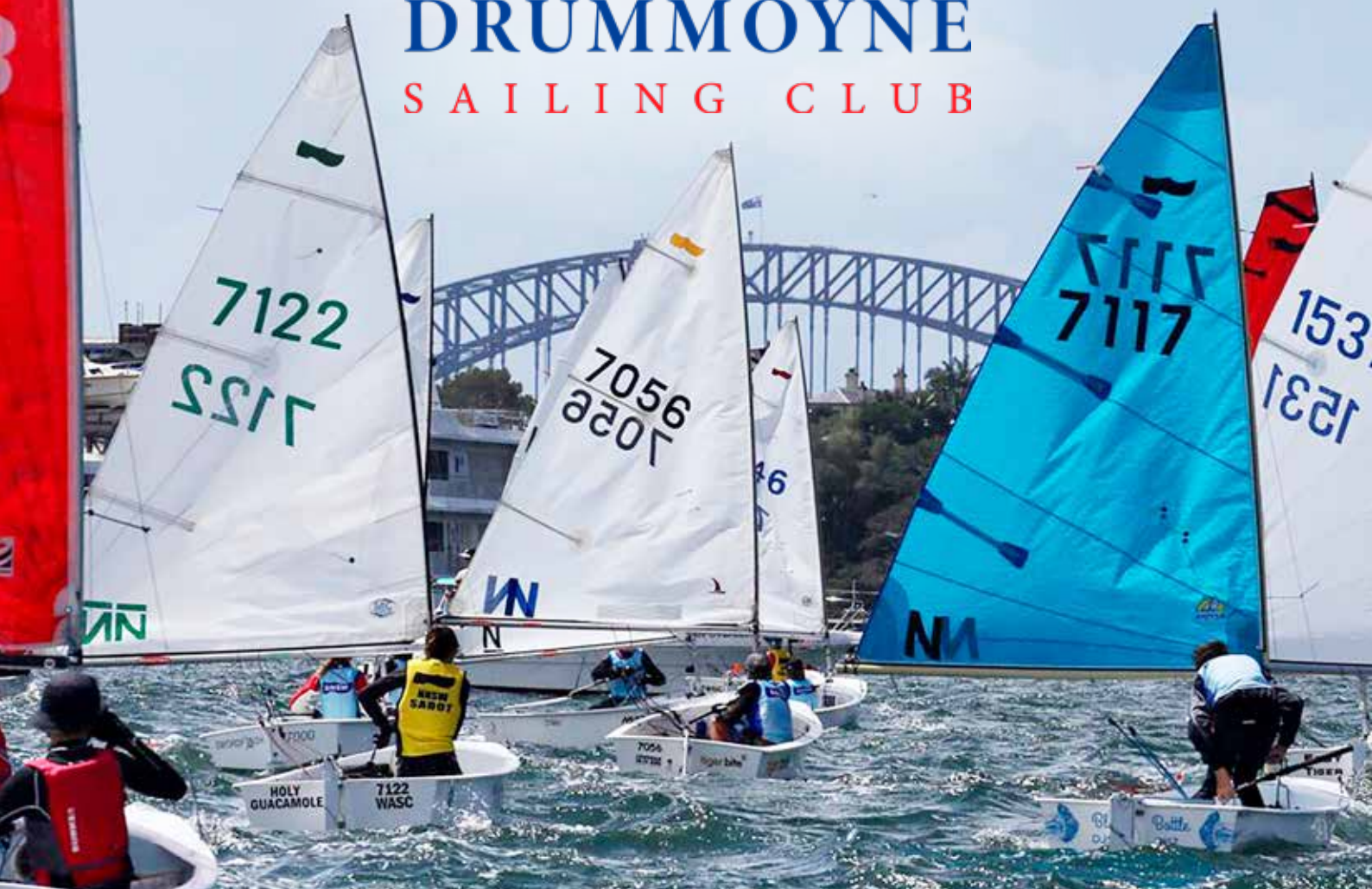




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Spectacularly located on the banks of the Parramatta River, Drummoyne Sailing Club is one of the most popular and well-respected sailing clubs in New South Wales.



The club boasts wonderful panoramic views of Upper Sydney Harbour from Birchgrove to Hunters Hill across North Sydney and featuring Spectacle, Cockatoo and Snapper Islands.

