

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 31 October 2007** at 7.30pm.

Individual entries for the **State Championships, Illawarra Regatta** and **Manly Regatta** close at the next meeting.

The Notice of Motion submitted by the Belmont Club in regard to the Association point scores was voted on and passed at the last meeting. This means that all Association interclub regatta events will again count towards all Association point scores.

In view of the variations in mainsail shapes that are currently evolving, an instruction to Club measurers is currently being drafted to clarify how mainsails (and their various shapes) should be measured. It will, hopefully, be issued in the next few weeks.

A **special Sailing Instruction** will be included for the **Manly Regatta (3rd and 4th Heat of the State Championships) on 24th/25th November pertaining to Manly ferries**. The Manly Club now has a condition placed on their Aquatic Licence which states that all vessels must keep clear of a Manly ferry that is under way and must not enter an exclusion zone around that ferry which is 200 metres from the bow and 60 metres from the sides and stern. The penalty can be \$1,500 for the skipper of the skiff and \$1,500 for the Aquatic Licence holder. Whilst these particular distances will be hard to police, the bottom line is that no skiff should sail a course in front of a ferry that requires it to have to alter course or take evasive action. The additional Sailing Instruction will state that, if a formal complaint is received from either Sydney Ferries or NSW Maritime Authority about a skiff interfering with a Manly Ferry, the offending skiff(s) will automatically be disqualified without a hearing.

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Hon. Secretary