

New South Wales 16ft Skiff Association Inc.

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Attention: Club Race Secretary

The next meeting of the Association will be held at the **Middle Harbour Club** on **Wednesday 13th February 2008** at **7.30pm**.

At the recent Australian Association Conference in Brisbane, it was confirmed that the 2008/09 Australian Championships will be hosted by Illawarra Yacht Club at Lake Illawarra and the 2009/10 will be hosted by the Belmont Club. Exact dates will be confirmed within the next few months. The 2010/11 series will definitely return to Queensland, however, a venue is yet to be decided.

It was also agreed that, in future, clubs seeking to host the series should lodge an expression of interest with the Australian Secretary, well prior to the AGM where a decision is to be made (at least 2 years prior to the carnival). The submission should include a broad outline on what the club was offering (facilities, sponsorships, prizemoney, support craft, etc....). A letter just indicating an interest is not good enough.

There was also discussion at the post carnival conference on possible further developments with the 13ft skiff Class. This issue was subsequently discussed at the last NSW Association meeting and, with the increasing numbers in the Class, it has been decided to set up a Focus Group of interested members in the Class to discuss and report back to the Association on how the Class should progress over the next few years. Items to be discussed will include a Constitution, age limits, sail restrictions, how racing should best be conducted to retain its affinity with the 16's without interfering too much with each other (eg. officials, rounding marks, courses, etc...). If anyone has a particular interest in joining the 13ft Skiff Focus Group, could they please let me know and I will pass on contact details.

M.J. McMahon

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Hon. Secretary