



OK DINGHY 2023 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The International OK Dinghy Association of Australia and the Queensland OK Dinghy Association are delighted to bid for the 2023 OK Dinghy World Championships.



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PROPOSED OK DINGHY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2023 OK Dinghy World Championships would be held in February 2023, preceded by the pre-Worlds warm up regatta in the same month. February features warm weather averaging 30 degrees maximums, and 12 – 18 knot breezes. It is outside of the Australian school holiday period making accommodation bookings easier and cheaper, travel less congested and pre or post Worlds holidays much less crowded and enjoyable.

Previously, Australia has successfully hosted 5 OK Dinghy World Championships in;
1974 – Adelaide
1982 – Melbourne
1990 – Melbourne
1998 – Adelaide
2006 - New South Wales
2014 - Melbourne

And with the support of the experienced team at the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron we are confident that the 2023 World Championship hosted in Queensland Australia, will provide a professional and enjoyable regatta for all competitors.



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OK DINGHIES IN QUEENSLAND

Registered in December 2016, The International OK Association of Queensland is the World's newest OK Dinghy Association; demonstrating the rapidly growing interest in and force of the OK Dinghy Class here in Australia.

Starting with only two OK Dinghies in 2015, interest in the class quickly propagated throughout the state. After only 12 months, 13 boats had joined the fleet and the Queensland OK Dinghy Association was created. As the fleet continued to grow and demand to participate in the class concurrently increased, available boats for sale started to dwindle. So, with the assistance of the other Australian State Associations, Queensland obtained some moulds and began building new OK Dinghies.

In August 2017, the Queensland Association held the first OK Dinghy State Championships in 30 years. This was an extremely successful regatta which not only included competitors travelling from across the country to compete but also five female competitors and three junior competitors.

To build from the successful State Championships, the QLD Association went on to host the 2018 National Championships with 41 competitors including two females, one junior and the currently ranked number 1 in the world, Greg Wilcox who traveled from Germany to attend the regatta. The Queensland OK Dinghy Association currently has 25 members and is still growing with three new boats already launched and two more in moulds to be race ready this year.



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AT THE ROYAL QUEENSLAND YACHT SQUADRON



MAJOR EVENTS HOSTED BY RQYS:

- Flying 15 World Championships 1990
- Etchells World Championships (1993 & 2018)
- Contender World Championships 2010
- Laser Radial World Championships 2012
- Raceboard Windsurfing World Championships 2016
- Queensland Youth Week
- Sail Brisbane
- Australian Schools Match Racing Championship 2017
- Australian Schools Team Racing Championship 2016
- Nations Cup Regional Qualifier Match Racing 2015
- Australian Youth World Selection Trials 2016 & 2018
- Australian Youth Championships 2018

World Class Sailing at RQYS

RQYS has hosted the World Championships for the following classes: Flying 15 (1990), Etchells (1993 & 2018), Contenders (2010), Laser Radials (2012), Raceboard Windsurfing (2016).

Since 2012 RQYS has hosted the Australian Championships for the following classes:

- Sabres
- Nacras
- Flying Dutchmen
- Lasers
- Cherubs
- Trailer Sailor Yachts
- 12ft Skiffs
- RSX Windsurfing
- 29ers
- 49ers & 49erFXs
- Finns

The Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron successfully hosted 6 consecutive national and international regattas in the 2017/2018 Manly Summer of Sail series; including both youth and senior classes, over 850 competitors and 3,000 visitors. This demonstrated that RQYS has a proven capability to host world class sailing events for any number of competitors or class of boat.

OK Dinghy 2023 World Championships at the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron



RQYS would aim to hold the event in February 2023. The weather at that time of year is characterized by predominantly North Easterly Sea Breezes, with temperatures in the mid to high 20s and warm waters.

South East Queensland has a strong fleet of OK Dinghy's, with over 20 boats competing at the 2018 Queensland Championships.

