

WAVE RALLY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

NOTICE OF RACE (Ver. 1.7 - 14/6/2025)

Windsurfing WA Inc.
PO Box 463, Claremont, 6910, WA

Friday 9th – Sunday 11th January 2026

Dear Wave Rally Entrant,

Welcome to the **Wave Rally II** and thank you for your interest to participate!

The organising authority for this event is **Windsurfing WA Inc** in conjunction with **Geraldton Windsurf Club Inc.**

See you all at Geraldton Windsurfing Club at Coronation Beach on Friday the 9th of January, 2026. ***Bring the fun vibes, it's going to be epic!***

Here's some important information for the event;

EVENT SCHEDULE

Friday 9th January, 2026

09:00: Registration
10:30: Welcome & Skippers Meeting
11:30: First Heat
18:00: Last Heat
18:30: Sunset Session at 'Playas Lounge' (Event Site)

Saturday 10th January, 2026

10:30: Skippers Meeting
11:30: First Heat
18:00: Last Heat
18:30: Beach Party at 'Playas Lounge' (Event Site)

Sunday 11th January, 2026

10:30: Skippers Meeting
11:30: First Heat
18:00: Last Heat (Finals)
18:30: Presentation/Prize giving at 'Playas Lounge' (Event Site)

LOCATION

The Wave Rally World Championships takes place at [The Geraldton Windsurfing Club](#) at Coronation Beach, Howatharra, Western Australia.

There is a variety of parking spaces around the event site. The main car park near the club is likely to fill up so you may need to park in available spots up to 100m away. If you can share a lift with a friend to the event that would help congestion.

ELIGIBILITY

Competitors must be members of an affiliated Australian Windsurfing Association organisation (e.g., Windsurfing WA, Geraldton Windsurf Club or their State Windsurfing Association).

Volunteers must register via this link when available - (TBA)

ENTRY

The standard entry fee for Wave Rally is \$220. An early bird fee of \$170 are for entries registered before the 1st December, 2025. Please help the event by entering early and saving yourself some money!

In case you were wondering how much the entry fee contributes to the event, around 65% of the event budget is funded by Sponsors and Government Grants. The remaining 35% is paid for from the entry fees. The cost per entrant to host Wave Rally is around \$500 each.

Parents/Guardians must register entrants under 18.

REGISTRATION

Every competitor needs to check in at the 'Wave Rally Admin' tent in the 'Playas Lounge' (Geraldton Windsurfing Club) to pick up their competitor packs and complete registration.

Collection of competitor packs is scheduled for Friday the 9th January between 09:00 and 10:30.

If you are unable to come on time due to an emergency, please reach us through the 'Wave Rally II 2026' WhatsApp group: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/KllrKtxlobd7eGWFdacuDy>. We can't promise we'll get you sorted but we'll try!

WAVE RALLY CATEGORIES

There will be 4 categories of competitor however all sailors will be mixed in the heats. The divisions are **Ladies Opens, Lightweight Men, Middleweight Men & Heavyweight Men.**

Entrants under 18 years of age must get a Parent/Guardian to complete the 'Consent for a minor's participation' form, sign it and hand it in at registration.

On registration on Day 1, all men will be weighed and placed into one of three equally distributed weight divisions. Based on the experience from Wave Rally 2025, the three weight divisions were distributed to these weight ranges. It's expected to be similar for the 2026 event.

Women Open: All women

Lightweight Men: Under 77kg

Middleweight Men: 77kg to 87kg

Heavyweight Men: Over 87kg

Each of the 4 categories will have individual titles of **WAVE RALLY WORLD CHAMPIONS!**

WINDSURF GEAR ALLOWED

The Wave Rally concept is unique as the event is a 'Wave Slalom' style format however with certain rules on gear. The organiser aims to make the racing as fun & fair as possible so in the spirit of this event please respect Wave Rally's vision!

