



February 16, 2021

2021 Windsurfer Class Australian Championships Cancelled

On Monday night the Windsurfer Class Association of Australia (WCAA) national committee held an extraordinary meeting to discuss the upcoming National Championships scheduled for Easter at Parkdale Yacht Club. Participants included the National executive, Class State Reps, representatives from the host Club and the Windsurfer importer.

After a roundtable discussion the consensus was unanimous agreement that the 2021 Nationals would need to be cancelled.

Whilst this is hugely disappointing and frustrating it is clear that:

- the current COVID situation (and flow on impacts) in Victoria has made it impossible to undertake an event that is accessible to competitors from all States
- there was significant risk for competitors of lockout or quarantining on return to their home states if a further COVID outbreak occurred
- there was the potential for a significantly diminished social interactions at the event – a vital component of the Class culture
- the current COVID Safe Event status of the Nationals could be revoked or significantly amended in line with changing Victorian Government requirements

All competitors will receive a full refund. Information about the process will be sent directly to those who have entered in the next week.

The WCAA would like to acknowledge the significant amount of work undertaken by the committee of Parkdale Yacht Club who put in a massive amount of time and resources to event planning including completion of Victorian government grant applications and the COVIDSafe Event plan.

A big thank you to our awesome Class sponsors – Surf Logic, Vaikobi, Mobium Group and Windgenuity – all of whom have already contributed massively to the planning and support of the event.

Needless to say, we realise there will be a lot of disappointment about the decision to cancel the Australian Championships, but the Class is moving forward with future National events for 2021 including:

- Mid-Winter Championship to be held in North Queensland in June/July.
- Australian Masters Games to be held in Perth in October, where the Windsurfer LT was chosen as the competition board.

State Reps will continue to drive local activities for the balance of the season.

Rest assured, we will be back together on the water soon. Bigger and better than ever.

Don't forget you are part of the one of the largest, fastest growing and most fun sailing Classes - there are now over 750 Windsurfer LT's in Australia.

Stay safe,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nick Bez', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Nick Bez

WCAA President

On behalf of the WCAA Committee