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 25th February 2009** at **7.30pm**.

A reminder that the **Belmont Regatta** is to be sailed on Sunday 8th February 2009, while the Australian 16ft Skiff Sprint Series, which is also to be hosted by the Belmont Club, will be sailed on Saturday 7th February 2009. There is substantial prizemoney on offer for both events. Please note that entries for the Sprint Series must be lodged directly with the Belmont Club.

The St George Club has advised that the **Botany Bay Championship** (St George Regatta) to be sailed on Sunday 15th February 2009 will be sailed over a modified "round the Bay" course. This is due to the fact that there are exclusion zones in parts of Botany Bay as a result of construction work associated with the new desalination plant at Kurnell.

The exact timetable for the **2009/10 Australian 16ft Skiff Championships** to be hosted by the Belmont Club has yet to be ratified by the Australian 16ft Skiff Association, however, it will be sailed between **Saturday 2nd January to Saturday 9th January 2010 (inclusive)**. It is possible that there will be an "Invitation Race" on the 1st January, however, this has yet to be confirmed by the Belmont Club.

The Australian Association Secretary has advised that ruling issued by that Association on "batwing" mainsails has been upheld by a vote of member clubs (7 for 2 against). The ruling means that regard must be had to Class Rule 10.6. This essentially means that the head of a mainsail (headboard) must extend out no higher than square from the highest point of the luff for up to, but no more than, a distance of 130mm.

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Hon. Secretary