Queensland also had a strong single-handed culture with strong representation in the Laser, Sabre and Finn Classes - all of whom have held their respective nationals at RQYS in the last 12 months. This will ultimately ensure an increased interest in the class.

RQYS: on Brisbane's Bayside, the doorway to Moreton Bay

Location

The Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron is located 15km from the Port of Brisbane, which is conducive to ease of transport and container shipping for International competitors.

Several sail lofts and chandleries are within a few kilometers of the Squadron and most are able to pick up and drop off for overnight repairs during the Championship.



General Services & Facilities at RQYS

Facilities & Equipment

- Car, trailer and shipping container parking
- Four (4) launching ramps
- Five (5) rigging lawns
- Bathroom and showers in three locations
- Laundries
- Repair and maintenance hardstand
- Boat retrieval facilities
- Marina Trade Centre including:
 - Stainless steel fabrication
 - Boat building and repairs
 - Marine electrician
- Large Volunteer team including International and National Race Officers and Jurors
- 24 hour fuel pontoon

On-Water Facilities at RQYS

Sailing Area

The Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron provides a range of sailing courses to cater to all boat and condition types.

The inshore courses on Waterloo Bay are only 20 minutes from the Squadron, where tidal influence is minimal and prevailing winds are from the south-east to the north-east

The course "Circle" has minimal amounts of recreational traffic and no commercial activities. Most breeze conditions allow for an uninhibited beat of up to 1.2nm.

During our major Youth and Olympic Classes regattas, Waterloo Bay often hosts three concurrent course areas, so running a single class, single course regatta allows for significant distance away from shore and sea lanes.

Tidal range averages 1.5 meters, with minimal flow variance occurring in the course area.



World Class Volunteers & Regatta Management

RQYS is able to offer many dedicated boats for start, finish and patrol boat duties. These boats are capable of acting as marshal and mark laying boats with appropriate speed around the courses.

3 dedicated Start / Finish Boats + 12 Inflatable Race Management Support vessels & Safety Boats

On-Shore Facilities at RQYS

Rigging Lawns

The Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron has three main grassed rigging lawns within the vicinity of the clubhouse. These rigging lawns merge to one large launching ramp.



RQYS Camping

The RQYS Camp Ground can comfortably accommodate 60 campsites sites of approximately 3 persons per site; determined using tents as a baseline, though camper-trailers and camper-vans are welcome. Campers have access to full ablution amenities including toilets, showers and washer/dryer facilities. Basic food, beverage and sanitary items are available from the Squadron to stock camp sites.

Camping Costs are between \$15 - \$20 per adult per night - depending on the site's location, size, access to power and other mitigating factors. Camping is booked through the Squadron.

Rigging Areas

Camp Ground

Regatta Accommodation

Manly Marina Cove Motel | On-Site Camping | YQ Dormitories

The Manly Marina Cove Motel is situated within the same compound as the clubhouse. It has 39 rooms as well as 3 self-contained apartments (3 - 4 bedroom) within walking distance. Disabled accommodation

Also on the same compound at RQYS is the Yachting Queensland Dormitories and Camp Ground with both powered and non-powered sites that can accommodate a number of guests



Queensland Tourism

Experience Wildlife

Australia is well-known for a large diversity of unique wildlife. From the dangerous and deadly to the cute and cuddly. Queensland is a fantastic place to explore when it comes to animals and nature with several renowned wildlife sanctuaries and national parks through which to experience Australia.



Theme Parks

There's something for everyone at any of Queensland's world-class theme parks. Get your adrenaline fix on some seriously heart stopping, jaw dropping rides, see behind the scenes of a movie set, or keep the Summer heat at bay and relax at a water park paradise.

Beautiful Beaches

Queensland boasts an astonishingly large array of gorgeous beaches ranging up and down South East Queensland. Comfortably enjoy an hour drive North or South to reach the renowned Sunshine and Gold Coasts, or an equally comfortable ferry ride to enjoy the majesty that is islands of Moreton Bay.



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