

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2018 J.J. GILTINAN 18ft SKIFF CHAMPIONSHIP

1 RULES

1.1 All races will be governed by the current versions of:

- (a) The *rules* as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (RRS) of World Sailing Federation.
- (b) The Australian 18 Foot Skiff Class Rules.
- (c) The Marine Safety (General) Regulation 2009
- (d) If there is conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2 The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Australian 18 Footers League.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located alongside the office in the Australian 18 Footers League, 77 Bay Street, Double Bay.

4 The Race Committee (RC) reserves the right to reject or cancel the entry of any boat RRS 76.1.

5 These Sailing Instructions (SIs) satisfy RRS 90.2.

6. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the notice board not less than two (2) hours prior to the start of the race, except that any change to the 'Schedule of Races' will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

7. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

7.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag mast of the Double Bay Sailing Club.

7.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "one (1) minute" is replaced with "not less than thirty (30) minutes", in the race signal AP.

Amends Race Signals.

8 SCHEDULE OF RACES

Thursday	1 st March 2018	Measurement Day
Friday	2 nd March 2018	Regatta Briefing
Friday	2 nd March 2018	Invitation Race
Saturday	3 rd March 2018	Race Day 1
Sunday	4 th March 2018	Race Day 2
Tuesday	6 th March 2018	Race Day 3*
Wednesday	7 th March 2018	Race Day 4*
Thursday	8 th March 2018	Race Day 5*
Saturday	10 th March 2018	Race Day 6
Sunday	11 th March 2018	Race Day 7

The scheduled time of the warning signal for all races is 1440 except sprint races where the first race of the day the warning signal will be at 1440 and the second race shall start as soon as practical.

* Two “back to back” sprint races may be held on 6th March, 7th March and 8th March.

* This may increase the total number of heats to a maximum of ten (10) races for the series.

9 MEASUREMENTS

All boats competing in the championship shall have satisfied the Club’s Measurer prior to the commencement of the championship. All boats will be subject to spot checks by the Club’s Measurer at any time during the regatta.

Measurements will commence from 0900 hours on Thursday 1st March, 2018. Sails to be used can only be those signed off on 28th October, 2017. International entries shall conform to Rule 4 (Sails) of the Australian 18ft Skiff Class Rules.

A timetable for each skiff to be measured will be posted on the notice board by 1000 on Wednesday, 28th February, 2018.

9.1 Boats may reef their mainsail but when reefing they must use the same reef point for the duration of the series. Boats must nominate the reef point they intend to use on measurement day prior to the invitation race.

10 CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be a white rectangular flag displaying the logo of the Australian 18 Footers League.

11 COURSES

11.1 The courses are listed on ‘Addendum A’ and include a map showing the approximate positions of the fixed and laid rounding marks.

11.2 Not later than the warning signal, the race committee start boat will display the course number to be sailed as described in ‘Addendum A’.

12 MARKS

- 12.1 The Start/Finish mark will be a white and black checkered inflatable.
- 12.2 All laid rounding marks as described in 'Addendum A' will be inflatable white cylinders with fluro band and may bear an Australian 18 Footers League logo and/or sponsor's logo.
- 12.3 All YA rounding marks as described in 'Addendum A' will be Yachting NSW yellow spherical, cylindrical or spar shaped buoy and can be replaced with a different mark without warning.
- 12.4 The inadvertent touching of a mark (but not attaching to or shifting a mark) is permitted. In the event that a mark is engaged causing it to shift or becomes attached to a skiff, RRS 31 in its entirety shall apply. This amends RRS 31.

13 THE START

- 13.1 Race signals will be made in accordance with RRS 26.
- 13.2 The starting line will be between the flag mast of the committee vessel bearing the Class Flag and the designated start mark, which will be on the committee vessel's port side.
- 13.3 Sound Signals:
Attention may be drawn to the Warning, Preparatory, One Minute and Starting signals by a sound signal; however the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded. Amends RRS 26.

14 RECALLS

- 14.1 Individual Recalls shall be made in accordance with RRS 29.1, with the exception that a time limit of ten (10) minutes applies for the restart.

Each skiff will be allocated a recall number for the regatta. The race committee may display the recall number of an offending skiff and lower the number when the skiff has returned to the pre-start side of the line or its extensions.

- 14.2 General Recalls shall be made in accordance with RRS 29.2.