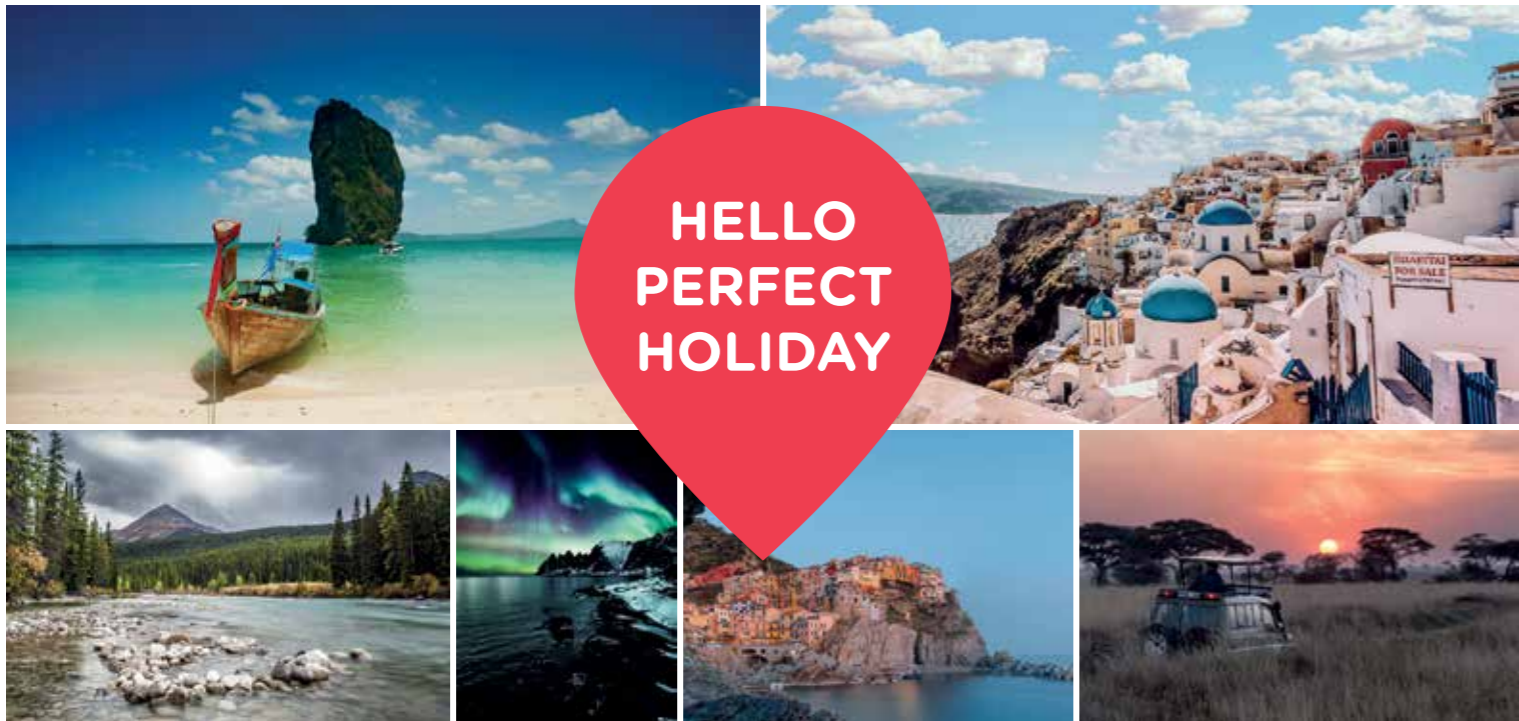
It was formed in 1913 as a club for 16ft Skiffs but has always moved with the times to meet the needs of its members.

Today many sailing boat classes race out of Drummoyne Sailing Club including 16ft Skiffs, Yachts, Hartley TS16s, OK Dinghies and several Junior classes such as Sabots, Cherubs and Flying 11s.

Drummoyne has produced world champions and Olympic medallists and the next generation of sailors is being developed in the Sailing Academy.

The clubhouse boasts full dining and bar facilities. Dining can be enjoyed on the upper level in the ECCO Ristorante or try the Sailor's Grill Open seven days for lunch and dinner. As well as being a haven for members it is also an outstanding function venue. Weddings, engagement parties, anniversaries, business meetings and fund-raising dinners can all be individually designed to suit your needs.

