



Formula 16 Catamaran Association Australia

F16 AGM Minutes of meeting 09/01/2023

Attendees

Beau White, Emma Rankin, Lilly Smith, Angus Musgrove, Danielle and Murray Makin, Rob Saunders, Ben Clark, Simon Hallsworth, Peter Dunk, Luke Donovan, Mick Doherty, Luke Oakden, James Oakden, Mark Oakden, Kris Bilston, Gian Bilston, Beau Delaine, Luke Ratcliff, Ethan Moore, Sam Bylett, Zoe Kershaw.

Apologies:

Nick Reader, Rob Mahoney, Grant Pellew, Jack Mendham

Financial Position

A brief discussion was had regarding the financial position of the association.

- Bank Account \$ 9961 after payment for National
- Fixed Expenses are Website Hosting and International association fees at EURO 25 per member
- Income has increased this year from Nationals and membership.

Membership remains at \$100 per member. This will give the member voting rights and access to competing in State and National Title level events.

Election of Office Bearers

- President – Ben Clark
- Secretary - Grant Pellew
- Treasurer– Robyn White

Marketing and general dogs body : Beau White

National 2024

Proposal to hold the National title and F CUP in January in Eden, Two fold bay was presented by Beau White and Rob Saunders who have opened discussions with the club.

Proposal of RQ was withdrawn by Luke Oakden due to viability of the event for RQ who need more boats to hold a regatta.

The national event to be held second week in January was provisionally accepted if the vote by the F18 association to combine racing at the F18 National failed.

Class Status and report for the year

The F16 fleet has healthy growth in NSW and Goodall Design are receiving a number of enquiries for new boats and second hand.

SA remains at 2 boats

QLD has seen boats change hands but no new boats into the area.

Victoria has seen two boats purchased into Vic.

ACT fleet has grown to Four boats, three are sailing competitively with the bulk of the fleet travelling to regattas and state/national titles.

WA was not represented as there are no F16s we are aware of in the area.

A strong public awareness campaign continues on the website at WWW.AUSF16.ORG and Facebook via the F16 page and group. Members and F16 sailors are encouraged to post experiences, events and media in these areas.

The National Event 2023 is a smaller event than '22 but is deemed to be extremely successful. Excellent camaraderie and on/off water experience.

The Formula Cup concept is smaller this year with 3 F18s joining but still making the event more viable and offering an inclusive atmosphere and better racing.

Bangin' the corners was used as the invitation race and was enjoyed by competitors, spectators and race officials. This is to be a fixture in future F16 National events.

Other Business

F18 Integration

The F18 association has asked for the F16 association to present a proposal for combining the F18 and F16 fleets for national titles. This follows very successful combined events such as the 2022 Formula Cup, Vic State titles, Wildcat regatta, QLD state titles and other traveler series regattas.

Items noted:

Pros:

- More viable National regattas for F16
- Larger Fleet to provide more competitive racing for F16 teams - making the class more attractive for competitive sailors.
- Big combined results page gives a good impression of the class

Cons:

- Combined start will disadvantage F16 sailors
- Combined results will distort F16 results.
- F16 will be subjected to locations and dates selected by F18 association
- F18 Rotation will mean that F18s will be held in non F16 populated states such as WA and TAS.

- Additional expense of F18 regattas as they have much higher entry fees.
- Separated starts will resolve F18 interference but will negate the benefit of combined large fleet.

Beau White noted that he felt that if the results and starts were not combined then the F18s would push back that the F16s are interfering with their National on the course as they are not on the same score sheet and that the F18 sailors would claim the boats are not the same.

Mark Oakden and Kris Bilston noted that it was important to have separated results to get an accurate score for the national results for F16.

The final solution was to propose the following to the F18 AGM.

Combine the F16 National with the F18 national if there was a common start, and three results pages

1. Combined on scratch
2. F18 recalculated to exclude F16
3. F16 recalculated to exclude F18s

Viper Super Sloop

Beau White has discussed with sailors and the AS handicap administrator to introduce a variant of the Viper into the Australian Sailing yardsticks.

The Viper “Super Sloop” Variant will entail the following:

- Target Crew Weight 100kg
- “Super Sloop” configuration of the boat is single handed including the use of the jib, main and spinnaker.
- Crew weight adjustment by addition of weight
- Weight adjustment $\frac{1}{2}$ the difference between sailor weight and 100kg
- Weight to be fixed on the boat and not movable during racing.
- Location of weight at sailors discretion.

A vote was taken to include the Super Sloop Vipers in next years Formula Cup/F16 National event - the motion carried.

F16 association will monitor results at club and regatta level to ascertain if the weight is correct for 67 yardstick. (same as F16 sloop)

Finishing times

During discussions of solo sailors it was noted that at Formula Cup and state titles the finishing time particularly for the Solo Cat rigged sailors needs to be increased to 30 minutes to prevent DNF results due to timeouts in heavy conditions.

Ammendments to the SI's will be actioned.

Meeting was closed at approximately 6:30 pm

Feedback from F18 Association AGM. Updated 30.01.23

We await the official minutes of the meeting from the F18 association.

By attending the meeting we have the following to report of the current position of the F18 association after Ben Clark put through the proposal was:

The regatta and state title integration of the fleets has been great.

F18 sailors are adverse to F16s being on the same start for nationals

F18 sailors question the benefit for F18 to have the F16s at their national titles event

F18 may be prepared to host the F16 National in conjunction with the F18 National on a separate course and startline at the same venue

There will be no combined results

F18 have indicated they will setup a sub committee to poll and investigate how they can accommodate the F16s

The F16 Association has thus invoked the default position and the F16 National and Formula CUP will be held in Eden hosted by the Two Fold Bay Yacht club 8 - 11 January with a Bangin the corners on Sunday the 7th. Eden is a stunning location and we look forward to another fun filled Event in 2024.