



WINDSURFING TASMANIA

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President's Report

Last season saw lots of racers and quite a lot of recreational sailors getting into wide-style boards and bigger sails. There were plenty of good seabreezes in the south that allowed wave-sailors to regularly sail goats and clifton. Slalom and freeride sailors also benefited with the onslaught of sou-easters, with great conditions regularly at Cremourne and also off Sandy Bay and kites took off, literally, in a big way. Read more about wavesailing, kitesurfing and racing later in the newsletter.

Getting down to *WT* business, the Annual General Meeting was held at Stanley on Saturday 10th March 2001. A summary by the President of *WT*'s activities over the past 12 months was followed by a Treasurer's report, and office bearers were elected.

It was unanimously decided that the new Formula Windsurfing (FW) concept would replace the current Formula 42 regulations for racing. However, when the wind allowed, a change to slalom boards would be permitted. The venues for FW in 2001-2002 will be Swansea, Port Sorell, Sandy Bay and Stanley.

Membership was up last year, with 42 members, while the mailing list has been fairly static at

around 80. Membership will remain at \$20 for 2001-2002, despite the included third party insurance premium increasing from \$8 to \$12.

It was suggested that *WT* puts up its hand to host a back-to-back National Wavesailing and Formula Windsurfing title in January 2003. This suggestion will be followed up with the relevant organisations through the Australian Windsurfing Association (AWA).

It was also suggested and agreed by all present at the AGM, including a number of kitesurfers, that kitesurfing should fall within the umbrella of WT. However, in line with the other states, the third party insurance will not cover kitesurfers.

by Dave Morehead

About the AWA

For those of you who have heard about the AWA, but aren't quite sure who 'they' are, then hopefully this will make it a bit clearer.

The Australian Windsurfing Association (AWA) is the peak National body that coordinates most of the National events, organises the third party insurance that's provided to members, manages a National website and sail registry, and generally promotes the sport at a state, national and international level.

The AWA has the following structure:

President	Bill Joselin
Vice-President	John Rhode
Treasurer	John Rhode
Secretary	Bill Joselin

State representatives

Ian Fox (VIC)	Lynsay Gadsby (QLD)
Bill Joselin (NSW)	David Morehead (TAS)
John Rhode (SA)	Dusan Mills (WA)

Slalom representatives

Ian Fox (VIC)	Sam Parker (NSW)
Anthony Perkins (TAS)	John Rhode (SA)
Dusan Mills (WA)	

FW representatives

Ian Fox (VIC)	Sam Parker (NSW)
David Morehead (TAS)	John Rhode (SA)
Dusan Mills (WA)	

The following illustrates membership within each state and breaks it down into a percentage per

state of total membership and also as a percentage per capita:

State	Members	%	% Per Capita
QLD	69	7.9	6.1
VIC	151	17.3	10.0
SA	44	5.0	9.2
TAS	42	4.8	19.8
WA	231	26.5	38.7
NSW	335	38.4	16.3
Total	872	100	100

Make sure you check out the AWA website next time you log on: www.windsurfing.org

Recently, all state AWA representatives took part in a phone conference and the topics for discussion were as follows:

Agenda Item 1 focussed on the "need for a vision for the future" and the question posed was: What is the AWA's role in furthering the interests of the Australian Windsurfing Community going into the future?

Agenda Item 2 focussed on the "need for representation from the general windsurfing community" and the question posed was: How does the AWA build a dependable and committed committee structure?

Agenda Item 3 focussed on the "need for



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implementable objectives for the near and medium term” and the question posed was: What initiatives should the AWA take on board as items to be actioned?

The phone conference lasted two and a half hours and was extremely constructive in identifying the strengths and weaknesses of the AWA as it currently stands and there will be further discussion focussing on these issues.

The next AGM will be conducted by phone conference in January 2002, so if you would like to have some input on these issues, please contact me so that your views can be put forward.

by Dave Morehead

What's the Formula?

Just a few years ago, well, even last year in a lot of places, anyone pulling a state-of-the-art “formula” board out of their van would likely have been laughed off the beach by other sailors. Most windsurf enthusiasts just couldn't consider that something looking more like a door could possibly be a performance board, after all, short, wide designs were done away with years ago and everyone knew that thin was fast....

Fast Forward: December, 2000 Pattaya Beach, Thailand. Barely a whitecap in sight, yet planing in winds from only 7 knots, 140 of the World's

best racers fly over the tropical waters in pursuit of the 2000 Formula Windsurfing World Championship.