After a general Recall, RRS 30.3 may apply to all subsequent starts.

- 14.3 Boats not starting within 10 minutes of the starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. Amends APPENDIX A4 and A5.

15 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between the flag mast of the committee vessel bearing the Class Flag and the designated finish mark, which will be on the committee vessel's port side.

16 PENALTY SYSTEM

A one (1) turn penalty including one tack and one gybe applies for a breach of a *rule* of RRS Part 2. Amends RRS 44.1 and 44.2.

17 TIME LIMIT

There will be a time limit of three (3) hours, with the exception that if one boat finishes within the three (3) hour time limit then a time limit extension of one (1) hour after the finishing time of the first boat is available to all other boats in which to finish, or the original time limit, whichever is later. If no boat finishes within the time limit the race may be abandoned or re-sailed. Amends RRS 35, A4 and A5.

* On multi race days the time limit is twenty (20) minutes after the first boat has finished.

The Race Committee can allocate, after the first boat has finished and before the time limit has expired, a finish position to boats that are still on the course and boats so finished will be scored as finished. This amends RRS28 and amends the definition of “finish”.

18 POINTSCORE

The Low-Point System as described in RRS Appendix A as modified below will apply. RRS A9 Race Scores in a series longer than a Regatta replaces RRS A4.2 Up to ten (10) races are scheduled of which four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a skiff's score will be the total of her race scores. When six (6) or more races have been completed, a skiff's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.

19 PROTESTS

Protest forms are available at the race office and shall be lodged in writing at the race office. The protest time limit shall be two (2) hours after the last boat has finished the last Race of the day.

20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

20.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed unless approved by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made in writing to the race committee one hour prior to the scheduled race start time.

20.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made in writing to the Race Committee one hour prior to the scheduled race start time.

21 RACE RESULTS

The provisional results may be displayed on the official notice board by 20:00 hours on the day of the appropriate race.

22 RACE HEADQUARTERS

The Race Headquarters is the Australian 18 Footers League Ltd, 77 Bay Street, Double Bay.

23 TROPHIES, PRIZES AND PRESENTATION

Individual race prizes will be presented after the race on each race day at the Australian 18 Footers League clubhouse.

The presentation of trophies and overall winner prizes will be held in the Australian 18 Footers League clubhouse on Sunday evening 11th March, 2018.

24 SAIL SIGNS

Each boat shall have on each mainsail a distinguishing mark of sufficient size to be approved by the race committee. The colour patch shall be submitted with the entry and can only be altered with the permission of the race committee, applied for at least one (1) hour before the race start time.

Each boat shall carry its country of origin flag on both sides of each mainsail. (These flags will be provided by the Australian 18 Footers League with instructions as to the positioning on the mainsails).

25 OFFICIAL TELEVISION PRODUCTION

The organizing authority may commission an official television production. Co-operation may be sought from skiffs with regard to this official production.

As part of any official television production, camera boats will be on the race course each scheduled race day. Skiffs must be aware of the presence of the camera boats. The camera boat skippers have been instructed to keep clear at all times. As these camera boats form part of the official television production skiffs shall treat these camera boats as an obstruction with regard to Part 2 of RRS 2017-2020.

In each race, at the discretion of the organising authority, two skiffs may be compulsorily equipped with head mounted cameras and/or microphones. The allocation of the cameras and/or microphones will be rotated in an equitable manner. These cameras and/or microphones are for the official television production.

26 LEAVING THE RIGGING AREA

All competing boats shall be fully rigged and standing in a vertical position by a time NO LATER THAN forty five (45) minutes prior to the scheduled start time of each day's race.

Each competing boat shall be removed from the rigging area and be in the water by a time NO EARLIER THAN forty five (45) minutes and NO LATER THAN twenty (20) minutes prior to the scheduled start time of each day's race.

Infringement of this sailing instruction is open to protest only by the race committee. This amends RRS 60.1 and 60.3.

27 INDEMNITY

All those taking part in the regatta do so at their own risk and responsibility. The Australian 18 Footers League Ltd is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.

Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 4 (RRS 2017-2020) Decision to Race, which states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone”.

28 PRIVATE OR TEAM SUPPORT BOATS

28.1 All coach, team leader and other support boats shall, while afloat, display a numbered white flag of minimum size 300mm by 500mm to indicate that they are a coach or support boat. At registration they shall designate the boat or boats they are coaching or associated with. Failure to do so will result in their exclusion from the race area and may result in a protest by the Race Committee against the competitor for a breach of RRS2 Fair Sailing.

