



# **MANLY 16FT SKIFF SAILING CLUB**

## **NOTICE OF RACE**

### **2023/2024 SEASON**

16ft and 13ft Skiffs



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### Record of Amendment

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## 1. RULES

- 1.1 All races conducted by Manly 16ft Skiff Sailing Club ('Club' or 'M16SSC') will be governed by the 'rules' as defined by the 2021-2024 World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)(as amended), the Prescriptions and Special Regulations (Part 2) of Australian Sailing (AS), the Club Constitution, Sailing By-Laws (SBL), Policy Documents and Manuals of the Club, the rules of the relevant 16ft Skiff and 13ft Skiff Class Associations except as any of these are changed by this Notice of Race ("NoR") or are altered by the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 Clauses 12.2, 12.3 or 12.4 of the Australian 13ft Skiff Association Class Rules defining the age eligibility for a skipper or crew will not apply in any Point Score or Non-Point Score (NPS) races held by the Club. If however, two males are sailing together, one must not be older than 26 years of age at the commencement of the current sailing season.
- 1.3 All skiffs while afloat shall carry the following safety equipment:
- i) a shackle key to unfasten or unrig;
  - ii) a sheathed knife capable of cutting webbing and rope and it should be located in an easily accessible position; and
  - iii) an orange flag or similar (approx. size 600mm x 200mm) to be displayed or waved in an overhead arc in the event that the skiff requires immediate outside assistance.

## 2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

### 2.1 Entries

- 2.1.1 The races are open to boats of the 16ft skiff and 13ft skiff classes.
- 2.1.2 Eligible boats may enter by registering and completing the relevant class Association and Club registration documents.
- 2.1.3 Club registration documents are to be completed electronically at <https://manly16s.com.au/> and the Class Association registration documents at <https://skiffs.org.au/racehub/>.
- 2.1.4 Boats who fail to enter correctly by 30th September 2023 will be deemed to be a Casual Entry for the purposes of scoring and the provision of any prize money awarded until such time the registration documents are verified by the Sailing Committee.

### 2.2 Casual Entries

- 2.2.1 Casual entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee or Sailing Committee but must comply with clause 2.2.3 below.
- 2.2.2 Casual Entries are not eligible for any points or prize/start/finish money awarded by the Club.
- 2.2.3 Any casual entry must advise a member of the Race Committee or Sailing Office no later than one hour prior to the start of the race of their intention to compete and the advice must include the name of the boat and a description of its insignia (for 16's) or sail number (for 13's) and name of the club where the boat is registered. In addition, the following details of each crew member must be provided – name, mobile phone contact number, an email contact address (or residential address) and Australian Sailing membership number.

### 2.3 Club Championship

To be eligible for the Club Championship a boat must:

- a) compete in at least 75% of all completed races in the Annual Point Score, and
- b) if competing in either the State or Australian Championship for its class, nominate Manly

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16ft Skiff Sailing Club as the club it is representing.

### 3 FEES

No club entry fee is applicable. The NSW Association registration fees are as follows:

- 16ft skiffs – \$400 (to be confirmed by the association)
- 13ft skiffs – \$35 (to be confirmed by the association)

Unless otherwise advised, the fees will be deducted from the skiff's prize money.

### 4 SCHEDULE

4.1 The final 2023-2024 race program will be available on the Club website prior to the commencement of the sailing season. A draft is attached to this NoR.

4.2 It is proposed the 13ft skiffs will have 4 races as a combined fleet with the Middle Harbour 13ft skiff fleet. The dates are noted in the race program. It will be decided prior to the day which club will host the race and will be advised as a change to the Sailing Instructions schedule of races.

4.3 Club races may be suspended if they conflict with Australian or NSW 16ft or 13ft Skiff Association fixtures.

4.4 Warning signals for non pointscore and pointscore races:

	16ft Skiff	13ft Skiff
Australian Eastern Standard Time	Not before 13:55	Not before 13:55
Australian Eastern Daylight Time	Not before 14:25	Not before 14:25

### 5 MEASUREMENT

5.1 The Section 'Use of Sails and Masts' from the Australian 16ft and 13ft Skiff Association Class Rules, defining numbers of sails and masts allowed to be used by a boat in one season, will not apply in any Point Score or Non-Point Score races held by the Club. Alters Class Rule 11 (16ft Skiff Association) & Rule 10 (13ft Skiff Association).

5.2 A boat may be inspected at any time for compliance with the applicable Class Rules, AS Special Regulations Part 2 and the Sailing Instructions.

### 6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available from the Club website prior to the first race of the season.

### 7 VENUE

The Racing Area will be on the waters of Port Jackson.

### 8 COURSES

The course maps are located on the Club's website.

### 9 PENALTIES

RRS rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty.

## **10 SCORING**

### **10.1 Scoring system**

- 10.1.1 The scoring system will be as per the relevant provisions of RRS Appendix A, except as altered below.
- 10.1.2 RRS A5.3 will apply to the scoring for any championship or point score series.
- 10.1.3 The points allocated to a boat in a race will be allocated to the registered hull that was used in that race. Points cannot be transferred to another hull that may be registered with the Club during the current racing season.