What makes this possible? The rapid evolution of new early planing boards, sails and fins has rekindled interest and opportunity in windsurfing around the World. Countries previously only able to dream of regular planing conditions now have large fleets of Formula sailors, who regularly compete in conditions that only a few years ago meant longboards or nothing.

The ability to plane in less than optimal conditions has attracted many others to the sport, and the advent of Formula has resulted in an unprecedented regrowth of windsurfing as a sport and pastime in many countries throughout Europe, Asia and the Americas.

Formula Windsurfing evolved from older versions of Formula 42 class racing, where racers were required to use only a pre-selected 4 sails and 2 boards (4-2) to compete in racing, thereby attempting to limit the “gear wars” trend that had rapidly grown to afflict slalom and course racers.

Today's Formula is an even simpler concept: 1 production board together with 3 sails / 3 fins are nominated by each rider for each contest and, within the wind range of 7 to 35 knots, course races are conducted around upwind/downwind courses to test riders and equipment to their limits.

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The challenge for single board performance over a very wide wind range immediately pushed board (and sail) development for this equipment into overdrive, with obvious and practical spin-offs for the sport at all levels. The advent and immediate success of short/wide beginner/intermediate boards (such as the Starboard Start and GO) are excellent examples of this trend.

Where does Australia stand in Formula at the moment? Notably, two top internationals (Phil McGain and Steve Allen) have competed with great success in recent international events; expat McGain coming very close to winning the 2000 Worlds at Pattaya last December. Others competing in the class internationally include WA's Robbie Radis, NSW's Mike Nelson (2nd 2001 Asian Windsurf Tour) and VIC's Ian Fox.

At a National level, the inaugural Australian Formula Windsurfing Championships will be held January 6-10, 2002 at Elwood Sailing Club in Melbourne as part of the 2002 International Sail Melbourne Regatta. The Elwood Sailing Club will host 3 preliminary events, in conjunction with "intro to racing" clinics in the 3 months prior to the event, aiming to rekindle racing interest through the FW concept.

NSW has an active fleet of FW racers, with sailors racing FW format in low- to mid-wind

conditions, and switching to slalom format when the wind is suitable. Many NSW riders are enthusiastic to attend both their own state series events as well as the national titles.

With higher average wind in their summer race season, WA has a greater focus on slalom racing rather than FW, although WWA is catering for an FW class in most of the WA summer series classics. QLD, SA and TAS all have riders who are enthusiastic for the new FW concept, and with an increase in equipment availability this season, the number of riders participating from these states will increase.

New generation boards, up to the design limit of 1m wide are already on the market here in Australia, with strong representation from current market leader (& World Champions) Starboard, and challengers AHD, Drops and Seatrend. Other board manufacturers offering dedicated FW boards include Mistral and RRD. Probably the hottest FW sail right now is the Gaastra Nitro 2 range, developed by Barry Spanier, with sizes to 10.9m. Neil Pryde's RS-1 sail range has also had extensive development, and is a worthy competitor – Pryde's largest RS-1 is a massive 12.2m! North and Sailworks also provide sails in dedicated FW sizes and concept.

Mast and boom lengths for these sizes have seen masts as long as 5.5m (550) and booms to 2.85m – longer even than the boards themselves. Great emphasis is also placed on fins in FW, with average sizes being in the 60-70cm range, leaders here are Curtis, Deboichet and Tectonics.

Season 2001/2002 should be one of good and progressive growth for the FW concept here in Australia. Our uptake of the concept has been somewhat slower than other countries, partly due to the better wind conditions available here in Australia than in Europe or Asia.

The practical benefits of both the equipment and the class are evident. Formula is an exciting and modern evolution of our sport.

by Ian Fox



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Australian Wavesailing Association

Nationals Report: The Gold Coast played host to the 2001 National Wavesailing Titles and Kitesurfing Spectacular. As the event progressed 5m seas and two intense lows situated off the



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East Coast meant for some grueling and at times risky contest conditions. By day 3 we had 20kts from the south on a solid 6-10ft break situated on Main Beach. Opens standouts were Ricky Van Der Toorn, Rohan Cudmore and Steve Allen with hardcore local Matt Tobin attacking the break with both Kite and Sailing equipment. NSW lads were radical in the conditions and proved to all that you can drink excessively, walk home in the rain from the pub at 4am and still land end over forward loops in the first heats of the day!

