



SKATE SAILING ASSOCIATION OF NSW

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP - 2023-24 SEASON

NOTICE OF RACE

OVERVIEW

As in past seasons, the Skate NSW State Championship for the 2023-24 season will be comprised of heats hosted by a number of NSW clubs over the course of the season:

- Yarra Bay 16ft Skiff Club
- St George Sailing Club
- Kurnell Catamaran Club
- South Lake Macquarie Amateur Sailing Club
- Toronto Amateur Sailing Club.

The State Championship will be decided on scratch results while the State Pointscore will be determined using a handicapping formula.

Championship heats will typically be hosted either in conjunction with a key host club event such as their annual fund-raising regatta or as a component of scheduled host club competition.

If the host club has multiple races scheduled on the date of the Championship heat, the first race of the day will be designated as the Championship heat.

The organising authority for each heat will be the host club, in conjunction with the Skate Sailing Association of NSW Inc.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Championship will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024.
- 1.2 The Special Regulations of Australian Sailing - Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats will apply. It is the responsibility of all competitors to ensure that life jackets comply with a standard equivalent to those listed in the regulations.
- 1.3 The Special Rules of the Skate classes will apply.
- 1.4 If there is a conflict between any of the rules or regulations governing the Championship, other than the Racing Rules of Sailing, the Sailing Instructions will apply.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions of the host club will apply for each heat of the Championship. In most cases Sailing Instructions can be found on the host club website.
- 2.2 A pre-race briefing will be held by the host club prior to each Championship heat to review the local Sailing Instructions and provide specific details of the course and racing arrangements for heat.
- 2.3 Competitors will be required to comply with the host club sign-on and sign-off procedures which will be communicated at the pre-race briefing.

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3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to Skates registered with a NSW home club.
- 3.2 Eligible boats are not required to submit an Entry Form to compete in the Series but may be required to register with the host club of each Championship heat.

4 FEES

- 4.1 There is no entry free for the Championship however host clubs may charge an entry fee at their discretion.

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Where applicable, host clubs will generally request that competitors register and pay any required fee at the time of the pre-race briefing.

- 5.2 Dates of racing:

Day/Date	Event
Sunday 29 October 2023	Heat 1 – Yarra Bay Regatta – Basil Wood Trophy Briefing 1230 hrs
Saturday 11 November 2023	Heat 2 - St George Regatta – Lackey Family Trophy Briefing 1230 hours Warning Signal 1415 hours
Sunday 03 December 2023	Heat 3 – Kurnell Regatta Briefing 1130 hours Warning Signal 1300 hours
Saturday 10 February 2024	Heat 4 – South Lakes Regatta – Day 1 Briefing 1200 hours
Sunday 11 February 2024	Heat 5 – South Lakes Regatta – Day 2 Briefing 1200 hours
Saturday 09 March 2024	Heat 6 – Toronto Regatta – Day 1 Briefing 1230 hours Warning Signal 1400 hours
Sunday 10 March 2024	Heat 7 – Toronto Regatta – Day 2 Skate Sailing Association of NSW Inc AGM at 1030 hours Briefing 1230 hours Warning Signal 1300 hours

6. VENUES AND RACING AREAS

- 6.1 Racing areas will be adjacent to the host clubs. Refer to Attachment A for host club locations.

7 SCORING

- 7.1 Four heats are required to be completed to constitute a Series.
- 7.2 A minimum of two boats starting is required to constitute a Championship heat.

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- 7.3 The Low Points scoring system will be used. RRS A5.3 will apply, specifying different points for a boat that came to the starting area but did not start, did not sail the course, did not finish, retired or was disqualified vs a boat that didn't come to the starting area.
- 7.4 State Championship:
- Four or five heats completed – all results to count
 - Six heats completed – drop worst result
 - Seven heats completed – drop worst two results.
- 7.5 State Pointscore:
- All results to count
 - Handicapping:
 - Handicaps expressed as percentages
 - Initial handicap calculated from average of true handicap results from first 2 heats finished
 - Handicap adjustments: 1st – subtract 5%; 2nd – subtract 2%; 3rd – subtract 1%
 - Handicaps may otherwise be adjusted at the discretion of the Organising Authority
 - State Champion may not win State Pointscore

8 RISK STATEMENT

- 8.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**
- 8.2 Competitors participate in the Series entirely at their own risk. The Organizing Authority and host clubs will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the Series.

9 INSURANCE

- 9.1 Competitors are required to have insurance with third party liability cover of up to \$10M to cover risks arising while the competitor is participating in the Series, whether ashore or afloat.

10 TROPHIES AND PRIZES

- 10.1 Trophies will be awarded to the State Champion and State Pointscore winners.
- 10.2 Perpetual trophies will be awarded for:
- Yarra Bay Regatta – First Place – Basil Wood Trophy
 - St George Regatta – First Place - Lackey Family Trophy.
- 10.3 Prizes may be awarded to heat winners at the discretion of the host clubs.

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11. FURTHER INFORMATION

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This Notice of Race can be downloaded from the Skate Sailing Association website:

<https://www.skatesailingaustralia.org/>

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Host Club Details

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Attachment A – Host Club Details

Yarra Bay 16ft Skiff Sailing Club

Address: 67-69 Yarra Rd, Phillip Bay. NSW. 20362 Riverside Drive, Sans Souci NSW

Phone: 02 9311 2592

Sailing Website: <https://yarrabaysailingclub.com.au/>

St George Sailing Club

Address: 2 Riverside Drive, Sans Souci NSW

Phone: 02 9529 4911

Sailing Website: <https://stgeorgesailing.com.au/>

Kurnell Catamaran Club

Address: 2 Ward St, Kurnell. NSW. 2231

Phone: 02 9668 9295

Sailing Website: <http://www.kcc.asn.au/>

South Lake Macquarie Amateur Sailing Club

Address: 1A Sunshine Parade, Sunshine. NSW. 2264

Phone: 02 4970 5118

Club Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/TeamSLMASC/>

Toronto Amateur Sailing Club

Address: 27 Victory Parade, Toronto. NSW 2283

Phone: 02 4959 5610

Website: <http://www.tasc.org.au/>