



## **Amalgamated Sydney Flying Squadron/Australian 18 Footers Sailing Strategy**

The headline principle to the amalgamation of the Sydney Flying Squadron (SFS) and the Australian 18 Footers League (A18s) is defined in the constitution as:

*to foster, encourage and promote the sailing of historic 18 foot skiffs, modern 18 foot skiffs, other skiff based sailing boats, and other classes of boats on the waters of Sydney Harbour as approved by the Board from time to time.*

Both clubs have successful sailing programs and in summary, there is little change planned to either program in the foreseeable future. Improved operational efficiencies will assist in the ability to invest more into marketing and running each program but the essence of racing at each prospective club will remain unchanged.

### **18 Footer League Ltd, Double Bay Based**

The Australian 18 Footer skiff fleet is wholly owned by 18 Footers League Limited. This ownership model is to used to ensure:

- Controlled development within a controlled cost framework
- Consistent fleet turnout as skippers are contracted to participate
- A marketable weekly high profile sporting event
- Bulk buying of equipment
- Communal servicing of equipment to reduce costs
- Accessibility to sailors otherwise prohibited entry by costs of ownership

Races are held on Sunday 14:45 from mid-October to mid-March.

The equipment maintenance and replacement costs are intended to keep the fleet as competitive as possible. This equates to 2-3 new sails per boat per annum and 2-3 new hulls each year to keep hull age below 10 years. Of note, an increase in mast expenditure in the last two years is expected to be offset by reduced future replacement as the masts become more standardised and sails last longer.

### **Values of the A18 club as agreed by the 18 Footers League Board**

- Respect - for our local community, our members, our sailors, our suppliers, our stakeholders, each other
- A Corinthian ethos - of fair play and maintaining the highest standards of amateur sportsmanship
- Accessible to sailors - using club funds to ensure the 18 Ft Skiff is not an expensive exclusive hobby of the few

- Environmental ethics - always to consider our the moral and ethical relationship of human beings to the environment
- Fairness - impartial and just treatment or behaviour without favouritism or discrimination

### **Season Goals**

1. Every boat sponsored
2. Attract at least 6 overseas entries for JJG
3. 18 competitive boats
4. At least one new female helm
5. Support for new and youth sailors

### **Post Amalgamation Goals**

Each fleet of existing 18s will continue to sail independently from their own venue - Modern 18s at Double Bay and Historic 18s at SFS. With the input of the relevant sailing committee the boats may share race management.

### **Stated aims of the Club as per the amalgamated constitution:**

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### **Modern 18 Footer Fleet post Amalgamation**

This model has been successfully run for between 16 and 22 boats for more than 30 years. There are no plans or intention to fundamentally change the boat, rules, funding model, race program or launching venue.

### **Sailing at SFS Post Amalgamation - Kirribilli Based**

A sailing committee of like minded sailing members to be declared as an advisory committee to represent the best interests of the Historic 18 Class and to continue the racing as per their the current model and their fleet of 8 boats:

- Historic 18s to sail as privately owned boats
- No direct funding of historic boats

The amalgamated club will be responsible for sailing costs including but not limited to:

- Appointment of a race committee to manage and conduct sailing races for the Historic 18 ft. class
- Manage other sailing events from time to time e.g. 12 footers, Cherubs, 29er competitions
- Support for boats and sailors as the board may decide from time to time