



NOTICE OF RACE

2026

JJ GILTINAN 18 FOOT SKIFF CHAMPIONSHIP

Organizing Authority:

The Australian 18 Footers League

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1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and:
 - (a) The Australian 18 Foot Class rules (found at www.18footers.com.au/18-footers-sailing/documents)
 - (b) RRS Appendix T – Arbitration applies. In this appendix the meeting may be conducted via electronic means (teleconference, video conference etc) and any requirement for written statement can be done electronically.
- 1.2. The Sailing Instructions will be published by 17:00 hrs on the 1st March 2026
<https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/events/10924>
In the event of conflict between any of the rules and regulations, the Sailing Instructions will prevail. This changes RRS 63.5(c)
- 1.3. RRS 31 is changed so that it only applies to:
 - (a) A race committee vessel that is also a mark
 - (b) A boat that attaches to, or drags a mark
 - (c) A MarkSetBot Start Line Pin Mark
- 1.4. RRS 44.1 is changed as follows:
 - (a) the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty; and
 - (b) a boat may take a penalty under RRS 44.1 if it breaks a rule of Part 2, RRS 31, or a Sailing Instruction regarding prohibited areas.
- 1.5. A PFD (+50N) for each crew member to be on board or worn at the discretion of the crew member.
- 1.6. All boats shall carry a spare air cylinder (supplied by the OA) in addition each skiff shall carry a sheathed knife capable of cutting webbing and rope and it should be located in an accessible location.
- 1.7. The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.. Guidelines for discretionary penalties will be made available.
- 1.8. The notation '[SP]' in a rule means that a standard penalty will be applied by the race committee without a hearing. This changes Appendix A4 and Appendix A5. The list of Standard Penalties will be made available.
- 1.9. The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest for an alleged breach of this rule. This changes RRS 60.1.
- 1.10. [SP] Rigging areas shall be allocated by a random/allocated draw on 22/2/2026 at the 18 Footers League Club. Skiffs shall remain in the drawn position for the duration of the regatta. All skiffs shall be rigged and standing upright 45 minutes before the scheduled warning signal on any race day.
- 1.11. There is an international jury and right of appeal is denied

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2. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 2.1. The regatta is an invitation only event in accordance with the 18 Footers Class Rules. Applications are open to all League design skiffs on the international register that have an 18 Foot Skiff Class measurement certificate.
- 2.2. Boats shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of not less than A\$10,000,000 for each separate incident.
- 2.3. Boats shall have a distinguishing mark on each mainsail. Such mark shall be approved by the Organizing Authority and this distinguishing mark shall not be changed without prior approval of the Organizing Authority.
- 2.4. Boats shall pay the entry fee is as follows:
A\$900 (AUD nine hundred dollars) if paid by 28 February 2026, or
A\$1100 (AUD one thousand one hundred dollars) if paid after 28 February 2026
Payment shall be made to:
Australian 18 Footers League Ltd
Commonwealth Bank Double Bay NSW
BSB: 062156
Account No: 10235622
Swift: CTBAAU2S
- 2.5. Eligible boats may submit an entry for consideration by completing the 'Entry Form' which is found at www.18footers.com/documents

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1. The Official Noticeboard is found at <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/events/10924>

4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1. Below is the schedule:

Day	Date	Race Details	Scheduled Warning Signal Time
Thursday	5 March 2026	Measurement Day	
Friday	6 March, 2026	Regatta Briefing and Invitation Race	12:00 hrs & 14:40hrs
Saturday	7 March, 2026	Race 1	14:40 hrs
Sunday	8 March, 2026	Race 2	14:40 hrs
Monday	9 March 2026	Reserve Day	
Tuesday	10 March, 2026	Race 3 & 4	14:40 hrs

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Wednesday	11 March, 2026	Race 5 & 6	14:40 hrs
Thursday	12 March, 2026	Race 7	14:40 hrs
Friday	13 March 2026	Reserve Day	
Saturday	14 March, 2026	Race 8	14:40 hrs
Sunday	15 March, 2026	Race 9	14:40 hrs

4.2. On multiple race days the second race will be as soon as practical after the completion of the previous race.

4.3. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 17:00.

5. CREW

5.1. In addition to the requirements in Class Rule C.3.4, a boat shall race with the same crew over the regatta or championship.

5.2. Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee. Requests to substitute crew shall be RRS Link lodged as soon as practical.

6. ADVERTISING

6.1. In accordance with class rule C.2.1, boats shall display:

- (a) the event advertising sticker(s);
- (b) a decal of a flag indicating the country of origin of the boat.

6.2. Note: these stickers will shall be displayed even if the mainsail is subsequently reefed.

7. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

7.1. Boats shall be available for equipment inspection on Measurement Day, at times communicated by the measurer. Boats may be inspected at other times.

