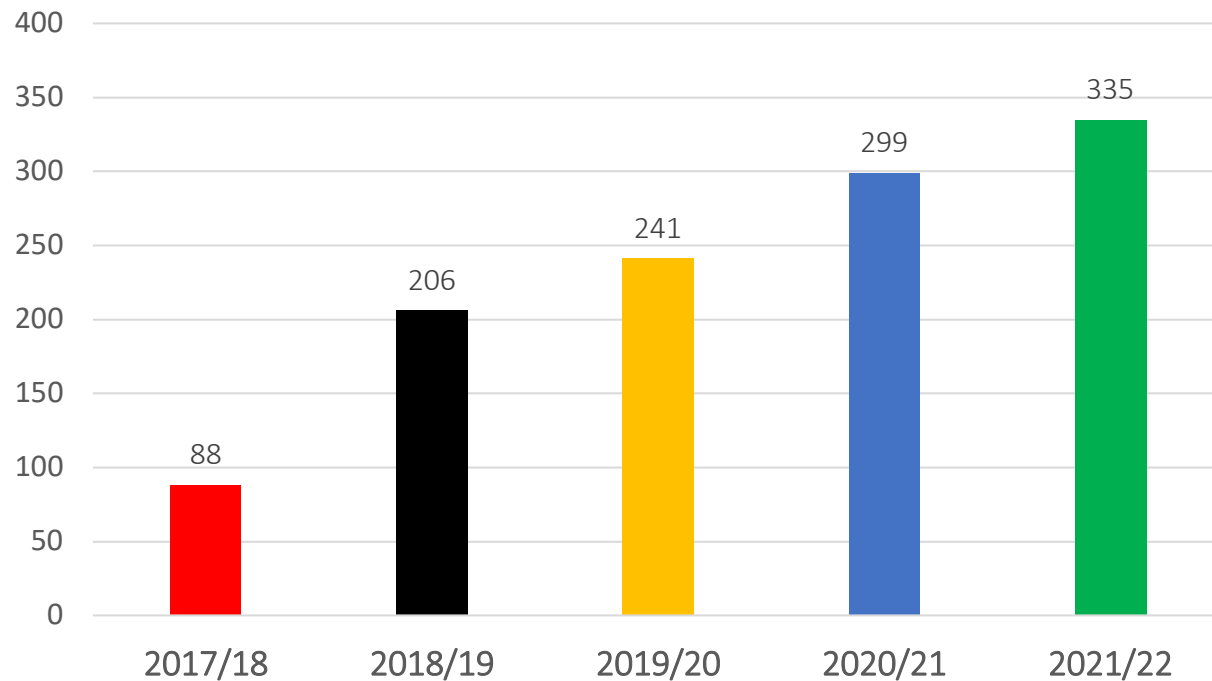
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ACT

2021/22 Activities – Class Membership

2021/22 member numbers continued momentum



Member pricing static
(4 years no increase) - \$65/\$40



- WCAA now 1/3 of all AWA members!!



National Class Supporters



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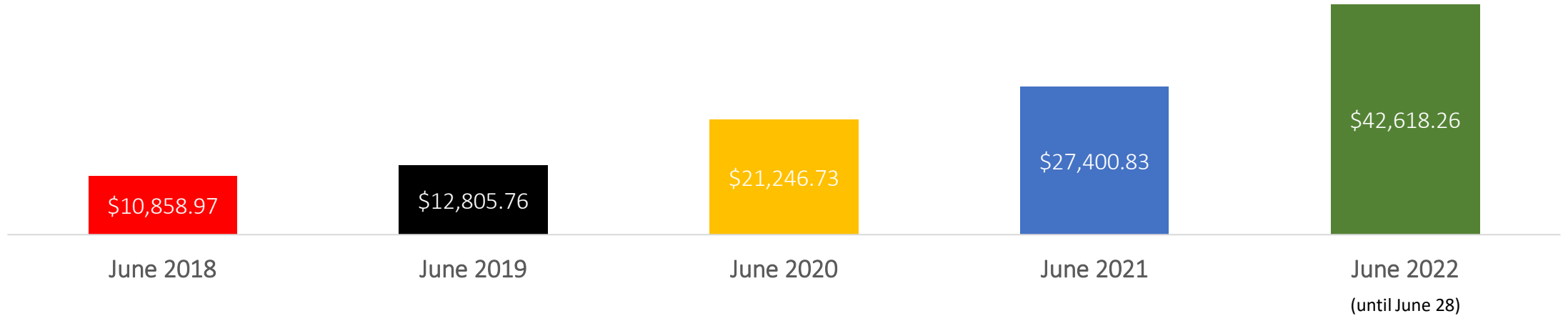
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2021/22 Activities – Finances

