



MEMORANDUM

To	All Surf Life Saving Sydney Clubs
From	Surf Life Saving Sydney Boat Panel
CC	Board of Management
Date	11 October 2022
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Subject	Sydney Branch Boat Series

Dear All,

RE: Surf Life Saving Sydney Boat Series

Following the Winter Sydney Surf Boat Rowers Seminar it was agreed that a Panel (representing all Sydney Surf Rowers) be formed with a view to advancing Surf Boat Rowing within the Branch, particularly through the conduct of a Sydney Surf Boat Series.

The Panel, consisting of Steve Larnach (North Bondi), Phil Stivano (South Maroubra), Tim Nesbitt (Elouera), David Staples (Era), and Frank Schreuder (North Cronulla), have put forward a program with Local Rules set to encourage further rower participation.

Note that the first Round Yarra Bay will be a Skins Event. There will be only 4 Divisions - Senior Men/Women, U/19 Men/Women. Flyer will be out shortly.

Seniors will be comprised of Opens, Reserves and U/23s who will row 2 complete rounds (full course); at the completion of which crews will be divided into Top 6 crews, Second 6 crews, Third 6 (and possibly fourth 6 crews).

Each will then row off via short course with 1 crew eliminated each race until a winner is declared. The turnaround for each race will be a minute from when the 1st crew crosses the line.

THE SYDNEY BRANCH BOAT SERIES WILL CONSIST OF 5 LEGS –

- Round 1 - Yarra Bay Skins - 22nd of October 2022
- Round 2 - 2022 Wanda - 29th of October 2022
- Round 3 - South Maroubra - 12th of November 2022 (in conjunction with South Coast Boat Series)
- Round 4 - North Cronulla - 17/18th of December 2022
- Round 5 - Sydney Branch Championships, Elouera – 5th February 2023

All events will be run in accordance with the 37th Edition of the Surf Sports Manual with all rules, regulations, and by-laws.

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In addition the following LOCAL rules will apply to the non-representative (selection for NSW teams) and/or Championship (Branch Champs) legs of the Series. To clarify, Local Rules apply to only Rounds 1 and 2.

Proposed Local Rules (applicable only for Rounds 1, 2)

Rule 1 -

A sweep will be able to sweep another club's (in addition to his own) crews, if required in his/her own Club's boat or the other clubs at the sweep's discretion (providing the sweep is not sweeping an existing crew in the same division). The crew would be entitled to Boat Series Points - minus 20% of points awarded.

** In addition, specific to the Skins Carnival on 22 October, that a sweep from the same club (preferably), be able to sweep additional crew/s if the crews were to be drawn in the same race i.e., Sweep A steers his Open Men's Crew and U/23 Men's Crew, they both qualify for the last 6 boats. Sweep A cannot steer both so Sweep B is sought and steers one of the crews until either is knocked out.*

Rule 2 -

The boat panel has the right to choose the format of racing on the day considering surf conditions, although every effort will be made to notify competitors and officials of the format at the earliest opportunity.

e.g., flat days perhaps have longer racing (1K) with harsher cuts or good clean surf days race short course with softer cuts to allow more time spent in the surf. This will not apply to the State Selection Carnival at North Cronulla nor the Branch Championships where normal racing will apply.

Rule 3

U/23 rowers can row in the junior category, on condition that they do not exceed the combine age of 76 years, providing that no member of the crew is older than the U/23 Category and that there are no more than 2 overage rowers in the crew.

e.g., two 16 year old can form a crew with two 20 year old

Rule 4 -

Allowances to be made for crews to be made up of rowers from varying clubs and to compete for their own club ie 2 rowers from one club, 2 rowers from another club + 1 sweep. All to gain points for that specific crew. Entry fees to be paid by own club.

Rule 5 -

Point score to be in accordance with the Surf Sports Manual system i.e., 10 points for 1st, 9 for 2nd.

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