



MIDDLE HARBOUR 16FT SKIFF CLUB

JUNIOR DIVISION SAILING INSTRUCTIONS SEASON 2017/18

1. RULES Season 2017/18

Races will be governed by the most current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2020, the Prescriptions of Australian Sailing and by part 2 of the Australian Sailing Special Regulations and the relevant Class rules, except as any of these are altered by the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions. Where there is a conflict the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

2. ELIGIBILITY

2.1 Only boats registered with the Middle Harbour 16ft Skiff Sailing Club will be eligible for the Point Scores, Club Championship and Sprint Series.

2.2 All boats shall have adequate third party public liability insurance covering the use of the boat while racing.

2.3 A one off season race entry fee of \$200.00 per boat is payable prior to the commencement of the season.

3. SAILING SEASON and RACE SCHEDULE

3.1 The sailing season shall commence on 3rd September 2017 and will conclude no later than 8th April 2018. Briefing is planned for 11:45hrs on race days for Manly Juniors and at approximately 13:30hrs on race days for Flying 11s.

3.2 The schedule of races is set out in the Junior Sailing Calendar.

3.3 In the event another event/regatta clashes with a Club race, competitors may have scores obtained at the other event/regattas incorporated into their Club Championship or Point Score Results if unable to attend Club racing.

4.0.0 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP-Manly Juniors

4.0.1 A maximum of seven races are scheduled for the Club Championships and a boat can drop its worst result.

4.0.2 Points will be awarded to the skipper on the basis of scratch results.



4.0.3 If only 6 races are sailed then a boat can drop its worst result. If only 5 or less races are sailed then all results will count.

4.0.4 To be eligible for the Club Championship, the boat must sail in 75% of any scheduled point score races.

4.1.0 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP- Flying 11's

4.1.1 A maximum of 7 races are scheduled for the Club Championships and a boat can drop its worst 4 results.

4.1.2 Points will be awarded to the skipper on the basis of scratch results.

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4.1.4 To be eligible for the Club Championship, the boat must sail in 75% of any scheduled point score races.

5.0.0 POINT SCORE SERIES-Manly Juniors

5.0.1 Points will be awarded to the boat on the basis of handicap results.

5.0.2 The point score series will consist of 15 point score races as per the Sailing Calendar. If 14 or more races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding the 2 worst scores. If 12 or 13 races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding the worst score. If only 11 or less races are sailed all results will count.

5.0.3 Sprint Series (If conducted)

Results will be awarded to the boat on the basis of scratch results. A maximum of 9 races are scheduled. All race scores will count.

5.1.0 POINT SCORE SERIES-Flying 11'S

5.1.1 Points will be awarded to the boat on the basis of handicap results.

5.1.2 The point score series will consist of 15 point score races as per the Sailing Calendar. If 14 or more races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding the 2 worst scores. If 12 or 13 races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding the worst score. If only 11 or less races are sailed all results will count.



5.1.3 Sprint Series (If conducted)

Results will be awarded to the boat on the basis of scratch results. A maximum of 18 races are scheduled. All race scores will count.

6. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located within the southern shed door at the Club.

7. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 9:00hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00hrs on the day prior to the race or races affected.

8. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

8.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag pole of the Club located at the northern end of the upper deck.

9. CLASS FLAG

The Class flag for the Manly Juniors is the MJ class flag. The Class flag for the Flying 11s is the F11 class flag.

10. STARTING TIMES

10.1 The Warning Signal for all races will not be before 10:45 hours.

11. MINIMUM STARTERS FOR RACING

There shall be at least three boats in each class starting to constitute a race.

12. COURSES

12.1 Courses for Manly Juniors shall be consistent with courses sailed by the Manly Junior Sailing Association of NSW. Courses for Flying 11's shall consist of a windward beat, reach to wing mark, reach to bottom mark, windward return to bottom mark, a windward beat, reach to wing mark, reach to bottom mark, a windward beat to the port side of the Committee Vessel to finish. A windward/leeward course or reduced number of laps may also be considered for the Flying 11's dependant on breeze direction and strength on any given race day.



12.2 The course to be sailed shall be advised at the briefing on any given day. Any changes to courses, including shortening of courses, after the briefing, will be notified to competitors on the water by the start boat.

12.3 Courses for special races, such as “Sprint Series” shall be determined at the discretion of the Race Committee and advised on the day.

12.4 For safety, boats must remain outside all of the “Bombora” marks.

13. MARKS

13.1 Rounding marks are shall be “yellow conical inflatable” style marks with “MH16S” printed in black displayed on them..

13.2 The starting marks will consist of the race committee signal boat at the starboard end flying an orange flag and a buoy flying an orange flag at the port end.