WCAA Closing Bank Balance



2021/222 Income Sources

- Membership
- Events
- Sponsorship
- Fundraising – event and Magic Sticker

2021/222 Major Expenses

- AWA Insurance
- 2022 National Champs
- State Championships – support fund
- Beach Branding – banners, flags, etc
- Member kit
- Web, photo-sharing, email software systems
- Clubspot (membership/event management software) fees
- Youth Scholarship (\$1,500 liability)



LT Continues to Grow

There are ~950 LT's sold in Australia and 000's worldwide





Class Continues Strong Growth Globally



- Australia
- Austria
- Canada
- Czech Republic
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Italy
- Japan
- Malta
- Netherlands
- New Zealand
- Norway
- Russia
- South Africa
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Thailand
- United Kingdom
- USA





Global Event Calendar Building



- 2/3 Avril 1 Stage : Ecole Nationale de Voile Presqu'île de Quiberon, Morbihan (56)
- 9 Avril 2 Acte 01 : Challenge Windsurfer OGS Lac du Puythouck, Grande Synthe, Nord (59)
- 23/24 Avril 3 Longue distance et régates en Baie de Morlaix Club Nautique de Carantec (29)
- 14 Mai 4 Acte 02 : Challenge Windsurfer OGS
- 14/15 Mai 5 Breizh Cup Windsurfer Carnac Yacht Club de Carnac, Morbihan (56)
- 26/28 Mai 6 Grand Prix de l'Ecole Navale Club Nautique de Roscarvel, Presqu'île de Crozon, Finistère (29)
- 3/5 Juin 7 LE National Windsurfer Voile Fon Sète, Hérault (34)
- 5 Juin 8 Acte 03 : Challenge Windsurfer OGS
- 18/19 Juin 9 Régate des Zébrés Saint-Lunaire, Ile-et-Vilaine (35)
- 18/19 Juin 10 Longue distance / Lac de Sainte Croix Alpes-de-Haute-Provence (04)
- 29 Juin / 3 Juillet 11 European Championship Windsurfer Sant Pere Pescador, Girona (Espagne)
- 10 Juillet 12 Longue distance / Remontée de la Penzé Club Nautique de Carantec (29)
- 14 Juillet 13 Longue distance / Tour de l'île d'Arz SRVannes Morbihan (56)
- 15 Aout 14 Longue distance / Tour de l'île aux Moines SRVannes Morbihan (56)
- 27 Aout 15 Acte 04 : Challenge Windsurfer OGS
- 3/4 Septembre 16 Fête de la glisse - Régates Saint-Lunaire, Ile-et-Vilaine (35)
- 17 Septembre 17 Acte 05 : Challenge Windsurfer OGS
- 3/9 Octobre 18 Windsurfer World Championship Mondello Sicile (Italie)
- 15 Octobre 19 Acte 06 : Challenge Windsurfer OGS
- 19 Novembre 20 Acte 07 : Finale du Challenge Windsurfer OGS



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"LA BRAVA CUP"



June 29 to July 3 2022

Club de Vela La Ballena Alegre Sant Pere Pescador Costa Brava - Spain




2022 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Mondello Beach, Albaria Italy

October 3 – 9, 2022



2021/22 Activities – Social & Engagement

- Various meet-ups, clinics, demo days in all States





2021/22 Activities – Social & Engagement



World record LT Windsurfer Class towing attempt, B&SYC, April 2022
Left to right: Tim Lelliott, Phil Scapens, Jason Coonan, Grant Tinney, Shane O’Callaghan, Paul Dixon, Diana O’Callaghan, Peter Woolman, Karen Butcher, Simon Lee, Richard Upton, Greg Stock, Andrew Waugh, Anthea Williams.
Photographer: Greg Pratt - Boat driver: Josh Neilson
Special thanks to Pratty for supplying his boat.





