

94TH AUSTRALIAN 16ft SKIFF NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
Hervey Bay QLD

PRE-CARNIVAL CONFERENCE HELD AT MARYBOROUGH SAILING CLUB
ON 29th DECEMBER 2015

Meeting opened at 9:30am with President Robert Wasson in the chair

1. ATTENDANCE SHEET: Rob Wasson (DPSS) (President); Lloyd Mulholland (B16SC)(Commodore); James Bury (M16ftSSC) (Secretary/ Treasurer); Clint Bowen (M16ftSSC) (NSW Rep); Kye Hawgood (DPSS) (QLD Rep), Philip West (MH16SC); John Anderson (DPSS); Peter Valpiani (MH16SC); Ron Rose (B16SC); Troy Dobinson (B16SC); Ricky Bridge (M16SSC); Grant Sheldon (B16SC); Victoria Pryce (DPSS); Patrick Hanlon (DPSS); Lyn Hanlon (DPSS); Matt Stenta (M16SSC); Craig Hunter (B16SC); Ryan Hunter (B16SC); Daniel Jack (DPSS); Rollo Nicholson (MSC); Andrew Stone (B16SC); Andrew Iles (M16SSC); Jordan Girdis (M16SSC); Kiah Hodgkinson (M16SSC); Simon Geck (BSS); Michael McMahon (M16SSC); Ross Bell (M16SSC); Simon Walker (BSS); Harry West (MH16SC); Peter Tinworth (MH16SC); Andrew Roxburgh (M16SSC); Ross Stuchbury (B16SC).

CLUBS REPRESENTED: Manly, Belmont, Middle Harbour, Darling Point Sailing Squadron, Brisbane Sailing Squadron and Maryborough Sailing Club.

2. APOLOGIES: Graeme Fairbairn (Illawarra)
3. PREVIOUS MINUTES: accepted: moved Ron Rose, seconded Clint Bowen
4. MATTERS ARISING: Nil
5. INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE: Nil
6. OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE:
 - i. Notice of Race for 2015/16 Nationals,
 - ii. Sailing Instructions for the 2015/16 Nationals.
7. PRESIDENTS REPORT:

It has been a very constructive year. With the build of the new boats, there has been a few minor problems, however, all have been sorted. Thank you to Clint Bowen for his personal efforts for the Class and, in particular, the time and money he has spent organising the new boats. Thank you also to Rollo Nicholson and the QSSA for this regatta. Thank you to the Manly Club, Belmont Club and NSW Association for bank rolling the Australian Association, including the costs of the new boats, the prototype will be on show at the sail expo in Sydney in April this year.

There is a good showing from the 13ft skiffs at this carnival and we are very happy with the numbers this year in both classes.

Rob Wasson said he was extremely happy with the turnout of almost all the new Association skiffs, he also mentioned that the Association was looking at ordering the next shipment of these boats as he believes they have been well received by all.

Rob Wasson thanked Pat Hanlon from DPSS for getting the 13ft skiffs back up and running in Queensland. The effort by the DPSS to get this Class back to strong numbers in Queensland can be seen by the amount of boats participating both locally in Queensland and at these Australian titles.

8. SECRETARY / TREASURERS REPORT:

Thank you to the Executive for a very positive year and huge thank you to Clint Bowen for all his efforts in getting a dream off the ground with the new boats.

9. COMMODORES REPORT:

Reinforce Rob Wasson and James Bury's comments. Also would like to thank the Maryborough Sailing Club for hosting this season's Australian Championship series. Lloyd also thanked Clint's wife (Nanette), kids and his work staff for their time given for the benefit of the Class.

10. NSW REPORT:

Numbers are up on regos this season, with 11 new boats, making a total of 87. Congratulations to "Brydens Lawyers" 16ft team on winning the States on a count back from "TJS Services".

11. QLD REPORT:

Very good year with 9 x 16s and 7 x 13s sailing each week between both clubs (DPSS and BSS). The QSSA is looking at driving the 13s hard. With 2 new 16s on the water, a skiff training day was held and they would again like to thank Ricky Bridge for coming up from Sydney and donating his time. Congratulations to "RW Retail" for winning the QLD 16ft Skiff State Championship and "Maddison Technologies" for winning the 13s. Great numbers from Queensland at this regatta.

12. 13FT SKIFF REPORT:

Very happy with the numbers attending this Australian Championship. The Association is trying to work on feeder classes for the 13s (eg. Flying 11s and 29ers). Things are running very well. Thanks to MSC and the QSSA for their support in this regatta. The 13s would like to have a meeting during the regatta to discuss further development between both States (NSW and Qld) and the Class.

13. ELECTION OF AUSTRALIAN OFFICIALS:

All positions were declared vacant and Michael McMahon took the chair to hold the voting for the position of President.

Nomination for President: Rob Wasson proposed by Lloyd Mulholland and seconded by Clint Bowen. There were no other nominations and as such Rob Wasson was elected unopposed for the position. Rob took back over as Chair of the meeting.

Nomination for Commodore: Lloyd Mulholland proposed by Rob Wasson and seconded by Clint Bowen. There were no other nominations and as such Lloyd Mulholland was elected unopposed for the position.

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Nomination for Secretary/ Treasurer: James Bury proposed by Rob Wasson and seconded by Clint Bowen. There were no other nominations and as such James Bury was elected unopposed for the position.

14. RATIFICATION OF AUSTRALIAN RACE COMMITTEE:

As per the sailing instructions.

15. PROTEST COMMITTEE - will be formed as needed during the carnival.

16. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- a) Future Australian Championships - Australian Titles for 2016/17 are to be held at Lake Illawarra (IYC). For 2017/18 Geelong has been proposed. For 2018/19 Airlie Beach has been proposed. Vote will be sent to all clubs to vote on both the Geelong and Airlie Beach suggestions.
- b) Sec-Treasurer Honorarium - James Bury has indicated that he doesn't want payment of the honorarium this year due to part time person being employed by the Association and due to the lack of Association funds as previously agreed with Rob Wasson.
- c) 13ft Skiffs - Look at other classes re age limits to attract new people to the Class. The Australian Association is looking at taking on the Class (from the NSW Association) and the build it in a similar to what is being done with the 16ft skiffs.
- d) Sailing Instructions - Adoption of the sailing instructions and any amendments. Moved: Michael McMahon and seconded by Ross Bell to be accepted: all in favour.
- e) State and future of the Australian 16ft skiffs - growth of fleet numbers across both Classes, planned ways to achieve a sustainable income stream, promotion of the Classes. There is further information on these initiatives available in the ASSA business plan. Clint Bowen explained the outline of the business plan in some depth to the meeting, if anyone would like to add anything more to the plan, please liaise with Clint Bowen.

Meeting closed at 10:30am

Minutes taken by:

James Bury
Secretary/ Treasurer
Australian 16ft Skiff Association