

PRELIMINARY NOTICE OF RACE

WINDSURFER

IWCA OCEANIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

Nadi Bay , Fiji

7th - 10th June, 2025



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A. Covid-19

The event will adhere to all health and legal directions in force during the event and may require sign-in, social distancing, wearing of masks, limit group sizes, mandatory vaccination and other requirements as mandated by the Fijian Government.

Currently there are no requirements or restrictions within Fiji.

B. Rules & Definitions

The regatta will be governed by:

1) the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) (2021 – 2024) - Windsurfing Fleet Racing Rules (Appendix B)

a. No National Authority prescriptions will apply

2) the Windsurfer Class rules

If there is conflict between the Notice of Race (NOR) and the Sailing Instructions (SIs), the SIs will take precedence.

If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.

C. Rule 42. - Propulsion (Pumping)

As per Windsurfer Class rules, Rule 42 is changed to:

“A board shall be propelled only by the action of the wind on the sail, by the action of the water on the hull and by the unassisted actions of the competitor except that when:

(i) Course racing

and competitors are sailing to windward or on a close-hauled course, pumping (continuous and/or repetitive movement of the rig to induce wind-flow over the sail) is prohibited except for the first 30 seconds after the starting signal, at which time a horn will sound and pumping whilst sailing on an upwind course is no longer permitted.

A member of the race committee or a designated observer who sees a competitor infringing these pumping restrictions may disqualify a competitor without a hearing.

Note: Pumping is unrestricted for the slalom and marathon events.

D. Eligibility

Windsurfer Class boards of the Windsurfer LT type using class supplied and approved equipment. All competitors shall:

1. Be paid up members of their National or Regional Windsurfer Class Association.
2. Provide evidence of personal insurance.
3. Have a unique sail number, displayed in accordance with the Windsurfer Class Rule

E. Entry Fee & Registration

Competitors will pay the prescribed entry fees as detailed below.

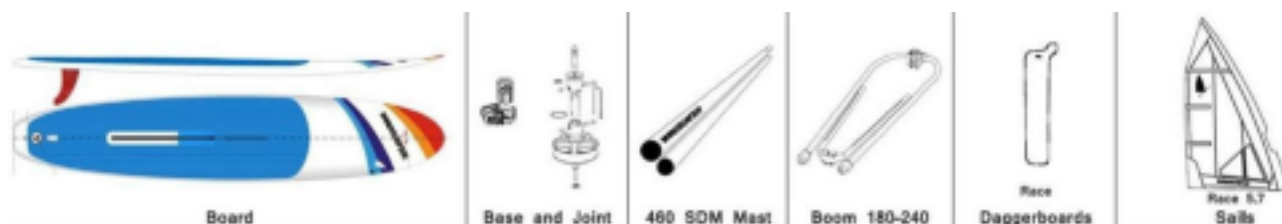
The event entry fee includes racing, welcome pack, opening ceremony & prize giving. Two social events are included with sailor registration. These include a meal but not drinks.

Additional tickets (Adults \$50.00/ Children \$25.00 per event) for friends and family are available as part of the registration process.

No entries will be accepted after 5.00PM on June 1st, 2025.

Competitor Entry Fees (FJD\$)	
Category A – Open	FJ\$300
Category B – Aged under 19 years on the first racing day	FJ\$250
Entries will be open from April 1st	

F. Charter Boards



The Fijian Yachting Association will provide charter boards.

Twenty Five (25) charter boards are available.

These will be allocated on a “first come first served” basis.

Charters will be open from March 21st. The deadline for Charter application is June 1st, 2023.

The Charter boards will be brand new, supplied complete and will have pre-applied sail numbers.

Charter Fees (FJD\$)	
Fiji Charter – June 7 th 2025 – June 10 th 2025	FJ\$600
Extended Charter is available from June 6 th at an additional fee of FJD\$100.00 per day subject to availability. A FJD\$400.00 bond deposit will be required on pick up and returned upon equipment return with no damage. Total loss of board or accessories will be charged at list price. Charters will be open from June 5 th 2025	

For more information and to reserve, contact Lisa Philp at Fiji Yachting Association. Email : secretary@sailing.org.fj

Phone: (+679) 999 8359

G. Registration

All competitors shall complete registration with the Organising Authority on June 7th 2025.

At Registration:

- All competitors will have to sign an Entry Form which includes the Entry Declaration and Disclaimer of Liability;
- All competitors will have their Windsurfer Class and Insurance status checked;
- Competitors under 18 years of age must have an ‘Emergency Contact Form’ and ‘Media Consent Form’, completed by their parent / guardian;

- Male competitors will have their weight recorded;
- Proof of age of a competitor may be checked, if required by the Organising Authority
- Registration will occur at Natadola Beach between 0900 and 1000hrs on Friday, June 6th 2025.

H. Schedule

Date	Event Time	Location
Saturday 7th June	Registration 0900 – 1000hrs	Boatshed Vuda Point
Saturday 7th June	Opening Ceremony 10-1030Hrs	Boatshed Vuda Point
	Briefing 1230 Hrs First start - Warning Signal not 1400 hrs	Boatshed Vuda Point
Sunday 8th June	Briefing 1000hrs	Boatshed Vuda Point
	First start - Warning Signal not Before 1000hrs	
Monday 9th June	Slalom Briefing 1000hrs	Boatshed Vuda Point
	First start - Warning Signal not Before 1000hrs	
Tuesday 10th June	First start - Warning Signal not Before 1000hrs No signal after 1300 Hrs Prize Giving and Closing Ceremony 17:30hrs	Boatshed Vuda Point Boatshed Vuda Point

The event will be run on an 'on call' basis.