Results:

OPENS

1st Steven Allen
2nd Rohan Cudmore
3rd Matt Tobin
=3rd Ricky Van Der Toorn

MASTERS

1st Gary McEvoy
2nd Oliver Barta
3rd Dean Marshall

GRAND MASTERS

1st Peter Wilson
2nd Billy Hession
=2nd Warren Holder
3rd Ian Greenleaf

LADIES

1st Marce Lazaros
2nd Sue Woolley
3rd Martine Gerethy

JUNIORS

1st Alex Lewis Hughes
2nd Jack Sprite
3rd Jessie Heggie

Wavesailing Titles 2002: The Wavesailing Titles for 2002 will be held in Merimbula. The town famed for its hosting of the 100% Mambo Wavesailing Classic has put its hands up and has promised a doozie of a Titles. Merimbula Sailboard Club, The NSWWA and AWA have combined forces to present the second biggest sailboard event in Oz for 2002 (we can't say 1st as the Mambo has been going for 10 years more than us!). Kitesurfers are being invited to compete for the inaugural Kitesurfing Teams perpetual trophy and stars like Josh and Mark Angulo, The Team, Josh Stone and others have expressed their desire to attend. The event will be held from the 16-23rd February 2002, entry fee will include breakfast and lunch, a Mambo t-shirt, sample products and a chance at \$20,000 in prizes. Be there or be another digit.

Production Worlds: Julian (What Knots?) Glover (winner of the Interstate Division of the Tas State Titles 2001) and Andrew Gibbon have both been invited to compete in the upcoming Production Waveboard World Titles in Africa later this year. Julian who has been training in the Canary Islands has just picked up Hot Sails Maui and Quattro boards as major sponsors.

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by Aaron Constable

Kitesurfing

Kitesurfing has a group of about 10 keen participants in the state at the moment. However it is growing in huge numbers around the world and is the fastest growing extreme sport right now. This season will see many of you guys getting into Kitesurfing with a large ground swell of interest not only from windsurfers but wake boarders surfers and the general public.

There are no set rules imposed by Local Councils as to where to enjoy this sport however if we educate other water users about the potential dangers of the sport then I feel we can coexist with many other user groups. The Australian Kitesurfing Association www.aksa.com.au is the best first stop, or call me Russell Dowd and I will get you the information to help you consider kitesurfing.

I will also be happy to introduce you to kitesurfing at or before the Swansea event (see calendar) which I would encourage all existing kitesurfers to attend. I think this will be a real showcase event to display how quickly we have all managed to get into this exciting sport. No dough, all the windsurfers with the "go for it" mentality will be keen to check it out. Rather than talk about brands types and how to do it

right now I would encourage you to give me a call if you have been considering kitesurfing or are still reading.

The Basics: Kitesurfing is the most fun I have ever had on a water craft. It's simply got huge potential. Kitesurfing is cheap to get into and extends your sailing time heaps, around **\$2000 to \$3000 dollars**. If this seems a lot to you, do not get into kitesurfing.

If you are considering buying 2nd hand equipment I am more than happy for you to call me and bring it around and I will check it out for you first. I would recommend that if you cannot afford good equipment wait until you can as it's simply not worth the hassle of poor equipment.

Please get some instruction from someone who you feel confident with and who knows your abilities. Please do not be afraid to ask the dumbest questions of your instructor, it could save your life and the lives of others around you. Ask the other Kitesurfers around you, we will help and are friendly. There's probably going to be a time when we will be grateful for your help, so start asking the questions.

Try to get a buddy to go kiting with you, learn their ability level and encourage each other. Always keep an eye on your buddy if they look in trouble, **THEY ARE !!!** and require your help **SO ACT NOW**. This kind of attitude will ensure you will have a relatively smooth transition into Kitesurfing.

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Finally it's my hope that kitesurfing in Tassie develops a real community spirit amongst participants and that we encourage each other to reach our goals in this sport.

Please consider trying kitesurfing but be mindful of what you are dealing with and I am sure you will become as addicted as I have. Hope to see you at the Swansea event. Come on sea breezes and see you in the water.

by Russ Dowd

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State results for 2000-2001

FLINDERS ISLAND WIND FESTIVAL

The Flinders Island Wind Festival was held in the last week of September 2000 with windsurfing events held on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday. SHQ sponsored the event, with Luke Meyers bringing over a large assortment of learner equipment and racing gear. Ten Tasmanians flew across for the event which was held at Lady Baron.

Friday was devoted to lessons, with a great turnout of enthusiastic beginners hitting the water in very windy conditions (lucky to have those 3



• Start of a race at Swansea

excellent turnout of beginners taking lessons (10 kids and a couple of keen ladies) in windy conditions.

