

## Connells Point Sailing Club

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### ***Information for new Club members*** 2016-2017 Season

Connells Point Sailing Club is a family-oriented, non-licensed Sailing Club situated at Donnelly Park, Kyle Parade, Connells Point on the shores of the Georges River. Racing is held each Saturday afternoon from September to April. Saturday afternoon racing begins at 2 pm, except for some special event days such as the Sprint Series and the Kurnell Cup. A Winter Series may be held if there is sufficient interest. Classes of boats sailed include Lasers (full, radial and 3.7 rigs), Sabres, NS14s Optimists and Herons.

Being a non-licensed Club we rely on membership fees, rack fees, donations and Canteen receipts to cover our expenses and upgrade our facilities. We are especially indebted to the many volunteers who help with the running of the Club, the sailing school and the racing each week.

Each season the Club conducts a sailing school for juniors and a limited number of adults wishing to learn to sail using our fleet of Optimists, Pacers, Heron, Sabre and Laser. We have recently purchased a dedicated junior rescue craft to ensure the safety of our new and younger sailors.

This information is a summary for new members. Members are advised to consult the Club's Constitution and By-laws and the Sailing Program (which includes the Club's sailing instructions) for full details. It is especially important for members to be conversant with the Sailing Instructions and any amendments to these which may be posted on the Club's Noticeboard. Please seek clarification from the Commodore or Race Committee if unsure. The Sailing Program is emailed to members.

#### ***Sailing Events:***

A number of different sailing events are held during the season and each class generally records separate results for their fleet of boats. These events include:

- \* Pointscore series (based on handicap placings)
- \* Club Championship series (a scratch series conducted over 5 to 7 races during the season)
- \* Handicap start series – usually over two days
- \* Sprint series - a number of short races (both scratch placings and handicap placings)
- \* Short-course race days – when two shorter races are conducted each afternoon
- \* Kurnell Cup gala day (generally held late February or early March)
- \* Winter Series (once a month in each of May, June, July and August – this is dependent on member interest)

#### ***Visitors:***

Visitors are welcome at our Club on a short-term basis. Non-members who wish to sail as a visitor are required to:

- \* Pay the appropriate visitor fee to the Canteen.
- \* Complete a Race Entry form (available from the Club office) and return to the Starters (or Canteen).
- \* Sign on before the race and sign off after completion of racing (sign on/off sheet is outside the change rooms).
- \* Consult the Sailing Instructions which are posted on the Club noticeboard.

### ***Becoming a member:***

To become a member of Connells Point Sailing Club you will need to:

- Complete a Membership card (available from the Club office). There are a number of different membership categories - Family, Senior, Full-time Student, Junior, Sub-Junior and Associate. If you applying for family membership please complete one card for each family Member.
- Have your application nominated and seconded by an existing Club member.
- Pay the required fees to the Treasurer. A schedule of fees is posted on the Club noticeboard.
- The Club is affiliated with Yachting Australia and pays approximately \$45 per member or \$135 for a family. The Club requires payment of this in addition to Club membership fees.
- Be presented to Club members - this can occur on a race day on Saturday afternoon at the pre-race briefing (1.15 pm), at a Club meeting (held monthly on a Saturday afternoon during sailing season, or nightly at other times). Once you have been presented your application will be voted on at the next Club meeting which occurs at least 14 days after presentation.
- You are eligible to accrue points after you have been presented to Club members and have paid the required Club fees.
- The class handicapper is responsible for compiling results each week according to the Club's sailing instructions and by-laws. These are published in the Sunday papers in the sports section. Some handicappers email these to members of their class.
- Please complete a Race Entry form (available from the Club office). One form can cover all races during the season if you sail the same boat each race. Return to the Treasurer with your fees, or hand in to the Canteen or to a member of the Starters boat prior to racing. Members are required to be financial and submit a Race Entry form to be eligible to accrue points. It is your responsibility to ensure that your Race Entry form is in the hands of the starters.
- The sailing instructions require a crew member of each boat to sign-on before each race and sign off at the conclusion of racing each week. The sign on sheet is situated on the shelf outside the men's and women's change rooms. Boat details are listed, but as a new member your boat may not be showing - if so add your boat's name and number to the end of the appropriate list.
- Racks for boat storage are allocated by the Rack Supervisor subject to availability. Bottom racks are intended for boats that are sailed each week. Every endeavour will be made to allocate to you the rack of your choice, however bottom racks are not always available and a waiting list is maintained. Boats and/or trolleys are not to be left in the rack passageways. Please contact the Racks Officer, Eric Wiseman 9546 4892, if you require a Clubhouse rack. If allocated a rack, please pay the required fee and complete a Boat Storage agreement form and return to the Treasurer.

## ***Sailing Program***

Each year the Club publishes its Club Program book, which is emailed to members. A copy is also on the Club Notice board. This publication includes the Schedule of Sailing Events and the Sailing Instructions. Please ensure you receive a copy and that you study the sailing instructions. This publication also lists:

- \* The Club's executive, contact people and phone numbers.
- \* The full racing program for the season
- \* Sailing instructions
- \* A map of the racing area and courses
- \* Safety instructions

## ***Other important points:***

- A briefing meeting is held before each race at 1.15 pm (for 2 pm starts) in the Clubhouse.
- Each week one class is the "duty class" and all members of that class are expected to assist. Duties include such things as launching, retrieving and cleaning rescue boats, taking the start boat from its mooring to the pontoon and returning it to its mooring at the conclusion of racing, setting the course, sweeping the Clubhouse floor and hosing the change rooms among other tasks. Please ask your Class Captain for guidance.
- Members are requested not to leave their cars in the area outside the Club. Please load/unload your car/trailer promptly and observe all Council signage, in particular the "no parking" signs.
- Each class has a customary rigging area - please don't rig/unrig in the unloading area.
- The Canteen is open each race day and is staffed by volunteer Club members. The Canteen is usually open between 12 noon and 1.45 pm and again after racing. Profits from the Canteen help augment our Club's funds.
- If you withdraw during a race it is important to indicate this to the start boat if at all possible. Once ashore sign off as DNF for "did not finish". If you did not receive an acknowledgment on your retirement from the race from the start boat, then please tell the Canteen helpers. This is important because otherwise we may think you are in trouble somewhere on the water and our rescue boats will be trying to find you.
- During water restrictions it will be necessary to use a bucket for cleaning your boat. Buckets and sponges are generally available near the taps just inside the boat bay doors and the hoses attached to taps are only to be used for cleansing of the rescue boat motors in line with permissible water usage.
- The Club holds a number of social functions during the year and a presentation night at the end of the season. All members, family and friends are welcome to attend.
- The Club's monthly meeting is generally held on the second Saturday at the conclusion of racing from September to April, and on a weeknight monthly during Winter. There is no meeting in January. The AGM is held late July and the Election of Officers Meeting is in August. Members are encouraged to attend our meetings.

The information above is a summary of our Club. A full copy of the Club's Rules and By-laws is available from the office. Please ask a member of the Club executive.

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