- a. Coach, team leader and other support boats shall keep more than 150 metres away from all competitors, and more than 150 metres away from marks of the course between the Preparatory Signal and the finish time of the last boat in the race, except when asked to assist by the Race Committee. A competitor may be approached after finishing and sailing clear of the course area.
- b. A skiff shall receive no outside assistance from coach boats or support boats or private spectator boats once she has left the rigging area for the day until the finish of the days race, except in the case of emergency or at the request of the race committee.
- c. All support boats shall comply with the “Roads and Maritime Regulation” requirements.
- d. Support boat operators must hold valid qualification to operate the vessel.

29 SAFETY

All skiffs shall carry a sharp knife capable of cutting high modulus fiber rope, sheathed and restrained and located on the port transom in such a way that it can be accessed with a one handed operation. Skiffs shall also carry spare air bottles supplied by the club.

30 NSW MARITIME REGULATION

As a condition of the Australian 18 Footers League being granted an Aquatic License to conduct 18ft Skiff races on Sydney Harbour during the 2017-2018 Season, NSW Roads and Maritime advice the following MUST apply:

“All competitors MUST keep 500m from the bow of any ship and at least 200m from the bow of any ferry and not less than 30m from the sides/stern of any ship or ferry underway”.

31. COMMERCIAL AND DEFENCE SHIPPING

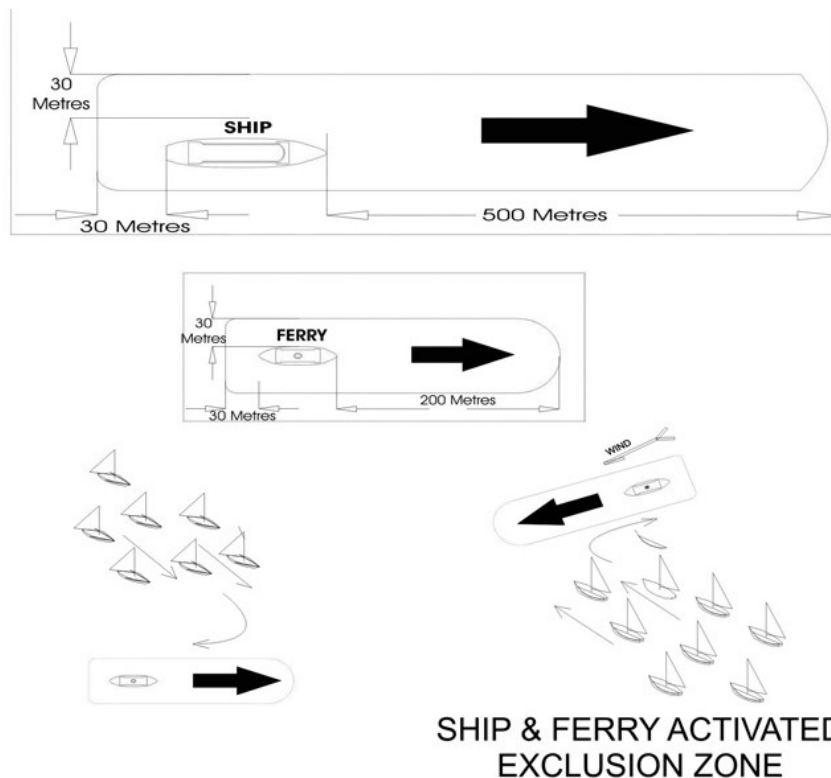
31.1 Skiffs shall not interfere with the commercial or defence shipping of the port. The attention of skippers is drawn to Roads and Maritime Services regulations regarding right of way vessels entering or leaving port, ferries displaying orange diamonds and vessels engaged in towing. Roads and Maritime Services regulations specify “priority over sail”- some commercial ferries on Sydney Harbour display an orange diamond shape which grants priority of way over sailing vessels.

31.2 Skiffs found to have interfered with commercial shipping may be subject to action by the Race Committee in accordance with RRS 60.2.

31.3 All skiffs must abide by traffic directions of Roads and Maritime Services Boating Officers/Sydney Ports Officers. Any skiff directed to stop or alter course by Roads and Maritime Boating Services Officers/Sydney Ports Officers, as a result of an anticipated breach of the above rules/regulations shall do so immediately.