Racing followed that afternoon in gusty 10-30 knot NW winds. Sailors rigged 4.5-6.7 m sails and a figure of 8 course was set. Final placings in race one were: Luke, Simon, Tom, Anthony, Dave, Rob Gordon and Peter News. Race two placings were: Dave, Anthony, Luke, Simon, Rob and Tom.

Conditions were even windier on Sunday and no races were held. Instead sailors just blasted back and forth across the channel and enjoyed a good sail.

Many thanks go to Sue Dart, coordinator of the Flinders Island Wind Festival, and Sailboard Headquarters for organising the windsurfing events and ensuring all had a good time.



• Broad reach to the first mark at Swansea.

m sails). Saturday morning once again saw an



- Rounding the third down-wind mark of an 'M-shape' course at Swansea.

FORMULA 42 STATE TITLES

The state Formula 42 titles attracted 17 competitors, with racing at Swansea, Port Sorell, Sandy Bay and Stanley. Seventeen races were held in winds ranging from zero to over 30 knots, providing sailors with extremely challenging conditions at times.

The first 6 races were held at Swansea in fantastic conditions. The wind was from the south and provided a relatively calm area inshore, with quite large seas out in Oyster Bay. With winds ranging from 10 to 18 knots, this provided extremely good upwind racing conditions. An 'M-shape' course was set, with the upwind leg out in the middle of the bay. The first two races saw most people use their longboards in about 10-12 knots of wind, but when Anthony Perkins blitzed the field in the second race on his course board, a number of sailors did a quick switch, ditching their longboards. It became very evident that in the 10-18 knot winds that persisted, the course boards were completely outpacing the longboards.

The Swansea venue was excellent. Sailors were able to rig up all their gear on a grassy area next to the beach and the scenery was fantastic, with the Hazards at Coles Bay ever present in the back drop.

The next set of races were held at Port Sorell. The wind was 15-18 knots from the NW and the weather was warm and sunny. A figure of 8

slalom course was set and 3 races were held on the first day.

After racing, most sailors went blasting out at sea for an hour or two. Just when a group of us were about to start heading back, after sailing down the coast, mishap occurred. Fenton Jones's new carbon boom snapped on one side. Fenton managed to get back up and sailing on the other tack to head home, but then the other arm snapped. Within 45 minutes, we had a rescue boat out to collect Fenton and his gear and everyone got home safely. Despite Fenton's bad luck, it was a good example of how you must be prepared for emergencies like that. All sailors had PFD's and we had a rescue boat on the shore.

The next day brought warmer weather, but very little wind. After waiting for a few hours, a few sailors rigged their biggest gear and managed to get planing at times in the fickle 6-8 knot winds. Despite the lack of wind on the second day, it was nice just to relax in the sun.

The third round of the Formula and Slalom titles was held in Hobart. For the third year in a row, the conditions were not the best, despite having had consistent seabreezes nearly every day for two months prior to this weekend. Four races were held in NW winds that ranged from very light to strong and gusty. Racing involved a mix of longboards and courseboards competing together and often finishing neck and neck in the fickle winds.



• Da Boyz heading out - Stuart, Rob and Ian.

The final round of the state titles was held at Stanley in the NW of the State. One upwind race was held in the morning on the Saturday in light NW winds, followed by three figure of 8 races in the afternoon in SW winds. The wind was consistently 30 knots, with many sailors opting to sail their wave boards on the break near the river mouth rather than race.

With the overall position still undecided between Steve Charles and Dave Morehead, it was a big decision for both regarding gear choice. Steve changed down to a 6.2 while Dave remained with his 8.3. The bigger sail wasn't a hindrance with Dave managing two firsts and a third.

In the end, Dave Morehead took out the overall title on a count back by only 4 points, stopping



• Heading off into the unknown - last year, off Sandy Bay, during the Formula 42 titles.

Steve Charles from winning it three times in a row. Anthony Perkins finished in third place, which was an excellent effort using only course and slalom gear. Ron Cook sailed consistently to take out the Masters division ahead of Fenton Jones and Bernt Genssen. Anthony Perkins also took out the Handicap division, followed by Rob Gordon and Fenton Jones.

