

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
NSW 16FT SKIFF ASSOCIATION INC
NSW STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS & INTERCLUB REGATTAS
2016 – 2017 Season

Conducted by
NSW 16ft Skiff Association Inc.
 Under the Authority of the Yachting NSW 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 Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board which will either be located inside each host club's foyer/reception area or adjacent to the club's main rigging area.

3 Changes in Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1300 hrs on the day it will take effect. Notification will be made by displaying Code Flag L on the host club's flagpole or, in the absence of such a flagpole, from a Committee Boat anchored in front or adjacent to the venue club. The change will be posted on the official notice board.

4 Signals Made Ashore

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the host club's flag pole or, in the absence of such a flagpole, from a Committee Boat anchored in front or adjacent to the venue club.

4.2 Code flag AP with two sound signals (one sound signal when lowered) means "The race is postponed. The warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after AP is lowered." This amends RRS 26 and Race Signal 'AP'.

5 Schedule of Races

5.1 Races are scheduled as follows:

<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).

5.2 No warning signal will be made after 1600 hrs on any day.

6 The Course

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

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

7 Class Flag

The class flag shall be code flag U (red and white quartered square) with the number "16" superimposed.

8 Racing Area and Programmes

The racing area, course maps and programmes will be available at each race from the host club's reception entrance from 1130 hrs on the day of the race and those documents will form part of these Sailing Instructions.

9 Marks

All rounding marks may be of different characteristics for each race, however, all marks will be described in each race programme, which will form part of these Sailing Instructions. Where possible, they will be identified by displaying the class flag.

10 The Start

10.1 All races will be started using RRS 26.

10.2 In accordance with RRS 27.1, the Race Committee will display before each start a flag or board indicating which course will be sailed as described in the race programme for the event.

10.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying a yellow flag with a black S on the race committee boat at the starboard end and mark displaying an orange flag with a black S at the port end.

10.4 A skiff attempting to start later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This amends RRS Appendix A4.

11 Individual Recall

In addition to RRS 29.1, at the first windward mark after the start, a race committee boat may display an OCS board advising a boat that they have scored OCS. A sound signal may be used to draw attention to the board.

12 Change of Course after the Start

A change of course after the start will be signalled in accordance with RRS 33.

13 The Finish

13.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag or shape on a Race Committee boat and the port end finishing mark displaying code flag F.

13.2 Code Flag C over L displayed on the Race Committee finish boat indicates sail checking will take place. Refer SI 20.2 and 20.3.

14 Time Limit

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 (DNF). This changes RRS 35 and Appendix A4.

15 Protests

15.1 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 and continue to display it until she is no longer racing.

15.2 Protests shall be written on forms available from the Association Secretary or his representative and 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.

15.3 Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt, as soon as possible.

15.4 As required by RRS 63.2 protest notices will be posted on the official notice board within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a hearing or named as witnesses. The posting of such notice is notification to all parties for the purpose of RRS 63.2.

15.5 For the purposes of RRS 64.3(b), the qualified authority is the NSW 16ft Skiff Association Measurement Committee.

16 Scoring (State Championships)

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

16.2 RRS rule A2 (Appendix A) will apply, except that in the event of only three (3) races being completed, a skiff's score shall be the sum of its scores for all the completed races.

16.3 In the event of a tie in the final points, a count back will occur in accordance with RRS Appendix A8.

17 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 November 2016.

18 Youth Division – State Championships

A skiff whose crew members are all under 25 years of age as at 1st 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 have lodged an entry with the NSW Association Secretary on the required form by the start of Race 1 of the 2016/17 NSW 16ft Skiff State Championships on 12th November 2016.

19 Registration

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.** Failure to adhere to this SI may result in disqualification without a hearing at the discretion of the Race Committee (this amends RRS63.1 and Appendix A5).

20 Measurement

- 20.1 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.
- 20.2 Sail Checking and verification may take place at the finish of each race. Whilst the Race Committee Finish Boat is displaying Code Flag C over L all finished skiffs shall proceed to the sail checking boat and area to have their sails checked.
- 20.3 The sail checking boat will be a Race Committee boat also displaying Code flag C over L and will be positioned in an immediate area beyond the finishing line.

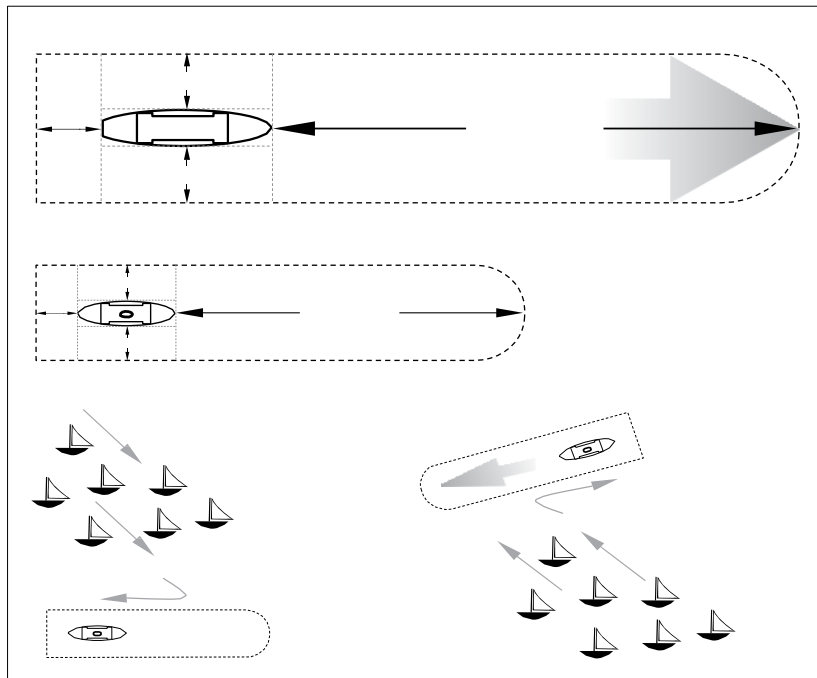
21 Disclaimer

- 20.1 All those taking part in the NSW 16ft Skiff State Championships and interclub regattas do so at their own risk and responsibility. Attention is drawn to RRS 4 (decision to race).
- 20.2 The NSW 16ft Skiff Association Inc., the affiliated host clubs, their servants and agents and all parties involved with the organisation of the event disclaim any and every responsibility whatsoever for loss, damage, injury, death or inconvenience that might occur to person and or goods, both ashore and at sea as a consequence of participation in the races covered by these Sailing Instructions.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTION - for ANY RACES AT PORT HUNTER, MANLY and DRUMMOYNE

NSW Roads and Maritime Services has published a regulation which places an “exclusion zone” around commercial ferries and sea-going ships whilst they are under way.

- All competitors must maintain a minimum distance of 500m from the bow of any ship¹ and 200m from the bow of any ferry² and no less than 30m from the sides/stern of any ship or ferry underway.
- If a formal complaint is received from either Sydney or Newcastle Ferries or NSW Roads and Maritime Services about a skiff interfering with the passage of a commercial ferry or sea-going ship, the skiff will be disqualified from the race by the Race Committee without a hearing. This amends RRS63.1.



- ¹ Seagoing oil tankers, cargo (eg. container and bulk carriers) or cruise ships
- ² Other smaller seagoing commercial vessels or ferries operating in accordance with an approved timetable

Race Committee

The following personnel form the NSW 16ft Skiff Association Race committee:

Lloyd Mulholland	NSW State Commodore
Michael McMahon	NSW Secretary
Riv Robson	NSW Starter
Roger Steel	RC Member