



**RS:X**  
OLYMPIC WINDSURFING CLASS



## 2020 RS:X WINDSURFING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

*including the 2020 Sorrento RS:X U21 Windsurfing Championships*



# NOTICE OF RACE

**Amended on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

Sorrento Sailing Couta Boat Club as the Local Organizing Authority (LOA), under specified conditions laid down by the International RS:X Class Association (OA) is pleased to invite RS:X sailors to take part in these events scheduled for

February 23<sup>rd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> 2020

**Sorrento**  
**Melbourne**  
**Australia**

## 1. RULES

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- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. No National prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3. For Medal Races, World Sailing Addendum Q, Umpired Fleet Racing, will apply and change a number of racing rules. The version that is current when the regatta begins will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 1.4. In all rules governing this regatta:
  - 1.4.1. [SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee or the technical committee without a hearing or a discretionary penalty applied by the International Jury with a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5; and
  - 1.4.2. [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protest by a board. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.5. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.6. **The championship is the Continental Qualification event for Oceania for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games for RS:X Men and RS:X Women – Qualification System. The top ranked male competitor (Division A) and top ranked female competitor (Division B) from an Oceanic country, shall qualify that country to compete in the Men’s Windsurfer and Women’s Windsurfer events in the Olympic Games.**
- 1.7. **The event is also the 2020 RS:X Continental Championships for Oceania.**

## 2. [DP] ADVERTISING & SAIL INSIGNIAS & NATIONAL FLAGS

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- 2.1. Sails and competitors may be required to carry advertising for event sponsors, which will be supplied by the local organizing committee in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20 – Advertising Code.
- 2.2. On the sail the event sponsor’s branding shall be placed immediately below batten #5 and as close to the leech as possible.
- 2.3. Competitors shall provide their own self-adhesive National Flags and replacements.
- 2.4. For Fleet Identification, each competitor may be issued with branded lycra/bib, which shall be worn whilst racing.

## 3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY REGULATIONS

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- 3.1. All entries shall meet the requirements of World Sailing Regulation 19 – Eligibility Code.
- 3.2. The 2020 RS:X Windsurfing World Championships shall be open to competitors of all nationalities.
- 3.3. The 2020 Sorrento RS:X U21 Windsurfing Championships shall be open to all competitors entered in the 2020 RS:X Windsurfing World Championships but only if that competitor is under 21 years of age on 31 December 2020 (born on 2000 or later).
- 3.4. **The 2020 RS:X Windsurfing Oceanic Championships shall be open to all competitors entered in the 2020 RS:X Windsurfing World Championships but only if that competitor is an Oceanic national.**
- 3.5. Events shall run concurrently.
- 3.6. A minimum of five entries is required for each event to constitute a valid championship.
- 3.7. The deadline for valid entries is by 2400hrs (UTC) on **January 29<sup>th</sup> 2020**.
- 3.7.1. Entries may be accepted after this deadline at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.
- 3.8. Competitors shall have a World Sailing Sailor ID before their entry.
- 3.9. A competitor shall be a member of a National RS:X Class Association (NCA) which is a paid-up member of the International RS:X Class Association (ICA), or, a member of the ICA when the NCA is not a current member of the ICA. Class membership formalities can be completed at the event venue at registration.



- 3.10. Eligible competitors shall [enter online](#) with payment in Australian dollars by credit/debit card or bank transfer before the entry deadline, unless extended by the LOA.
- 3.10.1. An entry is not valid until paid.
- 3.10.2. 50% of entry fees may be refundable if accompanied by a medical certificate issued by a medical doctor stating a valid reason why the competitor cannot compete.
- 3.11. The following documentation will be required at Registration on site:
  - 3.11.1. Proof of age (passport).
  - 3.11.2. A completed [Parental Permission Form](#) for entries under the age of 18 years. This form may be completed online but a printed copy shall be brought to registration.