Results:

Open		Masters
1 st	Dave Morehead	Ron Cook
2 nd	Steve Charles	Fenton Jones
3 rd	Anthony Perkins	Bernt Genssen

Handicap	
1 st	Anthony Perkins
2 nd	Rob Gordon
3 rd	Fenton Jones

SLALOM TITLES

The Slalom titles attracted 12 competitors and included seven races. These races were also part of the Formula 42 series, but were sailed without an upwind leg in winds above 15 knots. Steve Charles was pleased to take out the top position ahead of Anthony Perkins and Dave Morehead.

Results:

Open		
1 st	Steve Charles	4 th Ian Johnston
2 nd	Anthony Perkins	5 th Jack Van Ek
3 rd	David Morehead	

Many thanks go to the Stanley Caravan Park for sponsoring the Formula and Slalom titles by providing trophies to each division to 3rd place.

See over the page for the full placings from last seasons Formula 42 and Slalom series.

KA SAILS "DASH-FOR-CASH"

The 2001 Dash-for-Cash attracted 27 competitors from around the state. Winds were light to moderate from the NE and the weather was overcast.

A mark was set off Tranmere Point on the Eastern Shore of the Derwent River and sailors lined up off Sandy Bay point to start. Sailors were lined up according to their equipment. Board volume multiplied by sail size gave a number, and highest numbers were downwind (i.e. 150 L x 8.0 m = 1200; 100 L x 6.5 = 650).

There were plenty of people at the regatta who came over and watched the entire race. Dave Morehead won the event, followed by Anthony Perkins and Steve Charles.

Many thanks to the SBRA for their continued support in the way of Cash Prizes and after-race refreshments and Peter Cleary on behalf of KA Sails for generously sponsoring the event with cash and sail prizes.

This is a great event, so come along and have ago, any equipment can be used.

Results:

	Open	Prizes
1 st	Dave Morehead	\$375
2 nd	Anthony Perkins	\$125
3 rd	Steve Charles	\$75
4 th	Ian Johnston	\$30
5 th	Karen Robertson	\$25
6 th	Rob Gordon	\$20
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The inaugural Bishops Solicitors and Carrsails Dash-for-Cash attracted 13 competitors from around the state.

The wind was light to moderate from the NW and the conditions were warm and sunny. Lagoon Bay is an excellent sailing venue, with a great rigging area and sandy beach.

Plenty of people attended the event and, both before and after the race, got to try out the different equipment on show, including some of the latest Formula boards from Starboard and Bic.

A course was set across the Tamar River and back to the beach and the race got under way at 2 PM. Almost everyone sailed course or slalom gear and sailors powered off on a broad reach to the mark on the other side of the river.

Dave Morehead rounded the mark first ahead of Anthony Perkins and managed to keep his lead in the tight reach back to the finish.

Many thanks to the sponsors for organising this event. It's success has ensured that it becomes a regular feature of the windsurfing calendar.



• Steve Charles crosses the line in the KA Sails Dash-for-Cash

Results:

	Open	Prizes
1 st	Dave Morehead	\$100
2 nd	Anthony Perkins	\$50
3 rd	Steve Charles	\$25
Encouragement award: John Scott		\$50

TAS WAVESAILING

SHQ West Coast Wave Sailing Classic 2001 was held from Jan 4th to 7th at Marrawah and was an outstanding success for participants, spectators and the Circular Head Community. Twenty three contestants and six extra non competing participants enjoyed some of Marrawah's best wave sailing conditions with a combination of sunny, windy weather combined with the ever reliable swell.

Four interstate competitor's including Pro Sailor Wes Greene attended the competition which provided enormous interest to spectators and incentive to Tasmanian sailors by demonstrating the elite level of the sport.

The attendance of Wes Greene was made possible by a grant from the Circular Head Council. These participant's combined with their accompanying friends and family provided an enormous boost to the circular Head Community.

This was clearly the best attended and most successful Classic held for the last 20 year's resulting in a full camping ground and car park. The competition got under way immediately on Thursday 4th at Green Point Beach in a fresh Nor'

Easterly combined with a mellow 2ft swell. Competitors quickly made good use of the forgiving conditions to hone their skills for the challenges ahead.

Stand out sailor's on Day 1 included Dave Morehead, Simon Hansen and Greg Pollard in the Tasmanian Open, Ian Johnston and Anthony Houston in the Master's and Karen Robertson

making her debut in the Women's. The Inter-State division was a tight tussle between Wes Greene, Julian Glover and Andrew Henderson.

