



Australian Skiff Association 2022 Sailors Survey Outcomes

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Background

The Australian Skiff Sailing Association after national championships send participants a survey to gather information about their experience at the national championships. This is a great opportunity for ASSA to gain valuable feedback to assist us in providing for the class and ensuring we are achieving our goals.

We sent out two surveys: 13ft Skiffs and 16ft Skiffs. These had some variation that provided targeted questions for each cohort. The quantitative results are attached to the end of this document, and the qualitative questions (short / long response) are summaries below.

Summary

- 9 responses were received for the 13ft skiff survey
- 53 responses were received for the 16ft skiff survey
 - 49 respondents currently sail 16ft skiffs
 - 46 respondents competed at the 2021/22 Australian title in Belmont

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13ft Skiff Results

Quantitative Results can be found in appended to this document.

Qualitative Results (summarised)

1. Do you believe the 13ft skiff class is functioning as a feeder class to the 16ft skiff? **(9 responses)**
 - Yes
 - Yes but more work needs to be done to establish feeder classes for 13's
 - Yes, would like to do a state titles with the 29ers

2. Do you feel supported by your club and association? **(9 responses)**
 - Yes (x5)
 - Somewhat
 - Yes but not financially as we are a community based club

3. In your opinion, what are some barriers for people to get into the 13ft skiff class or barriers for sailors to stay in the 13ft skiff class? **(9 responses)**
 - Fleet size
 - Should be an independent class association
 - Prize money
 - Cost of boat/maintenance
 - Finding a skipper/crew
 - More coaching and on water support at regattas
 - Steep learning curve
 - Attitude of some 16's sailors who don't observe racing rules
 - Competition with 29er class who interstate and international competition

4. Whilst you have been sailing 13ft skiffs, have you been unable to attend a states or nationals? **Why? (9 responses)**
 - Time of year
 - Travel distance
 - Prize money
 - Clash with other fleet racing

5. What worked well or what aspects did you enjoy about the Belmont 13ft Skiff Nationals? **(9 responses)**

- Fun
- 13's were included
- Community atmosphere
- Rigging space
- Post-race BBQ's and socialising
- SMS communications
- Race start times

6. What do you think ASSA needs to work on or change? **(9 responses)**

- Trophies and prizes
- Financial support
- Coaching and on water support
- Handicap system
- Fleet size
- Partner with more clubs
- More responsive rule change process
- Races were too long
- Race in same conditions as 16's

7. Any other feedback? **(5 responses)**

- More races
- Survey closer to the event and reduce number of questions
- Prize money was helpful
- Have a top 16's sailor give a short talk to 13's sailors each day at nationals
- Keep focus on youth class

16ft Skiff Results

Quantitative Results can be found in appended to this document.

Qualitative Results (summarised)

1. In your opinion, what worked well or what aspects did you enjoy at the 16ft Skiff Belmont Nationals? **(32 responses)**

- Two races a day with an early start
- The location/venue
- Rigging space
- Mix of 1-2 race days was great
- The event was well run by the Belmont 16's and all involved
- High quality racing with world renowned sailors
- Level of competition
- Text notifications and communication worked well
- Rigging area was well equipped
- Daily BBQ and socialising on the rigging lawn
- The hospitality of the Club was outstanding
- Carnival atmosphere
- The format and timing was good
- Not being there I enjoyed the live stream
- Outdoor presentation
- The facilities and race committee/ volunteers
- Good skiff community spirit

2. In your opinion, what does ASSA need to work on or change? **(26 responses)**

- New boats delivery/cost
- Local manufacture of new boats/build quality
- Registration and measurement
- Courses
- Promotion of the 13ft skiff class
- Would be good to see bigger fleet numbers/incentivising competing at Nationals/States
- Reduce the politics/attract in new diverse talent to the association
- Regatta duration is too long for the amount of races
- Not to sail on Sydney harbour due to no parking and rigging up area
- Enhancing participation by new athletes

- Nothing
- More financial incentive to attend the Championship and for race and championship results.
- Formalise communications platform use and rules more clearly.
- Holding all races closer to spectators at the club
- The AGM I believe could be moved to mid regatta and a later time throughout the day (rather than 9am) to gain more attendance
- Address outstanding specification committee matters
- Control over the supply of the ASSA Hulls is impacting all aspects of the market
- Prize money to be socialised throughout the fleet to allow clubs and boats to receive support for attendance that don't otherwise receive it (eg ; Illawarra, Gosford, etc)
- Sponsorship of sailors from abroad (eg: WA or NZ or similar)
- ASSA website - in particular historical specification committee determinations
- Handicap system
- Holiday venues ie salamander bay Hervey bay
- Improved communication relating to future events
- I think only one drop race should be used in the nationals
- A flexible window with a fixed number of heats - e.g. rather than scheduling lay days and 1 or 2 heat days just schedule 14:00 starts every day and advise by a set time whether it will be a 1 or 2 heat day, or a layday based on the forecast and prevailing conditions.
- Constitutional review and amalgamation
- Equity across clubs
- Delaying races and making the fleet wait
- Live Broadcast
- Didn't race on sailable days
- Only race in the afternoon
- Faster access to results
- GPS / live tracking
- Specifications committee has limited development too much
- Clubs should not be responsible for weighing boats and equipment
- Promoting the sport
- Inclusive consultation prior to decision making
- Race in marginal conditions and increase drops

