

**Middle Harbour 16ft Skiff Sailing Club**  
**General Sailing Meeting held on 8 August 2020**

The Commodore declared the meeting open at 11:35AM.

**Attendance**

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| 1. Robert Size.    | 9. Iain Wood.       | 17. Dimitri Blyumine. |
| 2. Locky Pryor.    | 10. Matt Stanbury.  | 18. Ashley Blyumine.  |
| 3. Alex Leslie.    | 11. Mark Willson.   | 19. Bruce Perry.      |
| 4. Nathan Edwards. | 12. Jeremy Sharp.   | 20. Chrissie Perry.   |
| 5. Rob Lockhart.   | 13. Erin Sharp.     | 21. Alex Deakin.      |
| 6. Phil Jenkins.   | 14. Paul Hargrave.  | 22. George Hinings.   |
| 7. Phil West.      | 15. Amy Hargrave    | 23. Dylan Sharp.      |
| 8. Pete Tinworth.  | 16. James Hargrave. |                       |

**Apologies**

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1. Marilyn Sorensen.
2. Harry Lawson
3. Trent Wildman.

**Minutes of last meeting**

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Elected the sailing committee.

Proposed: R Size.

Seconded: P Jenkins.

**Sailing committee stood down**

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P West thanked all the volunteers.

**Election of 2019-2020 Sailing Committee**

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Commodore: Harry Lawson.

Vice Commodore: Trent Wildman.

Rear Commodore: Dylan Sharp.

Club/Boat Captain: Pete Tinworth.

Race Secretary: Robert Size.

Handicap Committee: Phil Jenkins, Pete Tinworth, Harry Lawson.

Protest Committee: Mark Willson, Bruce Perry, Mark Willson.

Media Officer: Erin Sharp.

Boat Measurer: Phil West.

Sail Measurers: Phil West, George Hinings, Alex Leslie.

Starter: Pete Tinworth.

Time Keeper: Erin Sharp.

Scribe: Erin Sharp.

First Aid Officer: Erin Sharp.

Safety Boat Operator: Rob Lockhart, Trevor Kennedy, Richard Gregory, Matt Stanbury.

Meeting closed at 11:44AM.

## **Middle Harbour 16ft Skiff Sailing Club**

### **Sailing Meeting held on 8 August 2020**

The previous Commodore (P West) declared the meeting open at 11:45AM.

Attendance and apologies as per the AGSM.

#### **Minutes of last meeting**

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The last meeting was held on 7 March 2020.

The dates of the Nationals (3-10 January 2021) at Gosford were confirmed.

The location of the States (Illawarra and Port Hunter) were confirmed.

We discussed changes to the racing format for next season. There was overall agreement to put three coaching days into the calendar. There was overall agreement to race two races per day in the Crews Trophy—a handicap start for the first and a scratch start for the second. And there was overall agreement to change the courses for the 2020-2021 Season.

Proposed: P Tinworth.

Seconded: Nathan Edwards.

#### **Correspondence**

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Inwards correspondence:

- We discussed the correspondence about the 13ft Skiff Class Rules. We then voted in favour of our amendment to the 13ft Skiff Class Rules and rejected the amendment proposed by Manly.

Outwards correspondence:

- Nil.

#### **General business**

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##### **Election of delegates**

Amy Hargrave to be 13ft Skiff Class delegate.

Locky Pryor to be the 16ft Skiff Class delegate.

Robert Size to be Specifications Committee delegate.

## **State Championships**

P Tinworth explained that Illawarra cannot pay prize money for the State Championships. There is now a proposal that the Association put together a pool of prize money to support the regatta. But the matter has not yet been decided.

## **Our prize money**

M Willson thanked everyone for supporting the Club's decision to withhold the payment of prize money at the end of last season. He explained the position the club has been in for the past few months (not trading for two months due to the coronavirus pandemic but now open and receiving some assistance). The current financial position is healthy.