2021/22 Activities – Promotion

- Beach Branding program

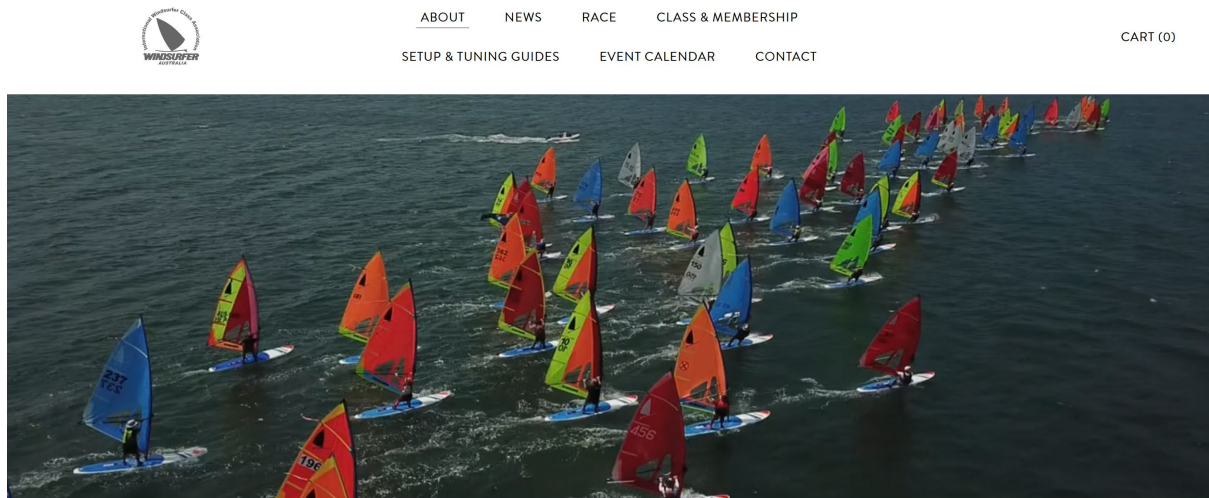




2021/22 Activities – Promotion

Class website

- windsurferclasaus.com
- Unique visitors for year = 8,932

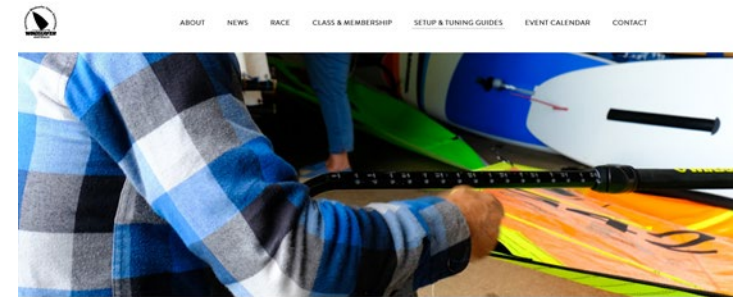


Back to the Future

2018 marked the next evolution in the Windsurfer journey with the adoption of the new 'LT' board.

A modern update featuring a lightweight epoxy hull with enhanced volume, the LT delivers improved performance whilst supporting inexpensive one

design races where the emphasis is on skill and tactics rather than equipment.
www.windsurferclassaus.com



Tips & Tricks

The great thing about the Windsurfer is its simplicity.

Even so there are a few things to do that will enhance your enjoyment of the board.

Spending a little time in the set-up, preparation and maintenance will make sure you get the best performance and long life out of your gear.

Setup

Initial Setup

Get your new baby sorted out of the box.

