



Annual General Meeting Minutes

Monday 20th of July 2020, at 7pm via Zoom

WSNSW 2020 AGM Agenda

1. Attendees
Lissa McMillan, Richie Reynolds, Tom Plodr, Dave Bell, Christophe Vial, Glen Morrell, Keith Single, Adam Craven, Martin Stone, Neil McKinlay, James Farley, Steve Newman, Greg McInnes & Ian Appleby
2. Apologies
Byron McIlveen, Murray Towndrow
3. WNSW President's report 2019-2020

Welcome, thanks for volunteering your time to support and promote the sport of windsurfing, not just tonight but throughout the year. It's much appreciated.

This is my third year in the position of President. Thanks to the Committee of Keith, Tom, Greg and Richie for their support across the year. Thanks also to the Club and Class delegates who have given their time and energy.

Despite the Covid-19 challenge towards the end of this season, 2019-20 has overall been a season of growth and success for Windsurfing in NSW.

Membership of the AWA via Windsurfing NSW grew in the past season from 344 to 401. For historical reasons, Windsurfer One Design membership Australia-wide is channelled through WNSW, so taking out interstate Wally sailors, the NSW membership stands at 267. This makes us the largest windsurfing state in the country. The next biggest is WA, with 244 members, followed by Qld with 128.

There was only one other state where membership numbers grew, and that was in Victoria, with a small increase from 29 members to 34.

The number of Clubs and Classes affiliated with WNSW grew again this year, from 12 to 16.

One of our big successes this year allows us to make it easier for these clubs and classes to run races and regattas for sailboards. In 2017 Roads and Maritime Services introduced a system known as SENS (Sailing Event Notification System) to "reduce the administrative burden" by exempting organisers of sailing events from the

requirement to obtain an aquatic licence, provided certain conditions were complied with.

However, under MARINE SAFETY REGULATION 2016 EXEMPTION ORDER Clause 140(1), sailboards were **specifically excluded** from the definition of a Sailing Event. This meant clubs and classes affiliated with WNSW still needed to apply for an Aquatic Licence to host a windsurfing event. Clubs that regularly raced both sailboards and dinghies needed to make separate applications to run the same races for different craft.

Windsurfing NSW made a formal submission to RMS, arguing that our Risk Management Plan, which applies to all clubs and windsurfing classes affiliated with WNSW and any event organised or co-organised by WNSW, showed how seriously we regarded the safety of our participants and others.

We argued that course racing for sailboards posed no higher risk than regular, organised yacht sailing. We also asserted that rather than simplifying the process, the change to SENS had created confusion and extra work for clubs racing sailboards and windsurfing regatta organisers.

I'm pleased that Windsurfing NSW was successful in lobbying Roads and Maritime Services to recognise sailboards as sailing vessels under the Sailing Event Notification System, and four months ago, an order to that effect was published in the NSW Government Gazette.

Following on from this, we are now pursuing the issue of being able to cross the Sydney harbour. This issue is on their agenda for consideration as part of a scheduled review of Harbour Safety.

WNSW had another breakthrough in being able to resolve the anomaly of sailboarders not being covered for 3rd party public liability when competing in an event at an Australian Sailing Club that wasn't affiliated with AWA. Richie Reynolds will talk about this shortly in his report as NSW rep to the AWA. This season, Richie was elected Vice President of the AWA.

The face of windsurfing continues to change. This season we've seen the new Olympic board decided upon, with the iQfoil to replace the RS:X at the 2024 Olympics in Paris. We've seen a continued growth in foiling around the state, with state series and other events being introduced. While foiling grows in popularity, Formula has sadly been fading away, not attracting enough sailors to stage a Nationals this season.

Youth sailing continues to grow. When I've been going to Woollahra Sailing Club these winter Sunday mornings since clubs have reopened after the first Covid lockdown, I see a group of teenage girls going out windsurfing together. It's a new development and great to see.

The 2020 Youth Sailing World Championships were scheduled to take place in Brazil in December, but have been cancelled due to the pandemic. The Techno 293 Plus representatives who were to travel were both from NSW – being Grae Morris and Amelia Quinlan. Congratulations to them and good luck in their future windsurfing careers.

And thanks once again to all of you, whose contribution makes windsurfing happen in NSW.

4. Receive financial statement for the season 2019/2020 (Treasurer's report)

Opening cash balance	\$25,776
Income	\$30,672
Expenses	\$27,213
Surplus of Income over expenses	\$3,459
Closing cash balance	\$29,235

AWA insurance and affiliation fees are \$18 per sailor per annum.

5. The following Office Bearers were elected for the 2020/2021 season

a. President	Lissa M was nominated & accepted
b. Vice President	Greg M was nominated & accepted
c. Treasurer	Keith S was nominated & accepted
d. Secretary	Tom P was nominated & accepted
e. AWA Representative	Richie R was nominated & accepted

6. The following Windsurfing Class Reps were appointed and accepted for the 2020/2021 season. Wave and Windsurfer both have their own affiliated associations who put forward a rep. The other classes operate as divisions of Windsurfing NSW.

a. Wave	Zack Coleman
b. Windsurfer LT/OD	Martin Stone
c. Raceboards	Lissa McMillan
d. Slalom/GPS	Murray & Byron (to be confirmed)
e. Youth/Bic Techno 293	Dave Bell
f. Foiling	Glen Morrell
g. Stormriders	TBA AGM 21/7/20

7. Class rep reports

Foiling: see last committee meeting minutes. There will be no formula class in 20/21. The IQ foil equipment arrives late July.

Windsurfer LT/OD: The Nationals will be held in Parkdale, Victoria over the Australia Day long weekend.