3. Any other feedback? **(17 responses)**

- Great event
- Measurement and class rules simplified
- List of spare crews available
- 45 minute races
- Keep improving interest in 16ft skiffs/keep attracting high calibre sailors
- Utilise local knowledge for course setting
- 4 day regatta with 8 races
- Top speed prizes for each heat
- Host venues need to provide a good experience on and off the water and have ample rigging space
- Availability of new production boats needs to be addressed

Australian 16ft Skiff Association 2021 Sailors Survey - 13's

9

Responses

14:51

Average time to complete

1. What would be your preference for a 13ft skiff nationals?

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- One race per day for the entire ... 0
- Combination of one race and tw... 5
- Two races per day for the entire ... 4



2. How long do you think a race at the 13ft skiff nationals should take when completing one race per day?

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- 45 mins 1
- 60 mins 1
- 75 mins 4
- 90 mins 3
- >90 mins 0



3. How long do you think a race at the 13ft skiff nationals should take when completing two races per day?

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- 30 mins 1
- 45 mins 5
- 60 mins 3
- 75 mins 0
- 90 mins 0



4. How many heats should be sailed at the 13ft skiff nationals?

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● 0-4	0
● 5-7	0
● 8-10	7
● 11-13	2
● 14-16	0



5. What time of day should races be scheduled during the 13ft skiff nationals?

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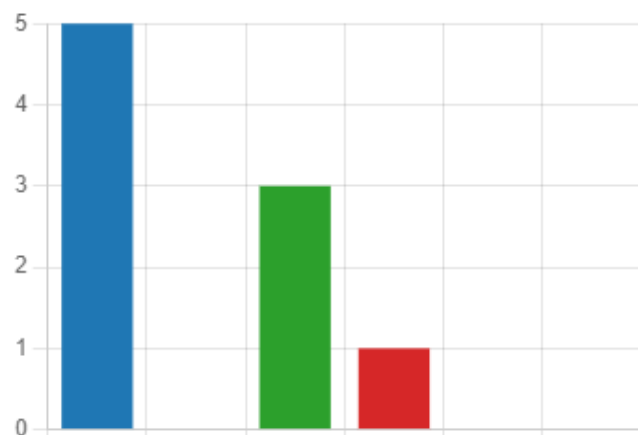
● Morning (10am-12pm)	0
● Midday (12-2pm)	2
● Afternoon (after 2pm)	3
● A combination	4



6. During the 2021/22 Belmont 13ft Skiff Nationals, how much money did you and your crew spend on accommodation? If Belmont is your home club or you prefer not to disclose, you may skip this question.

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● \$0-500	5
● \$501-1000	0
● \$1001-2000	3
● \$2001-3000	1
● \$3001-4000	0
● >\$4000	0



7. I expect to win ___ prize money during a 13's Nationals for a heat handicap win.

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● \$0-25	0
● \$26-50	0
● \$51-100	6
● \$101-150	2
● >\$150	1



8. I expect to win ___ prize money during a 13's Nationals for a heat scratch win.

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● \$0-25	0
● \$26-50	3
● \$51-100	3
● \$101-150	2
● >\$150	1



9. My plans for next season are...

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● Continue racing 13ft skiffs	7
● Sail 16ft skiffs	1
● Other	1



Australian 16ft Skiff Association 2022 Survey – 16's

53

Responses

12:19

Average time to complete

1. Do you currently sail 16ft skiffs?

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● Yes	49
● No	4



2. Did you compete in the 2021/22 Australian Title at Belmont?

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● Yes	46
● No	7



3. What would be your preference for a 16ft skiff nationals?

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● One race per day for entire series	4
● Combination of one and two rac...	38
● Two races per day for entire series	11



4. How long do you think a race at the 16ft skiff nationals should take when completing one race per day?

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45 mins	5
60 mins	7
75 mins	16
90 mins	25



5. How long do you think a race at the 16ft skiff nationals should take when completing two races per day?

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30 mins	7
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60 mins	7
90 mins	0