M Willson explained that there is still a lot of uncertainty but the Board has decided to pay last season's prize money. The only change they have made is that they have deducted this year's fees from the prize money to avoid multiple payments back and forth.

M Willson explained that the Board intends to pay the same prize and travel money next season but the situation could change.

M Willson explained that the Board would prefer not to do fee deferrals this season and that the full cost of Association registration will now be passed on to each skiff.

P Jenkins proposed that we thank the Board. We did.

## **Calendar**

There was no debate concerning the format for the Club Championship or Crews Trophy.

P Jenkins raised an issue re us not racing on the dates of the States. We debated the issue back and forth. P Jenkins argued that the club racing boats would appreciate having racing on when the States are on because they only want to race at the Club. Others argued that we should encourage boats to attend the States and that we should conform with other clubs who are taking the same approach. P Jenkins put motion to hold handicap start races when the States are held. Motion failed.

R Size brought up the coaching series. He explained that Baz cannot commit to coaching and proposed that the morning swap session be retained but a long course race scheduled for the afternoon. P Jenkins said the crews could swap

for the afternoon race. There was broad support in the room for retaining the coaching series for the newer boats.

R Size put motion to adopt calendar. Motion carried.

### **Proposed limit on payment of prize money**

R Size introduced motion from N Edwards to impose limit on prize money based upon attendance to racing. Under the proposal, boats would have to attempt 70% of racing to be entitled to full payment, between 50-70% of races to be entitled to half payment, and under 50% no payment. A Deakin spoke against the motion. She argued that boats that fail to race already lose money and that the proposal would in effect impose a double penalty. She also gave perspective of person who was having a bad season and failed to race despite best attempts. Motion failed.

M Willson raised issue of boats that do not race taking up space in the shed. He explained that the shed space is valuable both in terms of space for skiffs and as a source of revenue for the club. Those attending agreed that the Club should not provide space for boats that fail to race regularly. However, as it was not an issue for the Sailing Instructions, no motion was put.

### **Proposed amendment to handicap rules**

R Size introduced motion from J Sharp to abolish handicap rule requiring new skippers to sail on scratch for three races. As an alternative solution. R Size put motion that handicaps be allocated to the boat instead of the skipper. There was broad support in the room for allocating handicaps according to the boat. P West said that the rules must also stipulate that the Handicap Committee has discretion to adjust the handicap of any boat to prevent a person taking advantage of the rule by substituting in a gun skipper for an important race. R Size's motion carried.

### **Lifejackets**

P Jenkins questioned enforcement of requirement in Sailing Instructions that all sailors wear lifejackets. He said the rule was not enforced and should be either enforced or removed. There was broad support in the room for the enforcement of the rule because it is a legal requirement and the Association enforces the rule at regattas. B Perry and M Vincent noted that wearing a lifejacket can be less safe in certain circumstances. J Sharp said life jackets were not as unsafe on the 16ft Skiff as compared to the older 18s with large sails and heavy spars.

### **Scratch and Handicap Point Scores**

R Size said that the next season would include a Point Score for both scratch and handicap. No opposition.

### **Courses for 2020-2021 Season**

R Size said those present at previous sailing meeting seemed to agree that we should make the Official Courses compass bearing courses with the number of laps set by the Starter. The only questions now are whether we should adopt a gated bottom mark for the Official Courses and whether we should sail out of Middle Harbour in a Southerly. There was broad support in the room to keep the courses in the same locations with one bottom mark but to make the courses compass bearing with the laps set by the Starter.

### **Other**

N Edwards explained the new Sailing Australia requirements re membership. Anyone who sails a club race must be a member of a club and Sailing Australia. M Willson said we could introduce a single day membership at the AGM.

M Willson explained the addition of new kayak racking and the deal with Sydney Harbour Surf Club.

P West thanked everyone for all the help he has had over the years as President and Commodore.

Meeting closed at 12:52PM.