

New South Wales 16ft Skiff Association Inc.

RECOGNISED BY THE AUSTRALIAN 16FT SKIFF ASSOCIATION

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Attention: Club Race Secretary

The next meeting of the Association will be held at the **Middle Harbour Club** on **Wednesday 12th September 2007** at 7.30pm.

The following is a list of the Association officials who were elected at the AGM for the 2007/08 season:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President	Riv Robson
Vice-President	Brad Andrew
Commodore	Lloyd Mulholland
Vice-Commodore	John Andrew
Hon. Secretary	Michael McMahon
Assistant Hon. Secretary	Paul Linnett
Hon. Treasurer	Belinda Sherry

RACE OFFICERS

Starter & Judge	Riv Robson
Assistant Starter & Judge	Michael McMahon
Time Keeper	Lloyd Mulholland
Asst. Time Keeper	Ian Heritage
Measuring Committee (Northern Zone)	David Croft
Measuring Committee (Central Zone)	Clint Bowen
Measuring Committee (Southern Zone)	John Andrew
Boat Registrar	Craig Corke
Chairman Handicapping Committee	Michael McMahon
Handicapping Committee Member	Paul Linnett
Handicapping Committee Member	Arran Gore

OTHER POSITIONS

Patron	Bill Riley
Historian	Frank Bonnitcha
Auditor	Mark Graham

The following State Championship and interclub races were also confirmed at the AGM.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Venue</i>
Saturday 20/10/07	Port Hunter Regatta	Port Hunter
Saturday 10/11/2007	Heat 1 State Championship	Illawarra
Sunday 11/11/2007	Heat 2 State Championship & Dumaresq Cup	Illawarra
Saturday 24/11/2007	Heat 3 State Championship	Manly
Sunday 25/11/2007	Heat 4 State Championship	Manly
Saturday 1/12/07	Drummoyne Regatta	Drummoyne
* Sunday 9/12/07	Short Course Sprint Classic	Manly
# Saturday 2/2/2008	Belmont Regatta (Belmont Bay Championship)	Belmont
* Sunday 3/2/2008	Australian 16ft Skiff Sprints	Belmont
# Sunday 17/2/2008	Botany Bay Championship	St George

Under current Association Rules this event will **not** count towards any Association point scores (**NB**. A notice of motion is included elsewhere in this circular and, if passed by clubs, will change this situation)

* Special Event (not counted for the purpose of any Association Point Scores)

The following is a schedule of fees, charges and values which were confirmed at the AGM.

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Fee Payable (16ft skiffs)</i>	<i>Fee Payable (13ft skiffs)</i>
Annual Skiff Registration Fee	\$70	\$35
Annual Subscription (for clubs)	\$170	Nil
Beach Entry Fee (per race)	\$60	\$30
Combined Season State Championship and Interclub Race Entry Fee	\$220	\$110
Entrance Fee (for a club) to the Association	Nil	Nil
Interclub Race Entry Fee (per race)	\$40	\$20
New Hull Fee	\$150	\$75
Petty Cash advance	\$100	N/A
Secretary's Honorarium	\$3,000	N/A
Webmaster Honorarium	Nil	N/A

Could Race Secretaries please forward a list of their club's office bearers. It would also be appreciated if you could forward contact details (**postal or email address and phone number**) for your **Commodore, vice-Commodore, Race Secretary and Association Delegate(s)**.

The following is a schedule of State Association meetings for the next 12 months together with closing dates for Regattas and other information required to be lodged with the Association. Please note that meeting dates could be subject to change if the need arises.