31.4 Any skiff reported by Roads and Maritime Services or Sydney Ports as having contravened these regulations may be disqualified without a hearing. This amends RRS 63.1.

SEE DIAGRAM BELOW AND ALSO 'ADDENDUMS B and C'



32 No items of apparel are to be worn over the trapeze harness.

33 RIBBON PRESENTATION

At the conclusion of the last race of the regatta, all skiffs shall remain in the vicinity of the finishing area until the winning ribbon is presented. This is a condition of entry and all entrants shall comply with this instruction.

34 INSURANCE

Boats shall have adequate current Third Party Property Liability insurance cover and Third Party Personal Liability insurance cover of not less than \$10,000,000 (ten million) for each separate incident. A valid Insurance Certificate of Currency shall accompany each entry form.

ADDENDUM 'A' - COURSES

COURSE 1 - NORTH-EAST

Start line in vicinity of Clarke Island

Beashel Buoy – YA

Shark Island – YA

Clarke Island – LM

Beashel Buoy – YA

Clarke Island – LM

Beashel Buoy – YA

Shark Island – YA

Finish line in vicinity of Clarke Island

COURSE 2 - E A S T

Start line in vicinity of Robertson Point

Rose Bay – LM

Clarke Island – LM

Kurraba Point – LM

Rose Bay – LM

Kurraba Point – LM

Rose Bay – LM

Finish line in vicinity of Clarke Island

COURSE 3 - SOUTH-EAST

Start line in vicinity of Taylors Bay

Rose Bay – LM

Robertson Point – LM (PORT)

Clarke Island – LM (PORT)

Chowder Bay – LM

Rose Bay – LM

Taylors Bay – YA

Rose Bay – LM

Robertson Point – LM (PORT)

Finish line in vicinity of Clarke Island

COURSE 4 - SOUTH

Start line in vicinity of Athol Bay

Clarke Island – LM (PORT)

Obelisk Bay – YA

Shark Island – YA

Athol Bay East – LM (PORT)

Clarke Island – LM (PORT)

Obelisk Bay – YA

Shark Island – YA

Athol Bay East – LM (PORT) Finish line in vicinity of Clarke Island

COURSE 5 - W E S T

Start line in vicinity of Rose Bay

Kurraba Point – LM (PORT)

Clarke Island – LM (PORT)

Rose Bay – LM (PORT)

Kurraba Point – LM (PORT)

Rose Bay – LM (PORT)

Kurraba Point – LM (PORT)

Finish line in vicinity of Clarke Island

WINDWARD/LEEWARD COURSES

COURSE 6/2 - WINDWARD/LEEWARD

Start Line

Mark 1 (PORT)

Gate 2

Mark 1 (PORT)

Finish line to port side of Committee Vessel

COURSE 6/3 - WINDWARD/LEEWARD

Start line

Mark 1 (PORT)

Gate 2

Mark 1 (PORT)

Gate 2

Mark 1 (PORT)

Finish line to port side of Committee Vessel

COURSE 6/4 - WINDWARD/LEEWARD

Start line

Mark 1 (PORT)

Gate 2

Mark 1 (PORT)

Gate 2

Mark 1 (PORT)

Gate 2

Mark 1 (PORT)

Finish line to port side of Committee Vessel

NOTES:

1. All marks to STARBOARD unless otherwise noted.
2. 'YA' marks are YNSW permanently fixed yellow spar marks.
3. 'LM' marks are temporarily laid white inflatable marks with fluro band.
4. In 'Course 6/2, Course 6/3 and Course 6/4, Mark 1 will be laid to windward of the start line. (Distance and bearing will be displayed from the Committee Vessel)
5. Gate - 2 marks will be laid approximately 50 meters to windward of the start line
6. If one of the leeward gate marks is missing boats shall round the one existing leeward mark to port
7. Start locations described for the above courses are a guide only and may vary at the discretion of the Race Committee.

ADDENDUM 'B'

REPORTING MARINE ACCIDENTS AND THE MARINE SAFETY ACT 1998 AND THE MARINE SAFETY (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 2009.

The provisions of the Marine Safety Act 1998 (the Act) came into operation on the 30th March 2009.

The Marine Safety (General) Regulations 2009, (The Regulations) also came into force on the 30th March 2009.

