

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 **Georges River Club** on **Wednesday 10th October 2007** at 7.30pm.

Could clubs please forward **skiff registration forms** to me as soon as possible but no later than the next meeting. All skiffs sailing with an affiliated club in NSW, whether they are entering interclub regattas or not, **MUST** be registered with the NSW Association.

Attached is a copy of the Notice of Race for the State Championships and Interclub Regattas for the 2007/08 season. Copies of the Sailing Instructions will be available prior to the first Regatta (Port Hunter).

Entries for the combined season Regattas and Port Hunter Regatta close at the next meeting.

The Notice of Motion lodged by the Belmont Club to formalise the State Championship format into the NSW Rules was voted on at the last meeting and LOST (4 votes in favour, 7 against and 6 abstain).

A reminder that the Notice of Motion lodged by the Belmont Club in regard to Association point scores, details of which were included in the last circular, will be voted on at the next Association meeting.

The Carbon Spar Sub-Committee Report was discussed at the last meeting. Whilst the meeting supported and endorsed the recommendations of the sub-committee (refer page 12 of their report), there was support from at least one club for the complete introduction of carbon, sooner rather than later. The final consensus of the meeting was that the introduction of carbon masts would eventually be adopted, particularly as the technology continued to develop further and the price ultimately became competitive against the current alloy material, however, at this stage, it would not be in the best interest of the Class. There was, however, general support for an early introduction of carbon in other spars.

In the mean time, the Middle Harbour Club has indicated that they intend to lodge a Notice of Motion to the Australian Association to alter the Class Rules to allow the use of carbon booms, spinnaker poles and dolphin strikers.

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Hon. Secretary