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2023-24



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BELMONT BAY 16ft SKIFF CHAMPIONSHIP

Sunday 4 February 2024





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CLUB INFORMATION

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CLUB TRADING HOURS

Open 365 days a year
Daily from 9:00am

CODES OF BEHAVIOUR

COMPETITORS

1. Sail by the rules.
2. Never argue with an official. If you disagree, approach the official after the race.
3. Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials and sledging other competitors, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable behaviours.
4. Work equally hard for yourself and your skipper/crew. Your boat's performance will benefit.
5. Treat all participants in your sport as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
6. Cooperate with officials and other competitors. Without them there would be no competition.
7. Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents.
8. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all competitors regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
9. Respect and consider the property of other competitors. Act responsibly and take care in the vicinity of all boats and equipment.

PARENTS/CARERS & SPECTATORS

1. Remember that young sailors participate in sailing for their enjoyment, not yours.
2. Encourage young sailors to participate, do not force them.
3. Focus on the young sailor's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
4. Encourage young sailors to follow the rules and the official's decision.
5. Never ridicule or yell at a young sailor for making a mistake or losing in competition. Positive comments are motivational.
6. Respect the decisions of officials and teach young sailors to do likewise.
7. Condemn the use of violence, do not use foul language, sledge or harass sailors, coaches, officials or other competitors' parents.
8. Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, your child could not sail.
9. Applaud good performance and efforts from all individuals and crews. Congratulate all participants on their performance regardless of the events outcome.
10. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all competitors regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

OFFICIALS & CLUB VOLUNTEERS

1. Compliment and encourage the efforts of all young sailors.
2. Be consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions.
3. Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all young sailors.
4. Emphasise the spirit of the sport rather than the errors.
5. Be a good sport yourself, actions speak louder than words.
6. Never ridicule or yell at a young sailor for making a mistake.
7. Remember, you set an example. Your behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive.
8. Place the safety and welfare of the participants above all else.
9. Give all young sailors a 'fair go' regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Belmont 16ft Sailing Club expects sailors and members to maintain a certain standard of behaviour when using social media. Any inappropriate comments, especially towards volunteers and officials may be considered by the Board of the Belmont 16ft Sailing Club as conduct that is unbecoming of a member of the club.

SATURDAY CLASS SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

PREAMBLE

Belmont 16ft Sailing Club conducts racing for its sailing membership. The Board of Directors and the Sailing Committee delegate authority to the Sailing Manager to oversee the operation of sailing in conjunction with these Sailing Instructions and the policies of the Club.

1. RULES

- 1.1 All races will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 All prescriptions of Australian Sailing will apply.
- 1.3 The Class Rules of the Cherub, Laser, Laser Radial, Laser 4.7, Flying Eleven, O'pen Skiff and Pelican classes will apply, as modified by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.4 Racing Rule 41 will be changed as follows:
 - (a) For the Pelican and O'pen Skiff Race Squad the Race Committee is permitted to provide, when possible, assistance with the removal of water from the craft following a capsize and assistance with course directions, sailing techniques, words of support and encouragement.
 - (b) Non-provision of assistance as described in sailing instruction 1.4 shall not be grounds for redress. This alters RRS 60.1 (b) and 62.
- 1.5 These Sailing Instructions and the Racing Program constitute the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for the purposes of RRS 89.2(a) and 90.2(a).

2. ADVERTISING

Advertising shall only be displayed in accordance with the ISAF Advertising Code, Regulation 20 and RRS 80.

3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 3.1 Racing is open to all Boats of the Cherub, Laser, Laser Radial, Laser 4.7, Flying Eleven, O'pen Skiff and Pelican classes.
- 3.2 Eligible Boats may enter for the season's racing program by the Boat Owner completing Boat Registration.
- 3.3 All competitors (the Registered Crew of a Registered Boat) must also be Registered Sailors with Belmont 16ft Sailing Club. This may be done by completing a Sailor Registration accompanied by the required Sailor Registration Fee.
- 3.4 All Boat Owners and Registered Sailors (helmsperson and all crew members) must be current Full Members or Junior Members of Belmont 16ft Sailing Club.
- 3.5 The Club reserves the right to refuse acceptance of a person as a Registered Sailor.
- 3.6 Age Limits:
 - (a) All competitors must have attained their 6th birthday.
 - (b) All competitors in the Pelican class shall not have attained their 15th birthday on or before the 1st September of the current season.
 - (c) All competitors in the Flying 11 class shall not have attained their 18th birthday on or before the 1st September of the current season.
- 3.7 Any competitor who is above the age limits defined in 3.6 may be accepted as a Registered Crew of a Registered Boat however the Boat shall be scored DNS for all races. The purpose of this rule is to facilitate young sailors being taught by an older sailor.
- 3.8 Boats registered with their respective class association and competitors registered as a member of Australian Sailing (having a current Sailor Identification Number) are welcome to sail in Club races as visitors for a maximum of eight (8) races during the season. Visiting boats shall not receive trophies or points for Point Score or Club Championship series.
- 3.9 Boats racing in the Laser Class may elect to use replica parts. A replica part is a copy that closely resembles the original, licensed Laser component concerning its shape, size, mass, appearance and performance.

4. CLASSIFICATION

The ISAF Sailor Classification Code will not apply.

5. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 5.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official noticeboard located at the Race Headquarters located in the Brian Ellis Boat Shed.
- 5.2 A duplicate notice may be posted on the Club's sailing website <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/belmont16ftsc/home/>.
- 5.3 A pre-race briefing may be held for all classes at Race Headquarters or at a designated area by the class captains approximately one hour before the warning signal.

6. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official noticeboard before 10:00 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the racing program will be posted by 17:00 hours the day before it will take effect.

7. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 7.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the official signal mast located on the southern end of the rescue boat boatshed.
- 7.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" changing Race Signal AP.
- 7.3 When signal Y is displayed ashore, Rule 40 applies at all times while afloat.
- 7.4 When flag K is displayed ashore, all boats will remain ashore and no boats will go afloat.

8. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 8.1 The schedule of races for all classes shall be in accordance with the "Racing Program" that forms part of these Sailing Instructions.
- 8.2 For the Pelican and O'pen Skiff class the scheduled time of the Warning Signal for the first race each day is 10:55 hours unless otherwise stated in the Racing Program.
- 8.3 For the Cherub, Laser, Laser Radial, Laser 4.7 and Flying 11 classes the scheduled time of the Warning Signal for the first race of the first class is 13:55 hours unless otherwise stated in the Racing Program.
- 8.4 Classes may be started in any order.
- 8.5 Two or more classes may be started together.
- 8.6 When more than one race (or sequence of races) will be held on the same day, the Warning Signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable.
- 8.7 On the last day of the season no Warning Signal will be made after 16:00 hours.
- 8.8 Postponed or abandoned Club Championship races may be re-sailed with the next available Point Score race.

