

WOOLLAHRA SAILING CLUB

Notice of Race

2026 Winter Series — Wingfoil Division · Open Equipment Wingfoil Racing

Rose Bay, Sydney

Quick reference

Organising Authority	Woollahra Sailing Club (WSC)
Series	WSC Winter Series 2026 — Wingfoil Division
Discipline	Wingfoil — Open Equipment
Venue	Rose Bay, Sydney
Race days	Sundays, throughout the WSC Winter Series, subject to conditions
Start time	Standard start: 07:30 yard briefing, 08:00 first sequence on the water. Later start: where a later, more favourable wind is forecast, the start may move to 10:00 (with a 09:30 yard briefing) to run alongside the morning classes (see clause 7)
Format — 10–15 knots	Slalom (reaching course)
Format — above 15 knots	Course racing
Wind range	Minimum 10 knots; maximum at WSC discretion
Course area	Inside Rose Bay, outside the exclusion zone until a wingfoil racing exclusion permit is obtained by WSC (see clause 6)
Entry	Free for WSC members; non-members per WSC casual / day-pass fee schedule

1. Rules

- 1.1 The series will be governed by the rules as defined in the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the standard IWSA Wingfoil racing rules, except as varied by this Notice of Race and any subsequent Sailing Instructions or race-day briefings.
- 1.2 The Wingfoil Division is operated on a good-will basis and is unscored. Protests, redress requests and similar hearings will not be investigated. Persistent unsafe, unsporting or disruptive conduct may be addressed by WSC race management at its discretion, including exclusion from the fleet.
- 1.3 WSC race management retains absolute discretion to postpone, shorten, alter, or abandon racing for operational, safety or weather reasons.

2. Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1 Entry is free for WSC members. Non-members may enter on a casual basis at the rate set by WSC's published casual / day-pass fee schedule, at the sole discretion of WSC.
- 2.2 Non-member participants are permitted to race and use general club facilities on race days they have paid for, but are not entitled to equipment storage or other member privileges. WSC reserves the right to direct non-members to convert to full membership for continued participation.
- 2.3 All competitors must be able to gybe competently. This is a non-negotiable safety requirement — riders who are unable to gybe will not be permitted to race.
- 2.4 Registration is to be self-managed online via a process approved by WSC. Riders must also join the official rider WhatsApp group for operational communication.
- 2.5 All ongoing competitors will be issued with a WSC identifier (sticker, bib or equivalent) to assist race officers and rescue boats in identifying division participants.

3. Equipment Rule

- 3.1** The Wingfoil Division is an open equipment class. All equipment is unrestricted:
- (a) Wing: unrestricted.
 - (b) Board: unrestricted.
 - (c) Foil: unrestricted.
- 3.2** The intent of this rule is to keep the fleet accessible and inclusive of riders' existing equipment.

4. Mandatory Safety Equipment

- 4.1** Every competitor must wear, at all times when on the water:
- (a) a helmet; and
 - (b) an impact vest.
- 4.2** Additional safety items (e.g. leashes, visibility bibs, hydration) may be required by WSC race management on the day.

5. Required Competitor Standard

Competitors must be able to:

- launch and return independently;
- ride competently in a mixed on-water environment;
- maintain basic upwind and downwind control;
- gybe competently — this is a non-negotiable safety requirement;
- complete a self-rescue and return to shore in Rose Bay conditions; and
- comply with briefings, course instructions, and race abandonment signals.

6. Racing Format

- 6.1** Slalom (10–15 knots). When the wind is in the 10–15 knot range, the fleet will race in a reaching slalom format. The course favours foil control, speed and gybing.
- 6.2** Course racing (above 15 knots). When the wind is above 15 knots, the fleet will race a standard windward/leeward or course-racing format.
- 6.3** Race Officer discretion. The Race Officer may select the format on the day based on prevailing and forecast conditions. Where wind is borderline or shifting, the Race Officer's call is final.
- 6.4** Start sequence. Three (3) minutes in duration. Flags and horn sequence at the discretion of the Race Officer on the day.
- 6.5** Course. The standard slalom course is: start line crossed on starboard — Mark 1 to port — Mark 2 to starboard — Mark 3 to port — finish line crossed on port. The exact course (slalom or windward/leeward) may be modified by WSC race management on the day depending on wind, fleet size and water-user traffic.
- 6.6** Exclusion zone. All courses must be set and run outside the Rose Bay exclusion zone until a wingfoil racing exclusion permit is obtained by WSC. Marks, the start/finish line and the racing area will be positioned so that the fleet remains clear of the exclusion zone at all times. Once an exclusion permit is granted, this clause will be amended accordingly by WSC race management.
- 6.7** Shared course area. Racing is intended to take place inside Rose Bay. The Wingfoil Division may race on the same day as other WSC fleets but on a separate or modified course area where this is safer or more efficient. In particular, a slalom course may be run alongside the Moth course, with the two course areas kept clear of one another at the discretion of WSC race management.

7. Race-Day Schedule

Standard start day (08:00):

07:00 – 07:30

Rigging up and sign-on

07:30	Yard briefing (mandatory)
08:00	First sequence (on-water start)
10:30	Final sequence
11:00	Debrief and sign-off

Later start day (10:00) — where a later, more favourable wind is forecast:

09:00 – 09:30	Rigging up and sign-on
09:30	Yard briefing (mandatory)
10:00	First sequence (on-water start)
12:30	Final sequence
13:00	Debrief and sign-off

7.1 Start time and later-start option. The standard on-water start is 08:00, following a 07:30 yard briefing. Where a later, more favourable wind is forecast, WSC race management may instead run a 10:00 on-water start with a 09:30 yard briefing, to run alongside the morning classes. The start time for the day will be confirmed via the rider WhatsApp group (see clause 12) and at the yard briefing.

All competitors must sign on prior to launching and sign off on return. Failure to sign off may trigger a search-and-rescue response.

8. Wind and Weather

- 8.1** Minimum wind: 10 knots. Racing will not be started below this threshold.
- 8.2** Maximum wind: undefined — at WSC race management discretion based on conditions, fleet experience, and water-user traffic on the day.
- 8.3** Format by wind range: slalom in 10–15 knots; course racing above 15 knots. See clause 6.
- 8.4** Racing may be postponed, shortened or abandoned if wind falls below the minimum, exceeds safe limits, visibility deteriorates, or traffic creates unsafe congestion. Where a later, more favourable wind is forecast, the 10:00 later-start option under clause 7.1 may be applied instead of abandoning the day.

9. Safety

- 9.1** Each competitor is personally responsible for the decision to start or continue racing. RRS 3 (Decision to Race) applies.
- 9.2** WSC will provide rescue support consistent with its standard winter-series safety arrangements, including mark-laying and start-boat support.
- 9.3** Competitors must follow all instructions from WSC staff, race officers and rescue boats.
- 9.4** If a competitor retires, they must return promptly to shore and notify shore control.

10. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

11. Insurance

Each participating wingfoiler is required to hold valid third-party liability insurance covering the activity. WSC members are typically covered via the Club's standard arrangements; non-member participants must ensure they hold equivalent cover. Riders may be asked to confirm insurance status at sign-on.

12. Communication

- Race-day operations: WhatsApp group (link issued upon registration).

- Wind forecast and start time: a wind forecast and the intended start time (08:00 or 10:00) will be posted to the rider WhatsApp group approximately 24 hours before each race day.
- Notices to competitors: WSC noticeboard and registered email address.
- Forecasts and on-water updates: WhatsApp group and pre-race briefing.

13. Contact

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