

# **NOTICE OF RACE**

## **2016-2017 NSW 16FT SKIFF STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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## **INTERCLUB REGATTAS**

*Organising Authority:*

**NSW 16FT SKIFF ASSOCIATION INC.**

### **1 Rules**

The NSW State Championship and Interclub regattas will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing as amended, the prescriptions and special regulations of Yachting Australia, including Part 2 – Off the Beach Boats, the rules of the Australian and NSW 16ft Skiff Associations only where they do not conflict with the RRS and Yachting Australia Prescriptions and Special Regulations, except as any of these are altered by the sailing instructions.

### **2 Alterations of Racing Rules**

The racing rules will be modified in accordance with rule 86 as follows:

- 2.1 In the event that the Answering Pennant (AP) is flown from the Regatta site there shall be at least 60 minutes between the start of the race and the lowering of the flag. (Amends Race Signals AP)
- 2.2 A skiff starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS). (Amends RRS A4).
- 2.3 The time limit will be 3 hours from the last starting signal or 45 minutes after the first skiff's finishing time, whichever occurs first. Skiffs failing to finish within the time limit will be scored Did Not Finish. (Amends RRS 35 and A4)
- 2.4 Sub-paragraph (2) of RRS Rule 61.1(a) is deleted (ie. "*if the hull length of the protesting boat is less than 6 metres, she need not display the red flag;*"). Thus a skiff wishing to protest against another skiff for an incident in the racing area SHALL conspicuously display a red flag at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 2.5 Protests shall be lodged with a member of the Race Committee within 60 minutes after the time of the last skiff's finish time. (Amends RRS 61.3)
- 2.6 Any skiff or its equipment may be checked, measured or weighed throughout the State Championship and Interclub Series by the Association Measurement Committee for compliance with the class rules at any time. Skiffs may be selected for checking after any race. Selected skiffs will be notified immediately after finishing any race by a Race Committee Course boat. Any selected skiff shall not leave the immediate area and shall then comply with any instructions issued by a Race or Measurement Officer. Failure to adhere to this SI may result in disqualification without a hearing, amends RRS 63.1 and appendix A5.

### **3 Advertising**

There are no restrictions in regard to competitor advertising.

### **4 Eligibility and Entry**

- 4.1 Eligible boats may enter the NSW State Championship by completing the attached Entry Form which shall be lodged with the NSW Hon. Secretary by 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016 and will incur an entry fee of \$120. **Late entries will not be accepted for the State Championship series.**

Entries for individual interclub regattas only shall also be lodged with the NSW Hon Secretary by the published closing date as listed in paragraph 5 of this notice and will incur an entry fee of \$30 per race. Late entries will be accepted up until one hour prior to the race and shall be accompanied by the beach entry fee of \$35 per race.

- 4.2 A skiff shall be currently registered with the NSW 16ft Skiff Association and **shall hold a current measurement certificate, able to be produced on demand.** Skiffs shall also display their registration label on their stern.
- 4.3 All competing crews shall be a member of a club affiliated with the NSW 16ft Skiff Association and a member of Yachting Australia.

## 5 Schedule of Events

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Closing Date</i>
* Saturday 1/10/2016	Middle Harbour Regatta – Sydney Harbour Marathon	Middle Harbour	21/9/16
Saturday 22/10/2016	Port Hunter Regatta	Port Hunter	12/10/16
Saturday 29/10/2016	Port Jackson Championship and Dumaresq Cup	Manly	12/10/16
Saturday 12/11/2016	Heat 1 State Championship	Middle Harbour	2/11/16
Sunday 13/11/2016	Heat 2 State Championship	Middle Harbour	2/11/16
Saturday 26/11/2016	Heat 3 State Championship	Belmont	2/11/16
Sunday 27/11/2016	Heat 4 State Championship	Belmont	2/11/16
Saturday 3/12/2016	Upper Harbour Championship	Drummoyne	23/11/16
* Saturday 4/2/2017	Australian 16ft Skiff Sprint Series	Belmont	tba
* Sunday 5/2/2017	Belmont Bay Championship	Belmont	25/1/17
Saturday 18/2/2017	Botany Bay Championship	St George	8/2/17

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

The scheduled time of the warning signal for each of the events, except for the Australian 16ft Skiff Sprint Series at Belmont, will be 2.25pm.

The time of the warning signal for the Australian 16ft Skiff Sprint Series will be determined in a separate Notice of Race by the Belmont 16ft Sailing Club.

## 6 Measurements

All skiffs shall comply with the class rules of the Australian and NSW 16ft Skiff Associations and may be subject to measurement at any time throughout a regatta event.

## **7 Sailing Instructions**

The Sailing Instructions will be available to all entered skiffs from 1130hrs on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016 at the Middle Harbour venue (at Middle Harbour 16ft Skiff Sailing Club) and all subsequent venues and on the Australian 16ft Skiff website.

## **8 Regatta Sites & Racing Areas**

The regatta sites (venues) are as listed in paragraph 5 of this notice. The racing areas and course map areas will be available at each regatta site prior to racing, and these documents will form part of the Sailing Instructions.

## **9 Courses**

9.1 Courses will be determined by the NSW Race Committee and each host club.

9.2 Course areas and course descriptions will be available at each regatta site.

9.3 The target time for all races will be approximately 90 minutes.

## **10 Scoring (for State Championship series)**

10.1 The Low Point scoring system, RRS Appendix A4.1, will apply for the State Championship, along with other relevant provisions of RRS Appendix A. Four (4) races are scheduled for the State Championship, of which 3 races shall be completed to constitute a series.

10.2 The best three (3) results are tallied and the skiff with the lowest point score wins.

10.3 If only four (3) races are completed, then all shall count.

## **11 Prizes**

Prizes, where available, will generally be awarded to Heat Winners and Placegetters at the conclusion of each heat or regatta event. The NSW State 16ft Skiff Championship Perpetual Trophy for the State Championship along with overall prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of Heat 4 at Belmont 16ft Sailing Club on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

## **12 Youth Division – State Championships**

A skiff whose crew members are all under 25 years of age as at 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016 will be eligible to enter in the Youth Division for the NSW 16ft Skiff State Championships. A skiff that enters in the Youth Division will also be eligible to score in the Open Division. A suitable prize will be provided to the winner of the Youth Division.

An eligible skiff wishing to enter in the Youth Division must lodge an entry with the NSW Association Secretary on the required form by Race 1 of the 2016/17 NSW 16ft Skiff State Championships on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

## **13 Third Party Insurance**

All competing skiffs / skippers shall be covered by a minimum of \$5 million Third Party Liability insurance. This may be in the form of Comprehensive Insurance cover for the boat or an appropriate Third Party Liability Policy.

**14 Race Committee**

The Race Committee for these events shall be:-

Lloyd Mullholland	NSW Commodore
Michael McMahon	NSW Hon Secretary
Riv Robson	NSW Starter
Roger Steel	R.C.Member

**15 Further Information**

For further information please contact the NSW State Hon. Secretary, Michael McMahon.

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