

12 August 2023

Hello Commodores and Sailors,

I hope you are all excited to embark on another fantastic summer of sailing.

As you would probably be aware, sailing fleets in Australia are struggling to build numbers and grow. We are all very fortunate that the 16ft skiff is one of the strongest classes and is bucking this trend with continual growth.

One of the strengths of the 16ft skiff class is its strong traditions. Outside the National and State Championships, the class has some long standing and iconic races. Two of these races/championships that come to mind are:

- Belmont Sprints, and the
- Botany Bay Championship.

These race days/weekends expand the reach of the 16ft skiff to the waters north and south of our Sydney Harbour home.

Like these other events Sydney Harbour also needs an iconic event. Manly 16s is seeking your support to revive the Port Jackson Regatta to fill this gap. We would be delighted to host this regatta on 21 October 2023.

We have dug into the archives and found information on the old regatta including the traditional courses. Although these are very similar length to current single race days, they will see the boats sail into the main harbour and create an opportunity to see and be seen in other areas of this waterway. This will be a notable difference from the current style of racing.

We have attached the Notice of Race for this event and are pleased to announce that the Notice also includes the 13ft skiff as the pathway boat to the 16ft skiff.

Thank you for your support and can't wait to see you at the Port Jackson Regatta!

Kind regards,



Malcolm Page

Commodore Manly 16 SSC & St George SC.