#### 4. FEES

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- 4.1. The Entry Fee is **\$330 AUD**.
- 4.2. The Entry Fee paid after the deadline as stated in NOR 3.6 shall be **\$465 AUD**.
- 4.3. Those who have made payment by bank transfer shall email a copy of the bank transfer document authorized by their bank to the [sail@sscabc.com.au](mailto:sail@sscabc.com.au).
- 4.4. Bank details are:
  - A/C Name:** Sorrento Sailing Couta Boat Club
  - A/C Number:** 516 056 136
  - SWIFTBIC:** NATAU33

#### 5. FORMAT

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- 5.1. Division A (Men) and division B (Women) shall start separately but will sail on the same course area.
- 5.2. The regatta will consist of an Opening Series and, provided a minimum of 6 races have been completed in the Opening Series, a Medal Race. If the event is split into Fleets, the Opening Series will be divided into a Qualifying Series and a Final Series. The top 10 finishers in the Opening Series will advance to the Medal Race.
- 5.3. Three races are scheduled each day. On the last day one Medal Race is scheduled with one further Opening Series race for those not assigned to the Medal Race.
- 5.4. The schedule is set irrespective of planing conditions.

#### 6. SCHEDULE

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- 6.1. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race of each day is 1300 hrs (except the Practice Race – see below).
- 6.2. The warning signal for the last race of each day shall not be made within 1 hour of the official sunset time.
- 6.3. Event Schedule

Date	Day	Times	Event
February 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sunday	0900-1700 hrs 1800 hrs	Registration & Equipment Check Opening Ceremony
February 24 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	0900-1200 hrs 1300 hrs 1600 hrs	Registration & Equipment Check Practice Race Coaches Meeting
February 25 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	1100 hrs 1300 hrs	Coaches Meeting Races
February 26 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	1100 hrs 1300 hrs	Coaches Meeting Races
February 27 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	1100 hrs 1300 hrs	Coaches Meeting Races
February 28 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	1100 hrs 1300 hrs	Coaches Meeting Races



February 29 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	0900 hrs 1100 hrs 1600 hrs 1900 hrs	Coaches Meeting Medal Races & Last Race Last possible warning signal Prize Giving & Closing Ceremony
March 1 <sup>st</sup>	Sunday		Departure

## 7. [DP] EQUIPMENT AND EQUIPMENT CHECKS

- 7.1. Equipment is not supplied by the Organizing Authority and all competitors shall use their own equipment. Equipment that is loaned or chartered shall be considered to be the competitor's own equipment.
- 7.2. There is no on-line submission of serial numbers of equipment to be used and there will be no official measurement prior to the first race. Competitors may check their own equipment using the official scales etc. The event Technical Committee will be available to answer questions.
- 7.3. Before the close of registration, competitors shall register each piece of equipment they intend to use by sticking the self-adhesive 'Fast Check' numbers on to those pieces of equipment and handing to the event Technical Committee a completed Pre-event Equipment Form. Fast Check stickers and the Pre-event Equipment Form will be issued at Registration. In addition, competitors shall present the fin to be used to the event Technical Committee for stamping.
- 7.4. Measurement and equipment checks may be made throughout the event.
- 7.5. Competitors and their equipment shall be on site by **1200hrs on February 24<sup>th</sup> 2020.**

## 8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available at the on-site Registration.

## 9. VENUE

- 9.1. The regatta site is: Sorrento Sailing Couta Boat Club  
Address: 3154 Point Nepean Road,  
Sorrento, VIC, 3943  
AUSTRALIA

Contact: Ben Fels  
Phone: +61 3 5984 8200 (UTC +11)  
Email: [sail@sscabc.com.au](mailto:sail@sscabc.com.au)

Event website: <http://www.rsxclass.org/worlds2020>

## 10. COURSES

- 10.1. At the discretion of the Class Course Representative the course will be Trapezoidal or Windward-Leeward Courses for Opening Series. The courses may have slalom ends.
- 10.2. For the Medal Races the course will be, at the discretion of the Class Course Representative, a Windward-Leeward course on non-planing racing conditions or Reaching Start course (RRS Appendix B3.26.2 Starting System 2 with RRS 30.3 applies) on planing racing conditions. For reaching starts RRS B2.17 shall apply.
- 10.3. Race target time will be 20-25 minutes for all races.