A comprehensive guide on how to assemble your LT for the first time.



Racing Tips & Tuning

Ready to race? Looks simple enough eh?

The big challenge is to get the most out of one sail size in all conditions - mast base position?, rig setup?, technique?

Get some more advanced advice from some of the World's best...
(By the way they are based right here in Oz - the Australian fleet is red hot!)

LT Setup & Tuning

Watch a recorded clinic conducted by 2019 overall men's World Champion Nick Bez takes a comprehensive look at how he sets up his gear and then onto technique and ideas for getting the most out of your equipment.

For those new to the Class also some good coverage of how events are scored and the types of races conducted.

It's long (over two hours) but well worth a watch:

Intro, Class & Racing	0:00 - 24:46
Preparation	24:50 - 1:02:50
Board & Rig setup	1:03 - 1:46:25
On Water - Technique	1:46:30 - 2:13:30
Summary - Key Learnings	2:13:38 - 2:17:00



You can also download the clinic as a .pdf (which has embedded links to the various videos as well)

LT - One Page Guides

Want the short version?
Here are some summary thoughts from various top LT sailors.

- Download the Tim Gourelay guide (lightweight World Champion 2019) - 68kgs

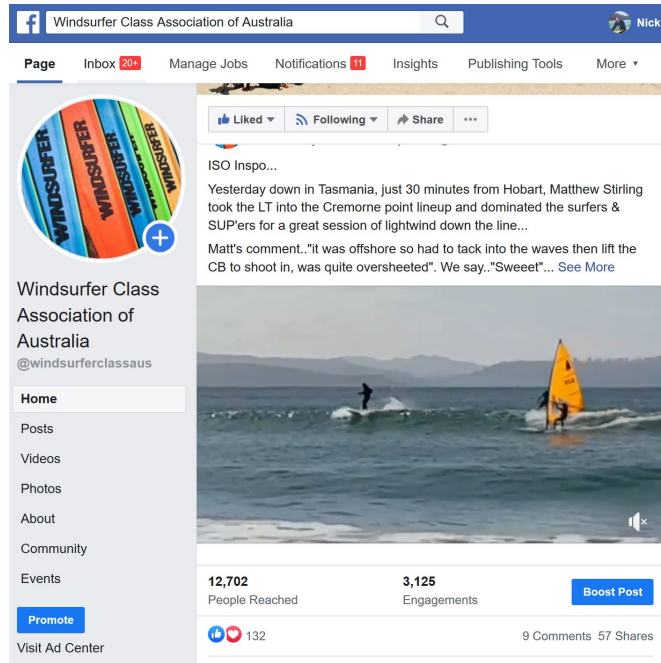


2021/22 Activities – Promotion

Class Facebook

@windsurferclassaus

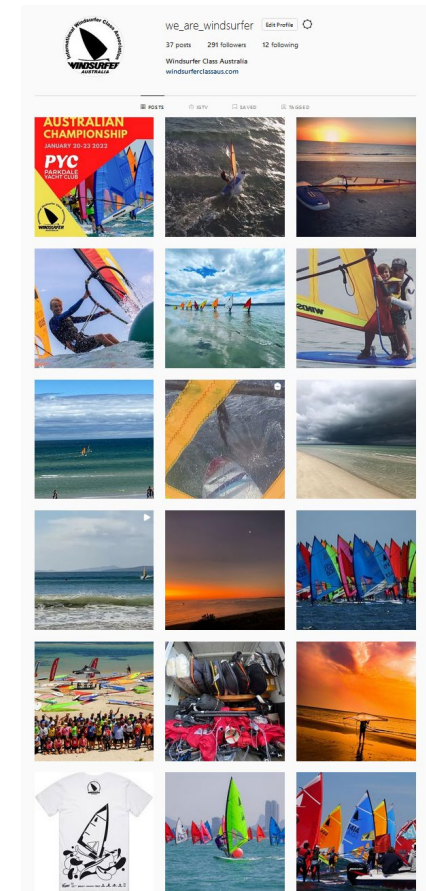
- Over 80 posts
- 1,634 following (+23%)
- Total views: +255%
- Total reach: >126,000