9. CLASS FLAGS

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| 9.1 Cherub | White flag with red cherub class insignia |
| 9.2 Laser, Laser Radial & Laser 4.7 | White flag with red Laser class insignia |
| 9.3 Flying Eleven | White flag with blue F11 class insignia |
| 9.4 O'pen Skiff Race Squad | White flag with black O'pen Skiff insignia |
| 9.5 Pelican Race Squad | Purple flag with black letter P |

10. RACING AREA

The racing area will be on the waters of Lake Macquarie, in an area known as Belmont Bay.

11. THE COURSES

- 11.1 The diagrams titled "Saturday Courses" show the courses including course designations, and the order in which marks are to be passed.
- 11.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display:
 - (a) A coloured course flag with a black "C" indicating the Course to be sailed; and
 - (b) In the case of the Purple course, accompanied by a numeral pennant indicating the number of times a boat is required to pass Mark 1.
- 11.3 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display:
 - (a) A Red flag indicating that the marks are to be left to port, or
 - (b) A Green flag indicating that marks are to be left to starboard.

12. MARKS

- 12.1 Marks 1, 2 and 3 will be large yellow inflatable cylinders.
- 12.2 Mark 2* will be a pink inflatable cylinder.
- 12.3 The Start Mark will be an orange buoy.
- 12.4 The Finish Mark will be a black and white checker buoy.
- 12.5 The Inner Distance Mark will be a stick buoy with a 16s burgee.

13. THE START

- 13.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag with a black "S" on the race committee signal boat and the start mark.
- 13.2 When an Inner Distance Mark (IDM) is laid near the race committee signal boat, boats shall not pass between it and the race committee signal boat.
- 13.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races and keep clear of other boats racing, including yachts.

13.4 Boats starting later than ten (10) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing.

14. STARTING PROCEDURE

14.1 Races will be started using rule 26.

14.2 When handicap starts apply:

- (a) The Warning Signal for all classes shall be "Numeral Pennant 0". This changes RRS 26.
- (b) A boat's visual signal will be numbered boards displayed on the race committee signal boat.
- (c) A boat's starting signal is deemed to have been made when the numbered board, with the number corresponding to the boat's handicap, is lowered.
- (d) The countdown will commence 1 minute before the highest allocated handicap.

15. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee boat and the finishing mark.

16. TIME LIMITS

16.1 For all classes the time limit will be:

- (a) Two Race Program 60 minutes (1 hour) for each individual race.
- (b) One Race Program 150 minutes (2.5 hours) hours.
- (c) Three Race Program 30 Minutes (30 min) for each individual race.

16.2 For handicap start races, the time limit is recorded from the start time of the last boat to start.

16.3 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes (short course race) and 45 minutes (long course race) after the first boat of the class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes rule A5.

17. ARBITRATION

17.1 Rule 44.1 is changed to permit a boat that has broken a rule of Part 2, Part 4 or Rule 31 to take a penalty after racing but prior to any protest hearing. Her penalty shall be a scoring penalty equal to a finishing place mid-way between the boat's actual finishing place and the score for a disqualification. Half points shall be disregarded, and the points of other boats shall not be adjusted.

17.2 An arbitration hearing will be conducted for all protests lodged in accordance with Rule 61 which allege an infringement of a rule of Part 2, Part 4 or Rule 31. Such hearings will be held subsequent to the protest being lodged and prior to the protest hearing.

17.3 The time and place of the arbitration hearing will be decided by the arbitrator and such advice may be given verbally. One representative of each boat will attend the arbitration hearing and no witnesses will be allowed. The arbitrator will decide the manner in which testimony is given.

17.4 After taking testimony, the arbitrator will make one of the following conclusions:

- (a) The protest does not comply with Rule 61 and the protestor should withdraw the protest.
- (b) The matter shall proceed to a protest hearing. This may be because rules not suited to arbitration may be involved or because evidence is too complex or divergent or because injury, serious damage or a significant advantage may have occurred or because of the apparent severity of the alleged infringement or for any other reason decided by the arbitrator.
- (c) No rule was broken and the protestor should withdraw the protest.
- (d) A rule was broken by one or more of the boats involved, the infringing boat(s) may accept a scoring penalty as detailed above and if so accepted, the protestor should withdraw the protest.

17.5 An arbitration hearing shall not be re-opened. No conclusion of an arbitrator shall be subject to appeal or be grounds for redress.

17.6 Should the protest proceed to a protest hearing then the arbitrator may be a member of the Protest Committee. Any evidence given by an arbitrator during a protest hearing shall be given only in the presence of the parties to the hearing.

18. PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

18.1 Protest forms are available at the sign-on desk in the Brian Ellis Boat Shed. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the Sailing Manager or Shore Marshall within the protest time limit.

18.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

18.3 Notices will be posted to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the location notified on the Protest Schedule.

18.4 Notices of protests by the Race Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

18.5 Breaches of instruction 21 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes Rule 60.1(a) Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.

18.6 For the purposes of rule 64.3(b) the “authority responsible” is the measurer appointed by a State Class Association or for the Pelican class, the Pelican Class Measurer.

19. HANDICAP

19.1 A Time Correction Factor (TCF) system shall be used for Handicaps.

19.2 Each boat’s adjusted time will be calculated using the following formula:

$$\text{Adjusted Time} = \frac{(100 - \text{TCF})}{\text{Actual Time} \times 100}$$

19.3 For races that are handicap starts, each boat’s TCF will be rounded to a whole number.

20. SCORING

20.1 The Club Championship series will be based on scratch scores and the Point Score series will be based on handicap scores.

20.2 At least 50% of the scheduled races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

20.3 A boat’s Point Score series score will be:

- (a) For the Spring Score series, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores for the races designated in the Racing Program.
- (b) For the Yearly Point Score series, the total of her race scores in all Point Score races excluding her two worst scores.
- (c) For the Short Course Point Score series the total of her Short Course races as detailed in the program excluding her worst score.

20.4 A boat’s Club Championship series score will be:

- (a) When fewer than five races have been completed, the total of her race scores;
- (b) When from five to seven races have been completed, the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- (c) When from eight to nine races have been completed, the total of her race scores excluding her worst two scores.

