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QUEENSLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS
NOV 20-21st 2021
LAKE COOTHARABA,
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2021 Windsurfer Class State Championships Wrap

The weather gods were smiling on us last weekend for the 2021 Queensland Windsurfer Championships. Saturday morning the skies were bright and blue with a steady 5 knots from the northwest by 8 am.

By the first gun, a solid 8 to 10 knots was recorded on the Start boat which steadily increased from there throughout the day to a maximum of 18 knots in the last race, making for some fun conditions.

We packed in three races in the morning before lunch followed by three more races in planing conditions for the afternoon. There were plenty of battles throughout the fleet with one of the most intense duels occurring out in front between ex-World Champ John Buick and fellow Canadian ex-pat Josh Green, the two finishing only seconds apart in nearly every race that day. Green lead by one point at lunchtime but in the increasing wind strength, Buick prevailed due to his faultless upwind legs which gave him a two-point lead by the end of the day. Matt Williams dominated the heavyweight division, finishing every race in the top five.

Sunday morning we woke to some cloud cover and very light winds but by the briefing at 9 am we had enough to set the slalom course just off the beach. A single-elimination competition begun with six competitors in each heat. Three competitors from each advanced to a semi-final and then a four-person 3-race final was set against Josh Green, John Buick, Matt Williams and Courtney Schoutrop. Green dominated in the first two races and was able to sit out the last race. However, second-place was locked in a tie between Buick and Williams going into the third and final race.

But after a tight first upwind leg, Buick, with his world-class experience, dominated the rest of the race to take second.

Next up, the final course race was run in 2 to 8 knots which was extremely challenging. Green took out the lead but it wasn't enough to topple Buick off the top spot for the course racing title in lightweights. In the Heavies, Bob Krojs sailed very well, but again was unable to beat Adam Richards for second. Matt Williams easily took first place in the Heavyweight division.

After lunch, with the wind increasing over 12 kts. The marathon took place in patchy north to north-east conditions. With Green 1st to the top mark, his lead only extended from there to record a strong finish well in front of the rest of the fleet. Matt Williams again dominated in the heavyweight class with Marc Belyea and Bob Krojs second and third respectively.

But it wasn't only the great conditions that made everyone keen to come back next year. The atmosphere on and off the water was fantastic so we are expecting even stronger numbers next year!

Results are here: <https://bit.ly/3Clvb9w>

Photos by Russell Witt Photography - see a heap more of the action here: <https://bit.ly/3kWm3YU>