- 12 September 2007 (*Wed.*) GENERAL MEETING at Middle Harbour - 7.30pm
Skiff registration forms to be lodged
Courses to be used by Clubs for Regattas required
List of Club Office Bearers for 2007/08 season required
List of Club Starter, Rescue Boat Drivers and Club Race Officials required
- 10 October 2007 (*Wed.*) GENERAL MEETING at Georges River - 7.30pm
Entries close for State Championship series (and combined regattas)
Entries close for Port Hunter Regatta
Final closing date for skiff registration forms
- 31 October 2007 (*Wed.*) GENERAL MEETING at Middle Harbour - 7.30pm
Entries close for Illawarra Regatta
Entries close for Manly Regatta
- 21 November 2007 (*Wed.*) GENERAL MEETING at Georges River - 7.30pm
Entries close for Drummoyne Regatta
- 12 December 2007 (*Wed.*) GENERAL MEETING at Middle Harbour - 7.30pm
- 23 January 2008 (*Wed.*) GENERAL MEETING at Georges River - 7.30pm
Entries close for Belmont Regatta
Entries close for St George Regatta (Botany Bay C/ship)
- 13 February 2008 (*Wed.*) GENERAL MEETING at Middle Harbour - 7.30pm
- 12 March 2008 (*Wed.*) GENERAL MEETING at Georges River - 7.30pm
- 9 April 2008 (*Wed.*) GENERAL MEETING at Middle Harbour - 7.30pm
- 17 May 2008 **CLUB COMMODORES MEETING** at Manly - 12 noon
- 28 May 2008 (*Wed.*) GENERAL MEETING at Georges River - 7.30pm
- 9 July 2008 (*Wed.*) GENERAL MEETING at Middle Harbour - 7.30pm
Closing date for nomination of Association officials 2008/09
- 2 August 2008 (*Sat.*) GENERAL MEETING & AGM at Manly - 2.00pm

A pro-forma **skiff registration form** is attached to this circular. Could Race Secretaries please photocopy the number you require for your Club. Completed forms should be returned

to the Association by the Association meeting on 12th September 2007, but no later than the meeting on 10th October 2007. Any forms not completed correctly or are incomplete will be returned and the skiff will not be registered until the form is completed correctly and lodged with the Association.

I would encourage all boat owners to complete the "email address" section of the Registration Form (please write the address clearly). This address will only be used for the purposes of sending Association circulars and correspondence. It will **not** be used to forward any spam mail or advertising material. The inclusion of email addresses will assist us in communicating all relevant Association news. More than one email address may be included for each boat if any crew members would also like to be on the mailing list.

Also attached to this circular is a **State Championship and Regatta Entry form**. Could Race Secretaries please photocopy the number of forms you require for your Club. Please note that skippers have two options – they can either place a block entry for the season (which includes the State Championships plus the other interclub Regattas) **OR** enter for individual Regattas that they wish to attend.

Please do not send any money with registration or regatta entry forms as an invoice will be sent to each Club by the Association Treasurer. The only exception to this is Beach Entries at Regattas. That (entry fee) money must be lodged with the entry on the day.

Carbon Spar Report

The Carbon Spar sub-Committee, set up at this time last year, has submitted its report (copy attached). This report will be discussed at the next Association meeting. Any sailors with an interest in the subject are welcome to attend.

Notice of Motion re State Championships

The following Notice of Motion submitted by the Belmont Club and circulated to clubs in May (2007) will now be voted on at the next Association meeting scheduled for **12th September 2007**.

1. That that paragraphs 4.1 to 4.5 in Part 4 of the Conduct of 16ft Sailing in New South Wales Rules be deleted and replaced with the following:

“The State Championship

- 4.1 The Association shall conduct a State Championship during each season.
- 4.2 The State Championship may be entered by all skiffs registered with a Club.
- 4.3 The AYF scoring system shall be used to determine the winner of the State Championship.
- 4.4 The State Championship shall be sailed over four races with the best three results to be counted towards each skiff’s total points.
- 4.5 The Notice of Race for the State Championship must schedule the races on the following days:
 - 4.5.1 Race 1 is to be scheduled for the second Saturday in November;