20.5 Average points shall be awarded to boats that compete in NSW State, Laser Masters State/Nationals and Australian Championship regattas in any registered Belmont 16ft Sailing Club class for point score races only.

20.6 Average points may be awarded by the Sailing Committee in its absolute discretion to boats for exceptional circumstances upon written application. Average points will only be considered for Point Score races, not for Club Championship races.

20.7 A fleet of 4 boats meeting the 75% participation criteria are required for a Club Championship or Point Score to be awarded.

21. SAFETY REGULATIONS

21.1 All boats helmsperson or crew shall sign-on prior to going afloat to race.

21.2 All boats helmsperson or crew shall sign-off within 30 minutes of the last boats finish time in the race.

21.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

21.4 Failure to Sign On or Sign Off in accordance with SI 21.1 and 21.2 may result in the helmsperson being protested by the Race Committee.

21.5 Flag K displayed on a race committee boat means all boats shall immediately return to shore.

21.6 Boats individually directed by the Race Committee to return to shore shall do so immediately.

22. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

22.1 A change of crew must be notified to the Sailing Manager or Shore Marshall in writing at least 60 minutes prior to the warning signal for the particular class.

22.2 A change of helmsperson must be notified to the Sailing Manager or Shore Marshall in writing at least 60 minutes prior to the warning signal for the particular class. A change of Helmsperson in the laser class may be accepted however the Boat shall be scored DNS for all races.

(a) A change of helmsperson may only occur on a maximum of 2 race days during the season. No Changes will be allowed for the Laser Class

(b) A change of helmsperson for an extended period due to exceptional circumstances may be granted following written application to the Board.

22.3 Failure to notify a change of crew or helmsperson as required in 22.1 and 22.2 may result in a scoring penalty of 10 places.

22.4 A change in mainsail that is not bearing the boat’s registered ensign or sail number must be notified to the Sailing Manager or Shore Marshall in writing at least 60 minutes prior to the warning signal for the particular class.

23. EQUIPMENT & MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 23.1 By the third scheduled point score race of the season, all boats must comply with class equipment and measurement rules.
- 23.2 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat may be instructed by the Race Committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

24. OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will bear the blue and yellow triangular Belmont 16ft Sailing Club burgee.

25. SUPPORT BOATS

Team leaders, coaches, parents, other support personnel and support boats shall stay outside the course area and not closer than 50 meters to where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first fleet to start until all boats have finished or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment, except in the case of an emergency or at the request of the Race Committee. The penalty for a breach of this instruction shall be at the discretion of the Protest Committee and shall apply to the competitors associated with the support boat. This alters rule 64.1(a).

26. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions nor receive radio communications while racing. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

27. PRIZES

- 27.1 Trophies and prizes will only be awarded to registered boats and to registered sailors of Belmont 16ft Sailing Club that who attained 33% participation during the season.
- 27.2 Perpetual trophies will be awarded for certain races and series as determined by the Sailing Committee from season to season.
- 27.3 Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Sailing Committee.

28. RISK WARNING

This Risk Warning is issued jointly by Belmont 16ft Sailing Club and NSW Maritime, pursuant to the Civil Liability Act 2002 to all persons wishing to participate in the sailing activities conducted by Belmont 16ft Sailing Club.

Participants are warned that, regardless of the precautions which might be taken by reasonable and experienced persons, sailing can be a dangerous pursuit and participants are exposed to significant risk of property damage, physical harm and possibly death.

As an indication, these risks may include, but are not limited to:

- (a) The extremes of weather and sea conditions.
- (b) The potential that control of vessels may be lost, resulting in collision with objects and other vessels.
- (c) The sudden movement of the vessel at any time and the possibility that participants may fall or be thrown overboard, resulting in drowning.
- (d) The possibility that participants may be injured by equipment on the vessel.
- (e) The absence of immediate medical care and the likelihood that significant delays may occur before medical care is available.
- (f) Exposure to the elements for extended periods.
- (g) The possible presence of dangerous marine life.

Participants are advised that Lake Macquarie is a salt water coastal lake with deep water access to the open ocean. Sharks, dolphins and other marine animals are present in the Lake. Participants should make their own assessment of any risks.

Belmont 16ft Sailing Club and NSW Maritime also warn participants that regardless of their best intentions, they may be unable to render assistance to participants who are in distress. Participants are warned to consider the above risks and all other risks before deciding to participate in any sailing event with Belmont 16ft Sailing Club.

Participants are also advised that although Belmont 16ft Sailing Club is covered by third party liability insurance, this cover DOES NOT extend to participants. Any participant who considers they have a need for insurance must make their own private arrangements with an insurer.

29. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 29.1 Competitors participate in races entirely at their own risk.
- 29.2 Attention is drawn to rule 4 “Decision to Race” which states “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.”
- 29.3 All those taking part in the races are solely responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose registration is accepted by the Club and for the sufficiency and adequacy of its equipment.
- 29.4 The Club or the Race Committee will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the races.
- 29.5 Competitors confirm that there is a valid and current certificate of insurance in accordance with SI 30.

30. INSURANCE

Each competing boat shall be covered by third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000 for any one accident. By registering a boat with the Club, the Boat Owner acknowledges that such insurance is in place and will remain in place for the duration of the sailing season.

SATURDAY COURSES

PELICAN & O'PEN SKIFF

Race Squad

S - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 3 - 1 - 2 - 3 - F between 1 & 3

PINK COURSE (Pink flag with black C)

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CHERUB

LASER

S - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - F near 3

S - 1 - 2* - 3 - 1 - 3 - 1 - F near 3

S - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - F near 3



YELLOW COURSE (Yellow flag with black C)

FLYING 11

CHERUB

LASER

S - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 3 - F between 3 & 1

S - 1 - 2* - 3 - 1 - 3 - F between 3 & 1

S - 1 - 3 - 1 - 3 - 1 - 3 - F between 3 & 1



WHITE COURSE (White flag with black C)

FLYING 11

CHERUB

LASER

S - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 3 - 1 - 2 - 3 - F between 3 & 1

S - 1 - 2* - 3 - 1 - 3 - 1 - 2* - 3 - 1 - 3 - F between 3 & 1

S - 1 - 3 - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 3 - F between 3 & 1



PURPLE COURSE (Purple flag with black C)

Purple Course Flag +Numeral Pennant 1

S - 1 - 3 - F between 3 & 1

Purple Course Flag +Numeral Pennant 2

S - 1 - 3 - 1 - 3 - F between 3 & 1

Purple Course Flag +Numeral Pennant 3

S - 1 - 3 - 1 - 3 - 1 - 3 - F between 3 & 1

Purple Course Flag +Numeral Pennant 4

S - 1 - 3 - 1 - 3 - 1 - 3 - 1 - 3 - F between 3 & 1

Purple Course Flag +Numeral Pennant 5

S - 1 - 3 - 1 - 3 - 1 - 3 - 1 - 3 - 1 - 3 - F between 3 & 1

Purple Course Flag +Numeral Pennant 6

S - 1 - 3 - 1 - 3 - 1 - 3 - 1 - 3 - 1 - 3 - 1 - 3 - F between 3 & 1

The course diagram indicated above shows Port hand rounding. A Starboard course is the mirror reverse.

