SKATE SAILING ASSOCIATION OF NSW INCORPORATED

NSW STATE CHAMPIONSHIP
2026-27 SEASON
NOTICE OF RACE

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Sunday 22 November 2026	South Lakes Regatta
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Sunday 7 February 2027	Toronto Regatta
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OVERVIEW

The Skate NSW State Championship for the 2026-27 season will follow a traditional format as agreed at the Skate Sailing Association of NSW Incorporated (SSANSW) Annual General Meeting in March 2026.

The State Championship will be comprised of six heats hosted by the following clubs:

- St George Sailing Club – St George Regatta – Heat 1
- South Lake Macquarie Amateur Sailing Club (South Lakes) – Heat 2
- Kurnell Catamaran Club – Heat 3
- Toronto Amateur Sailing Club – Heat 4
- Yarra Bay 16ft Skiff Club – Yarra Bay Cup – Heats 5 & 6 (two back-to-back sprint races).

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

Championship heats will be run in alignment with scheduled host club competition.

The Championship events will be publicised via the Skate Website and Facebook page and a class reunion BBQ will be held at St George following racing.

DETAIL

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

1. RULES

1.1 The Championship will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028.

1.2 The Special Regulations of Australian Sailing - Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats (effective 1 July 2024) 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 Skate Sailing Association of Australia Special Rules (updated September 2026) 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. Website links for each club can be found in Attachment A.

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 the 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.

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.

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

5 SCHEDULE

5.1 Regatta dates and key details.

Saturday 31 October 2026	• Skate Class Reunion – Sponsored by Sydney Mooring & Barge • Heat 1 - St George Regatta – Lackey Family Trophy • Briefing 1245 hours • Warning Signal 1410 hours • Entry Fee: Nil • Post race – Skate class reunion BBQ & Regatta trophy presentation
Sunday 22 November 2026	• Heat 2 – South Lakes • Briefing 1230 hours • Warning Signal 1400 hours • Entry Fee: $20 – payable at the briefing
Sunday 13 December 2026	• Heat 3 – Kurnell Cat Club • Briefing 1130 hours • Warning Signal 1300 hours • Entry Fee: $25 – payable at the briefing
Sunday 7 February 2027	• Heat 4 – Toronto • Briefing 1300 hours • Warning Signal 1400 hours • First race will count as the State Championship Heat; Sailing second race is optional • Entry Fee: $20 payable at the briefing
Sunday 21 March 2027	• Heats 5 & 6 – Yarra Bay Regatta – Basil Wood Trophy • Two back-to-back sprint races. • Briefing 1200 hrs • First warning signal 1315 hours • Post race – Regatta trophy, and State Championship and Pointscore trophy presentation

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.

7.3 The Low Points scoring system will be used and RRS A5.3 will apply.

7.4 State Championship:

- Four heats completed – all results to count
- Five or six heats completed – drop worst result.

7.6 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

7.7 Scoring for the Regatta trophies will be the boat's combined score for the designated State Championship races sailed at the Regatta.

8 RISK STATEMENT

8.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing 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 as follows:

- State Champion - Gosford Sports Club Trophy
- St George Regatta – First Place (scr) - Lackey Family Trophy
- Yarra Bay Regatta – First Place (scr) – Basil Wood Trophy.

10.3 Prizes may be awarded to heat winners at the discretion of the host clubs.

11. FURTHER INFORMATION

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This Notice of Race can be downloaded from the Skate Sailing Association website:
https://skatesailingaustralia.org/calendar.html

ATTACHMENTS:

A. Host Club Details

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St George Sailing Club
Address: 2 Riverside Drive, Sans Souci NSW 2219
Phone: 02 9529 4911
Sailing Website: https://stgeorgesailing.com.au/
Sailing Instructions and Course Maps https://stgeorgesailing.com.au/official-notice-board/

South Lake Macquarie Amateur Sailing Club
Address: 1A Sunshine Parade, Sunshine. NSW. 2264
Phone: 02 4970 5118
Club Website: https://www.revolutionise.com.au/slmasc
Sailing Instructions: https://cdn.revolutionise.com.au/cups/slmasc/files/nww1jvlpkatwc5xy.pdf

Kurnell Catamaran Club
Address: Cnr Ward Street & Prince Charles Parade, Kurnell NSW 2231
Phone: 0408 271 922
Sailing Website: http://www.kcc.asn.au/
Sailing Instructions;
https://www.kcc.asn.au/Racing/Sailing%20Instructions/KCC%20Sailing%20Instructions%202026-2027_1.0.pdf

Toronto Amateur Sailing Club
Address: 27 Victory Parade, Toronto. NSW 2283
Phone: 02 4959 5610
Website: http://www.tasc.org.au/
Sailing Instructions: https://www.tasc.org.au/sailing/sailing-instructions-2024-2025

Yarra Bay 16ft Skiff Sailing Club
Address: 67-69 Yarra Rd, Phillip Bay. NSW. 2036
Phone: 02 9311 2592
Sailing Website: https://yarrabaysailingclub.com.au/