



I.W.C.A. International Windsurfer Class Association



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Dear Windsurfer friends,

For the past months, the International Windsurfer Class Association (IWCA) Executive committee has been closely monitoring the situation across the world regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

In particular, the potential impacts on the upcoming World Championships, scheduled for Perth, Western Australia in December 2021, has been carefully discussed and considered.

After detailed advice on government travel bans and ongoing quarantine requirements in Australia provided by the organising committee led by IWCA Vice President, Mr. Greg Johns, and in consultation with the host Club, Mounts Bay Sailing Club, it has been identified that there are significant barriers for the successful running of the event.

Even with the commencement of vaccination programs around the world it has been assessed that the likelihood of unrestricted travel from all countries into Australia in 2021 is highly unlikely. Furthermore, there remain real commercial uncertainties related to sponsorship which compromises the economic viability of the Championship in this year.

Therefore, today the IWCA announces that the 2021 World Championships will again be postponed by one year. The event is now scheduled for 28 December 2022 – 4 January 2023 on the Swan River, in Perth, Western Australia.

We are extremely disappointed by this outcome, as no doubt many of the Windsurfer family around the globe will be.

Be assured the IWCA is moving forward with planning for additional international events to held in various locations (subject to COVID and travel conditions) for later in 2021 and into the Northern summer of 2022. This will include the renewal of a World Team Sailing Championship.

There is a possibility that the Siam Cup, scheduled for Thailand in December 2021, may allow for open international travel based on current Thai government indications.

If this is the case the IWCA will consider if this event can be upgraded to a World Championship for this year. Discussions are under way with Cobra, the event organisers, about this possibility.

The European Championships for 2021 to be held in France in June, the World Trophy in Finland in August and the World Masters Games scheduled for Japan in May 2022 are, at this stage, proceeding as planned.

The IWCA will make further announcements on additional events as soon as possible.

Thank you for your understanding and we are sure we will meet on the water again soon.

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