



2009-2010 Australian 13ft Skiff Championships

1st – 9th January 2010

Sailing Instructions

Organising authority

Australian 16ft Skiff Association

Under the authority of Yachting NSW

In conjunction with the host club

Belmont 16ft Sailing Club.

The Parade, Belmont NSW 2280

1. Rules

The races will be governed by:

- 1.1 the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* 2009 – 2012 (RRS);
- 1.2 the prescriptions and special regulations of Yachting Australia Inc. (YA) – Part 2;
- 1.3 the rules of the Australian 16ft Skiff Association, including the 13ft Skiff Class Rules.
- 1.4 the Notice of Race (NOR) and these Sailing Instructions (SIs).

2. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on notice board(s) located at Race Headquarters located on the eastern side of the Club adjacent to the boat park.

3. Changes in Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1130hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800hrs on the day before it will take effect.

4. Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag mast on the roof of the start boat "Bebbie" when moored on the western jetty in front of the main Club building.
- 4.2 When Flag AP is displayed ashore, the warning signal will be made 'not less than 45 minutes' after the AP is lowered. (Amends Race Signal AP).

5. Schedule of Events

Day / Date	Activity	Warning signal
Friday 1 January 2010	Registration, measurement and inspection	1100 - 1300
	Invitation Race	Not before 1535
Saturday 2 January 2010	Registration, measurement and inspection	0900 – 1300
	Race 1	Not before 1200
Sunday 3 January 2010	Race 2	Not before 1200
Monday 4 January 2010	Race 3	Not before 1200
Tuesday 5 January 2010	Reserve Day	
Wednesday 6 January 2010	Race 4	Not before 1200
Thursday 7 January 2010	Race 5	Not before 1200
Friday 8 January 2010	Race 6	Not before 1200
Saturday 9 January 2010	Race 7	Not before 1200
	Presentation	1800

NOTE - Races not completed as scheduled or, if the Race Committee considers it unlikely that races will be completed as scheduled, may be rescheduled to any other day during the scheduled period (1/1/10 to 9/1/10 inclusive), including the Reserve Day.

6. Class Flags

13ft Skiffs White flag with Red "13".

7. Racing Area

Courses will be laid on Belmont Bay. A map may be displayed on the notice board.

8. Courses

- 8.1 The diagrams in Appendix A to these SI's, detail the courses to be sailed.
- 8.2 The designation of the course to be sailed will be displayed on the race committee vessel at or prior to the warning signal.
- 8.3 The target time for all races will be approximately 90 minutes.
- 8.4 The approximate compass bearing to Mark 1 may be displayed on the race committee vessel.

9. Marks

- 9.1 Mark 1 and 1A will be orange inflated cylinders.
- 9.2 Marks 2 and 3 will be Blue inflated cones.
- 9.3 A new mark, if required for a change of course, will be a green stick buoys.
- 9.4 The start & finish mark will be orange stick buoys with orange flag for start & blue flag for finish.

10. The Start

- 10.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26
- 10.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag with a black "S" on the race committee vessel and the starting mark at the port end.
- 10.4 A boat that crosses the starting line more than 9 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS (Did Not Start).

11. Individual Recall

- 11.1 In addition to RRS 29.1, at the first windward mark after the start, a race committee boat may display a board to notify a boat, by their recall number, that they have been scored OCS. A sound signal may be used to draw attention to the board.
- 11.2 A skiff's recall number will be the number assigned to that skiff on the sign on / sign off form located at Race Headquarters on the eastern side of the Club adjacent to the boat park.

12. Change of Course after the Start

A change of course after the start will be signaled in accordance with RRS 33, although the new mark as described in SI 9.3 may not yet be in position. If a subsequent change of course is required, the new mark will be replaced with an original mark.

13. The Finish

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

13.2 Code Flag C over L displayed on the Race Committee Finish Boat indicates sail checking will take place. Refer SI 19.

14. Time Limit

The time limit for all races will be 3 hours or 45 minutes after the first boat has sailed the course and finished, whichever occurs first. Boats failing to finish within the time limit, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). (Amends RRS 35).