RACING PROGRAM

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Date	Day	Skiffs	Pelicans/ O'pen Skiffs	F11's	Lasers	Cherubs	Race Name
09-Sep-23	Sat		Spring PS1	Spring PS 1 & 2	Spring PS 1 & 2	Spring PS 1 & 2	
10-Sep-23	Sun	PS1 (SCR) & PS2 (SCR)					A Harrington
16-Sep-23	Sat		Spring PS2	Spring PS 3 & 4	Spring PS 3 & 4	Spring PS 3 & 4	
17-Sep-23	Sun	PS3 (SCR) & PS4 (SCR)					L Bickerstaff /H Reay
23-Sep-23	Sat		Spring PS3	Spring PS 5 & 6	Spring PS 5 & 6	Spring PS 5 & 6	
24-Sep-23	Sun	PS5 (SCR) & PS6 (SCR)					J Boyd/ A Waddingham
30-Sep-23	Sat	OCTOBER LONG WEEKEND - NO CLUB RACING					
01-Oct-23	Sun						
07-Oct-23	Sat		PS1	2 PS H&S	2PS H&S	2PS H&S	F Oughton
08-Oct-23	Sun	PS7 (SCR) & PS8 (SCR)					J Moore/ H Ferris
14-Oct-23	Sat		PS2 CC1	CC PS	CC PS	CC PS	C Orman
15-Oct-23	Sun	PS9/CC1					Berryman Partners
21-Oct-23	Sat		PS3	Short Course Racing x 3 (SCR)	Short Course Racing x 3 (SCR)	CHERUB STATES BELMONT	
22-Oct-23	Sun	PS10/CC2					R Hetherington
28-Oct-23	Sat	Port Hunter Regatta	PS4 CC2	2PS/CC	2PS/CC	2PS/CC	R Clark
29-Oct-23	Sun						
04-Nov-23	Sat		PS5 CC3	2PS/CC	2PS/CC	2PS/CC	C Clark
05-Nov-23	Sun	Flying 11s in Skiffs		Flying 11s in Skiffs	C Brandon		
05-Nov-23		PS11[SCR] & PS12(SCR)					
11-Nov-23	Sat		PS6 / Dolphin Chaser O'pen Skiffs	STATES MANLY	2PS H&S	2PS H&S	
12-Nov-23	Sun	PS13/CC3			Chapman Optometrists		
18-Nov-23	Sat	Skiff States Drummoyne	Bring a Mate Day	Flying 11 Sprints	STATES CYC Canberra	CHERUB SPRINTS	
19-Nov-23	Sun						
25-Nov-23	Sat		PS7 CC4	2PS/CC	2PS/CC	2PS/CC	G Johnson
26-Nov-23	Sun	PS14/ CC4					AJ Beecham
02-Dec-23	Sat	Skiff States Belmont, no club racing for other fleets					
03-Dec-23	Sun						
09-Dec-23	Sat		PS8	CC PS	CC PS	CC PS	K Ruggeri
10-Dec-23	Sun	PS15[SCR] & PS16(SCR)					R Smith/ B Humphreys
16-Dec-23	Sat	Pelicans/ BICs in Skiffs Race		1PS SCR	1PS SCR	1PS SCR	R Thomson
		PS17 (SCR)					
16 December 2023 5pm All Class Christmas Party							
17-Dec-23	Sun	No Race					
Cherub National Championships - 27th December 2023 - 4th January 2024 WA							
13ft & 16ft Skiff Australian Championships 5th January - 14th January 2024 - St George Sailing Club							

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Date	Day	Skiffs	Pelicans/ O'pen Skiffs	F11's	Lasers	Cherubs	Race Name
ILCA Oceania & Australian Championships 1st January - 8th January 2024 - ASC Adelaide							
O'pen Skiff National Championships - 10th -13th January 2024 - Lake Cootharabra Sunshine Coast QLD							
13-Jan-24	Sat	No Race		No Race	No Race	No Race	
14-Jan-24	Sun						
Flying 11 National Championships - 15th January - 20th January 2024 - Royal QLD Yacht Squadron							
20-Jan-24	Sat	PS9		No Race	2PS H&S	2PS H&S	
21-Jan-24	Sun	PS18 (HCP) & PS19(SCR)					C Humphreys/ T Hedley
27-Jan-24	Sat	AUSTRALIA DAY LONG WEEKEND - NO CLUB RACING					
28-Jan-24	Sun						
03-Feb-24	Sat	SPRINTS					
04-Feb-24	Sun	BELMONT BAY CHAMPIONSHIP					
10-Feb-24	Sat	PS10 CC5		CC PS	CC PS	States	N McIntyre
11-Feb-24	Sun	PS20/ CC5					N Bruniges
17-Feb-24	Sat	Botany Bay Championship	Pirate Day	States Drummoyne	2PS H&S	2PS H&S	W Mansfield
18-Feb-24	Sun	PS21 (HCP) & PS22(SCR)					J Gallagher / W Hawkins
24-Feb-24	Sat	PS11		2PS/CC	2PS/CC	2PS/CC	R Caldwell
25-Feb-24	Sun	PS23/CC6					J Anderson
02-Mar-24	Sat	PS12 CC6		CC PS	CC PS	CC PS	T Humphreys
03-Mar-24	Sun	Ladies Race/Veterans Race					
09-Mar-24	Sat	FLEET SWAP / FUN RACE - Pelicans/ O'pen Skiffs / Flying 11s				States	
10-Mar-24	Sun	Junior's in Skiffs					
10-Mar-24		PS24 (HCP) & PS 25(SCR)					B Ellis / A Kafer
16-Mar-24	Sat		PS 13/ O'pen Skiff States	Crew Change /CC	2PS/CC	Crew Change /CC	M Harris
17-Mar-24	Sun	PS26 (HCP) & PS 27(SCR)	O'pen Skiff States				J Lunn/ O Hansen
23-Mar-24	Sat	PS14 CC7		CC PS	CC PS	CC PS	L Long / R Green
24-Mar-24	Sun	PS28 CC7					K Buxton
Junior Presentation Saturday 23rd March 2024 Senior Presentation Saturday 4th May 2024							
SUNDAY 24 March 2024 5pm All Class End of Season BBQ							
CHS CHAMPIONSHIPS Tuesday April 16th - Friday April 19th 2024							



