

New South Wales 16ft Skiff Association Inc.

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Attention: Club 16ft Skiff Race Secretary and nominated skiff contacts

Most will be aware that the Association's Annual General Meeting which was convened on 12th August 2017 was subsequently adjourned to allow legal advice to be sought in regard to an issue that arose with the process for the election of Association officials. All other business set down for the meeting was dealt with and accepted prior to the adjournment.

The requested legal advice has now been received and the meeting (AGM) will now be reconvened on **Tuesday 10th October 2017** at the **Drummoyne Sailing Club commencing at 7:30pm** to finalise the election of officials for the 2017/18 season. This meeting will then be followed by a regular General Meeting to cover the usual administrative matters for the upcoming season.

With regard to the election of Association officials for the 2017/18 season, nominations are now being sought from clubs for the following positions:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	
President	
Vice-President	
Commodore	
Vice-Commodore	
Secretary	
Assistant Secretary	
Treasurer	
RACE OFFICERS	
Starter & Judge	
Assistant Starter & Judge	
Timekeeper	
Assistant Timekeeper	
Chairman of Handicapping Committee	
Handicapping Committee member	
Handicapping Committee member	
Measurement Committee (Northern Zone)	
Measurement Committee (Central Zone)	
Measurement Committee (Southern Zone)	
Boat Registrar	
OTHER POSITIONS	
Patron	
NSW Rep to Australian 16ft Skiff Assoc.	
Historian	
Auditor	

Whilst the legal advice we have indicates that nominations can be accepted from the floor, in the interests of transparency, it would be appreciated if clubs could submit nominations to myself (Association Secretary) by **30th September 2017** so that they can be circulated to clubs and their delegates for consideration prior to the AGM.

Please note that, in accordance with the NSW Constitution, any nomination for an Association position **must be** accompanied by the consent of the nominee that he/she accepts the nomination. This should be in writing (email is acceptable). If a nomination is to be made from the floor at the AGM, the nominee either must be in attendance or must provide written consent to that nomination.

The following items were discussed and approved at the AGM prior to its adjournment.

State Championship and interclub races were confirmed as follows:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Closing Date</i>
Saturday 21/10/2017	Port Hunter Regatta	Port Hunter	15/10/17
Saturday 28/10/2017	Botany Bay Championship	St George	22/10/17
Saturday 11/11/2017	Heat 1 State Championship	Lake Illawarra	8/11/17
Sunday 12/11/2017	Heat 2 State Championship and Dumaresq Cup	Lake Illawarra	8/11/17
Saturday 25/11/2017	Heat 3 State Championship	Manly	8/11/17
Sunday 26/11/2017	Heat 4 State Championship	Manly	8/11/17
Saturday 9/12/2017	Upper Harbour Championship	Drummoyne	3/12/17
* Saturday 3/2/2018	Australian 16ft Skiff Sprint Series	Belmont	tba
Sunday 4/2/2018	Belmont Bay Championship	Belmont	28/1/18

* Special Event (not counted for the purpose of any Association Point Scores)

The following is a schedule of fees, charges and values which were confirmed at the AGM.

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Amount (16ft skiffs)</i>	<i>Amount (13ft skiffs)</i>
Annual Skiff Registration Fee – Manly & Belmont registered skiffs	\$400	\$35
Annual Skiff Registration Fee – skiffs registered with other clubs, other than Manly, Belmont and Port Hunter	\$175	\$35
Annual Skiff Registration Fee – skiffs registered with Port Hunter	\$70	\$35

Annual Subscription (for clubs)	\$170	*\$170
Beach Entry Fee (per race)	\$35	\$20
Interclub Race Entry Fee (per race)	\$30	\$10
New Hull Fee	Nil	Nil
Entrance Fee (for a club) to the Association	Nil	Nil
Secretary's Honorarium	\$4,400	N/A
Travel expenses for Association officials:		
• Motor vehicle (fuel, etc..)	Max. 40 cents per km**	N/A
• Accommodation – Sydney Metropolitan - Country (incl. Newcastle & Wollongong)	\$200 per night \$140 per night	N/A N/A

* this fee is only applicable if the club is not already affiliated with the NSW 16ft Skiff Association with a 16ft skiff fleet. Thus, any club is only required to pay one annual affiliation fee.

** Allowance amount is 55% of Australian Taxation Office fuel rate for mid-range motor vehicles

Could club Race Secretaries please forward me a list of their club's office bearers. It would also be appreciated if you could forward contact details (**email address – or postal if no email, and phone number**) for your **Commodore, vice-Commodore, Race Secretary and Association Delegates** by 11th October 2017.

Annual skiff registration forms and regatta entry forms are to be completed and submitted online through the skiff website (<http://www.skiffs.org.au/events>) for this season.

The **NSW Skiff Registration Form** (<http://www.skiffs.org.au/events/nsw-skiff-registration-form-2017-18>) must be completed and submitted by 11th October 2017.

The **NSW Regatta Entry Form** (<http://www.skiffs.org.au/events/nsw-regatta-entry-form-2017-18>) can be completed and submitted now for the whole season, or can be submitted for each individual regatta by the closing date for that regatta. In that regard, please note that entries for the State Championships close on 8th November 2017.

There will also be a continuation of the NSW Youth Division section of the State Championships this season. As well as completing and submitting a Regatta Entry Form, those eligible to enter must also complete and submit the NSW State Championships Youth Division Entry Form (<http://www.skiffs.org.au/events/nsw-state-c-ship-youth-division-entry-2017-18>). This particular Form must be submitted prior to the 1st Heat on 11th November.

Also attached to this circular is a **Notice of Race** for the 2017/18 season. As indicated above, you can enter for any regatta at any time prior to the closing date listed for the event or regatta in the attached Notice of Race.

Please do not send any money with respect to registration or regatta entry forms as an invoice will be sent to each Club by the Association Treasurer. The only exception to this is Beach Entries at Regattas. That (entry fee) money must be lodged with the entry on the day.

A copy of the NSW 16ft Skiff Association Annual Report for 2016-17 is attached and is also available on the skiff website (www.skiffs.org.au). If you are aware of anyone who requires a hard copy, there are some copies available. Just send me a note.

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Hon. Secretary