Day 2 provided an awesome challenge for competitors at The Bluff with fickle off-shore winds, 5ft swell and a punishing shore break. Sailors impressing the judges with gutsy sailing in the gruelling conditions were Dave Morehead,

Tasmanian Formula 42 Windsurfing State Titles 2000-2001

Overall	Round 1						Round 2			Round 3				Round 4				Points Tally	Discard (worst 3)	Overall Points	
	Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	1	2	3	4	1	2	3				4
1	Dave Morehead	0.75	2	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	6	4	3	10	2	0.75	7	4	0.75	3	0.75	47	23	24
2	Steve Charles	3	4	2	2	3	3	0.75	0.75	0.75	2	0.75	4	2	3	3	2	3	39	11	28
3	Anthony Perkins	10	0.75	4	3	2	2	4	2	2	9	4	6	9	22	2	0.75	2	84.5	41	43.5
4	Ian Johnston	2	3	3	7	4	4	3	3	4	5	3	3	3	2	5	4	6	64	18	46
5	Ron Cook	4	5	5	4	6	6	9	8	7	4	6	6	0.75	5	7	6	8	96.75	25	71.75
6	Jack Van Ek	5	6	7	22	10	9	5	10	7	6	8	6	4	0.75	8	7	4	124.75	42	82.75
7	Rob Gordon	6	7	9	6	8	5	10	6	7	0.75	8	5	8	11	9	5	7	117.75	30	87.75
8	Stuart McKay	12	11	9	22	5	9	8	9	7	22	7	22	22	22	6	7	4	204	66	138
9	Fenton Jones	7	9	6	8	22	8	7	7	6	3	22	22	5	8	22	22	22	206	66	140
10	David Johnston	11	10	8	9	9	9	8	10	7	11	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	246	66	180
11	Bernt Genssen	8	8	22	5	7	9	10	10	7	22	22	22	22	6	22	22	22	246	66	180
12	Robyn Jones	9	11	9	9	22	22	22	22	22	8	22	22	22	10	22	22	22	298	66	232
13	Tony Fitzgerald	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	7	22	2	6	7	22	22	22	308	66	242
14	Jason Smith	22	22	22	22	22	22	2	5	5	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	320	66	254
15	Ian Murray	22	22	22	22	22	7	10	10	7	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	320	66	254
16	Terry Vince	22	22	22	22	22	22	10	10	7	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	335	66	269
17	Bill Fromberg	12	11	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	353	66	287
	DNS =	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22			
	DNF =	12	11	9	9	11	9	10	10	7	11	8	6	10	12	9	7	7			
	DSQ =	12	11	9	9	11	9	10	10	7	11	8	6	10	12	9	7	7			

Tasmanian Slalom Windsurfing State Titles 2000-2001

Slalom	Round 1						Round 2			Round 3				Round 4				Points Tally	Discard (worst 1)	Overall Points	
	Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	1	2	3	4	1	2	3				4
1	Steve Charles							0.75	0.75	0.75		0.75				3	2	3	11	3	8
2	Anthony Perkins							4	2	2		4				2	0.75	2	16.75	4	12.75
3	Dave Morehead							6	4	3		2				0.75	3	0.75	19.5	6	13.5
4	Ian Johnston							3	3	4		3				5	4	6	28	6	22
5	Stuart McKay							8	9	7		7				6	7	4	48	9	39
6	Jack Van Ek							5	10	7		8				8	7	4	49	10	39
7	Ron Cook							9	8	7		6				7	6	8	51	9	42
8	Rob Gordon							10	6	7		8				9	5	9	54	10	44
9	Jason Smith							2	5	5		13				13	13	13	64	13	51
10	Fenton Jones							7	7	6		13				13	13	13	72	13	59
11	David Johnston							8	10	7		13				13	13	13	77	13	64
12	Ian Murray							10	10	7		13				13	13	13	79	13	66
	DNS =							13	13	13		13				13	13	13			
	DNF =							10	10	7		8				9	7	9			
	DSQ =							10	10	7		8				9	7	9			

Greg Pollard and Peter News in the Tassie Open,
Anthony Houston, Ian Johnston and Ken



- Greens Beach, Marawah

Woolford in the Master's. Julian Glover lead the inter state's.

Day 3 was sailed at Green Point Beach in marginal, off- shore wind conditions and a 3 ft swell. Sailor prepared to attempt to sail these conditions impressed the judges. These being Julian Glover and Dave Morehead.

Day 4 started with light winds and competitors attending an informative wave sailing instruction clinic with Wes Greene. As the clinic drew to a close, the wind gradually strengthened, with sailors taking to the water for the final session of the competition in brilliant sunshine, freshening wind and rising swell .

