



Notice of Race

Sail Melbourne 2005 Formula Windsurfing Oceanic Championships

The Sail Melbourne 2005 Formula Windsurfing Oceanic Championships will be held from Friday 21st January 2005 to Tuesday 25th January 2005. The Championships will be conducted by Elwood Sailing Club, which is located in the City Of Melbourne, Australia. The Organising Authority Is Yachting Victoria.

The Championships are a qualification regatta for the 2005 World Championships. Five (5) places are allocated to competitors from the host Continent (Oceania).

The Championships are a Level 1 IFWC Ranking Event and sanctioned by ISAF and IWA.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Championships will be governed by the rules as defined in *The 2005-2008 Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The IFWC Class Rules & Championship Rules;
- 1.3 No national authority prescriptions will apply.

2. ADVERTISING

The IFWC is a category 'C' class as set out in ISAF Regulation 20 - Advertising Code.

3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 3.1 The championships are open to all boats of the Formula Windsurfer Class.
- 3.2 All Competitors shall be a member of a National FW Association or the IFWC and meet the requirements of ISAF Regulation 19 – Eligibility Code.
- 3.3 National Associations shall be paid up members of the IWA. Membership formalities can be completed at the venue.
- 3.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing the attached form, which shall be lodged with the Organising Authority or through the official electronic form on the Sail Melbourne International Regatta website. The fully completed entry form shall be received at the entry address no later than 1700hrs on 16th January 2005 accompanied by the required fee (refer Fees). Entries may be accepted after 1700hrs on 16th January 2005 at the discretion of the Organising Authority, but will be subject to late entry supplements.

4. FEES

Entry fees are stated in Australian AUD\$ and include Australian Goods and Services Tax (GST). Entry includes a regatta t-shirt for each competitor and entry to the welcome and presentation functions.

The entry fee is \$140 per sailor for entries received prior to 1700hrs on 16th January 2005. The fee for entries that arrive after 1700hrs on 16th January 2005 will be incur a late entry fee supleemnt of \$40per entry.

5. CLASSIFICATION

- 5.1 A Youth (C) shall be under the age of 20 (born in or after 1986 and not later than 1992)
- 5.2 A Master (M) is a man who has reached the age of 35 or for a woman, 30, by Dec. 31st 2004.
- 5.3 A competitor must have reached the minimum age limit, in the relevant division, by Dec. 31st 2004.
- 5.4 A competitor must not be older than the maximum age limit, in the relevant division, by Dec. 31st 2005.
- 5.5 A Grand Master (G) is a man who has reached the age of 45 or for a woman, 40, by Dec. 31st 2004.

6. DIVISIONS

- 6.1 Oceanic Formula Windsurfing Championship (OFWC)
 - 6.1.1 The series will be a single discipline 'Open Entry' event for Divisions A (Men) and a single discipline 'Open Entry' event for Divisions B (Women).
 - 6.1.2 Men and women may race together, in a maximum of 4 races per day .
 - 6.1.3 The maximum number of races in the series is 15.
- 6.2 Oceanic Formula Windsurfing Youth and Masters Championship (OFWYMC)
 - 6.2.1 The series will be a single discipline 'Open Entry' event for Division C (Youth) and a single discipline 'Open Entry' event for Division M (Master).
 - 6.2.2 Masters and Youth Divisions may race together with the OFWC₁ in a maximum of 4 races per day.
 - 6.2.3 The maximum number of races in the series is 15
- 6.3 Formula Windsurfing Grand Masters Australian Championship (FWGMAC)-

- 6.3.1 The series will be a single discipline 'Open Entry' event for Division G (Grand Master)
- 6.3.2 Grand Masters Division G may race together with the OFWC₁ in a maximum of 4 races per day.
- 6.3.3 The maximum number of races in the series is 15

6.4 General

A minimum of 5 entries are required to constitute a mens division. A minimum of 3 entries are required to constitute all other divisions. If the number of entries in a division reaches 30, that division may be given a separate start.

7. SCHEDULE

7.1 Registration.

Friday	21 st January, 2005	1300 –1700 hrs
Saturday	22 nd January, 2005	0900 –1000 hrs (late arrivals only)

Competitors will be required to produce the following information at registration.

- Parental/legal Guardian Assent - *for those under age of 18*
- Regatta entry fee or confirmation details of payment.
- Proof of age
- Measurement Form signed by the Official Measurer

7.2 Measurement.

Friday	21 st January, 2005	1300 -1700 hrs,
Saturday	22 nd January, 2005	0900 -1000 hrs (late arrivals only)

7.3 Dates of Racing.

- Saturday 22 January, 2005 1100 hrs, Skippers meeting and welcome
- Saturday 22 January, 2005 1200 hrs, Racing
- Sunday 23 January, 2005 1300 hrs, Racing (note late start)
- Monday 24 January, 2005 1000 hrs, Racing
- Tuesday 25 January, 2005 1000 hrs, Racing

The first warning signal will not be made before 1100 hrs on the first scheduled day of racing.