Raceboard: The Raceboard Nationals were held very successfully at Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron. There were 32 boards, with 7 of those competing in the Sprint series. The first two places went to New South Welshmen - Grae Morris first, Cam Harrison second. We had a total of 36 competitors in the NSW Series and we are grateful to Starboard, Severne and WSS Boards for sponsoring the series. Cam Harrison took out this series once again. The Raceboard Worlds were due to be in Hungary next month, but they have been cancelled due to Covid-19. The next worlds are schedule for Latvia in 2021.

Youth sailing: Numbers have been strong. Last weekend's Techno Woollahra winter series had 19 sailors including 9 girls. Total registered youth sailors in NSW is around 30. There is a clear progression from Techno to foiling.

8. AWA Report

The AWA has ensured that the third party public liability insurance cover extends to cover our sailors competing in events organised by Australian Sailing clubs whether the club is affiliated to Windsurfing NSW or not. This year the insurance is being placed with another underwriter as the previous underwriter was no longer offering these sorts of policies to sporting organisations.

Affiliations with international class associations has been extended with the IQFoil class being added to the others that we affiliate to, those being;

Raceboard, Formula Windsurfing, International Funboard Class Association (slalom), Techno 293 and Techno 293plus. While Formula competition in Australia has pretty much ceased, foiling is supported by Formula Foil Windsurfing, IFCA and the IQFoil class. As foiling competition continues to grow, the classes to be adopted or discarded will evolve.

A copy of the insurance policy should be available on the WNSW web site in the near future. The minutes of this meeting together with a summary of the financial position will be also available on the website.

9. Draft calendar for the 2020/2021 Season - <https://www.windsurfingnsw.com/calendar/>
Youth dates should soon appear on the calendar.

10. Affiliation fee – \$100 / club and \$20 / member. This will be reviewed next season along with modernising the constitution and its objectives, as well as new insurance costs.

11. Life Members. The President proposed to the meeting five members for Life Membership. The meeting agreed that these members be awarded Life Membership. The inaugural life memberships were conferred upon Jessica Crisp, Lars Kleppich, Glen Morrell, Keith Single & Nick Nelson. Notes on the members are shown in Appendix 1. These notes will feature on the WNSW website.

12. General Business –

- a. NSW Health has COVID 19 template guidelines to help windsurfing clubs and classes prepare COVID plans. Australian Sailing refers to the NSW Health plan template. <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/industry-guidelines/sports-recreation-and-gyms>

13. The meeting closed at 8.13pm.

Appendix 1 The following members were approved for Life Membership:

Jessica Crisp

Born in Sydney, Jessica Crisp has represented Australia in five Olympics, in Los Angeles in 1984, when windsurfing was a demonstration sport, then in Sydney 2000 (Mistral 5th place), Athens 2004 (Mistral 6th place) Beijing 2008 (RS:X 5th place) and London 2012 (RS:X 11th), where she was the Australian sailing team's most experienced Olympian.

She began sailing at the age of 10, and by 15 years old was the Youth World Champion by 15 and the ISAF Women's World Champion by 16. By 17 she was competing on the professional windsurfing circuit, winning the PWA World Cup in 1993 and 1994. Apart from racing, she has competed in freestyle and indoor events. In 2014 she joined the PWA Wavesailing World Tour.

Jessica continues to support windsurfing in NSW through mentoring and coaching.

Lars Kleppich

Lars spent his formative windsurfing years at Dobroyd Aquatic Club, which to this day boasts the highest active windsurfing membership of any club in NSW.

Lars competed in three Olympics, the first being Barcelona in 1992, where he gained an Olympic Bronze medal in the Men's Lechner Sailboard Class – Australia's only Olympic windsurfing medal to date. He also competed in Sydney in 2000, where he placed fourth in Men's Mistral, and Athens 2004 (Mistral 8th place)

In 1999 he won the Men's Mistral World Championships held in Noumea. He continues to work in the windsurfing industry in Sydney.

Keith Single

Keith Single has volunteered huge amounts of time to promote the sport of windsurfing in NSW, and has acted as an advocate and a guiding light.

His long association with our sport has been as a competitor, as class captain for his home club, and for almost 40 years, as a volunteer on the committee of Windsurfing NSW, including as President, and most recently as Treasurer, a position he has held for over 15 years.

Keith continues to compete in Raceboard events, and is currently the Australian Champion in the Veteran age group.

Glen Morrell

Glen has been an innovator and a driving force in windsurfing in NSW for more than a decade. He has initiated or revitalised events across many disciplines. Initially competing in and helping run Formula and Slalom events, he then was deeply involved in reviving and organising the Oceanic and Australian Raceboard Championships in 2009, and the highly successful resurrection of the NSW Raceboard series which he drove from 2011 to 2017.

In 2011 also Glen entered a local team in the GPS Team Challenge, and has organised trips by the Illawarra Speedsters to Speed Weeks in Victoria and South Australia.

In 2016-17 Glen became interested in foiling windsurfers. He has established the first NSW Windfoiling club on the shores of Lake Illawarra, and has been involved in organising the fledgling NSW WindFoiling Series, as well as Foiling National events. As WindFoiling and indeed windsurfing continues to develop in NSW, we expect to find Glen Morrell right in the middle of it.

Nick Nelson

Nick has been involved in Windsurfing activities in NSW for 30 years, selflessly giving of his time to allow others to enjoy the sport.

As well as mentoring, tutoring and organising, Nick most recognisably has been the go-to Principal Race Officer for Formula, Slalom, Windsurfer One Design, Mistral, RS:X and Raceboard for decades.

Nick has often said that he loves racing his various Windsurfers, but that it gives him a greater thrill to facilitate and be involved in making Windsurfing racing happen. We thank him for this.