



St GEORGE SAILING CLUB 2024-2025 SEASON NOTICE OF RACE

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Record of Amendment

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1. RULES

- 1.1. All races conducted by St George Sailing Club ('Club') will be governed by the 'rules' as defined by the 2021-2024 World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Prescriptions and Special Regulations (Part 2) of Australian Sailing (AS), the Constitution, Sailing By-Laws (SBL), Policy Documents and Manuals of the Club, the rules of the relevant Class Associations except as any of these are changed by the Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions, this Notice of Race except as any of these are altered by the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. Clauses 12.2, 12.3 or 12.4 of the Australian 13ft Skiff Association Class Rules defining the age eligibility for a skipper or crew will not apply in any Point Score or Non-Point Score (NPS) races held by the Club. If however, two males are sailing together, one must not be older than 26 years of age at the commencement of the current sailing season.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

2.1. Entries

- 2.1.1. The races are open to boats and crews that have completed and lodged a current electronic club registration form and their relevant class association registration documents.
- 2.1.2. Club registration forms are to be completed online at www.stgeorgesailing.com.au
- 2.1.3. Boats or crews who fail to correctly register/enter by 1st October 2024 will be deemed to be a Casual Entry for the purposes of scoring and for the 16ft & 13ft skiff class, the provision of any prize money awarded until such time the registration is verified by the Sailing Committee.
- 2.1.4. All boats shall have a minimum of AUD \$10 million public liability insurance. A copy of the current policy certificate is to accompany registration forms.
- 2.1.5. All competitors shall be financial members of the club consistent with sailing By-Law 5.8. Special attention is drawn to sailing By-law 5.9 for the maximum race allowance of temporary crew before club membership is mandatory. Boats failing to comply with either of these By-laws may be scored DSQ by the Race Committee without a hearing.

2.2. Casual Entries

- 2.2.1. Casual entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Sailing Committee.
- 2.2.2. Casual Entries are not eligible for any points or prize/start/finish money awarded by the Club.
- 2.2.3. Any casual entry must advise the Race Secretary or his nominee no later than one hour prior to the start of the race of their intention to compete.
- 2.2.4. Boats who fail to comply with these requirements will be recorded as DNC.

2.3. Club Championship

- 2.3.1. To be eligible for the Club Championship a boat must:
 - a) Be scored in at least 60% of all completed races in the Annual Point Score held for its class.
 - b) Compete with the registered skipper for at least 75% of scheduled heats of the series.
 - c) A boat which is scored 'Did Not Compete' (DNC) in any club Point score race held for its class, that race will not be counted towards the eligibility requirement for the club championship.
 - d) nominate St George Sailing Club as the Club it is representing if competing in either the State or Australian Championship for its class.

2.4. New Boats

- 2.4.1. A new boat to the Club is defined as:
 - a boat that has not previously raced or been registered with the Club (either as a Casual Entry or otherwise) or:
 - a boat that is new or a second-hand hull that is replacing the hull of a boat previously registered with the Club.
- 2.4.2. A new boat to the Club, as defined above, shall lodge the required documentation as per NOR 2.1 otherwise it will be deemed to be a Casual Entry for the purposes of scoring and the provision of prize money awarded.

3. SCHEDULE

- 3.1. The 2024-25 race program will be available on the club website prior to the first race of the season.
- 3.2. Club races for the 16ft & 13ft skiff class may be suspended if they conflict with Australian or NSW 16ft Skiff Association fixtures.

3.3 The **Warning** Signals for all class divisions will not be before the times shown in the table below.

	Moth	MG14	13ft Skiff	Sailboard	Skate	16ft Skiff
Warning Signal	14:15	14:15	14:15	14:20	14:20	14:25

4 MEASUREMENT

- 4.1 The Section 'Use of Sails and Masts' from the Australian 16ft Skiff Association Class Rules, defining numbers of sails and masts allowed to be used by a boat in one season, will not apply in any Point Score or Non-Point Score races held by the Club. Alters Class Rule 11 (16ft Skiff Association)
- 4.2 Any boat may be inspected at any time for compliance with their applicable Class Rules, AS Special Regulations, Part 2 and the Club Sailing Instructions.

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available from the Club website prior to the 7th of September 2024.

6 VENUE

The Racing Area will be on the waters of Georges River east of Captain Cook Bridge and Botany Bay.

7 COURSES

The course maps for all classes are located on the clubs website.

8 PENALTIES

RRS rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty.

9 SCORING

- 9.1 The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply except as altered by the club sailing instructions.
- 9.2 The Club Championship scoring is defined within the club sailing instructions.
- 9.3 The Annual Point score/s scoring is defined within the club sailing instructions.

10 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

11 PRIZES AND TROPHIES

- 11.1 Prizes will be awarded to the winner for each of the Club's Point Scores. Further prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Sailing Committee.
- 11.2 Perpetual Trophies will be awarded in accordance with Club tradition.
- 12.3 Any trophy for a race that is postponed or abandoned and not re-sailed may be re-allocated at the discretion of the Sailing Committee.

12 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 12.1 Competitors participate in all races entirely at their own risk. Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 3 of the RRS which states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone'.
- 12.2 The Manly 16ft Skiff Sailing Club Ltd t/as St. George Sailing Club, its officers and servants, will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after racing, nor for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment or for damage which might result from competing in Club events.
- 12.3 The person who signs and lodges the boats entry form warrants the Club that he/she will draw to attention of any person onboard to NoR 14 - RISK WARNING.

- 12.4 The person who signs and lodges the entry boat's entry form acknowledges receipt of NoR 14 - RISK WARNING and releases the Club from any claim or liability whatsoever for any harm or personal injury suffered, by him/her or any person claiming through him/her in any event conducted by the Club.

13 INSURANCE

All boats shall have a minimum of AUD \$10 million public liability insurance covering the use of the boat while racing.

14 RISK WARNING

- 14.1 This RISK WARNING is issued jointly by the Club and NSW Roads & Maritime, pursuant to the Civil Liability Act 2002 to all persons wishing to participate in the sailing activities conducted by the Club.
- 14.2 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.
- 14.3 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.
- 14.4 The Club and NSW Roads & 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 the Club.
- 14.5 All boats shall sail to the seaward side of Commons Reef Pile and Pelican Pile at all times. Failure to do so will result in disqualification from that race. This amends RRS 61.1 (b). Location is referred to on the course sheets.