The equipment rules are;

- Must be a wave multi-fin board, either 2, 3 or 4 fins. No single fins.
- No boards with centre 'Power Boxes' or 'Tuttle Boxes' allowed. Boards with 'Mini Tuttle' side fins are allowed.
- Fins to be swept back wave style fins. No upright slalom style fins.
- Maximum 3 footstraps. No weight vests allowed.
- Maximum 5 battens on wave style sails. No cambers. No 'Windsurfer LT' sails.
- Maximum sail and fin sizes allowed are as follows;

MEN WEIGHT	MAX SAIL SIZE	MAX FIN SIZE
Under 70 kg	4.7	18 cm
70 – 75 kg	5.0	19 cm
76 – 81 kg	5.3	20 cm
82 – 87 kg	5.5	21 cm
88 – 93 kg	5.8	22 cm
94 – 99 kg	6.0	24 cm
100 kg +	6.3	26 cm
ALL WOMEN	5.0	20 cm

COMPETITION FORMAT

There will be 3 competition days out of the 3-day event window.

Competition days 1 & 2 will feature multiple round 'League Style' heat races where every sailor gets the same number of heats, with up to 4 rounds per day. Round 1 will be a seeding round. Each round you will be sailing against sailors from all divisions. From Round 2 onwards up to 10 sailors will compete in each heat with places 1st - 4th progressing up the heat structure.

Places 5th & 6th stay in their bracket whilst the places 7th - 10th move down a bracket. This way over multiple rounds you are likely to match with sailors of similar ability and give you something to aim for in trying to progress up the heat draw.

Competition Day 3 will see another 2 rounds sailed and once complete the top 20 sailors in each division will enter the Semi Final rounds with max 10 person heats. The top 50% sailors of each Semi Final will enter the Grand Final where the opportunity exists to be crowned **Wave Rally World Champion**. There will also be a 'Mega Final' where the top 10 ranked sailors after all the rounds are completed regardless of division will go all in for the **Overall Wave Rally World Champion**!

In the event of light winds, we will be providing inflatable high performance 'WindSUP' boards for all competitors to connect their sail to (Uni joint 'pin system'). The light wind format will be a 'One Design' race & all competitors will use this board. If wind increases to a suitable level (around 20 knots) the Race Director will announce on the PA system that sailors will transition to their wave gear in accordance with rules outlined above.

For more information on the general race format please watch this video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Rc1KjdSO3M>.

In the event of a race dispute, the organisers decision is final. For more information, please refer to the document [Event Rules and Regulations](#) on the www.waverally.org website.

COMMUNICATION

Our phone communication channel is the WhatsApp group "WAVE RALLY II 2026".

You can join via: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/KllrKtxlobd7eGWFdacuDy>

SAFETY

There will be a jet ski monitoring the course for your safety. The Department of Transport has not granted us exemption from wearing life jackets beyond 400m from the shore. If you sail beyond 400m from the shore the law requires you to wear a Type 2/Level 50 life jacket.

FOOD & DRINKS

Every entry gets 2 x 'Wave Rally Food Tokens' to be used at the JB Cuisine food van. Depending on the number of entrants, a variety of food & drink options will also be available for purchase at food vans. If you have a special diet, please take your own food in case your requirements are not offered at the event. Food vans will aim to be open from 11:00 to 20:00.

ACCOMMODATION

All activities at the Wave Rally event are happening at the Geraldton Windsurfing Club site at Coronation Beach, Howatharra. For a detailed rundown of the accommodation options at the event site please watch this video - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h5w9bbZVzBo>.

LIABILITY

I acknowledge and accept that I am solely responsible for deciding to enter and to start and or to continue to compete. By way of entering, participants 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 accepting my entry, I agree to be bound by the racing rules and all other rules governing this event. In addition, by way of entering participants shall hold harmless the organising authority, its officers, members, servants and agents and all other participants 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 participants 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 participant's participation or intended participation in this event or arising for whatever reason in connection with this event.

I acknowledge that it is a legal requirement to wear a Type 2/Level 50 life jacket when windsurfing over 400m from the shore. If I windsurf beyond 400m from the shore without wearing such a lifejacket during the event I waive the right to legal action against the event organisers in the event of an incident.

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Massive thanks to our sponsors for making the **Wave Rally World Championships** a reality. This event wouldn't happen without them so make sure you give them your support!

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