15. Protests

- 15.1 Sub-paragraph (2) of RRS 61.1(a) is deleted (ie. "*if the hull length of the protesting boat is less than 6 metres, she need not display the red flag;*"). Thus, a skiff wishing to protest against another skiff for an incident in the racing area SHALL conspicuously display a red flag at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 15.2 Protest forms will be available from the Regatta Office located above the Belmont Room in the Belmont 16ft Sailing Club.
- 15.3 The protest time limit will be 60 minutes after the finish time of the last boat in each class, in the last race of the day.
- 15.4 Completed forms shall be delivered to the Australian Commodore or, if he is unavailable, a member of the Race Committee, before the end of the protest time limit. (Amends RRS 61.3)
- 15.5 Protests will be heard as soon as practicable, and in the approximate order of receipt.
- 15.6 For the purpose of RRS 63.2, notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

16. Scoring

- 16.1 The Low Point scoring system, RRS Annexure A, will apply.
- 16.2 Seven (7) races are scheduled of which five (5) shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.3 In the event that only 5 races can be completed, a boat's score shall be the sum of its scores for all races.

17. Safety

- 17.1 A boat that retires from a race, or does not intend to race on a given day, shall notify a Race Committee member, as soon as practical.
- 17.2 At all times when afloat, all competitors shall wear personal flotation devices. ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO RRS 1.2 and YA Special Regulations.
- 17.3 It is recommended that footwear be worn at all times, but particularly when launching and recovering boats on ramps and beaches.
- 17.4 It is highly recommended that all competitors and officials wear sunscreen on exposed skin and other suitable clothing whilst sailing or officiating (eg. cap or wide brim hat, full length wetsuit or pants and sun shirt) to protect themselves against the sun's ultra violet rays.
- 17.5 Current medical evidence suggests that these rays can cause skin cancer and other skin problems. Such protection is recommended, even on cloudy days.

18. Prizes

- 18.1 Daily presentations to heat winners and placegetters will take place on the Gazeaway Terrace (front deck) on the ground floor of the Club, as soon as results are finalised.
- 18.2 Prizes will be awarded in accordance with the Notice of Race.
- 18.3 Presentation of trophies at the completion of the series will be held in the Spinnaker Room.

19. Measurement

- 19.1 Any skiff or its equipment may be checked, measured or weighed at any time throughout the regatta for compliance with class rules. Skiffs may be selected for checking after any race.
- 19.2 Skiffs selected for measuring will be notified by a race committee course boat, immediately after finishing. Any selected skiff shall not leave the immediate area and must then comply with any instructions issued by a Race or Measurement Officer. Failure to comply with this S.I. may result in protest and possible disqualification from the race.
- 19.3 Sail checking may take place at the finish of each race. When the race committee vessel displays Code flag C over L all skiffs that have finished racing must proceed to the sail checking boat and area to have their sails verified.
- 19.4 The sail checking boat will be a race committee boat also displaying code flag C over L which will be positioned in an area immediately beyond the finishing line.
- 19.5 For the purposes of RRS 64.3(b), the qualified authority is the NSW 16ft Skiff Association Measurement Committee.

20. Support Boats

Team Leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall remain 200 metres from all competitors from the time of the preparatory signal for the start until all skiffs have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement will result in protest and possible disqualification of all boats associated with the support personnel.

21. Disclaimer

- 21.1 All those taking part in the 2009-2010 Australian 13ft Skiff Championships do so at their own risk and responsibility. Attention is drawn to RRS 4 (decision to race).
- 21.2 The Australian 16ft Skiff Association, NSW 16ft Skiff Association, Belmont 16ft Sailing Club, their executives, boards, servants and agents and all other parties involved in the organisation and conduct of this event shall not be liable for any loss, damage, injury, death or inconvenience that might occur to persons or property, both ashore or at sea as a consequence of participation in the races covered by these sailing instructions.

22. Insurance

All boats shall have current third party Liability Insurance in accordance with the Notice of Race and Entry Form.

Australian 13ft Skiff Race Committee

The following personnel form the Australian 13ft Skiff Race Committee for the 2009-10 Australian 13ft skiff Championships:

Michael McMahon	Chairman (NSW)
John Anderson	Race Committee Member (NSW)
Bob Bower	Race Committee Member (NSW)
Ian Heritage	Race Committee Member (NSW)
Robert Wasson	Race Committee Member (QLD)

Australian 16ft & 13ft Skiff Race Officials

Terry Morgan	Starter
Riv Robson	Assistant Starter
Lloyd Mullholland	Time Keeper
John Andrew	Course Layer
Robert Wasson	Leeward End Umpire

Australian 16ft Skiff Executive

Australian Commodore	Lloyd Mulholland
Australian President	Robert Wasson
Australian Secretary/Treasurer	Gary Paton
NSW Representative	Clint Bowen
QLD Representative	Scott Ovenden

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Patron	Bill Riley Snr
Australian President	Mark Graham
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