### **10.2 Club Championship**

- 10.2.1 Points are awarded on scratch results.
- 10.2.2 Eight races are scheduled per the race program.
- 10.2.3 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.2.4 When four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This alters RRS A2.1.
- 10.2.5 When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This alters RRS A2.1.
- 10.2.6 A youth Club Championship "The Bart Cup" ("the Cup") will be sailed in conjunction with the Club Championship for the 16ft skiff fleet. To be eligible to win the Cup, all crew members who sail on the boat in each race of the Club Championship during the season must have been under 25 years of age as of 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023.

### **10.3 Annual Point Score**

- 10.3.1 Points are awarded on handicap results in both Long Point Score and Short Point Score races.
- 10.3.2 Twenty-six races are scheduled per the race program.
- 10.3.3 Nine races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.3.4 When ten or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This alters RRS A2.1.
- 10.3.5 When fifteen or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores. This alters RRS A2.1.
- 10.3.6 When twenty or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her three worst scores. This alters RRS A2.1.
- 10.3.7 When twenty-five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her four worst scores. This alters RRS A2.1.

### **10.4 Long Course Point Score**

- 10.4.1 Points are awarded on handicap results in any Long Course Point Score race.
- 10.4.2 Ten races are scheduled per the race program.
- 10.4.3 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.4.4 When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This alters RRS A2.1.

### **10.5 Short Course Point Score**

- 10.5.1 Points are awarded on handicap results in any Short Course Point Score race.
  - 10.5.2 Sixteen races are scheduled per the race program.
  - 10.5.3 Five races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
  - 10.5.4 When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This alters RRS A2.1.
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- 10.5.5 When ten races or more have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores. This alters RRS A2.1.
- 10.5.6 When fifteen races or more have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her three worst scores. This alters RRS A2.1.

### 10.6 Crews Trophy

- 10.6.1 Points are awarded on handicap results.
- 10.6.2 Eight races are scheduled per the race program.
- 10.6.3 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.6.4 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This alters RRS A2.1.
- 10.6.5 When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## 11 RADIO COMMUNICATION

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats, except in the following circumstances:

- in the case of a genuine emergency;
- in response to a direct call from a race committee vessel; or
- to notify the Race Committee of retirement from the race.

This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## 12 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 12.1 Competitors participate in all races entirely at their own risk. Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 3 of the RRS which states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is theirs alone'.
- 12.2 The Club, its officers and servants, will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after racing, nor for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment or for damage which might result from competing in Club events.
- 12.3 The person who lodges a boat's registration and entry form warrants the Club that he/she will draw the attention of any person onboard to NoR 15 - RISK WARNING.
- 12.4 The person who lodges the boat's registration and entry form acknowledges receipt of NoR 15 - RISK WARNING and releases the Club from any claim or liability whatsoever for any harm or personal injury suffered, by him/her or any person claiming through him/her in any event conducted by the Club.

## 13 PRIZE MONEY

- 13.1 For the 16ft fleet prize money will consist of maximum participation payments of \$280 for starting and \$280 for finishing on a scheduled race day (ie. \$280 for a start and \$280 for a finish on a Long Course Race day and \$140 for each start and \$140 for each finish on a Short Course Race day where two races are sailed).
- 13.2 If a 16ft skiff competes in a scheduled NSW or Australian Association Interclub event (except Nationals), that skiff will be entitled to a participation payment of \$560.

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- 13.3 For the 13ft fleet prize money will consist of maximum participation payments of \$85 for starting and \$85 for finishing on a scheduled race day (ie. \$85 for a start and \$85 for a finish on a Long Course Race day and \$42.50 for each start and \$42.50 for each finish on a Short Course Race day where two races are sailed).
- 13.4 If a 13ft skiff competes in a scheduled NSW or Australian Association Interclub event (except Nationals), that skiff will be entitled to a participation payment of \$170.
- 13.5 Any fees that are paid by the Club on behalf of a skiff such as but not limited to regatta entry fees, boat registration fees, Australian Sailing fees will be deducted from any prize money earned during the season or added to any outstanding advance in prize money.

## 14 INSURANCE

All boats shall have a minimum of \$10 million public liability insurance covering the use of the boat while racing.

## 15 RISK WARNING

- 15.1 This RISK WARNING is issued jointly by the Club and NSW Maritime (a division of Transport for NSW) pursuant to the Civil Liability Act 2002 (NSW) to all persons wishing to participate in the sailing activities conducted by the Club.
- 15.2 Participants are warned that, regardless of the precautions, which might be taken by reasonable and experienced persons, sailing can be a dangerous pursuit and participants are exposed to significant risk of property damage, physical harm and possibly death.
- 15.3 As an indication, these risks may include, but are not limited to:
  - a) The extremes of weather and sea conditions
  - b) The potential that control of vessels may be lost, resulting in collision with objects and other vessels
  - c) The sudden movement of the vessel at any time and the possibility that participants may fall or be thrown overboard, resulting in drowning
  - d) The possibility that participants may be injured by equipment on the vessel
  - e) The absence of immediate medical care and the likelihood that significant delays may occur before medical care is available
  - f) Exposure to the elements for extended periods.
- 15.4 The Club and NSW Maritime (a division of Transport for NSW) also warn participants that regardless of their best intentions, they may be unable to render assistance to participants who are in distress. Participants are warned to consider the above risks and all other risks before deciding to participate in any sailing event with the Club.
- 15.5 Competitors are advised that the following marks indicate the presence of hazards in the main course area: Pile 8 at Fairlight and Bombora marks 5, 10 and 11. The locations are referred to on the course sheets.