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16FT SKIFF SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 All races will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 All prescriptions of Australian Sailing will apply.
- 1.3 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One Turn Penalty

2. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 2.1 Racing is open to all boats of the 16ft Skiff class.
- 2.2 Eligible Boats may enter for the seasons racing program by the Boat Owner completing a Boat Registration.
- 2.3 All competitors (the Registered Crew of a Registered Boat) must also be Registered Sailors with Belmont 16ft Sailing Club. This may be done by completing a Sailor Registration accompanied by the required Sailor Registration Fee.
- 2.4 All Boat Owners and Registered Sailors (helmsperson and all crew members) must be current Full Members or Junior Members of Belmont 16ft Sailing Club.
- 2.5 All competitors must have attained their 12th birthday.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Notice Board located in the Brian Ellis Boat Shed.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official Notice Board before 11:00 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the racing program will be posted by 20:00 hours the day before it will take effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore may be displayed from the Race Committee Boat while stationed 100m from the shore.
- 5.2 If flag AP is displayed ashore, the Race Committee must not give a warning signal until 30 minutes after flag AP is lowered.
- 5.3 RRS 40 applies at all times while afloat. This changes the Part 4 preamble.
- 5.4 When flag K is displayed ashore, all boats shall remain ashore and no boats shall go afloat. Flag K displayed on a Race Committee Boat shall mean all boats must immediately return to shore.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 The schedule of races shall be in accordance with the published Racing Program that forms part of these Sailing Instructions.
- 6.2 The scheduled time of the Warning Signal for Point Score races or for the first race on days designated "Short Course Racing" that do not occur during Daylight Saving Time is 13:55 hours Eastern Standard Time.
- 6.3 The scheduled time of the Warning Signal for Point Score races or for the first race on days designated "Short Course Racing" that occur during Daylight Saving Time is 14:25 hours Eastern Summer Time.
- 6.4 The scheduled time of the Warning Signal for Morning races that do not occur during Daylight Saving Time is 10:55 hours Eastern Standard Time.
- 6.5 The scheduled time of the Warning Signal for Morning races that occur during Daylight Saving Time is 11:25 hours Eastern Summer time.
- 6.6 In the event that a race is not commenced within 95 minutes of the scheduled time of the Warning Signal on that day then that race shall be abandoned.
- 6.7 Abandoned Club Championship races may be re-sailed at the discretion of the Sailing Committee.

7. CLASS FLAG

The class flag of the 16ft Skiff class is a white flag with a black number 16.

8. RACING AREAS

The racing area will be on the waters of Lake Macquarie, the area known as Belmont Bay.

9. COURSES

- 9.1 The diagrams in Appendix A to these Sailing Instruction titled "16ft Skiff Courses" show the course designations, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2 No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee boat will display a flag that is to indicate the course.
 - (a) Code Flag W will be flown to indicate Windward Finish Courses.
 - (b) Code Flag L will be flown to indicate Leeward Finish Courses.
 - (c) Numeral Pennant will be flown to indicate the number of times a boat is required to pass Mark 1.
 - (d) Purple Flag with black "P" will be flown to indicate the Pulbah Race.
- 9.3 The target time for each short course race will be 45 minutes and each long course race will be 90 minutes.

10. MARKS

The marks will be:

START MARK	COURSE MARKS	OFFSET/CLEARANCE MARK	CHANGE MARKS	FINISH MARK
Orange buoy	Yellow inflatable cylinder	Green inflatable cylinder	Pink buoy	Orange buoy

11. THE START

11.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag with a black S on the Race Committee boat and the start mark.

11.2 A buoy may be streamed from the starting boat. For the purposes of the application of RRS the buoy is deemed to be part of the Race Committee boat and any boat touching the buoy or passing between it and the starting boat shall be deemed to have touched the starting boat.

11.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

11.4 A boat starting later than ten minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start.

11.5 For the purposes of RRS 29 and RRS 30, the 'hull' is defined between the stern and the bow (stem) of the boat.

12. STARTING PROCEDURE

12.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.

12.2 When handicap starts apply:

- (a) The countdown will commence from one minute before the greatest allocated handicap.
- (b) A boat's visual signal will be numbered boards displayed on the race committee signal boat.
- (c) A boat's starting signal is deemed to have been made when the numbered board, with the number corresponding to the boat's handicap, is lowered.

12.3 In addition to RRS 29.1, the Race Committee may verbally notify a boat deemed to be On Course Side but not before the Top Mark. Failure to verbally notify a boat deemed On Course Side shall not be grounds for redress. This alters RRS 60.1(b) and 62.

13. CHANGE OF POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK

To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new mark and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. The change will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated without further signalling to maintain the course configuration. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark. When a change occurs the 2nd bottom mark will be removed and the bottom mark will be rounded in the same direction as the top mark.

14. THE FINISH

14.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a Race Committee boat and the Finish Mark.

14.2 If a Race Committee boat is not on station, the race will be abandoned.

15. TIME LIMITS

15.1 The time limit for a race other than a Short Course race is 3 hours or 45 minutes after the first boat finishes whichever comes first.

15.2 For handicap start races the time limit is the time from the start time of the last boat to start.

15.3 For Short Course races, the time limit is 15 minutes after the first boat finishes.

16. ARBITRATION

16.1 Rule 44.1 is changed to permit a boat that has broken a rule of Part 2, Part 4 or Rule 31 to take a penalty after racing but prior to any protest hearing. Her penalty shall be a scoring penalty equal to a finishing place mid-way between the boat's actual finishing place and the score for a disqualification. Half points shall be disregarded and the points of other boats shall not be adjusted.

16.2 An arbitration hearing will be conducted for all protests lodged in accordance with Rule 61 which allege an infringement of a rule of Part 2, Part 4 or Rule 31. Such hearings will be held subsequent to the protest being lodged and prior to the protest hearing.

16.3 The time and place of the arbitration hearing will be decided by the arbitrator and such advice may be given verbally. One representative of each boat will attend the arbitration hearing and no witnesses will be allowed. The arbitrator will decide the manner in which testimony is given.