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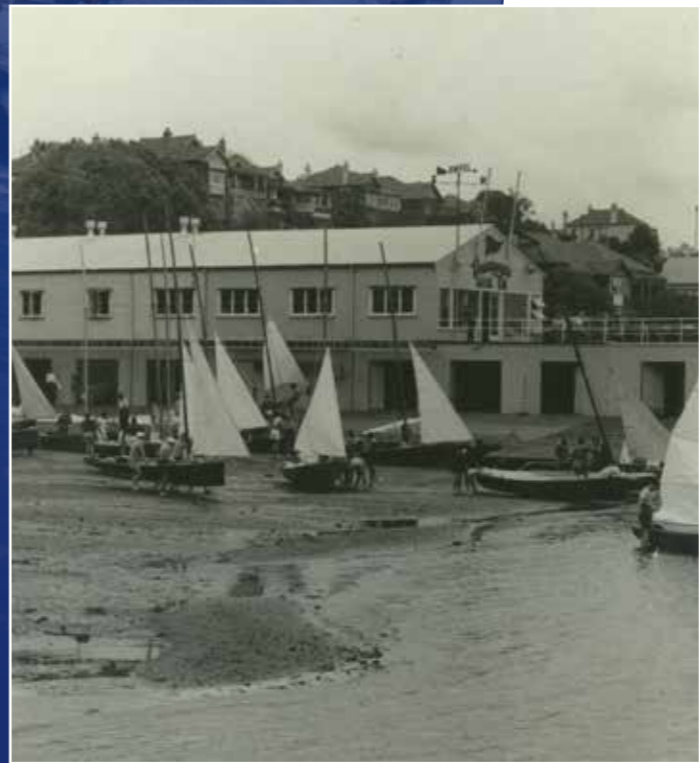
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**A Brief
History**

The club was formed in 1913 and was originally known as Drummoyne Park Sailing Club. Although few recorded facts are available, it is thought it was formed by a mixed sporting group who functioned from about 1911 in the area shown as Drummoyne Park on old maps of the municipality.



The sailing club was intended for racing the 16ft skiff which had become very popular on Sydney Harbour through the Port Jackson Skiff Club. Members also raced beautifully built model yachts during the winter months on the river between Drummoyne and Huntley's Point.

Very few details have been uncovered about boat names or the size of the early fleet, but it is known that six 16ft skiffs were racing regularly in 1916, and by 1919 the fleet had increased to at least nineteen boats. Some of these had previously raced with the Port Jackson Club which had suspended sailing during the war years due to the absence of many members serving with the military forces.

The 16ft skiff in those days was a far cry from the racing machine of our present era. It had been adapted in the early 1900s from a rowing skiff used to ferry personnel from the shore to merchant ships moored in the harbour.



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In 1924 the name of the club was formally changed to Drummoyne Sailing Club and remains so to this day. While 16ft skiffs remain very much part of the sailing scene at Drummoyne, other classes have been added over the years.

The Hartley TS16 fleet came into being as the Chiswick Sailing Club in 1968, while the OK Dinghies have been racing here since 1986.

Other classes have come and gone, with Drummoyne always willing to move with the times and cater for members' changing needs. The yachts now comprise the biggest fleet of the club in terms of numbers racing on a weekly basis.

The club has produced scores of talented sailors over the years, with many enjoying success at state and national level and beyond.

In 2012, former Drummoyne junior Olivia Price and her crewmates Lucinda Whitty and Nina Curtis claimed a silver medal in the Women's Match Racing class at the London Olympic Games.

Although the club had conducted racing since 1913, for many years it carried out its administrative, social and sailing activities from various temporary abodes.

During the mid-1930s a concerted effort was made to have a site approved for a clubhouse, and agreement was finally reached in 1936.

As was often the case in those days, most of the effort involved in construction of the building came from within the club, often with materials appearing from anonymous sources or donors.

'Working bees' were the order of the day, but the numbers weren't always as many as one would have liked to see. It was surprising how many more turned up if a five-gallon keg was arranged for 'after'!

The club moved into its wonderful new clubhouse in April 2001, celebrating its centenary in 2013.



Clubhouse & Dining

The Drummoyne Sailing Club clubhouse enjoys a wonderful position with spectacular views over the Parramatta River and the surrounding districts.



A purpose-built building that was constructed in 2001, it has facilities that are as good as you will find anywhere. The aim is to provide members with a home away from home and some find the setting and ambience so appealing they are loathe to leave at the end of the day. Why not come to the club and see for yourself what we have to offer?

Fine dining is available on the top level in ECCO Ristorante where popular restaurateurs Claudio and Carmel Carnevale have been offering their guests a special dining experience since the opening of the new clubhouse.

The restaurant is an exceptional destination for functions and is also open for à la carte lunch and dinner.



Come in and enjoy delicious Italian food, wine and desserts served in beautiful surroundings with a stunning backdrop of Sydney Harbour. As Claudio says: "There are maybe 10 restaurants in Sydney that have as good a view as us."

ECCO is open from Thursday dinner through to Sunday lunch. Visit www.ecco.com.au for more details and to view a sample menu.

For more information email info@ecco.com.au and to make a booking call (02) 9719 9394.

More casual dining is available in the Sailor's Grill Bistro, which is open seven days a week for lunch and dinner.

Operated by Daniel and Alex Carnevale, the menu is extensive and varied, featuring anything from oysters to burgers and chargrilled steak to premium fish. There are also vegetarian options, a children's menu and another for seniors.

Visit the dining page of the club's website, www.dsc.org.au to download the latest menu.

The Sailor's Lounge is where the club's sailors meet prior to and after racing and is a great place to get together.



