NOTICE OF RACE

2026 - 2027 18 FOOT SKIFF CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON

Organising Authority: The Australian 18 Footers League

1. **RULES**

1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*. The other documents that govern the event are:

(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:

(1) T1(b) is changed as follows: A Post-Race Penalty taken by a boat prior to the arbitration meeting is a 20% Scoring Penalty and a Post-Race Penalty taken after the start of the arbitration meeting is a 30% Scoring Penalty, unless a Discretionary Penalty is applicable under 1.5. Both penalties are calculated as stated in RRS 44.3(c). However 44.1(a) applies.

(2) The meeting may be conducted via electronic means (teleconference, video conference etc) and any requirement for a written statement can be electronically submitted.

1.2. The Sailing Instructions will be published by 1900 hrs of October 8th, 2026 (found at www.18footers.com.au/18-footers-sailing/documents/)

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 'Touching a Mark' is changed so that it only applies to

{1} a race committee vessel that is also a mark

{2} a boat that attaches to, or drags a mark

{3} a MarkSetBot Start Line Pin Mark or a MarkSetBot Mark of Course

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. As allowed by RRS 60.5(c), the Protest Committee may impose 'some other penalty' by way of a point(s) penalty in lieu of disqualifying a boat.

The Australian Sailing Discretionary Penalties are listed in Addendum J1 and J1-A for this event.

The use of Discretionary Penalties for this event has been approved by Australian Sailing and declared in this NoR and the SI's. This changes RRS 60.5(c)

Exclusively Band 4 Discretionary Penalties will be applied without a hearing. This changes Appendix A4 and Appendix A5.

A breach of any rule in this Addendum by a boat shall not be grounds for protest by another boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1.6. RRS 90.3(e) applies.

1.7. RRS Rule 50.1(b) is modified to 3kg

1.8. All boats shall carry a spare air cylinder (supplied by the OA), positioned on transom. In addition, each skiff shall carry a sheathed knife capable of cutting webbing and rope, positioned on the transom. Each crew member is required to carry a knife and a bright yellow flag for signaling help.

1.9. All boats to carry 3x PFDs (Min Certified Level 50) on board, one to be located on transom (unless worn by crew members) and be easily accessible.

1.10. The Notice Board is found at
www.18footers.com.au/18-footers-sailing/documents/

2. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

2.1. The regatta is open to boats that have an 18 Foot Skiff Class measurement certificate.

2.2. Sail Registration Day (SRD) is scheduled for October 11 2026 and all skiffs will need to complete SRD with a certificate of eligibility to compete for the rest of the season.

2.3. 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.

2.4. Boats shall have a distinguishing mark on each mainsail. Such mark shall be approved by the Organising Authority and this distinguishing mark shall not be changed without prior approval of the Organising Authority.

2.5. All races conducted by the Organising Authority are by invitation only. All boats entering must submit crew names for approval by the Organising Authority

