

Manly 16ft Skiff Sailing Club

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UPDATED POSITION REGARDING THE 2019 - 2020 SAILING SEASON

Dear Members,

The Board and Management of the club are having regular daily dialog on the COVID-19 situation, and are reviewing the issued updates being received from Government and Industry sources daily.

With respect to our sailing operations across both the Manly and St George venues, the following decisions have been made:

- Along with the Manly based junior division, who have already made this decision earlier in the week, all other remaining scheduled sailing activities, on or off the water, for the 2019/20 season, are abandoned/cancelled effective immediately.
- Sailing Committee's are to determine and publish the winners of all events ASAP (or note if no winner for 19/20 is to be declared).
- Any registered boat, in any class, sailing at either Manly or St George this season, that has started at least one scheduled race since 1st Feb 2020, that was eligible to receive support money for starting or finishing any races left on the program, will be deemed to have started and finished any such race for support money calculation purposes.
- Club Sailing 19/20 season presentation nights, and any end of season parties/BBQ's are also to be cancelled. If classes would like to consider moving 2019/20 presentation activities to a date in the future, assuming any such date and venue has the appropriate clearance from the relevant authorities, then the club will support this concept. (EG: opening season event for 2020/21 might become an opportunity to acknowledge 19/20 winners as a group)



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- The 2020/21 budget process, including allocations of funds to support the sailing programs, for all club activities, across both Manly and St George venues, has been deferred. The Board will be monitoring the situation as frequently as required, and then whenever it becomes possible, we will publish a sailing budget urgently. As is always the case, the Board will be putting together a budget that provides the maximum support of sailing we believe the club can afford while ensuring we maintain the licensed club revenue streams for current and future support programs and structures.

(In plain English....Sailors, at this stage we hope not to need any significant cuts to support levels. BUT we may have to "tighten the belt" or we may have to do more to ensure the club's is financially secure at all times. So please consider these possibilities as you plan your campaigns, we are not expecting to need to adjust the sailing budget in large ways to keep the club afloat, we hope it's not even close to that. BUT we didn't think something called corona virus would make mums and dads fight each other for toilet paper in our suburban supermarkets.)

The above decisions were not taken lightly by the Board, however they were deemed necessary steps for our Club to take to align ourselves with advice from the relevant authorities, and also the actions of other club's and sports. The safety and health of our members including sailors, staff, supporters, families, and volunteers, are always a priority for us. And whilst these decisions made today are not the kind of actions the club wants to be doing, they are essential for the club to be appropriately responsible .

Thankyou in advance for your understanding and support during these unprecedented and uncertain times, we will obviously update members whenever appropriate new information comes to hand.

Yours in Sailing,

Manly 16ft Skiff Sailing Club Board and Management