6. How many heats should be sailed at the 16ft skiff nationals?

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0-4	0
5-7	6
8-10	32
11-13	13
14-16	2



7. What time of day should races be scheduled during the 16ft skiff nationals?

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 Morning (10am-12pm)	1
 Midday (12-2pm)	8
 Afternoon (after 2pm)	28
 A combination	16



8. What did you think about the jersey's that were worn by various leaders at this years nationals?

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 Enjoyed it and would like it to c...	33
 Didn't like it and think it should...	5
 Neither like or dislike the idea	15



9. At the 16ft skiff nationals, should competitors be required to pay a fee in order to submit a protest?

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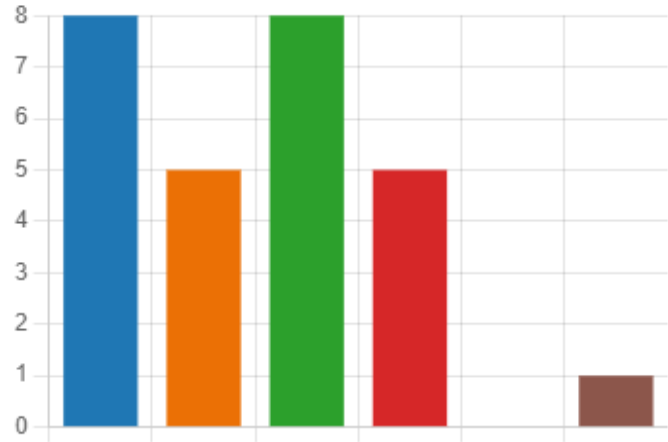
 Yes	28
 No	25



10. During the 2021/22 Belmont 16ft Skiff Nationals, how much money did you and your crew spend on the accommodation in the Belmont community? If Belmont is your home club or you prefer not to disclose, you may skip this question.

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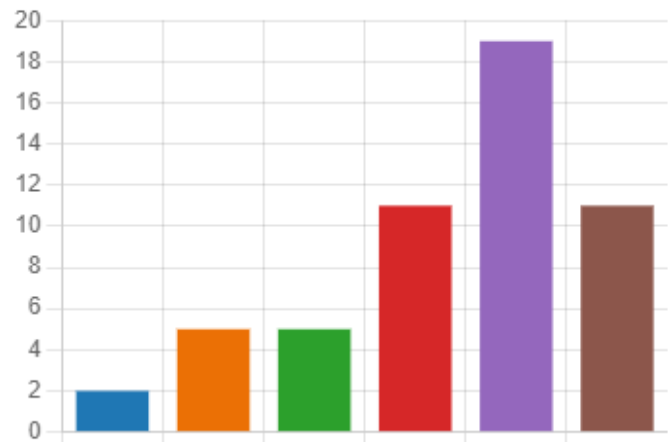
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11. I expect to win ___ prize money during a 16's Nationals for a heat handicap win.

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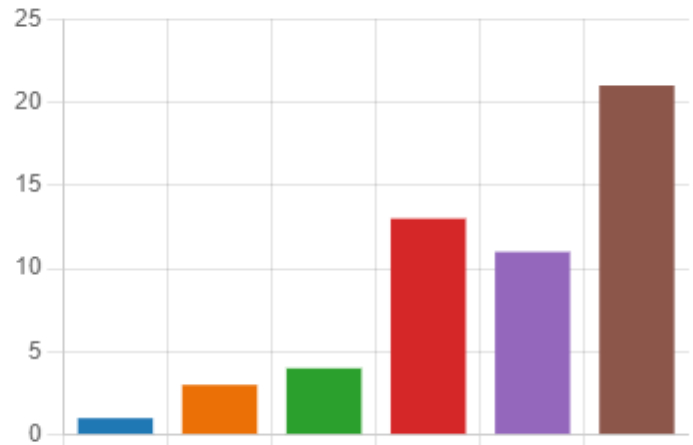
● \$0-50	2
● \$51-100	5
● \$101-150	5
● \$151-200	11
● \$201-300	19
● >\$300	11



12. I expect to win ____ prize money during a 16's Nationals for a heat scratch win.

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● \$0-50	1
● \$51-100	3
● \$101-150	4
● \$151-200	13
● \$201-300	11
● >\$300	21



13. Do you intend to buy a new 16ft skiff in the next 12 months?

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● No	35
● Yes - From ASSA	11
● Yes - from an Australian-based ...	1
● Yes - I want to buy a second han...	6



14. I want to volunteer to assist ASSA when they have tasks I am suited to - marketing, constitution review, facebook page management, sponsorship etc?

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● Yes	10
● No	43