The last warning signal will not be made later than 1600 hrs on the last scheduled day of racing

7.4 Social functions

Saturday	22 nd January, 2005	1830 hrs,	Neat casual BBQ and welcome in the Elwood Sailing Club Clubhouse
Tuesday	25 th January, 2005	1830 hrs,	Neat casual, sit down BBQ and presentation ceremony in the Elwood Sailing Club Clubhouse

8. MEASUREMENT

8.1 Each boat shall produce a valid measurement form.

8.2 Measurement and equipment checks may be made throughout the event.

8.3 The measurers will pay special attention to sail identification rule compliance.

National letters & sail numbers shall be placed on both sides of the sail, shall be in a colour contrasting strongly with the body of the sail; placed immediately above the event advertising. All Sails shall otherwise comply with the national letter system according to the RRS 77 and Appendix G .

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available at registration together with the Event Program scheduling social events.

10. VENUE

Elwood Sailing Club. Details and location can be found at www.elwoodsc.com

11. COURSES

Courses shall be as prescribed in the IFWC Championship Rules & Racing Guidelines.

12. SCORING

Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series

13. COACH & SUPPORT BOATS

13.1 Coach and Support Personnel are required to complete registration as per competitors.

13.2 Coach boats may support competitors. If you propose to bring your own, please advise the local organisers in advance.

13.3 Coach and Support boats shall keep 100m clear of the course area during racing except when asked to assist by the Race Committee.

14. BUOYANCY

All competitors shall wear personal flotation devices which are in good condition and are in accordance with the specifications issued or approved by a national authority affiliated to the International Sailing Federation, or a standards organisation, or certification authority, recognised for the purpose by its respective government.

Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 1.2

15. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

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

16. PRIZES

16.1 Medals and prize money will be awarded to the outright place getters within the mens division (A) according to the following scale. Less than 5 entries: no division. 5-10 entries 1st – 3rd; 11-30 entries 1st – 5th; Over 30 entries 1st – 8th;

16.2 Medals and prize money will be awarded to the outright place getters within the womens division (B) according to the following scale. Less than 3 entries: no division. 3-5 entries 1st place only; 6 – 10 entries 1st – 3rd; 11 – 30 entries 1st – 5th; Over 30 entries: 1st – 8th;

16.3 Medals will be awarded to the **outright** place getters within the Youth (C), Masters (M) and Grand Masters (G) divisions according to the following scale. Less than 3 entries: no division. 3-5 entries: 1st place only; 6 – 10 entries 1st – 3rd; 11 – 30 entries 1st – 5th; Over 30 entries: 1st – 8th;

16.4 The OFWC carries a prize fund of \$2300 AUD, which will be divided as follows:

o **WOMEN - total prize pool \$300**

Place	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
\$	\$150	\$100	\$50

o **MEN – total prize pool \$2000** The prize money for men will be divided according to the following table:

Place	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th
%	25%	20%	14%	11%	9%	8%	7%	6%

Prize money will be awarded based on the overall combined outright finishing score for men and women, irrespective of nationality. If the first woman is placed 6th or above they are eligible to prize money according to that place from the mens prize pool, forgoing their eligibility to the womens prize pool. If the first woman is placed below 7th they are eligible for the womens prize pool only.

16.5 The first Oceanic Man / Woman in the OFWC will be known as the 2005 Formula Windsurfing Oceanic champion.

16.5.1 The first overall placed Man / Woman in the OFWC will be known as the 2005 Australian Formula Windsurfing Champion.

16.6 The first Oceanic Woman in the OFWC will be known as the 2005 Formula Windsurfing Oceanic Womens Champion.

16.6.1 The first overall Woman in the OFWC will be known as the 2005 Formula Windsurfing Australian Womens Champion.

16.7 The first Oceanic Boy/Girl in the OFWYC will be known as the 2005 Formula Windsurfing Oceanic Youth Champion.

16.7.1 The first overall Boy/Girl in the OFWYC will be known as the 2005 Australian Formula Windsurfing Youth Champion.

16.8 The first Oceanic Master's age Man/Woman in the OFWMC will be known as 2005 Formula Windsurfing Oceanic Masters Champion.

16.8.1 The first overall Master's age Man/Woman in the OFWMC will be known as 2005 Australian Formula Windsurfing Masters Champion.

16.9 The first Grand Master in the OFWMC will be known as the 2005 Australian Formula Windsurfing Grand Masters Champion.

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the championships entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority and the Host Sailing Club, their officers, members, servants and agents accept no liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the championship.