Class Instagram

#we_are_windsurfer

- Reach over 17,000

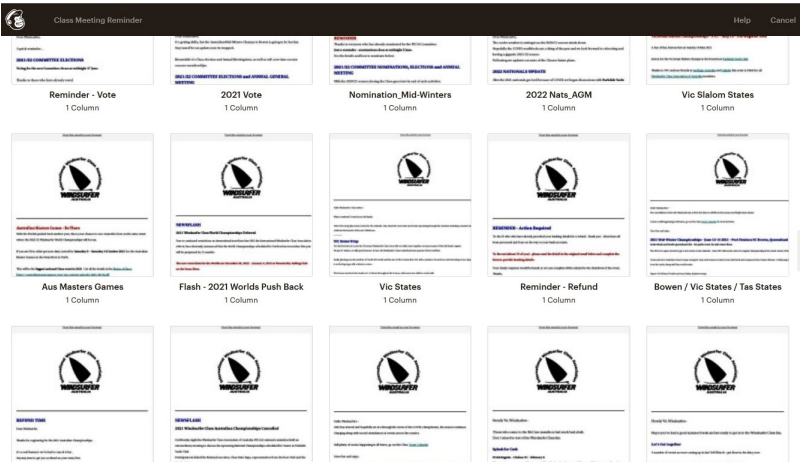




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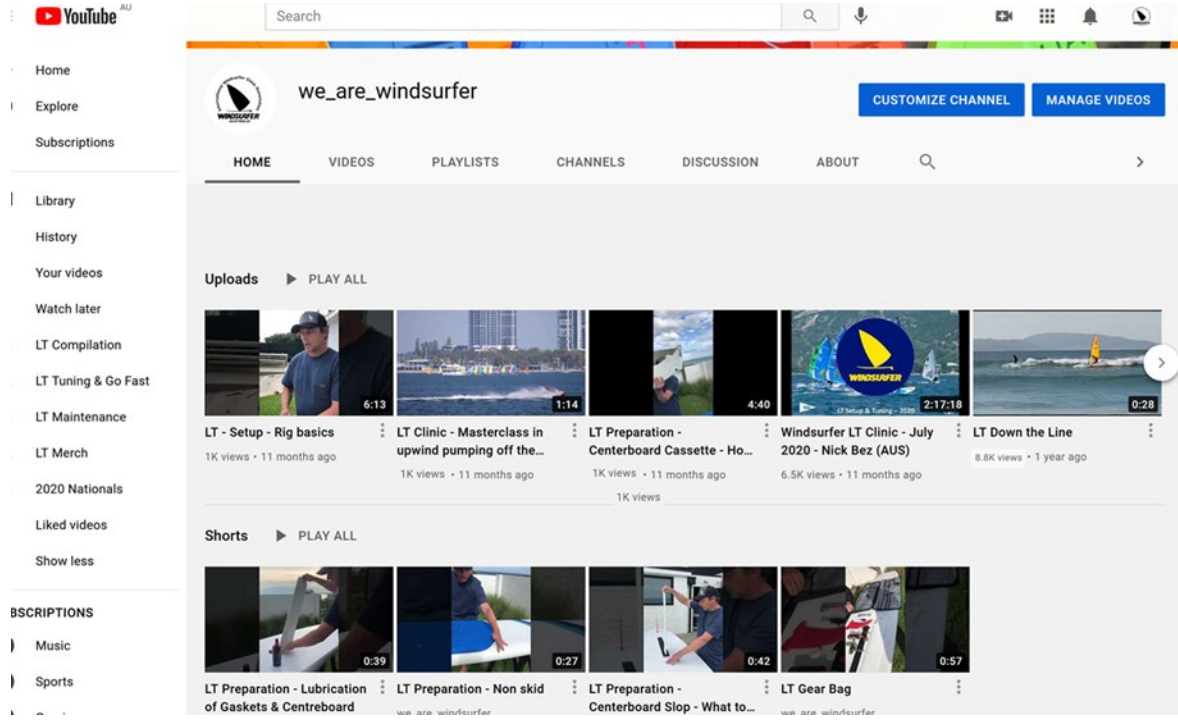
Class Email Database