The clubhouse is an ideal location to experience all the major sporting action such as the NRL, State of Origin, AFL and the Melbourne Cup on the big screen televisions. The atmosphere is so much better surrounded by family and friends - it's almost like being there.

The club has a happy hour each weekday evening from 4.30pm. Tuesday includes a Member's Draw, Wednesday a Meat Raffle, there is a giant Meat Raffle on Friday night, Thursday night is Trivia Night and a fantastic Seafood Raffle on Sunday afternoon.

The club offers chartered harbour cruises for popular events on Sydney Harbour including the Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race start, Australia Day and Vivid Sydney which have proved very popular with members.

With live musical entertainment and other popular annual events in the social calendar such as a children's Christmas party, there's always something going on at Drummoyne.

Functions & Special

Occasions

There can be few more spectacular locations for a wedding reception or other celebration than the majestic setting enjoyed by Drummoyne Sailing Club.

Located on the waterfront at Drummoyne looking out over the Parramatta River, there are amazing views towards Hunters Hill, North Sydney, Greenwich and Balmain.

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Access to the venue is available by water, making arrival or departure by boat an exciting option. If the more conventional car is the chosen mode of transport, there is parking available.

With expansive views and stylish décor, ECCO is the perfect venue to celebrate your special day. Packages are available for exclusive use of the entire venue incorporating the Main Dining Room and Terrace Room which boasts a private balcony overlooking the water.

The spacious open plan restaurant has space for staging and the use of a live band and other audio visual needs.



ECCO is available for weddings seven days a week. We offer a low season pricing package from April through to August as well as special rates for midweek weddings (minimum spend applies). Please call for further details.

It really is a wonderful spot to enjoy what is one of the most important days in anyone's life. With the beautiful waterfront surroundings, any bridal photographer is offered a wonderful natural canvas as a backdrop to help create a wedding album to treasure.

Wedding packages include canapés on arrival, entrée, main, dessert and a five-hour drinks package. Serving of your wedding cake, linen and audio equipment including microphone are all inclusive.

ECCO can comfortably accommodate 180 for a sit-down meal or 300 for a cocktail party, with room for a dance floor.

Alternatively, the large glass-enclosed Sailors' Lounge is fully air-conditioned and opens on to a large sunny outdoor deck that caters exclusively for the needs of all of your guests. It has its own bar and holds up to 130 guests comfortably for a cocktail party.

With ECCO offering more formal functions such as weddings and christenings and the Sailors' Lounge perfect for the more casual type of function such as birthdays and reunions, it means that every function requirement is covered.



Drummoyne Sailing Club can gladly accommodate:

- > Weddings
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Meetings & Corporate Sailing Opportunities

Drummoyne Sailing Club welcomes the business community, with an exceptional venue for board meetings and training days.

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With rooms of different sizes and numerous seating combinations available, conference and meeting accommodation is very versatile. The smaller boardroom is perfect for that intimate business meeting, while the larger Sailors' Lounge, available on weekdays between 8am and 4pm, is perfect for seminars, meetings, training and development days.

Our catering for corporate events is of an exceptionally high standard and we can offer a wide range of options such as business breakfasts, a working lunch, filling sandwiches or salads, and gourmet hot food platters. Tea and coffee and pastries can be provided at break times.

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Drummoyne Sailing Club offers excellent facilities, an active sailing calendar and, most importantly of all, a friendly atmosphere where lifelong members and first-time visitors are made to feel equally welcome.



The club has a strong and growing membership base – 9,500+ members cannot be wrong.

Members at Drummoyne come from all walks of life. This diverse nature can also be seen in the age range at the club, which has a dynamic and family-orientated membership with many long-term and multi-generational family members. As well as a love of sailing, family and friendship are two common bonds that tie us together.

Whether a keen junior only just starting out in sailing or a sailor with a lifetime's experience, you are equally welcome, as are any ages in between.

Drummoyne has a range of memberships to cater for most requirements, for boat owners and skippers right through to Social Memberships for those less interested in spending time out on the water but wishing to enjoy the clubhouse facilities and the fantastic atmosphere. There are also excellent rates available to junior sailors.

Members enjoy discounts on all bar purchases through a tiered loyalty program called "DSC Rewards" where members can earn points each time they visit the club.

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Benefits of *Membership*



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- > Year-round yacht and dinghy racing in several classes
- > Variety of affordable memberships catering for all needs
- > Sensational Sydney Harbour views
- > Wonderful clubhouse offers a spectacular place to relax and bring guests
- > Membership card offering discounts at the bar
- > Fox Sports and Sky Channel offering live sporting action on the big screens including NRL, Rugby, AFL, Soccer and more
- > Sailor's Grill Bistro open 7 days for lunch and dinner
- > The award-winning ECCO Ristorante
- > Extra benefits to members through the "DSC Rewards" loyalty program
- > Clubhouse promotions such as regular happy hours, meat and seafood raffles.
- > The club calendar features other social events throughout the year
- > Belong to a thriving, successful club, one that takes care of its members and looks after their interests
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Drummoyne Sailing Club provides a comprehensive sailing program which is the largest in the Upper Harbour region for its members, catering for active sailors of all ages. It has been the venue for several state and national championships and has had several state and national champions in recent years.