16.4 After taking testimony, the arbitrator will make one of the following conclusions:

- (a) The protest does not comply with Rule 61 and the protestor should withdraw the protest.
- (b) The matter shall proceed to a protest hearing. This may be because rules not suited to arbitration may be involved or because evidence is too complex or divergent or because injury, serious damage or a significant advantage may

have occurred or because of the apparent severity of the alleged infringement or for any other reason decided by the arbitrator.

(c) No rule was broken and the protestor should withdraw the protest.

(d) A rule was broken by one or more of the boats involved, the infringing boat(s) may accept a scoring penalty as detailed above and if so accepted, the protestor should withdraw the protest.

16.5 An arbitration hearing shall not be re-opened. No conclusion of an arbitrator shall be subject to appeal or be grounds for redress.

16.6 Should the protest proceed to a protest hearing then the arbitrator may be a member of the Protest Committee. Any evidence given by an arbitrator during a protest hearing shall be given only in the presence of the parties to the hearing.

17. PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

17.1 Protest forms are available from the sign on desk in the Brian Ellis Boat Shed. Protests must be delivered to a class Race Official within the protest time limit.

17.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

17.3 Notices will be posted to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

17.4 Notices of protests by the Race Committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

17.5 For the purposes of rule 64.3(b) the "authority responsible" is the measurement committee elected at the Sailing AGM.

18. SCORING

18.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.

18.2 The Club Championship series will be based on scratch scores and the Point Score series will be based on handicap scores.

18.3 At least 50% of the scheduled races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

18.4 For the Spring Score series, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores for the races designated in the Racing Program.

18.5 For the First Half Yearly Point Score series, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores from the Point Score races up until and including the 17th December excluding her worst score.

18.6 For the Second Half Yearly Point Score series, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores from the Point Score races from 21st January up until and including 24th March excluding her worst score.

18.7 For the Yearly Point Score series, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores in all Point Score races excluding her two worst scores.

18.8 For the Club Championship series:

(a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores;

(b) When from 5 to 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

18.9 Average points may be awarded by the Sailing Committee in its absolute discretion to boats that compete in recognised class association events or on written application.

18.10 Boats registered with a Club that is a member of the Australian 16ft Skiff Association may compete in Club races as visitors on a maximum of three race days during the season. Visitors shall not receive points for the Point Score or Club Championship Series.

18.11 In order to be eligible for points in the Club Championship, boats that are dual registered with Belmont 16ft Sailing Club and another Club must:

(a) Compete in at least 6 heats of the Club Championship; and

(b) Have started in not less than 50% of the Point Score races conducted prior to the commencement of each heat of the Club Championship.

19. PRIZES

19.1 In order to be eligible for prizemoney all Skiffs must be registered with ASSA prior to the commencement of the season. No prizemoney will be awarded for un-registered Skiffs.

19.2 In order to be eligible to score points in the Junior Club Championship and Junior Yearly Point Score two of the registered crew members must not have attained their 25th birthday on or before the 1st September of the current sailing season.

19.3 Any boat that fails to be represented on scheduled Pack-up & Back-up Roster in accordance with 16ft Skiff Club Rules 12.1 and 12.2 during the season will result in the boat being deducted 50% prizemoney from all races on day in question.

20. SAFETY REGULATIONS

20.1 When signal "Y" is displayed ashore Rule 40 applies.

20.2 Flag K displayed on a Race Committee boat shall mean all boats shall immediately return to shore.

20.3 Boats individually directed by the Race Committee to return to shore shall do so immediately.

20.4 All Skiffs while afloat shall carry the following safety equipment:

(a) A shackle key to unfasten or unrig.

(b) Each Skiff must carry a Sheathed Knife capable of cutting webbing and rope and it should be located in an easily accessible position.

(c) An orange flag or similar (approx. size 600mmx200mm) to be displayed or waved in an overhead arc in the event that the skiff requires immediate outside assistance.

20.5 All boats helmsperson or crew shall sign-on prior to going afloat to race.

20.6 All boats helmsperson or crew shall sign-off within 60 minutes of the last boats finish time in the race.

20.7 Failure to Sign On or Sign Off in accordance with SI 20.5 and 20.6 will result in the boat being deducted 50% prizemoney from all races on the day in question.

21. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

21.2 A change of helmsperson or crew must be notified to the Race Officer in writing a minimum of 90 minutes prior to the warning signal.

21.2 A change in mainsail that is not bearing the boats registered ensign or sail number must be notified to the Race Officer in writing a minimum of 90 minutes prior to the warning signal.

22. EQUIPMENT & MEASUREMENT CHECKS

22.1 All boats must comply with class equipment and measurement rules.

22.2 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat may be instructed by the Race Committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

22.3 When flag W is displayed on a Race Committee boat, the Race Committee will carry out boat weight checks on a random selection of boats. The race committee will notify boats on the water and helmspersons shall present their boat, unrigged and stripped of all equipment except that required in accordance with class rules. Boat weighing will be conducted in the Brian Ellis Boat Shed.

23. OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will bear the blue and yellow triangular Belmont 16ft Sailing Club burgee.

24. SUPPORT BOATS

Support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment or when asked to assist the Race Committee.

25. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions nor receive radio communications not available to all boats while racing. The restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

26. RISK WARNING

This Risk Warning is issued jointly by Belmont 16ft Sailing Club and NSW Maritime, pursuant to the Civil Liability Act 2002 to all persons wishing to participate in the sailing activities conducted by Belmont 16ft Sailing Club.

Participants are warned that, regardless of the precautions, which might be taken by reasonable and experienced persons, sailing can be a dangerous pursuit and participants are exposed to significant risk of property damage, physical harm and possibly death.

As an indication, these risks may include, but are not limited to:

- (a) The extremes of weather and sea conditions.
- (b) The potential that control of vessels may be lost, resulting in collision with objects and other vessels.
- (c) The sudden movement of the vessel at any time and the possibility that participants may fall or be thrown overboard, resulting in drowning.
- (d) The possibility that participants may be injured by equipment on the vessel.
- (e) The absence of immediate medical care and the likelihood that significant delays may occur before medical care is available.
- (f) Exposure to the elements for extended periods.
- (g) The possible presence of dangerous marine life.

Participants are advised that Lake Macquarie is a salt water coastal lake with deep water access to the open ocean. Sharks, dolphins and other marine animals are present in the Lake. Participants should make their own assessment of any risks.

Belmont 16ft Sailing Club and NSW Maritime also warn participants that regardless of their best intentions, they may be unable to render assistance to participants who are in distress. Participants are warned to consider the above risks and all other risks before deciding to participate in any sailing event with Belmont 16ft Sailing Club.