- Mailchimp
- 834 subscribers (+19%)
- 19 Class emails sent
- Open rate >70%



Class YouTube

- #we_are_windsurfer
- Reach: > 25,000



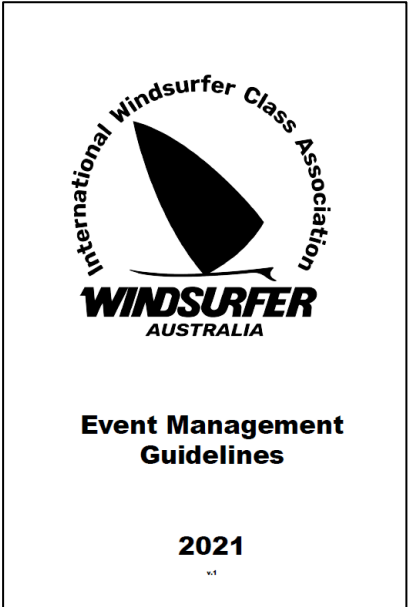


2021/22 Activities – Club / Event Support

- Class flags for YC's / Event organisers



- Event Management Guidelines and other resources developed



**Event Management Guidelines
Windsurfer Regattas**

On the Water
One of the benefits of the Windsurfer Class is that the class can race from 3 knots to 25+, on flat water. Four disciplines are part of the Windsurfer regatta.

Course Racing
Traditional, tactical and tight. Windward/Leeward or Triangle courses. 20-25 minute target times. The most hotly contested discipline.

Slalom
Fast & Furious fun. Very short (5-7 minute) course, multiple gybes. Small head knockout - first 50% advance through.

Marathon
Persistence and Pain. A long distance test over a few hours. All in beach or boat start, on water or beach.

Freestyle
Three minutes of razzle dazzle wowing the judges. Tricks, flips, rail-rides and more in a seamless display.

Depending on time available one or more disciplines may be included.

Course racing is the staple (and most highly contested) of the regatta. In most cases only our State Champions.

At Nationals all 4 disciplines are scheduled over 3 days. The regattas are run 'on call' meaning there is no fixed date. Freestyle is excluded from the Nationals.

Typically this involves 8-10 course races, 2 slalom races, 1 marathon, 1 freestyle and 1 freestyle exhibition.

**Event Management Guidelines
Course Racing**

Course Length Guidance

- Introduction of LT has increased leg lengths as the boards are at least 20% faster than previous over 7 knots of wind speed.
- Leg length data in nm.
- Better to set the course short for first race and then lengthen it for subsequent races.
- Sea state impacts times - flat water = faster.

Windsurfer Class Race Length Statistics - LT
2018 Windsurfer State Champs - PVC - Race Stats

Start Time	Wind knots	Course	Time
R1	10.20	S	13:15
R2	11.05	S4S	13:15
R3	11.53	S7S	13:15
R4	12.38	S10	13:15
R5	14.00	S11	13:15
R6	14.50	S12	13:15
R7	15.23	S12	13:15
Max wind strength		S12-S15	13:15
12 knots plus			

Start Sequence

- Upcoming heat pointed on Start boat
- 1 minute start sequence
- Heat number removed
- Heat feet not to start until all boards finished and placings recorded/confirmed onto a ladder

4 MARKS
Course: Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - Start (Gate) - 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - Finish
Lap 1 = F, Lap 2 = M

Course Length Guidance
Very short! The focus is on board handling. Target time 5-7 minutes
Leg length ~0.04 - 0.08nm

Start Line Length
Short = 3-4 board lengths = ~14 - 20 metres

Finish Line Length
Super Short = 1.5 board lengths = ~6 metres

**Event Management Guidelines
Slalom**

General
High spectator appeal - try to set course as close to shore as possible.