3. SCHEDULE

3.1. Schedule:

Australian 18 Footers League
2026/27 Season Calendar

DATE	DAY	COMPETITION	RACE	RACE TYPE	TROPHY	FORMAT
8/10/2026	Thursday	Season Opening Welcome Night				
11/10/2026	Sunday	Spring Championship / Club Championship	Race 1	Handicap Star	Major A. Frizelle Trophy	Spring Championship 6 Races No Drop
			****SAIL REGISTRATION DAY Start of Season *****			
18/10/2026	Sunday	Spring Championship / Club Championship	Race 2/CC Race 1	Scratch Start	Alf Beashel Memorial Trophy	
25/10/2026	Sunday	Spring Championship	Race 3	Handicap	Mick Scully Memorial Trophy	
1/11/2026	Sunday	Spring Championship	Race 4/CC Race 2	Scratch Start	Eric Bowen Memorial Trophy	Spring Championship 6 Races No Drop
8/11/2026	Sunday	Spring Championship	Race 5&6	Handicap	Chris Webb Memorial Trophy	
15/11/2026	Sunday	Handicap spring championship	Race 7	Scratch Start	Yandoo Trophy	
22/11/2026	Sunday	NSW Championship/Club Championship Scratch	Race 1 / CC Race 3	Scratch Start	W.C."Trappy" Duncan Trophy	
27/11/2026	Friday	Queen of the Waves	Short Long Course	Scratch	Queen of the Waves	
						NSW Championship 8 Races No Drop p
29/11/2026	Sunday	NSW Championship / Club Championship	Race 2&3/ CC Race 4&	5Scratch Start	Alice Burton Memorial Trophy	
6/12/2026	Sunday	NSW Championship / Club Championship	Race 4	Scratch Start	Syd Barnett Jr. Memorial Tro	
13/12/2026	Sunday	NSW Championship / Club Championship	Race 5&6/ CC Race 6&	7Scratch Start		
20/12/2026	Sunday	NSW Championship / Club Championship	Race 7	Scratch Start		
8/1/2027		Akarana NZ Regatta - (8-10 Jan)				
24/1/2027	Sunday	Pointscore	Race 15	Handicap		
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26/1/2027	Tuesday	Australia Day Regatta x5 boats	$1000 Scratch Winner	Scratch Start	Lord Mayor's Trophy - Scratc	
29/1/2027	Friday	Australian Championship (5pm start)	Day 1 - AC Race 1	Scratch Start	Cordukes Clubhouse Trophy	Scratch Races for the Australian Championship Trophy
30/1/2027	Saturday	Australian Championship	Day 2 - AC Race 2 and 3	Scratch Start	Commodore Cup	
31/1/2027	Sunday	Australian Championship	Day 3 - AC Race 4 and 5	Scratch Start	Ferry Patron's Trophy	
7/2/2027	Sunday	Season Pointscore / Club Championship	Race 16 /CC Race 8	Scratch Start	President's Trophy	
14/2/2027	Sunday	Season Pointscore	Race 17	Handicap		
19/2/2027	Friday	Balmain Cup 5:00pm start	Race 1,2 and 3	Scratch Sprint	Balmain Trophy	3x Sprint Races
21/2/2027	Sunday	Season Pointscore/ Club Championship	Race 18 / CC Race 9	Scratch Start		
26/2/2027	Friday	JJG Worlds Championship	Invitation Race	Scratch Start		JJ's 9 Races One Drop
27/2/2027	Saturday	JJG Worlds Championship	Race 1	Scratch Start	George Calligeros Trophy	
28/2/2027	Sunday	JJG Worlds Championship	Race 2	Scratch Start	Cliff Monkhouse Memorial Cu	
2/3/2027	Tuesday	JJG Worlds Championship	Race 3 & 4	Scratch Start	Alan Cole Memorial Trophy	
3/3/2027	Wednesd	JJG Worlds Championship	Race 5 & 6	Scratch Start	A J Reynolds Trophy	
4/3/2027	Thursday	JJG Worlds Championship	Race 7	Scratch Start	Bill Miller Memorial	
6/3/2027	Saturday	JJG Worlds Championship	Race 8	Scratch Start	Big Kite' Memorial	
7/3/2027	Sunday	JJG Worlds Championship	Race 9	Scratch Start		

Season Pointscore - Handicap All Races other than The Australian Championship, Sponsors Race, Balmain Cup, QOW, JJG
Australia Day Regatta Entry Conditions - Annual roster of minimum of 5 boats

3.2. The scheduled warning signal for the first race of the day is 1440 hrs. On multiple race days the second race will be as soon as practical after the completion of the previous race.

3.3. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1700.

3.4. BALMAIN CUP SPRINT SERIES

(a) The series will feature a minimum of 1 race and a maximum of 3 races, depending on conditions and Race Committee discretion.

(b) The scheduled warning signal for the first race of the day is 1700 hrs. A 3-minute start sequence will be employed, and the next start will commence as soon as possible after the preceding race. The finishing window is 10 minutes after the finishing time of the first boat.

(c) No warning signal will be made after 1830.

(d) Starts will be run under Rule 30.3 or 30.4.

4. CREW

4.1. In addition to the requirements in Class Rule C.3.3, a boat shall race with the same crew

4.2. Crew nominations must be submitted in writing to the Organising Authority for approval prior to the start of competition.

4.3. Substitution of competitors over the regatta or championship is not allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee. Requests to substitute crew shall be in writing and lodged promptly no later than 4 hours before start time and include full name and emergency contact details.

4.4. Crew for the Queen of the Harbour shall be the regular season crew and then also include an additional crew member being female. The standard equipment will be used including 3 only trapeze..

5. ADVERTISING

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

(a) the event advertising sticker(s)

(b) The designated template showing the position of Mondiale VGL and 18Footers.com and national flag.



(c) Other areas available for boat sponsors

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

6. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

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

7. VENUE

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

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

8. COURSES

8.1. Courses will be standard courses to accommodate various wind directions. Details will be in the Sailing Instructions.