Stand out sailors on Day 4 were Steve Charles, Kaleb Smith, Dave Morehead and Ken Woolford with the interstate continuing their tight tussle with Julian Glover emerging on top.

The overall results, based on consistency and preparedness to sail all conditions were as follows:

Results:

Open

- 1st Dave Morehead
- 2nd Greg Pollard
- 3rd Kaleb Smith
- =3rd Steve Charles

Master's

- Ian Johnston
- Ken Woolford
- Anthony Houston

Women's

- 1st Karen Robertson
- 2nd Cathy Walker

Interstate Division

- 1st Julian Glover
- 2nd Wes Greene
- 3rd Andrew Henderson
- 4th Ian Lack

The highlight of the presentation was the drawing of the Neil Pryde wave sail donated by the major sponsor Sailboard Headquarters. This was won by Mike Morefrew of Hobart.

All other competitors received random draw prizes donated by Saltwater City, Planet Surf and Pirates Bay Octopus.

Other sponsors included Ann Bay Cabins, Rest-A-While Holidays, West Coast to Wilderness Tours, Arthur River Cruises, Marrawah Hotel, Marrawah General Store and the Circular Head Chronicle.

The success on this competition really put Marrawah on the map as a top class wave sailing venue with the interstate sailors intending to spend time in the Marrawah area instead of Western Australia, which is recognised as a world class wave sailing venue.

by Cathy Walker

Ron Cook Memorial Trophy (Masters)

Ron Cook (Cookie), a dedicated windsurfer, died on 25th March 2001 when he was hit by a car while he was on a training ride on his bike on the outskirts of Ulverstone.

It was a great shock to all those who knew him, and there were many. That Ron should die in such tragic circumstances when he was in the prime of his life seemed particularly tragic.

Ron was a very keen sailor. He loved sailing and he attended and raced in all the windsurfing events held around the State for many years. He was a popular and good friend to all the other windsurfers.

Like a large number of other windsurfers, Ron had a long history in sailing other classes, especially 470 and 505 dinghies. That made him a very knowledgeable sailor especially in relation to the racing rules. Ron was a very keen contributor to significant issues which have affected windsurfing over the years. If there was a contentious issue for debate then we all could rely on Ron speaking in a very forthright and knowledgeable way which assisted the development of windsurfing in Tasmania over the years.

Ron was a determined and fair sailor on the water. He was a very consistent sailor over the years and this showed in his results which included:

Masters:

1st 2000-2001
1st 1999-2000
1st 1998-1999

Handicap:

1st 1999-2000
3rd 1998-1999

Ron was a very happy man with a great sense of humour. He added to the fun of sailing for many of us. He had it all worked out. Although he was only relatively young, he planned to retire very soon, travel around Australia with his wife Cathy for a year and build a house at Hawley where he could spend long hours hanging in the harness off one of his three boards on the waters at Hawley.

In memory of Ron, and with the permission of his wife Cathy, members of *WT* have developed a Perpetual Masters Trophy to be known as the Ron Cook memorial trophy. As Ron dominated this class it is particularly appropriate that this trophy be in his name.



• Ron Cook (Sail number 55)



• Ron Cook (1950 - 2001)

Although many of us will front for the start of the season with a tinge of sadness, the Perpetual Trophy will be important to honour the memory of Ron and his particular contribution to the sport – an emphasis on enjoyment, a desire to learn and improve, windsurfing with friends and happy times at all the events, both on and off the water.

by Tony Fitzgerald

WT logo – we need one !

As you may have noticed, we are sporting a new logo. This logo was designed for **WT** by John Simpson of Interactive Edge. John asked what constraints he had: “well it should have Windsurfing Tasmania in full and should have a windsurfing or ocean feel to it with a Tassie flavour”. WT asks you for your comment on this logo – do you like it, does it represent what we are about, what type of logo would you choose?



The final decision for the logo will be made at the AGM in March 2002.

PS John supplied this logo FREE OF CHARGE. So thanks to John for his creative effort and if anyone would like to know more about logos or web design and production, contact:



JOHN SIMPSON *Creative Director*
Email john@iedge.com.au
URL www.iedge.com.au

Advertising second-hand sailing gear

WT will be posting out a ‘second hand sailing and kitesurfing gear’ flyer in late October. For those interested in advertising any gear, it will cost \$1 a line with a minimum cost of \$5. All current members and new members will receive the first 5 lines free of charge (a free ad!). So if you’re not a member, but would like to advertise some gear, then pay \$20 (or \$15 for kitesurfers) and get your ad for free.