- 4.5.2 Race 2 is to be scheduled for the Sunday immediately following Race 1;
 - 4.5.3 Race 3 is to be scheduled for the fourth Saturday in November; and
 - 4.5.4 Race 4 is to be scheduled for the Sunday immediately following Race 3.
- 4.6 Clubs shall host the State Championships on the following rotation:
- 4.6.1 In 2007 and every fourth year thereafter, Races 1 and 2 shall be held at Illawarra Yacht Club and Races 3 and 4 shall be held at Manly 16ft Skiff Sailing Club.
 - 4.6.2 In 2008 and every fourth year thereafter, Races 1 and 2 shall be held at Port Hunter 16ft Sailing Club and Races 3 and 4 shall be held at Georges River 16ft Sailing Club.
 - 4.6.3 In 2009 and every fourth year thereafter, Races 1 and 2 shall be held at St George Sailing Club and Races 3 and 4 shall be held at Middle Harbour 16ft Skiff Sailing Club.
 - 4.6.4 In 2010 and every fourth year thereafter, Races 1 and 2 shall be held at Drummoyne Sailing Club and Races 3 and 4 shall be held at Belmont 16ft Sailing Club.
- 4.7 The skipper of the skiff winning the State Championship shall have:
- (a) his name; and
 - (b) the name of his skiff engraved on the permanent trophy.
- 4.8 The skipper shall be entitled to retain the trophy for the ensuing 12 months.”
2. That the balance of Part 4 from paragraph number 4.6 be renumbered to commence at 4.9

Reasons: Belmont Club believe that the proposal for the State Championship recommended by the Association Delegates does not reflect the format supported by the majority of sailors, based upon the results of the survey conducted during last season.

In response to question “State Championship format preference”, 49 out of 71 respondents (69%) indicated a preference for a format comprising 4 heats over 2 weekends. The 41 includes various permutations of 1 or 2 clubs and consecutive and not-consecutive weekends. In our submission those who indicated a preference for one of these formats would prefer some version of 4 heat format rather than an 8 heat format.

The format we propose is the format that received the highest number of positive responses in the survey i.e. 17 of 71 (23.9%),

By comparison, only 15 of 71 respondents (21.1%) indicated a preference for a version of an 8 heat format.

Given the discrepancy between what is, in our submission, the format that received the most support and the format proposed by the Association Delegates, we propose that the

matter should be resolved by a vote by the member Clubs to determine the issue once and for all.

Notice of Motion re Association point scores

The following Notice of Motion has been submitted by the Belmont Club and will be voted on at the Association meeting scheduled for **10th October 2007**.

1. Delete rule 5.2 of the Conduct of 16ft Skiff Sailing in New South Wales Rules and insert the following:-

“Skiffs registered with a Club shall win points for that Club on the basis of the position the skiff finishes:

- (a) in each scratch race that is an interclub race (including those allocated as a heat of the State Championship); and
- (b) overall in the State Championship; and
- (c) on adjusted handicap in the race nominated as the Dumaresq Cup race.”

2. Delete rule 5.6 of the Conduct of 16ft Skiff Sailing in New South Wales Rules and insert the following:-

“Skiffs registered with a Club shall win points for that Club on the basis of the position the skiff finishes in the adjusted handicap race conducted in conjunction with each scratch race that is an interclub race.”

3. Delete rule 5.11 of the Conduct of 16ft Skiff Sailing in New South Wales Rules and insert the following:-

“Skiffs shall be awarded points on the basis of where the skiff finishes in each scratch race that is an interclub race.”

4. Delete rule 5.14 of the Conduct of 16ft Skiff Sailing in New South Wales Rules and insert the following:-

“Skiffs shall be awarded points on the basis of where the skiff finishes in the adjusted handicap race held in conjunction with each scratch race that is an interclub race.”

Reason: The Belmont Club believes that clubs should be able to chose which ever day of the weekend they consider will attract the best attendance and restricting the allocation of points for the Association point scores may affect potential attendance.

Passing of Hamilton (“Pat”) Collis

Sadly, I have to report that Pat Collis, a long term stalwart of the St George Sailing Club, passed away on Sunday 5th August. Pat was 98. He started sailing 16’s at the St George Club in 1927 and skippered a number of boats in a career that spanned more than 60 years.

M.J. McMahon
(Michael McMahon)
Hon. Secretary