

FIREBALLS IN AUSTRALIA

The last years has been testing for everyone but we have been extremely lucky in Australia to have minimised the effects of Covid.

We lost the last three weeks of our season in March when the outbreak hit but by June were back sailing in most regions – the exception being Victoria.

With the worlds scheduled for February 2022 in Geelong, the demand for boats has been high. We now only have four second hand boats available across the country. Sailing competition has also been fierce, starting in the winter series and continuing when the season opening in October.

Unfortunately this year's national championships has been cancelled due to Covid, but on the upside a large mixed class regatta will take place in Adelaide where we expect around 20 Fireballs to compete.

In the last few weeks Victoria has ben Covid free and returning to normal allowing the Fireball guys and girls to finally hit the water rather than watching the rest of us from isolation.

Everything going to plan there should be some great regattas in the new year allowing Fireball sailors from across the country to get together for some tight racing and light entertainment.

We are still hoping that the imminent vaccine release will allow international travel to resume and we can proceed as planned with the 2022 worlds. Planning is progressing well with on the water sorted and off the water socials coming together nicely.

We hope to see you all there. In the meantime, stay safe, have a great Christmas and hopefully we can all get together in the near future.

Ben Schulz