The sailing classes are 16ft Skiff, Hartley TS16s, OK Dinghies, Yachts, Junior Classes (including Cherubs, Lasers, Sabots and Flying 11s). Other classes are provided for in an Open Class event on Sundays.

Entry to dinghies is restricted to those classes supported by the club, while entry to the yacht races is open to most monohulls.

The sailing season runs from September to April with races held on Saturdays, Sundays and Tuesday evenings during daylight saving (Twilights). We're not done there, though, with series held over winter meaning that for the keen sailor there is the opportunity to enjoy year-round competition.

On weekends during the racing season, there is always activity on the waterfront as members prepare for the day's racing and if you are an avid follower, there is no better place to be than the deck having lunch, watching the preparations and then the racing.



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DSC offers sailors superb on-shore facilities, excellent race management, large fleets, competitive sailing and popular after-race functions - both for children and adults.

The club provides facilities to store approximately 80 sailing boats and maintains an excellent fleet of starting and support vessels which are used to ensure efficiently organised, high quality and safe sailing events and to support our club sailing program.

DSC conducts sailing boat races on the waters of the Parramatta River in the vicinity of Cockatoo Island, Spectacle Island and Snapper Island. The waters test even the best and have long proved to be the perfect breeding ground of future champions.

Olympic silver medallist Olivia Price learnt to sail at Drummoyne as a junior. She says: "It's great water out here, it's very demanding, so you really have to be on your toes every race.

"It's where I started to understand tactics and reading the wind. The trickiness between these islands is something that you can't train your eye for in open seas."

Olivia and the two other members of the Australia Match Racing Team encountered similar tricky waters at the Nothe in Weymouth at the 2012 London Olympic Games. They revelled in the conditions, winning the silver medal, with Olivia saying that sailing at Drummoyne had proved to be the "perfect practice."



You don't have to be a world-beater to enjoy Drummoyne and all it has to offer, however. Everyone is welcome. The club provides both short and long-term moorings for use by members, guests and visitors.

For visitors, it is a popular stop-over, offering access to club moorings at attractive rates and use of the club's facilities, such as on-site parking, secure dinghy storage, showers, bar and Bistro.

The club is also conveniently located adjacent to the Birkenhead Point shopping complex and marina, petrol stations, a sailmaker, a ship's chandlery and is a short bus ride into the city.





Yachts



The Yachts host competitive and enjoyable events throughout the year for all kinds of monohull yachts. Summer and winter series are held on every second Sunday and twilight races happen every Tuesday during the daylight-saving period.

Twilight racing has been offered at the club for more than 20 years and remains as popular as ever.

It's down to the club straight after work for a race followed by dinner and a drink and the prize presentations among friends in the clubhouse - the perfect way to break up the monotony of the working week.

Twilight racing is casual club racing featuring sailing craft of all shapes and sizes. To ensure fair and enjoyable competition, a handicap system is used, and racing takes place in four fleets depending on size and performance.

Everyone is encouraged to have fun, social racing and a points score each season adds interest and competition to the event.

The club conducts four series over the season, with the highlights being the Combined Winter Series and Combined Summer Series.

A recent innovation, the Combined Series feature yachts not only from Drummoyne, but also Balmain



Sailing Club and Greenwich Flying Squadron, marking a new and welcome era of cooperation between the three clubs.

These series enable West Harbour yachts to experience large fleet racing without the 45-minute run around to the main harbour and provide an opportunity for crews to improve their skills and pit themselves against quality opposition. Best of all, entry is included for yachts already entered with participating clubs.

The Winter Series in particular has been a huge boost to sailing locally, offering genuine year-round competition. Races are held every second Sunday between May and early August and up to eighty yachts across four fleets race between Goat Island and the Gladesville Bridge.

Prizes are awarded to the first, second and third placing boats on handicap in each division for each race and trophies awarded to first, second and third placing on handicap in each Season Point Score.

Yachtsmen and women of all abilities are catered for at Drummoyne, from the absolute beginner to the elite sailor and everyone in between. Yachts, for instance, represent the club in many of the major ocean races such as the Sydney to Hobart.

The Drummoyne Yachts hold an end-of-season presentation in April at which the Ron Cant Plate winner is announced. This prestigious club award goes to the overall handicap winner on combined points of the twilight, summer and winter series.