Participants are also advised that although Belmont 16ft Sailing Club is covered by third party liability insurance, this cover DOES NOT extend to participants. Any participant who considers they have a need for insurance must make their own private arrangements with an insurer.

27. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 27.1 Competitors participate in races entirely at their own risk.
- 27.2 Attention is drawn to rule 4 “Decision to Race” which states “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.”
- 27.3 All those taking part in the races are solely responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose registration is accepted by the Club and for the sufficiency and adequacy of its equipment.
- 27.4 The Club or the Race Committee will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the races.
- 27.5 Competitors confirm that there is a valid and current certificate of insurance in accordance with SI 28.

28. INSURANCE

Each competing boat shall be covered by third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000 for any one accident. By registering a boat with the Club, the Boat Owner acknowledges that such insurance is in place and will remain in place for the duration of the sailing season.

29. SHORT COURSE RACING

- 29.1 On any day that is designated Short Course racing in the program, 2 races are scheduled.
- 29.2 Each race is treated and scored as a separate Point Score Race.
- 29.3 Any boat or boats that do not complete a Short Course race within the time provided for in Sailing Instruction 15.3, will be recorded as a Did Not Finish.

APPENDIX A

16FT SKIFF COURSES

A red flag will indicate “marks are to be rounded to Port”.

A green flag will indicate “marks are to be rounded to Starboard”.

When the bottom mark is set as a gate mark, boats must sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either mark. When no gate is set the bottom mark is to be rounded in accordance with the flag flown.

Code Flag W will be flown to indicate Windward Finish Courses.

Code Flag L will be flown to indicate Leeward Finish Courses.

Numeral Pennant will be flown to indicate individual numerical courses.

The marks shall be rounded in the following order:

WINDWARD FINISH COURSES COURSE

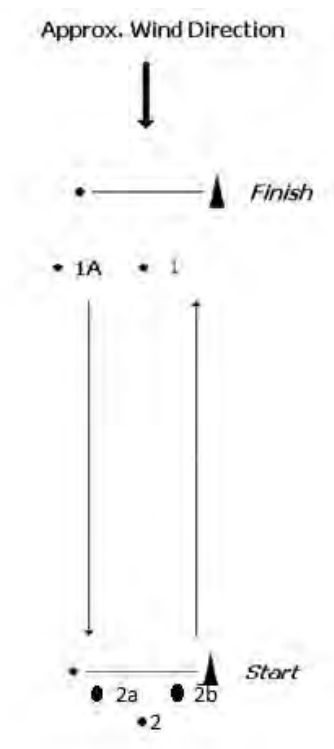
W 2 (Numeral Pennant 2) Start – 1 – 1A - 2a/2b – 1 – 2a/2b – Finish in the vicinity of the Club

W 3 (Numeral Pennant 3) Start – 1 – 1A - 2a/2b – 1 – 2a/2b – 1 – 2 – Finish in the vicinity of the Club

W 4 (Numeral Pennant 4) Start – 1 – 1A - 2a/2b – 1 – 2a/2b – 1 – 2a/2b – 1 – 2a/2b – Finish in the vicinity of the Club

W 5 (Numeral Pennant 5) Start – 1 – 1A - 2a/2b – 1 – 2a/2b – 1 – 2a/2b – 1 – 2a/2b – 1 – 2a/2b – Finish in the vicinity of the Club

W 6 (Numeral Pennant 6) Start – 1 – 1A - 2a/2b – 1 – 2a/2b – 1 – 2a/2b – 1 – 2a/2b – 1 – 2a/2b – 1 – 2a/2b – Finish in the vicinity of the Club



LEEWARD FINISH COURSE

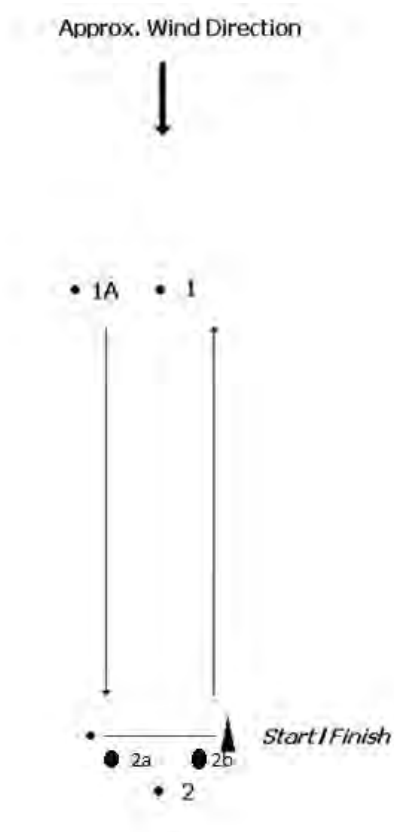
L² (Numeral Pennant 2) Start – 1 – 1A - 2a/2b – 1 – Finish in the vicinity of the Club

L³ (Numeral Pennant 3) Start – 1 – 1A - 2a/2b – 1 – 2a/2b – 1 - Finish in the vicinity of the Club

L⁴ (Numeral Pennant 4) Start – 1 – 1A - 2a/2b – 1 – 2a/2b – 1 – 2a/2b – 1 - Finish in the vicinity of the Club

L⁵ (Numeral Pennant 5) Start – 1 – 1A - 2a/2b – 1 – 2a/2b – 1 – 2a/2b – 1 – 2a/2b – 1 – Finish in the vicinity of the Club

L⁶ (Numeral Pennant 6) Start – 1 – 1A - 2a/2b – 1 – 2a/2b – 1 – 2a/2b – 1 – 2a/2b – 1 – 2a/2b – 1 – Finish in the vicinity of the Club



COURSE NOTES

NOTE 1

Position of the Start line relative to Mark 2 or the Finish line relative to Club is approximate and indicates the general vicinity. The actual position of the line may be to windward, to leeward or offset to port or starboard.

NOTE 2

On races scheduled for Saturdays and Short Course, the windward finish courses will finish in the vicinity of Mark 1 and the leeward finish courses will finish in the vicinity of mark 2.

PULBAH COURSE



16FT SKIFF, PULBAH ISLAND RACE

START - 1 (as per flag) – Pulbah Island (S) – 2 (S) – Pulbah Island (S) – 3 (S) – FINISH near Belmont 16s clubhouse.

