

NOTICE OF RACE

2017-2018 NSW 16FT SKIFF STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS & INTERCLUB REGATTAS

Organising Authority:
NSW 16FT SKIFF ASSOCIATION INC.

1 Rules

The NSW State Championship and Interclub regattas will be governed by the 2017-2020 World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Prescriptions and Special Regulations (Part 2) of Australian Sailing, the rules of the Australian and NSW 16ft Skiff Associations only where they do not conflict with the RRS and Australian Sailing 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 Entry Form on line (<http://www.skiffs.org.au/events/nsw-regatta-entry-form-2017-18>) by 8th November 2017 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 on line (<http://www.skiffs.org.au/events/nsw-regatta-entry-form-2017-18>) 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 Australian Sailing.

5 Schedule of Events

<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 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 21st October 2017 at the Port Hunter venue (at Port Hunter 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 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 races 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 Manly 16ft Skiff Sailing Club on Sunday 26th November 2017.

12 Youth Division – State Championships

A skiff whose crew members are all under 25 years of age as at 1st October 2017 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 on line (<http://www.skiffs.org.au/events/nsw-state-c-ship-youth-division-entry-2017-18>) by Race 1 of the 2017/18 NSW 16ft Skiff State Championships on 11th November 2017.

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 will be advised following the Annual General Meeting on 11th October 2017.

15 Further Information

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