Start Sequence

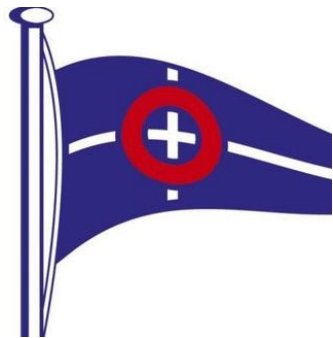
- Red Flag Up 1 min
- Red Flag Down -30 sec
- Class Flag Up 0

Course



2021/22 Activities – Club Outreach

- Encouragement, resources and support to establish new fleets





2021/22 Activities – Racing

WINDSURFER CLASS AUSTRALIA
44TH AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP
JANUARY 20-23 2022
PYC
PARKDALE YACHT CLUB

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WINDGENUITY
MOBIUM GROUP
Surflogic
Vaikobi OCEAN PERFORMANCE
VICTORIA State Government

Registrations: 112

State Representation: VIC: 64 (57%), NSW: 32 (29%), QLD: 8 (7%), SA: 6 (5%), ACT: 1 (1%), TAS: 1 (1%)

Male: 100 (89%)

Female: 12 (11%)

Open: 90 (80%)

Cruiser: 22 (20%)

Age Range: 14 years – 77 years

18 years or under: 9



2021/22 Activities – Racing



“Best, most fun windsurfing event I've been a part of in 35 years of competing. The vibe was awesome and new friends were made which was great.”

Competitor feedback

Weighted Average
8.82 out of 9

Biggest Single Class regatta in Australian in season 2021/22



2021/22 Activities – Racing

- State Championships in every State

WINDSURFER® CLASS ASSOCIATION
 QUEENSLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS
 NOV 20-21st 2021
 LAKE COOTHARABA,
 SUNSHINE COAST



Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club

Registration link:
bit.ly/windsurferqld



Entry Fees
 Under 16 yrs: \$70
 Adults 18yrs & over: \$110

COURSE RACING
 SLALOM
 MARATHON

Family-friendly
 LOADS of prizes
 Saturday Dinner included

Book your campsite ASAP

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2021/2022 Major Events

Event	Date	Host
2021		
South Australia State Championships	30 th & 31 st October	Brighton Seacliff YC
Queensland State Championships	20 th & 21 st November	Lake Cootharaba SC
Victorian State Championships	20 th November	Frankston YC
New South Wales State Championships	4 th & 5 th December	Toronto Amateur SC
2022		
44 th Australian Championships	20 th – 23 rd January	Parkdale YC, VIC
Western Australia State Championships	5 th – 7 th March	Nedlands YC
Australian Masters Games	23 rd – 30 th April	Mounts Bay SC, WA
Mid-Winter Championships	11 th – 13 th June	Port Denison SC, QLD




WINDSURFER AUSTRALIA

2021

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

30 to 31 October

BRIGHTON & SEACLIFF YACHT CLUB



>80% racing are now members of AS affiliated Club's



2021/22 Activities – Racing

- Traveller Series rolled out in VIC, QLD in addition to NSW



For: WINDSURFER LT, ONE DESIGN & ORIGINAL WINDSURFER BOARDS AND RIGS

Season 2021/2022 VICTORIAN Circuit			
Month	Event	Date	Host
2021			
November	Course Racing State Championship	20th November	Frankston YC
	Robby Naish Movie Night	26th November	Parkdale YC
2022			
January	McCrae Marathon	TBC – early Jan	McCrae YC
	44th Windsurfer National Championship	20th – 23rd January	Parkdale YC
February	Four of a Kind	19th February	Chelsea YC
	Sail Sandy	26th & 27th February	Sandringham YC
March	Longbeach Regatta	20th March	Parkdale YC
April	Slalom State Championship	2nd April	Westernport YC



GOOLWA WINDSURFER CLASSIC

Windsurfer LT Class,
Entry fee \$30
Register Saturday,
9-10.30am

Saturday:
Course Race

Sunday:
Marathon Sunday

INFO:
windsurferclassaus.com/

covid checkin required

DATE: May 8-9 2021
Location: Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club