They may be accessed at www.legislation.nsw.gov.au

The Act and Regulations replace the obligation under section 30G of the Maritime Services Act 1935 to report marine accidents involving death or injury or damage exceeding \$100.

The Act and Regulations also replace the provisions of a Memorandum of Understanding between NSW Maritime and Yachting NSW which related to collisions between racing vessels. The MoU was not widely circulated or understood by Clubs.

Under section 99 (1) of the Act a master and owner have an obligation to report a marine accident.

Regulation 96 sets out the conditions where a report is not required, and is therefore required in all other circumstances, and substantially changes the reporting requirements. It has particular relevance to racing yachts competing subject to an Aquatic License granted to a Club.

Three separate situations are referred to in Regulation 96 and these are set out in the following Table and state the conditions where a report IS required.

Types of vessels involved Conditions for reporting

Vessels two or more ALL of which are NOT racing. Fatality or personal injury or Damage exceeds \$5000

Vessels two or more of which ALL are racing Fatality or personal injury or Damage exceeds \$5000

Vessels one of which is racing and one of which is not racing Fatality or personal injury or Damage exceeds \$5000

ADDENDUM C



SAILING VESSEL INCIDENT REPORT



(FOR INCIDENTS INVOLVING SAIL VESSELS OPERATING UNDER SAME AQUATIC LICENCE)

Please fax completed form to NSW Maritime on (02)9563 8699

- a. Was any person injured requiring medical treatment? Yes/No
- b. Was there damage that affected any of the involved vessels' seaworthiness? Yes/No
- c. Was a commercial vessel involved? (ie charter/sail training vessel) Yes/No
- d. Was there damage exceeding 10% value of **ANY** vessel? (if no , report optional) Yes/No

If Yes to any of questions a, b or c a full VIR MUST be completed and submitted to NSW Maritime within 24hrs.

Date:	Time:	Loc. Description:	Organisation:	Aquatic Licence #	Conditions: (Wind dir, strength, waves)
Vessel 1 Details of Skipper/Master			Vessel 2 Details of Skipper/Master		
Name:.....Sex:.....			Name:.....Sex:.....		
Address:.....			Address:.....		
Postcode:.....			Postcode:.....		
Date of Birth:/...../..... Age:.....yrs			Date of Birth:/...../..... Age:.....yrs		
Phone:..... Mobile:.....			Phone:..... Mobile:.....		
Experience sailing this type of vessel:yrs			Experience sailing this type of vessel:yrs		
Experience sailing in general:yrs			Experience sailing in general:yrs		
Boat Licence: Yes / No #.....			Boat Licence: Yes / No #.....		
Details of Owner (if different from master)			Details of Owner (if different from master)		
Name:.....Sex:.....			Name:.....Sex:.....		
Address:.....			Address:.....		
Postcode:.....			Postcode:.....		
Date of Birth:/...../..... Age:.....yrs			Date of Birth:/...../..... Age:.....yrs		
Phone:..... Mobile:.....			Phone:..... Mobile:.....		

Vessel Details

Name:.....
Rego / Permit No:.....Sail No:.....
Length:..... Division/Class:.....
Engine:

Vessel 1 Persons Aboard: Adults
Children (<12yrs).....

INCIDENT DETAILS

Please select one only - if more than 1 of these occurred please select one that occurred first.

Collision Grounding Capsize Flooding
Sinking Swamping Structural failure
Person overboard
Other (please specify).....
Vessel Damage:.....

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Estimated Cost:
Point of Sail: Tack: Port/Starboard
Pos. in relation to other vessel: Windward/Leeward

WITNESSES:

Name:.....
Contact #Vessel:.....
Name:.....
Contact #Vessel:.....

Vessel Details

Name:.....
Rego / Permit No:.....Sail No:.....
Length:..... Division/Class:.....
Engine:

Vessel 2 Persons Aboard: Adults
Children (<12yrs)

INCIDENT DETAILS

Please select one only - if more than 1 of these occurred please select one that occurred first.

Collision Grounding Capsize Flooding
Sinking Swamping Structural failure
Person overboard
Other (please specify).....
Vessel Damage:.....

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Estimated Cost:
Point of Sail: Tack: Port/Starboard
Pos. in relation to other vessel: Windward/Leeward

WITNESSES:

Name:.....
Contact #Vessel:.....
Name:.....
Contact #Vessel:.....

