



NOTICE OF RACE PORT JACKSON REGATTA OCTOBER 21, 2023

Organizing Authority: Manly 16ft Skiff Sailing Club

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 Sub-paragraph (2) of RRS 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;"). A skiff wishing to protest 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.
- 1.4 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 The race is open to boats of the 16ft skiff and 13ft skiff classes.
- 2.2 Eligible boats may enter by registering and completing the relevant class Association and Club registration documents prior to 1000 hours on October 21, 2023.
- 2.3 Boats participating who are not registered with the Manly 16s may complete a separate entry form prior to 1000 hours on October 21, 2023.

3. FEES

No Entry fees are required to compete in the event.

4. SCHEDULE

The schedule for the event is as follows:

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| Competitors' Briefing | 1130 |
| 16ft Skiff Warning Signal | 1330 |
| 13ft Skiff Warning Signal | 1335 |
| No Warning Signal After | 1530 |
| Social & Awards | <i>After racing</i> |

5. MEASUREMENT

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 at or before the competitor's briefing.

7. VENUE

The Racing Area will be on the waters of Port Jackson and its approaches, East of the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

8 COURSES

The approximate courses to be sailed are available in Appendix A. A finalized list of courses and marks will be available in the Sailing Instructions.

9 PENALTIES

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

10 SCORING

- 10.1 One race is scheduled.
- 10.2 RRS Appendix A will be used.
- 10.3 Handicap scoring will also be used in conjunction with 10.1.

11 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 11.1 Boats are encouraged to carry VHF radios or mobile phones in order to communicate with the race committee under the circumstances outlined in 11.2.
- 11.2 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.
- 11.2 The restrictions outlined in 11.2 also apply to mobile phones.

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 14 - RISK WARNING.
- 12.4 The person who lodges the boat's registration and entry form acknowledges receipt of NOR 14 - 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 INSURANCE

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

14 RISK WARNING

- 14.1 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.
- 14.2 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.
- 14.3 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.
- 14.4 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.
- 14.5 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.

**No. 1 COURSE: North,
 and North-East winds.**



No. 2 COURSE: South, South-East, East



No. 3 COURSE: North-West, West, South-West