8. VENUE

8.1. The regatta site will be in Steyne Park, adjacent to the Australian 18 Footers League clubhouse, Double Bay, Sydney.

8.2. The racing area will be on Port Jackson, east of the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

9. COURSES

9.1. Details will be stated in the Sailing Instructions.

10. MEDIA PRODUCTION

10.1. The Organizing Authority may commission an official television production. In participating in this competition a competitor automatically grants to the Organizing Authority and event sponsors the right in perpetuity to make, display and distribute at their discretion any motion pictures, still pictures and live or recorded television and other reproductions of him/ her during the period of the competition without compensation.

10.2. Camera vessels will be in the racing area each scheduled race day. An official camera vessel is designated as an obstruction.

- 10.3. If required by the Organizing Authority, boats shall be equipped with cameras. The allocation of the cameras will be rotated in an equitable manner.
- 10.4. A boat may not request redress because of the actions of the camera vessels or impacts of Organizing Authority equipment on a boat. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

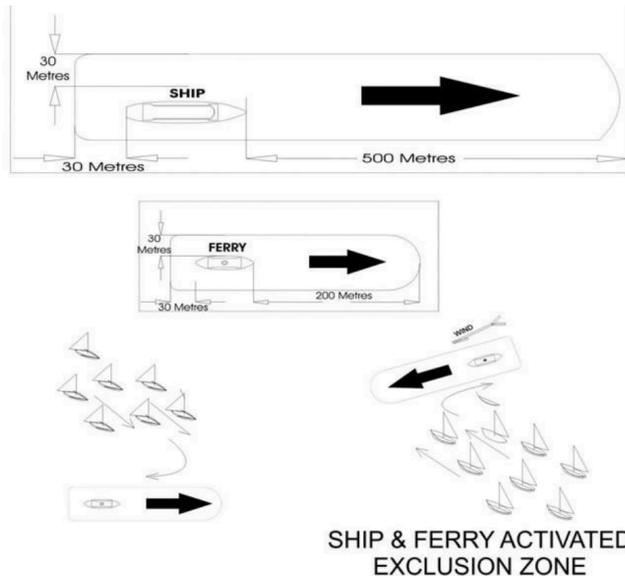
11. SUPPORT PERSON

- 11.1. Each support boat is required to register with the 18 Footers League "Race Office" and is to carry a working VHF radio and monitor on VHF channel agreed with the Race Officer. A boat shall not receive help from a support boat and/or person. A support boat and/or person is determined if reasonably considered by the race committee to constitute the actions of support whether registered or not. A support boat shall not approach or follow a boat in the championship and stay at least 200 meters outside areas where boats are sailing and racing "from the time they leave the rigging area until the time they return ashore and finish racing".
- 11.2. [DP]A support boat may approach a boat only [with permission](#) of the race committee.

12. COMMERCIAL AND DEFENSE SHIPPING

- 12.1. All competitors MUST keep 500m from the bow of any ship and at least 200m from the bow of any ferry displaying an orange diamond and not less than 30m from the sides/stern of any ship or ferry underway
- 12.2. Boats 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.
- 12.3. Boats shall abide by traffic directions of the Roads and Maritime Services Boating Officers / Sydney Ports Officers. Any boat 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.
- 12.4. Any boat reported by Roads and Maritime Services or Sydney Ports as having contravened these regulations will be disqualified without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.2.

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13. SCORING

- 13.1. The Low Point Score System as described in RRS 2025-2028 RRS Appendix A as modified will apply.
- 13.2. RRS A5.2 will apply.
- 13.3. Four (4) races are required to constitute a series.
- 13.4. (a) When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores.
(b) Where six (6) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.

14. PRIZES

- 14.1. Individual race prizes will be presented after the race on each race day at the Australian 18 Footers League clubhouse.
- 14.2. At the conclusion of the last race of the regatta, boats shall remain in the vicinity of the finishing area until the winning ribbon is presented.
- 14.3. Prizes will be awarded to the overall winners of the championship at a presentation function, which will be held in the Australian 18 Footers League clubhouse on Sunday evening March 15, 2026.

15. RISK STATEMENT

It is a fundamental condition of entry that all those taking part in the regatta do so at their own risk and responsibility and that they hold harmless and indemnify the Australian 18 Footers League Limited and Australian Sailing, its officers, employees, agents and members and the sponsors of the event from all liability any of those persons has to any crew member on the boat, or to any person claiming through or under any such person arising from loss or damage howsoever caused, including by negligent act or omission, arising out of or relating to participation in the event.

The Australian 18 Footers League Limited is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a skiff whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment. The Australian 18 Footers League Limited reserves the right to refuse an entry.

Attention is drawn to RRS 3 which states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone”.

16. SAFETY

Use of a quick release harness is highly recommended.

17. CONTACT

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