16FT SKIFF CLUB RULES

1. SAILING MEETINGS

- 1.1 Ordinary sailing meetings are held at the Club during the Sailing Season, on days indicated in the program. Meetings commence at midday.
- 1.2 Extraordinary sailing meetings are held as required.
- 1.3 Any boat that fails to be represented at 3 ordinary sailing meetings during the season will forfeit 10% of any prize money awarded by the Club.
- 1.4 Any boat that fails to be represented at 2 ordinary sailing meetings during the season will forfeit 20% of any prize money awarded by the Club.

2. VOTING AT SAILING MEETINGS

- 2.1 Only one representative of each boat that is represented at a sailing meeting is entitled to cast a vote on any motion to amend the Class Rules of the 16ft Skiff.
- 2.2 Any member who attends a sailing meeting shall be entitled to vote in relation to any other motion put to the meeting.

3. CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED AT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS OR SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS ONLY

- 3.1 A motion to amend the Sailing Instructions, including a motion to amend the Courses may only be considered at the Annual General Meeting or a Special General meeting.
- 3.2 Any proposed amendment to the courses must be submitted in writing prior to the meeting at which it is to be considered.

4. HANDICAPS

- 4.1 A Time Correction Factor (TCF) system is used for handicaps.
- 4.2 Each boat's adjusted time will be calculated using the following formula:
$$\text{Adjusted time} = \frac{(100 - \text{TCF})}{100} \times \text{Actual time}$$
- 4.3 For Races that are Handicap starts, each boat's TCF will rounded to a whole number.

5. HANDICAP ADJUSTMENTS

- 5.1 Except in exceptional circumstances, failure to comply with Sailing Instruction 21 will result an automatic penalty to the boat's handicap:
 - (a) In the case of a change in helmsperson by reducing the handicap to one third of the boat's normal handicap.
 - (b) In the case of a change in crew or mainsail by reducing the handicap to two-thirds of the boat's normal handicap.
- 5.2 Where a boat notifies the Race Officer of a change of helmsperson or crew in accordance with Instruction 21 the Handicap Committee may at its absolute discretion adjust the boat's handicap provided that the handicap committee cannot impose a penalty of more than one (1) whole number minute if to do so would exceed the penalty that would have applied pursuant to 5.1 had the boat not notified the Race Officer.
- 5.3 For the purpose of this Rule, "exceptional circumstances" will be determined by the Race Committee in its absolute discretion. Exceptional circumstances DO NOT exist where a boat fails to notify the Race Officer within the time required by Sailing Instruction 21 of a change of helmsmen, crew or mainsail that was known at the expiry of the time required by Sailing Instruction 21 and then subsequently notifying the Race Officer before the commencement of the race.
- 5.4 Where a boat has a change of crew and the substitute crew member is currently an active sailor in a junior class at the Club, provided that substitute crew meets the following criteria, the boat shall be eligible for a 2 minute / point handicap increase irrespective of where the boat sits in any point-score or other event, or the boat's ordinary handicap:
 - (a) The substitute crew must have sailed in 50% of the races conducted during the season to date in the junior class in which the substitute crew ordinarily sails; and
 - (b) The substitute crew must not have filled in as a substitute on that boat on more than one other occasion during the current season.
 - (c) The substitute crew must be under 21 years of age and not have been a previously registered crew member of a skiff that sailed 75% or more of races in the season that they were registered.

6. RIGGING AREA AND CAR PARK

- 6.1 No boat is to rig on the boat ramp.
- 6.2 No Skiff trailer shall be left in the Club car park for a period exceeding 72 hours.

7. ENSIGNS

- 7.1 All boats must comply with class rules relating to ensigns by their fourth scheduled point score race of the season unless excused by the Sailing Committee.
- 7.2 Non-compliance with this rule will result in the non-payment of prize money and the non-awarding of trophies.

8. VISITING BOATS

Visiting boats shall not receive trophies or prize money.

9. BOATS NOT RACING

- 9.1 When not racing, all boats must give way to other boats that are racing in scheduled races, other events recognised by the Sailing Committee or events being conducted by other Sailing Clubs.
- 9.2 Failure to comply with this Club rule may result in non-payment of prize money and may be considered by the Board of Belmont 16ft Sailing Club as conduct that is unbecoming of a member of the Club.

10. KNOCKOUTS

The result of Club knockout trophies shall be determined on the handicap result for each race in the series, with the boat with the best handicap result progressing to the next week, or in the event of the final heat, being declared the winner. To avoid doubt, a boat that is awarded Average Points, (whether as a result of a Protest, Application for Redress or operation of a Club Rule in relation to attendance at an Association Event) shall be treated as having finished the race in the handicap position equal to the Average Points awarded to the boat. In the event of a tie, the average shall be calculated to the second decimal point.

11. MEASURERS AND THE MEASUREMENT COMMITTEE

- 11.1 The Measurement Committee shall comprise the Measurers and the Head Measurer elected at the Skiff Annual General Meeting.
- 11.2 The Measurers must apply the Class Rules.
- 11.3 At the request of a boat owner or a member of the Measurement Committee, the Head Measurer must call a meeting of the Measurement Committee to resolve any dispute or controversy regarding the application of the Class Rules.
- 11.4 The Measurement Committee shall resolve the dispute or controversy by vote. Each Measurer, including the Head Measurer shall be entitled to one vote, with the Head Measurer entitled to a casting vote in the event of a tie. A Measurer may give a proxy vote to another member of the Committee if they are unable to attend.

12. PACK-UP AND BACK-UP ROSTER

- 12.1 The Pack-up and Back-up Roster refers to a roster in place whereby Skiffs are scheduled to assist volunteers after the completion of the race with the pack-up of race management equipment, tasks may include retrieving of rescue boats, putting away buoys, anchors and tackle. Back-up refers to filling the volunteer roster, if on any given race day there are not enough volunteers to fill required positions on rescue boats, mark boats or start boat, the boats scheduled for said race day will provide crew to fill the required volunteer positions. Should this occur boats scheduled on said race day and required to fill necessary volunteer positions will be rewarded average points for all races on said scheduled day.
- 12.2 Boats will be scheduled in advance for season on a Pack-up and Back-up Roster. On scheduled day skiffs will provide a minimum of two sailors from each boat to assist volunteers with the pack-up of rescue boats and race management equipment. Those sailors supporting the Pack-up activities must present themselves to the boat ramp/rescue boat shed as rescue boats are approaching the boat ramp to seek instruction and direction for volunteers on duty. A participant prioritising unrigging a boat is not a valid reason for not supporting, or not arriving in a timely manner to support, the Pack-up activities.
- 12.3 If any boat in attendance on scheduled day refuses reasonable request to fill volunteer roster to adhere to race requirements, the Sailing Committee reserves the right to disqualify boat from said race/s.