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16ft Skiffs

The formation of Drummoyne Sailing Club was based on racing of 16ft skiffs. It is wonderful that this class of boat is still actively being sailed at the club today. Some of our current skiff sailors come from families with a history of generations racing 16ft Skiffs at Drummoyne.



16ft skiffs are a uniquely Australian high-performance sailing skiff. When they were first introduced more than a century ago, they were five-persons boats but technological advancements – and primarily the change in construction material from plywood to fibreglass and now carbon fibre – has brought about a significant change in the overall appearance of the boats and their performance. Today's skiffs have a three-person crew, two on trapeze and large mast head asymmetrical spinnakers.

The 16ft skiffs are one of the most popular boats sailed in Australia with fleets in NSW and Queensland. There are currently more than 80 boats registered through 9 clubs and regattas regularly attract fleets of up to 50 boats.

It's no surprise to see the class continuing to thrive. They offer two hours of exhilarating racing, testing tactical skill and sailing ability to the full.

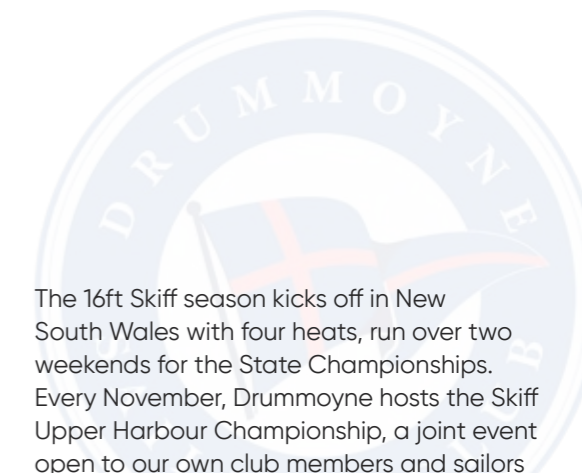


The 16ft Skiff season kicks off in New South Wales with four heats, run over two weekends for the State Championships. Every November, Drummoyne hosts the Skiff Upper Harbour Championship, a joint event open to our own club members and sailors of 16ft skiffs from other neighbouring clubs. Hugely popular, this event is considered by many to be an excellent lead-up to the 16ft Skiff state and national titles that follow shortly afterwards, one Drummoyne is very proud to host.

Within the club itself, racing is always eagerly contested and very competitive. More than 20 races are run throughout the season, with a trophy being awarded to the best performing boat over the course of the season on both scratch and handicap. Arguably, the club competition 16ft Skiff sailors at Drummoyne want to win above all others is the Club Championship. Run over seven races, competitors are allowed to drop their worst performance with the best six results to count.

The season is rounded off in style with a trophy presentation evening, generally in conjunction with the Hartley T16s, which is always a great social occasion.

For more information on 16ft Skiff racing at Drummoyne, please email skiffs@dsc.org.au





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Hartley TS16s

The TS16 fleet of the club came into being as the Chiswick Sailing Club in 1968. After sailing for a season in the Chiswick/Drummoyne area, the mutual advantages of combining with the Drummoyne Club became evident. An enthusiastic group of TS16 sailors were invited to form the TS16 Division, use the club's facilities and virtually run their own race.



The fleet got under way in the 1969/70 season with 17 registered boats, and Drummoyne boats took out the top three places in the national championships that year.

At their peak during the 1970s, there were around 40 boats on the club register and even though not as many in number, the class remains popular among its devotees and is actively raced to this day.

TS16s have been built in Australia since 1963 and were the brainchild of Richard Hartley, who identified a niche in the market for yachts with a little more room and comfort than the traditional off-the-beach craft.

The boats are light, easy to rig, launch and retrieve. Suitable for smooth and protected waters, they can be stored at home, easily towed and offer both performance and versatility.

The Hartley TS16 is the most popular trailer sailer in Australia. Unlike dinghies or skiffs, the TS16 also has a small cabin, which means it is a versatile craft that can be used for trips away if this takes your fancy

As with the 16ft Skiffs, the TS16 Club Championship at Drummoyne is decided by the best six results over the seven nominated races throughout the season.

The Handicap Point Score rewards the most consistent TS16 throughout a campaign that features more than 20 races and there are separate Spring Point Score and Summer Point Score trophies awarded to the best performing TS16s over the two halves of the season.

One of the most poignant events of the season is the Michael Marslew Memorial Race, commemorating the life of 18-year-old University student Michael, who was tragically shot dead in 1994.

The TS16 sailors are among the most passionate sailors at the club and several venture across state and Australia each year to represent the club in the state and national championships respectively. Drummoyne Sailing Club was proud to host the 45th Hartley TS16 Australian Championships in December 2009.

The Hartley T16s team up with the 16ft Skiff sailors for a hugely enjoyable end of season trophy presentation.