## 11. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1. In addition to the rules designated [DP] the SI may include standard penalties [SP] to be applied by the race committee without a hearing for specified rules. This will change RRS 63.1 and A5.

## 12. INTERNATIONAL JURY

- 12.1. An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with the RRS 91(b).  
 12.2. Its decisions will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

## 13. SCORING

- 13.1 The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A applies as amended by Appendix B8.  
 13.2 Scores for the 2020 Sorrento RS:X U21 Windsurfing Championships will be extracted from the 2020 RS:X Windsurfing World Championships results without recalculation.  
 13.3 **Scores for the 2020 RS:X Windsurfing Oceanic Championships will be extracted from the 2020 RS:X Windsurfing World Championships results without recalculation.**  
 13.4 Three races are required to be completed to constitute any valid Championship.  
 13.5 For a Medal Race, a minimum of 6 races is required to be completed to constitute an Opening Series. A minimum of 4 completed races is required to complete a Qualifying Series and a minimum of 2 completed Final Series races is required to complete a Final Series.  
 13.6 A competitor's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score(s) as follows:

- 13.6.1 Discards in Opening Series when racing in single Fleet:

<b>Opening Series Races</b>	<b>Discards</b>	<b>Comments</b>
1-3	0	No discard
4-10	1	One worst score discarded
11 or more	2	Two worst scores discarded

- 13.6.2 Discards in Opening Series when racing in more than one Fleet:

<b>Opening Series Races</b>	<b>Discards</b>	<b>Comments</b>
1-3	0	No discard
4-10	1	One worst score discarded
11 or more	2	The worst score in Qualifying Series and the worst score in Final Series

- 13.7 In Medal Races:  
 13.7.1 A competitor's score shall be double the number of points specified in RRS Appendix A4.1.  
 13.7.2 The score for these races shall not be excluded from the series score neither does the Medal Race score trigger any discards from results in Opening Series.  
 13.8 The competitors assigned to compete in the Medal Races will be ranked highest in the regatta except for a competitor disqualified from a Medal Race under rule RRS 5 or 69.  
 13.9 If no Medal Races are completed, competitors will be ranked according to overall scores in Opening Series. If no race in Final Series is completed then competitors will be ranked according to overall scores in Qualifying Series.

## 14. SUPPORT PERSONS & SUPPORT BOATS

- 14.1. Support Persons shall [register online](#) with payment by credit/debit card or bank transfer. Payment made at the event venue at registration shall be in cash and \$AUD only.



- 14.2. The Support Person's Fee for registration received and paid by 2400hrs (UTC) on **January 23rd, 2020** is **\$85 AUD**. Payment received after this shall be **\$135 AUD**.
- 14.3. A registration is not valid until paid.

## 15. [DP] STORAGE

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- 15.1. On completion of registration and continuing until the end of the regatta, when ashore (other than when launching and retrieving), all boards shall be kept in their assigned places. Removal of any board from the assigned place shall require prior written approval from the event Technical Committee. Access to boards in the board storage area during certain hours, including hours of darkness may be restricted.
- 15.2. Unless otherwise directed by the LOA, all competing boards and equipment shall be launched and retrieved from the designated area.
- 15.3. Boards shall be removed from the venue on the Departure Day as defined in the Schedule.

## 16. [DP] SAFETY

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- 16.1. Competitors shall carry a whistle as specified in the Class Rules C1.2.
- 16.2. Local Regulations may require that PFD Type 2 (50N) are required to be worn while afloat.