Season 2021/2022 WCAA Initiatives

WOW - Women on Windsurfers




Presents

WOW

Women on Windsurfers



Port Denison Sailing Club, Bowen Ph - 0427 862 346



Register

PDSC is trialling women's only sessions on the windsurfers to provide tuition and support for beginners through to intermediate level and beyond. With the encouragement of other women we can

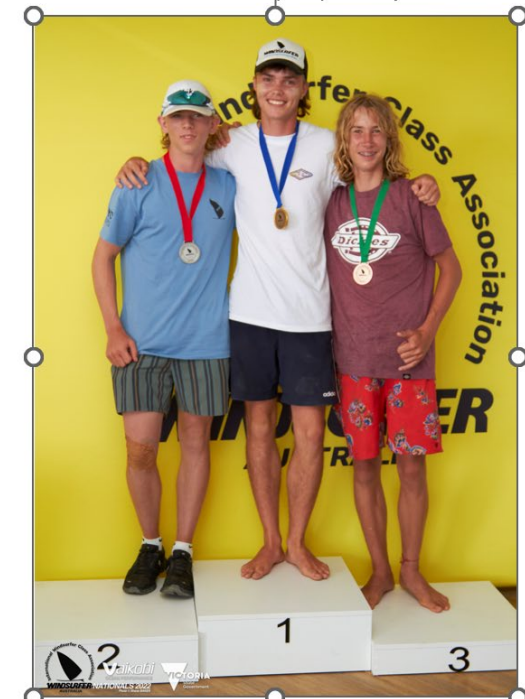


Youth Scholarship

For the best performed 18 years and under
Supporting young sailors to gain international racing experience

Presented by WCAA and Windgenuity

Male: Jude Smale (VIC) – 17 years





2021/2022 WCAA Life Members

Peter Nitschke



Nick Bez



Greg Johns

Scotty O'Connor

Chris Thompson

Karen Murden

Greg Hyde

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2022/23 Objectives



1. Getting more people into the Windsurfer Class - in particular youth and women
2. Build out the fun vibe with more innovative formats and opportunities to race and socialize - team racing, adventure sails and more
3. Build on feedback from Nats survey to deliver a kick-ass 2023 Nats in Qld



2022/23 WCAA National Events



Jan



April



August



Jan 26-29 2023



IWCA has jurisdiction

WCAA focus on info sharing, promotion and to ensure we get a massive Aussie fleet and compliance with AWA insurance requirements for all competitors



General Business



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1. Vote of 'Thanks' to National Committee (J. Green)

J. Green proposed a vote of thanks to all outgoing and incoming committee on behalf of members. Acknowledged hard work and dedication of volunteers.

2. Feedback on Bowen / Nth QLD LT Regatta (A. Haynes)

A. Haynes provided a quick summary of the excellent work being done at Port Denison Sailing Club and the hospitality of the recent regatta. Commended the Club and volunteers.

3. Update on 2022 Worlds (S. Newman)

N.Bez provided update on entries (34 Aus as at 29/6) and charter process. Fantastic response from Aussies and already 165+ total entries. Reminder comm from Class to register for charters before July 7.

4. Confirmation of RRS (G. Kitchen)

N.Bez provided confirmation that Class recommendation to use to standard RRS (not Windsurfing appendix) to include Mark Room with Zone. Confirmed this was used successfully at 2022 Nationals.



General Business

5. Mid Winters (P. Doolan)

NSW Rep Peter Doolan provided update on Mid-Winters.

Looking forward to event and keen for a good turnout. Strong promotional campaign in lead up required.

6. Support for Inclusion initiatives (S. Watson)

Scott Watson commended the work of the WCAA Committee in fostering opportunities for women, youth. Suggested more work on inclusion could be to welcome other types of windsurfers (foil/old gear, anyone) to come try it / other events to get more people on water – some will transition to LT.

Supported by Vic Rep Justin Page.

Life member Karen Murden described activities at DAC to support this type of approach. Scott and Karen to connect on ideas.

Meeting Closed: 8.31pm



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