13.3 The finishing marks will consist of a race committee boat at the starboard end flying a blue flag and a buoy flying a blue flag. Alternatively, one of the rounding marks may be used at the port end.

14. THE START

14.1 The starting line will be between the flag mast on the race committee start boat and the finish mark at the port end of the line.

14.2 A boat starting later than 6 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start.

15.0 STARTING PROCEDURE-Manly Juniors

15.0.1 Five (5) minutes before the start a Warning Signal being the relevant Class flag will be hoisted on the Starting Boat. At 4 minutes the “P” flag will be displayed. At 1 minute the “P” flag will be dropped.

15.0.2 The start of a race will be signalled by the dropping of the relevant Class flag.

15.0.3 A sound signal may be used to attract attention to the flags.

15.1.0 STARTING PROCEDURE-Flying 11's

15.1.1 Three (3) minutes before the start a Warning Signal being the relevant Class flag will be hoisted on the Starting Boat. At 2 minutes the “P” flag will be displayed.

15.1.2 The start of a race will be signalled by the dropping of the relevant Class flag.



15.1.3 A sound signal may be used to attract attention of the flags

15.2 Boats whose Warning Signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

16. CHANGE OF THE POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK

16.1 To change the position of the next mark, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position. The change will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the mark may not yet be in the new position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the moved mark may be relocated without further signalling to maintain the course configuration.

17. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between the flag staff on the committee boat and the flag or buoy at the other end of the finish line.

18. TIME LIMITS

18.1 The time limit for each race shall be 2 hours for Manly Juniors and 90 minutes for Flying 11's.

18.2 Manly Juniors failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, or within the time limit, whichever is the later, will be scored Did Not Finish. Flying 11's failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, or within the time limit, whichever is the later, will be scored Did Not Finish.

19. HANDICAPS

19.1 The handicap system adopted at the commencement of a season shall not be altered during the season.

19.2 A boat may seek revision of its handicap. Application shall be made in writing to the Sailing Committee.

19.4 Handicaps will be reviewed weekly and may be adjusted where necessary.

19.5 In the event of a change of boat or crew, the handicappers may amend or set the boat's handicap at their discretion.

19.6 Any new skipper to register during the summer sailing season must sail 1 race before a handicap will be assigned.



20. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

20.1 Protest forms will be available at the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

20.2 The protest time limit is 40 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the race committee and to requests for redress.

20.3 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.

20.4 Note it is encouraged that all competitors complete the necessary penalty turns whilst on the race course to nullify the necessity for protests.

21. SCORING

The Low Point scoring system will apply to all point score series.

22. SAFETY REGULATIONS

22.1 The helmsperson of each boat shall “sign on” on the sheets provided for the purpose prior to the first race each day and “sign off” on the same sheet after the last race each day. Any helmsperson of a boat that does not sign on or sign off as required will have that boat disqualified from that race or races on that day.

22.2 A boat that retires from a race shall “sign off” as soon as possible.

22.3 It is highly recommended that all competitors and officials wear sunscreen on exposed skin and/or other suitable protective clothing whilst sailing (e.g. cap, full length wetsuit or pants and sun shirt) to protect themselves against the sun’s ultra violet rays. Current medical evidence suggests that these rays can cause skin cancer and other skin problems such as dermatitis. Such protection is recommended even on cloudy days. Sunscreen is available free of charge at the Club’s office.

22.4 Manly Juniors and Flying 11’s must have a 38mm diameter metal tow ring at the bow.

22.5 No boat shall leave the beach or club area to commence sailing until such time as advised by the race committee that it is safe to do so. In the interests of safety, it is required that sufficient rescue craft be on station prior to boats leaving the beach or club area.



23. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, the AYF Special Regulations, Part 2 and the sailing instructions.

24. OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be flying the burgee of the Middle Harbour 16' Skiff Club.

25. PRIZES

25.1 Prizes will be awarded to the skipper and crew. Boats will only be awarded one prize for places in Club Championships, Season Point Scores and Sprint Series. Where a boat is eligible for an additional prize or prizes, the prize shall be awarded to the next eligible boat. A boat eligible for more than one prize may choose the prize they are to be awarded.

26. ABANDONED or POSTPONED RACES

Any programmed race, which is abandoned or postponed, may be sailed at a later date at the discretion of the Sailing Committee. Any trophies for the abandoned or postponed race may be reallocated.

27. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. Attention is drawn to the Fundamental Rule 4 which states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".

The Middle Harbour 16' Skiff Club or its officers, will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta, nor for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or for the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment or for damage which might result from competing in the series.