See details on the back of the attached membership form. Send your ad, along with membership form, to **WT** at the address on the front of this newsletter with a cheque payable to **WINDSURFING TASMANIA**.

Make sure you include the model, year, condition and price of the equipment you are selling, along with your contact details - phone number or email address.

WT needs a minimum of 10 advertisements to send out the flyer and has a deadline for advertisements of **OCTOBER 15th**.

If there is a poor response, and WT does not receive 10 or more adverts, money will be refunded to those who have sent an ad in. If this works well, another flyer will be sent out in December.

Advertising for distributors of windsurfing and kitesurfing equipment can also place ads in this flyer and should contact Steve Charles on 6223 1746 for information on advertising rates, prior to **OCTOBER 15th**.

Windsurfing websites

Here are some interesting sites for those surfing the net:

FORMULA:

www.formulawindsurfing.com – Home of International FW – Rules, Class info etc

www.windsurfing.org – Australian Windsurfing Assoc – FW NoR, general info

www.sailmelbourne.com.au – Sail Melbourne info - NoR, SailMelb Race results

www.star-board.com – FW board, technique and event info – Forum.

www.a-h-d.com – FW board, technique and event info – Forum

www.gaastra.com – FW sail and equipment info – Forum

www.neilprydemau.com – FW sail and equipment info – Forum

BEACH CAMS:

<http://www.wrestpoint.com.au/webcam/>

http://www.coastview.com.au/Clifton/load_clifton_camera.htm Clifton Beach

http://www.coastview.com.au/Eagle/load_eagle_camera.htm Eaglehawk Neck

http://www.coastview.com.au/bayfires/bayfires_camera.htm Bay of Fires

WEATHER:

http://www.BoM.GOV.AU/cgi-bin/wrap_fwo.pl?IDT12400.txt Derwernt Estuary

http://www.BoM.GOV.AU/cgi-bin/wrap_fwo.pl?IDT12300.txt Boating weather

<http://www.BoM.GOV.AU/products/IDG00V56.shtml> Four day forecast

<http://www.marine.csiro.au/~lband/wind/>
Droughty Hill wind readings

• Membership information

Last year *WT* had 42 members. The more support *WT* has, the more *WT* can promote the sport and organise racing events, newsletters and functions. The *WT* membership form is attached to this newsletter. Benefits for windsurfers include:

- 12 Months membership with *WT* and *AWA* affiliation;

- 24 hr National Third Party Liability Insurance;
- Free application for *WT*/AWA registered Sail Numbers.
Fee: \$20 (Includes Insurance Premium)

This represents fantastic value. The collective premium provides up to \$10 million third party cover against public/products liability. There is a \$500 excess claim.

This scheme has great merit and puts the onus on competitors to have cover rather than the competition organisers (who would have to raise the \$5 000, or thereabouts, premium required to have similar cover). Cover is 24 hrs a day anywhere in the world (excluding the US, its territories and Canada). So it's not just when competing in an event!

Membership cover is from June to July each year. Cover provides you insurance in the event that you injure someone, or their equipment. Make the most of the third party insurance and become a member now.

Members can also nominate to receive the newsletter by email, by stating this on their membership form. If they would also like to receive information that *WT* receives during the year (i.e. mainland shop specials, updates of competitions, flyers etc), just place a tick under 'send information electronically'. You will only receive information sent to you by *WT*, not from shops or any other source.

To nominate for membership to *WT* as a kitesurfer, tick the appropriate box and receive some of the membership benefits at a reduced rate of \$15.

So, get a pen now and fill in the attached Membership form, attach a cheque made out to *WINDSURFING TASMANIA* and send it to:

WINDSURFING TASMANIA
KDC 2001
Kingston
Tasmania 7050

• Calendar of events 2001-2002

A fantastic schedule of events is planned for the coming season. Mark the dates on your calendar now and keep the Racing Calendar handy as a ready reference of event details in 2001-2002. Please note: life-jackets or personal flotation

Notice of Race

Sail Melbourne

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INTERNATIONAL FORMULA WINDSURFING

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

6-10 January, 2002

**ELWOOD SAILING CLUB
MELBOURNE**

**Entry forms are available by telephoning the organising committee:
61 3 9773 2405 (Melbourne) Or 61 2 9452 3189 (Sydney) and must be received by
The Regatta Manager, Victorian Yachting Council, P.O. Box 83 Sandringham 3191
no later than 1700 hrs 31 December 2001**

