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December 12th – 17th, 2005 Elwood Sailing Club

# 2005 Formula Windsurfing World Championships

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### Fast Facts: *Where do I start?*

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*If you're freezing in the Northern Hemisphere, we're sailing in the South (and smart Northern Hemispherians join us to keep up their skills).*

*You don't have to come just for the Worlds (Sail Melbourne's Formula warm-up event is December 10-11; and other windsurfing events are all over Oz).*

*It's a bargain! (Sail Melbourne can assist with getting your gear here and accommodation from homestay to 5-star; and the Australian cost-of-living is low, low, low).*

*You'll love the water; and the vibe off the water (the club is minutes from St Kilda, one of the world's great vibes).*

*All the details:*  
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*Amazing city – strung out along water, parks all over, people eating, talking, in out-door restaurants everywhere – does anyone go indoors in this town? Next day I got down to the club (and the club's practically at the heart of Melbourne and is close to everything in this town). Grass rigging areas and on the water inside an hour. Everything laid on. Organisers on the ball – they know just what you need. And what a place to sail! Huge bay (think Great Lakes or Baltic Sea). No ocean swell, no big tides. But exciting sailing.*

*Breezes are true (big bay, nothing to bend them). Usually a sea breeze – builds to around 20 knots by mid-afternoon. Great chop to ride and a course which takes you right along the beach (great for flashing pearly whites at cheering crowd). Big regattas happening in clubs all around bay. Sails everywhere. Great buzz. Did I say they know how to run a regatta??? Years of practice. It shows. True starts, fair courses. (You, of course, will still try the wrong end of the line, but that's you.) How am I doing? OK in the practice races, but nothing special. Race 1 tomorrow. I'll let you know.*

*Now the REAL reason I'm writing ... After the regatta some of us are driving down the coast. Spectacular road - huge cliffs, ocean, amazing surf beaches – then we'll head back through wine country, say hi to kangaroos. Get back to the city and (eat your heart out) hit the nightclubs in a BIG way (MELBOURNE doesn't sleep - did I say that?) So, sorry about the late notice, but I'll be getting back a week or two late. Sorry. I mean really, really sorry (OK, I'll get over it.) One of life's great experiences. You know how it is.*

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