## 17. PRIZES

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- 17.1. Medals for the 2020 RS:X Windsurfing World Championships will be awarded to the first three and trophies/prizes to the first five Men and Women events.
- 17.2. Trophies/prizes for the 2020 Sorrento RS:X U21 Windsurfing Championships will be awarded to the first five Men and Women events.
- 17.3. **Medals and the titles 'RS:X Oceania Champion' for the 2020 RS:X Windsurfing Oceanic Championships (NoR 3.4) will be awarded to the first three Men and Women in each of these events.**
- 17.4. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the RS:X Class Administration.

## 18. RISK STATEMENT

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- 18.1. Competitors and support team participate in the event entirely at their own risk and they are reminded of the provisions of RRS 4, Decision to Race. Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
  - 18.1.1. They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
  - 18.1.2. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
  - 18.1.3. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
  - 18.1.4. Their board is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
  - 18.1.5. The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the race organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
  - 18.1.6. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
  - 18.1.7. They will familiarize themselves with any event risks, adhere to rules and information produced for the event and attend any event safety briefings.



## 19. INSURANCE

- 19.1. Competitors shall possess valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 1 million euros.
- 19.2. Coaches and support boat drivers shall also have valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 1.5 million euros.
- 19.3. Failure to provide evidence of insurance cover may be penalized by exclusion from the event.

## 20. DRUG TESTING

- 20.1. Competitors are reminded of the World Sailing rules and regulations concerning the use of banned methods and substances. Drug testing may take place during the event.

## 21. TELEVISION AND MEDIA

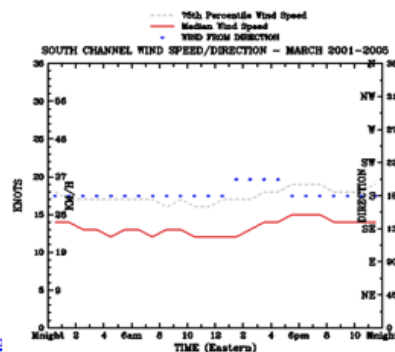
- 21.1. In registering for the event, competitors automatically grant to the LOA and the International RS:X Windsurfing Class Association the right in perpetuity to make, use and show from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of them, taken during the period of the event, for the said Championship as defined in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions in which he/she participates without compensation.

## 22. OFFICIAL CEREMONIES & DRESS CODE

- 22.1. Competitors should attend the Opening Ceremony, Prize Giving and Closing Ceremony.
- 22.2. Smart casual clothes will be worn.

## NOTICE OF RACE ENDS

The conditions that can be expected are:



A good guide will be to check the following site: [www.bom.gov.au/vic/observatic](http://www.bom.gov.au/vic/observatic) (and monitor "South Channel Island")

For Venue questions including pre-regatta training questions, please contact Ben Fels  
 Email: [sail@sscbc.com.au](mailto:sail@sscbc.com.au) Tel. +61 3 5984 8200 (UTC +11)

For coach boat charter please contact: Ben Fels (contacts above).  
 Charters are dealt with on a first come, first served basis.

For accommodation please check the Event website: [www.rsxclass.org/worlds2020](http://www.rsxclass.org/worlds2020)

Neither the LOA nor International RS:X Class Association take responsibility for travel and accommodation arrangements.



**Equipment purchase option:**

SHQ Boardsports in Melbourne will be supporting the RS:X Worlds by arranging for pre-ordered product to be available for collection at the store from February 1<sup>st</sup> 2020.

To benefit from this offer, sailors who want to purchase the equipment and collect it in Melbourne, should place their **orders by December 10<sup>th</sup>**, either using one of the order forms (available on the event website: <http://www.rsxclass.org/worlds2020/equipment-purchase/>) and returning it to [fletch@shq.com.au](mailto:fletch@shq.com.au), or by going online to <https://www.shq.com.au/collections/rsx-windsurfing-melbourne>. Prices are in line with global pricing for RS:X, converted into AUD and with the local 10% GST added.

Contact Andrus Poksi [andrus@rsxclass.org](mailto:andrus@rsxclass.org) at RS:X Executive Office in case of any other questions.