For more information on TS16 racing at Drummoyne, please email ts16@dsc.org.au



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OK *Dinghies*

The OKs race at the club on most Sundays throughout the summer season from September to April, apart from scheduled interclub events and a break at Christmas, usually in conjunction with the club's Juniors. Club races normally start at around 1.30pm, using the same course as the Cherubs and Lasers.



The OK Dinghy is a 4m-long single-handed sailing racing dinghy with an unstayed mast and a moderately big sail. OK refers not to the fact that it's a good boat – its many sailors would say; it's much better than just okay – but are the initials reversed of Knud Olsen, its Danish designer.

The OK was intended as a preparation for the Olympic Finn class and though nowhere near as heavy as its bigger brother, it has followed the Finn's technical evolution ever since.

The class was established in Australia in 1961 and has raced regularly at Drummoyne since 1986. Many great sailors have begun in OK Dinghies, Australian Sailing Team's World No.1 in the Laser class, Tom Burton, being one of them.



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OK Dinghies have a flat deck and deep cockpit. This layout makes the hull very rigid and long-lasting and gives the helm a secure working area. The chined hull makes the OK Dinghy a very stable planing platform and its moderate rocker (curved bottom) makes the boat a delight to handle in light winds.

As single-handed dinghies go the OK has much to offer - relatively inexpensive to race, simple to rig and maintain, durable and seaworthy, yet demanding enough to test the skills of any accomplished sailor. The designs have stood the test of time and older boats can still hold their own, meaning there is not a need to frequently upgrade to remain competitive.

Like many classes it has its own idiosyncrasies, but these tend to enhance the character and spirit of those who race them, and the camaraderie at any major regatta is always self-evident, whether it be at state, national or world championship level.

This spirit of cooperation was very much in evidence in 2006 when the OK World Championships were held on Lake Macquarie (Australia only gets to host the event every eight years on a rotational basis). The event proved to be a huge success and was very much a team effort by the OK sailors from across New South Wales, with those from Drummoyne playing an integral part.

OK World Championships have also been held in Melbourne and Adelaide, and most recently in Brisbane.

The club has conducted several State championships and three National championships (1991, 1994 and 2017) for OK Dinghies. The OK Dinghy has a strong fleet at Drummoyne and we welcome any new, interested OK sailors and visiting OK sailors from around the world.

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Junior Sailing

The Juniors sail most Sundays in summer with a Learn to Race program for beginners in the morning for Sabots and competitive racing in the afternoon for Sabots, Flying 11's, Lasers and Cherubs.



The Sabot 1-Ups and Sabot 2-Ups have two short races which reflects the national title course format. The Flying 11s, Lasers and Cherubs run a long course format.

The club is proud of its development of the next generation of young sailors. Juniors have been a feature of the club for a very long time. The introduction of the Sailing Academy has taken junior training to a whole new level.

The club aims to cater for all ages, all abilities and to fulfil everyone's sailing dream, whether it is just to be out on the water having fun or with more of a competitive edge.

High fliers are provided all the help and support they need should they wish to pursue competitive sailing at a higher level and many of our members have gone on to achieve representative honours.

Olivia Price was brought up in Drummoyne and learnt to sail with us. In 2012 she represented Australia in the London Olympic Games and won a sailing silver medal.

"The sailing club was a massive influence in my career," Olivia said. "I sailed Flying 11s here for a long time."



There are few things more thrilling for senior Drummoyne members than seeing the young ones being gripped by the same passion for this wonderful sport that many of them experienced as juniors. Tradition is very much a part of DSC and this love of the water is passed down from one generation to the next.

Drummoyne is an excellent choice for parents looking for a club for their child to join. Sailing gives children a lot of confidence and in single-handed boats in particular, teaches them independence but in a safe, supportive group environment.

And there really is a great support structure within the junior section. Boys and girls sail alongside each other and the elder kids look after the younger ones.

The junior division is always welcoming new members whether they own a boat or not and whatever their level of sailing ability. Feel free to come down on Sundays around 11am if you wish to get involved.

Whether you have any sailing experience or not, to find out more about getting your children or yourself involved in this wonderful sport, contact the Junior Sailing team.

Contact Junior Sailing at Drummoyne, please email juniors@dsc.org.au

Seeing the likes of Olivia achieve their sailing dreams gives the current crop of youngsters role models to look up to and shows them that anything is possible with dedication, desire and no little skill.

There are some equally talented juniors within the club's ranks today, with Emma Harrison and Brendan Jenkins sailing After Dark to name just two, completing a clean sweep of club, state and national titles in the Cherub class.


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Sailing Academy

Drummoyne Sailing Academy is an Australian Sailing Accredited Discover Sailing Centre and offers many of the Australian Sailing Pathways courses for sailing dinghies and powerboats.