18. INSURANCE

All entrants competing in the Sail Melbourne 2005 Formula Windsurfing Oceanic Championships shall have third-party liability insurance cover of not less than AUD\$1,000,000 (recommended AUD\$10,000,000) or equivalent thereof in any other currency for any accident. All owners/competitors who sign the Entry Form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover. Competitors shall produce evidence of such insurance at registration and on the entry form.

19. 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 sponsor's advertising on their sails. The sticker may not be cut or trimmed in any way.

20. DRESS CODE

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

21. FURTHER INFORMATION.

For further information, please contact

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22. AMENDMENTS

Any amendment to this Notice of Race will be posted on the Sail Melbourne web site: www.sailmelbourne.com.au no later than January 1st, 2005.

Additional Information

(this information does not form part of the Notice of Race)

Travel assistance for International sailors:

There is \$1000AUD available for travel assistance that will be split in an equitable way between International competitors traveling from outside Australia according to their travel costs incurred and the distance travelled. All international sailors looking to compete in the Championships and wishing to be considered eligible for part of this assistance should contact the Sail Melbourne coordinator as addresses in the Notice of Race by January 14th, 2005

Accommodation:

The Holiday Inn are official sponsors of the event and have reduced their rates for sailors and supporters involved with the Sail Melbourne events. For reservations call +61 3 9648 2777 or email: reservations@holidayinmelbourne.com.au or visit www.holidayinn.com.au

A homestay program will operate in the area providing low cost accommodation where sailors will be billeted to stay with local people. Further information is available on the Sail Melbourne website: www.sailmelbourne.com.au or by contacting the Sail Melbourne Office at: info@sailmelbourne.com.au

Further accommodation and tourism information can be found on Tourism Victoria's website www.visitvictoria.com.au

Elwood Sailing Club:

International competitors equipment may be stored at Elwood Sailing Club for the duration of the championship.

Equipment transfers:

Sail Melbourne offers to provide assistance for International competitors transporting their equipment from and to the Melbourne International Airport (Tullamarine). All sailors seeking assistance must contact the Sail Melbourne office by December 24th, 2004 to guarantee assistance where possible. info@sailmelbourne.com.au

Hire Cars:

Major Hire Car Companies are situated at the airport.

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ENTRY FORM

Sail Number _____

Sailor First & Last Name _____ DOB _____

Yacht Club _____ AYF Memb. _____

Address _____

City _____ Code _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____

Email _____

Details of Insurance Policy (as required by the Notice of Race Point 18: 'Insurance')

Company _____ Policy Number _____

Public Liability Insurance (value) _____ Expiry Date _____

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DIVISIONS A B C M G

(Please refer to division description in the NOR. Please circle nominated division)

PAYMENT

Please find enclosed (circle which appropriate)

Cash \$AUD _____ a cheque (payable to the (insert class / club)) for \$AUD _____

or debit my MasterCard / Visa Card / Bankcard for the amount of \$AUD _____

Card Number _____ / _____ / _____ / _____ Expiry Date _____

Name on card _____ Signature _____

Please return to: Sail Melbourne International Regatta, PO Box 83 / 77 Beach Road Sandringham.
Victoria 3191, Australia. Fax: +61 3 9598 7384, E-mail: info@sailmelbourne.com.au

Online entry also available at : www.sailmelbourne.com.au

Conditions of Entry (please read and sign at bottom)

I acknowledge and agree that:

In this Event application and declaration: "Club" means and includes the organising authority and: Yachting Victoria Incorporated of Suite 2 77 Beach Rd Sandringham 3191 and its directors, officers, members, servants or agents. "Claim" means and includes any action, proceeding, claim, demand, damage or expense however arising including but not limited to negligence but does not include a claim in respect of any action, suit etc made by any person entitled to compensation under a relevant Club insurance policy or under any right expressly conferred by the Club constitution.

If accepted I will be permitted to participate in the Event subject to my complying with the terms and conditions of the Event, this declaration and any reasonable direction issued by the Event organisers or their representatives.

The Event rules & this declaration comprise a contract between me and the Club and are necessary and reasonable to promote and conduct the Event. I also agree to abide by the rules and policies of Yachting Australia (copies of which are available from Yachting Australia), and be subject to the jurisdiction of Yachting Australia in relation to the application and enforcement of such rules and policies.

Warning: Participation in the Event can be inherently dangerous. I acknowledge that I am exposed to certain risks during my participation in the Event including, but not limited to, physical exertion and injury, bodily contact, falls, equipment failure and unpredictable weather conditions. I acknowledge that accidents can and often do happen which may result in me being injured or even killed, or my property being damaged. I have voluntarily read and understood this warning and accept and assume the inherent risks in participating in the Event.