9. MEDIA PRODUCTION

9.1. The Organising Authority may commission an official television production.

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

9.3. If required by the Organising Authority, boats shall be equipped with cameras. The allocation of the cameras will be rotated in an equitable manner.

9.4. Actions of the camera vessels or impacts of Organising Authority equipment on a boat are not subject to redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)

10. SUPPORT PERSON

Except in the case of an emergency, or if approved by the race committee, a boat shall not receive help from a support person from the time it leaves the rigging area until the time it returns ashore and has finished racing.

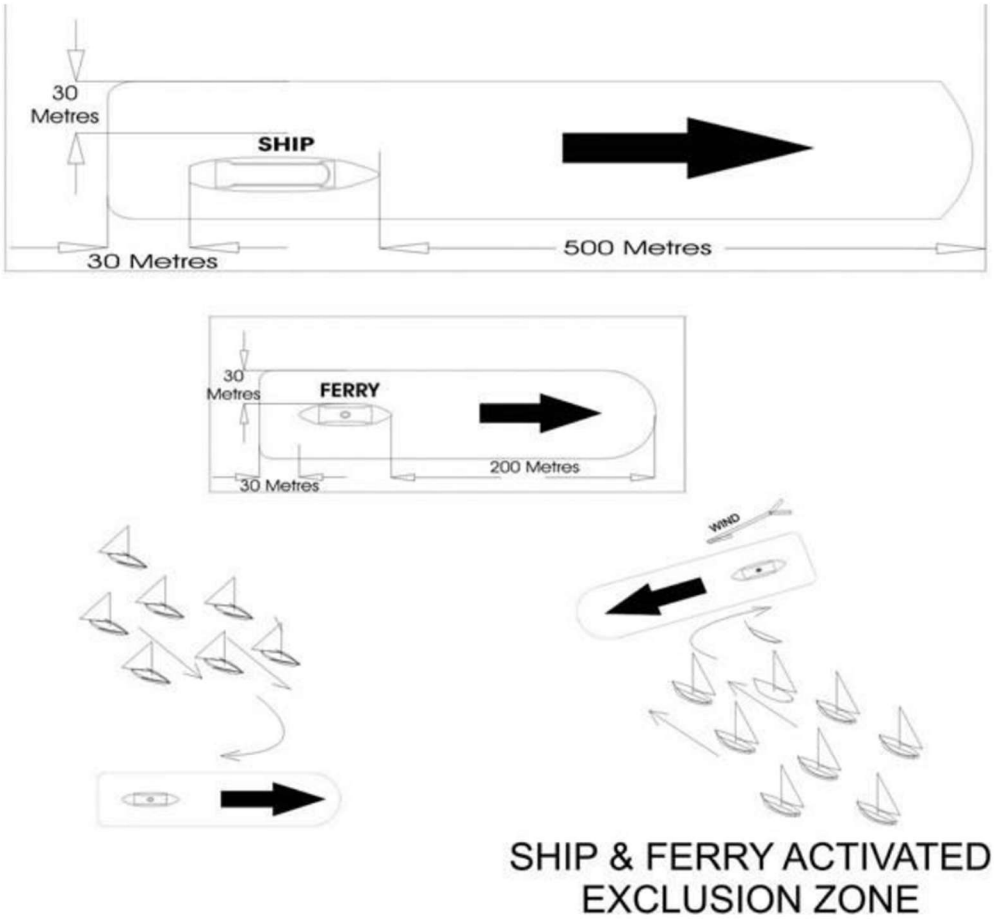
11. COMMERCIAL AND DEFENCE SHIPPING

11.1. 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

11.2. 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.

11.3. 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.

11.4. Any boat reported by Roads and Maritime Services or Sydney Ports as having contravened these regulations will be disqualified without a hearing.



12. SCORING

12.1. Rule A5.3 applies

12.2. Four (4) races are required to constitute a series.

12.3. Provisional results will be displayed on the official notice board by 20:00 hours on the day of the appropriate race.

12.4. Handicap results will constitute the Season PointScore results

12.5. BALMAIN CUP SPRINT SERIES

(a) These results may only be confirmed at the prize-giving ceremony

(b) All race scores will count toward the final standings. No scores will be excluded.

13. PRIZES

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

13.2. 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.

13.3. BALMAIN CUP SPRINT SERIES

(a) The total prize pool is $5000, distributed as follows:

1st Place: $5000

2nd Place: Champagne

3rd Place: Champagne

(b) Attendance at the prize-giving ceremony, in sponsor attire, is mandatory to receive any prize.

14. 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".

15. CONTACT

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