Launched in March 2015, the Academy is a part of the Drummoyne Sailing Club and runs its courses from the club's facilities on the Parramatta River and surrounds. We have some of the best facilities in the area and safe, enclosed waters ideal for sailing activities from beginner to keen racing sailor.

The Academy's aim is to provide opportunities for the community to enjoy sailing – we offer learn to sail, better sailing and powerboat courses in a fleet of safe, modern sailing dinghies with skilled and enthusiastic Australian Sailing accredited Instructors and Coaches. We offer a range of programmes, including:

School Holiday Camps

Drummoyne Sailing Academy School Holiday Camps are designed to offer children a program of fun and adventure, both on and off the water during their holidays. While not a formal sailing course, we spend as much time on the water as possible during the three days and is a great introduction to sailing.

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The eight-week course runs Saturday mornings in Spring (Oct-Dec) and Summer (Jan-Mar). All sailing and safety equipment is supplied, including use of the academy's PJ, Sabot and RS sailing dinghies.

This course combines the Australian Sailing – Start Sailing 1 and Start Sailing 2 pathways courses. After completing this course, you may wish to continue to develop skills and experience with the Better Sailing course or progress to the Learn to Race program with the DSC Juniors club.

Adult Learn to Sail

We also offer the Start Sailing course adapted to youth and adult sailors in our RS two-person sailing dinghies. Smaller class sizes provide a higher ratio of instructors to participants and offer sailors with no previous experience, through to experienced sailors looking to improve their skills, a quick progression to sailing confidence.

Adult courses are available also in Spring and after New Year and run on Saturday afternoons. Private lessons are also available on request at other times.



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For more information on learning to sail at Drummoyne, please email sailing@dsc.org.au



Regattas & Event *Hosting*

Drummoyne Sailing Club is an excellent choice as a venue for regattas and major sailing events.

These events are always very rewarding, with the associated media coverage raising the profile of the club, which is given the opportunity to showcase its facilities to a wider nationwide or international audience.

Leading sailors get to experience all that is good about Drummoyne, while for spectators it provides the opportunity to see some of the sport's best at close quarters.

The waters around us are recognised as being particularly challenging, offering an additional test that is sure to be relished by leading competitors, ensuring that skill and astute tactics are rewarded, and the cream rises to the top.

Drummoyne staged the Australian Championships of both the 16ft Skiff and Sabots in 2014, drawing many favourable comments from organisers and participants.

The club was selected to host the 2016-17 OK Dinghy National Championship and the National Championship of the Cherub class.

The club has a dedicated and hard-working race management team who have considerable experience to draw upon who are supported by a large and willing group of dedicated volunteers.

With fantastic facilities in the clubhouse, Drummoyne is a delightful place to spend downtime and the gateway to some of the best sailing waters to be found in the state. And for those coming from far away, there's also one of the world's most beautiful and cosmopolitan cities on the doorstep.



Drummoyne Fishing Club

Drummoyne Fishing Club has been a part of the Drummoyne Sailing Club since January 2019.

The club is open to new members and associate members are also welcome. We encourage all age groups and fishing levels from accomplished to beginners. Our club members fish one Sunday per month within Sydney Harbour.

The club has some very talented and experienced anglers both male and female, who are happy to impart their knowledge and always ready to give a helping hand if needed.

Most of our club members fish from small boats. We also see some great results from members fishing from the shore.

We encourage all our members to attend weigh in to enjoy a relaxing afternoon with drinks and a BBQ on the BBQ deck at the Drummoyne Sailing Club.

We travel to Shoalhaven Heads for 1 week in Oct/Nov and family and friends are invited to join us to fish and socialise. It is always a fantastic week.

The Fishing Club promotes sustainable fishing and has increased the legal size limit to weigh in for competition. Also, we have introduced the Catch and Release program, which has been a great success.

At the end of every year, we have an AGM/Presentation Day, where the Angler of the Year is announced along with trophy presentations and BBQ. A great day is had by all.

The club philosophy is to help each other to enjoy the day's fishing and to encourage all member to improve their fishing skills and to build friendships.

While the club is competitive, it is also about enjoyment and relaxation. So, whatever your level of fishing come join us for fun filled day of fishing in stunning Sydney Harbour.

Further Information can be found on the Fishing Club's Facebook page, www.facebook.com/dscfishingclub, at the front desk of the Sailing Club or by emailing: Fishing@dsc.org.au



How to Find Us & Contact Us

The club is located next to the Birkenhead Point Shopping Centre and is easily accessible by public transport – buses pick up and drop off at Victoria Road, Drummoyne, which is a short walk from the club.



Get in Touch

We look forward to welcoming you to Drummoyne Sailing Club. If you have any questions or would like further information, then please do not hesitate to contact us.

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