Competitors are strongly advised not to leave the vicinity of the boatshed during racing sessions as decisions to race may be made quickly based on changing conditions or racing requirements.

Decisions will be made by the Organising Authority based on safety and conditions..

Multiple briefings may be held, and changes may be made through verbal instructions or notices to competitors.

I. Competition Disciplines

Competition will be conducted in the disciplines of Course and Slalom racing

Target competition program is a minimum nine (8) Course Races and a maximum of Twelve (12)

J. Competition Divisions

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Racing will be conducted for

Women/Men – A. Light less than 78kg B. Heavy over 78kg

Weighing Procedure

- (i) Weighing of competitors will be conducted during the event registration period on the official scales provided by the Organising Authority.
- (ii) Competitors will weigh in T-shirt and shorts only (no footwear) – with all pockets emptied. (iii) Competitors may be re-weighed at any time during an event at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- (iv) If subsequent weighing of a competitor indicates a variation of more than 2 kilograms from the original weight that would cause a competitor to change weight division the Organising Authority will assess the circumstances and have the option to change the competitors' division.

K. Equipment

It is the responsibility of each competitor to ensure that their equipment conforms to the current Class Rules.

Equipment inspection may be undertaken at any time during the Event by the Organising Authority to ensure compliance with Class Rules. Those in the Junior division may use the Class 4.0 or 4.5 sail.

L. Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions (SIs) including course format and racing procedure will be available online no-later than 3 days prior to the event.

Further instructions may be provided verbally at Briefings and also by Notices to Competitors. The SIs and Notices to Competitors will be available on the Official Notice Board at the boatshed .

M. Scoring

Scoring will be conducted by division.

For course racing , the Low Point System - RRS Appendix A Scoring will apply. Three (3) course races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

When fewer than 5 course races have been completed a board's series course racing score will be the total of her divisional race scores.

When from 5 to 7 course races have been completed, a board's series course racing score will be the total of her divisional race scores excluding her worst score ("one drop").

When 8 or more course races have been completed, a board's series course racing score will be the total of her divisional race scores excluding her two worst scores ("two drops").

Age group positions will be calculated based on the sailor's overall score.

Age Group	Age
Junior	Under 16 years on the 1st racing day of the Event
Open	Light less than 78kg , Heavy over 78kg
Women	

N. Buoyancy

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All competitors shall wear whilst racing in course racing, slalom and marathon personal flotation devices which are in good condition and are in accordance with the specifications approved by the National Authority at or above the minimum level required (ie L50/ level 50) or as approved by the Organising Authority (changes rules 27.1 and 40.1.) Attention is drawn to rule 1.2.

O. Trophies and Prizes

Prizes will be awarded to place getters depending on the number of entries in each class. Prize giving for the Championships will be held on Tuesday afternoon 10th June 2025 after the last race at Vuda Point Boatshead at 5.00pm, Followed by a drinks and nibbles .

P. Responsibility

Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 3 - Decision to Race, which states "The responsibility for a board's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".

It is the competitor's sole decision to enter this event and to start and or to continue to compete. By way of entering, competitors acknowledge and agree that participation in this event can be dangerous and accept that their participation is at their exclusive risk in every respect. In addition, by way of entering competitors shall hold harmless the Organising Authority, its officers, members, servants and agents and all other competitors in respect of all liability for injury to their person and or loss or damage to their property howsoever arising from their participation or intended participation in this event and acknowledge and accept that the organising authority, its officers, members, servants, agents and other competitors accept no responsibility in respect to loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of a competitor's participation or intended participation in this event or arising for whatever reason in connection with this event.

Competitors will sign a disclaimer of liability at registration.

Q. Advertising

Competitors may be obliged by the Organising Authority to display advertising of sponsors on sails and/or other equipment and/or on their persons in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.

R. Media Rights

Competitors give full rights and permission to the Organising Authority and / or IWCA for use and broadcasting of photographs or videos of persons or boards competing in the event including, but not limited to, spots on television, online mediums and social media and can be used for editorial purpose, promotion or printed information.

Competitors under 18 years of age may opt out when completing the disclaimer of liability at registration.

Appendix A – Regatta Site and Racing Area

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Weather

Sailing on Nadfai Bay at this time of the year has generally light to moderate south easterly tradewinds 10-20 knots.

Frontal systems can disrupt the usual wind pattern.

Typical Temperatures in June ::

Winter is here in Fiji, however, it doesn't feel like your typical winter with the maximum average temperatures reaching 26.5°C / 80°F and the minimum average temperatures being 21°C / 70°F usually at night. The only chill you'll feel is the gentle breeze from the Pacific Ocean.

Flying to Nadi International Airport

Fiji Airways provides regional services to Australia, New Zealand, Hawaii, Kiribati, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Vanuatu and longer services such as the United States, Canada, Japan and Singapore.