



Who can tame  
the top end?

31st August 2014



## Competitor information

The NSWHC are conducting this race in conjunction with Ski Racing NSW, with the aim of putting on a better show for the public and lifting the profile of our sport. We believe by working together this can be achieved.

The 2014 Wisemans Ferry Realty Top End Sprint race will be run under NSWHC rules and its governing body, the APBA. The Top End Sprint one-way river race is to be conducted on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2014, with scrutineering on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately there won't be any other circuit racing able to be offered in conjunction with this event.

Due to the restricted allotted time for the Top End Sprint within the overall weekend program, the NSWHC will have to cap the entries for 2014 to an approx maximum of 40.

### Classes

All senior race boat classes will be catered for. Dependant on final numbers, the NSWHC will combine like classes to suit.

Passengers are allowed in all classes except for Superclass, Unlimited and Hydroplane classes – and only where boat is suitable.

### Entries

Entries close final mail Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2014.

Entry and safety levy will be \$85 for Top End Sprint.

Where relevant, Day License costs are in addition to entry costs. Day License fees are collected by the NSWHC, but are forwarded to APBA (not a NSWHC fee).

- \$150 (owner/driver). Or \$60 Driver only / \$90 Owner only
- Note: APBA has confirmed that if you purchase a Day License for the Top End Sprint, the cost will come off a full race license for the 2014/15 season.

All entrants (including passengers) must be a current financial member of an APBA affiliated club. If required, membership to the NSWHC can be purchased.

Late entries will be accepted up to time of scrutineering, but will incur a late entry fee.

Upon NSWHC receiving a completed entry form and entry fee, a gate pass will be issued per boat for the weekend.

If sufficient entries have not been received by the 'entries close' date the race may not be run.

### Entry paperwork

Please complete the attached Standard Entry Form and return to the address below.

All boat registration, Roads and Maritime Services (or respective state) licenses and club memberships to be made available. Above paperwork to be presented at time of scrutineering. Will also need to be presented at pre-race sign-in and briefing on Sunday.

All entrants must fill out a standard APBA entry form – available to download.



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All entrants require an APBA license to compete. Day / Top End Sprint licenses will be available for the weekend. Please notify NSWHC on entry form if a Day License is required.

Post entries and entry fee to: NSWHC  
Lot 3 Singleton Rd  
Loughtondale  
NSW 2775

Cheques or money orders are to  
be made out to:  
NSW Hydroplane Club Inc.

Entries can also be completed, scanned and emailed to: [nmills@ignitedesign.com.au](mailto:nmills@ignitedesign.com.au). Entry fees can also be paid via electronic bank transfer. Please contact the NSWHC for bank details.

### Scrutineering

All Top End Sprint boats are to be scrutineered at UHPBC / Governor Phillip Park, Windsor on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2014, between 11:00am and 3:00pm, unless other arrangements made with NSWHC.

APBA Indemnity Forms must be signed prior to competing by drivers, passengers and owners.

Race numbers will be allocated and supplied at time of scrutineering, if your boat is not already fitted with a suitable race number. All boats carrying a passenger must use a yellow background for the race number.

All competitors will be provided with trailer and crew entry passes for the Sunday's activities.

### Race day

Start at Sackville - all boats to sign in at Sackville Gardens Ski Park, Tizzana Rd, Sackville by 8:30am. Boats and trailers to park in the front paddock immediately at left of entrance.

Mandatory driver briefing and breath testing for Top End Sprint drivers and passengers will be at Sackville Gardens on Sunday morning at 10:00am sharp. Note, crew members may also be breath tested at random.

Top End Sprint start time will be approximately 11.00am.

Those boats able to safely float in the water will be encouraged to launch their boats earlier in proceedings, yet remain held on the bank, to allow for an efficient launch procedure for all race entrants.

Note, any boats requiring to warm up engines before entering the water, will need to do so, on/at the top of the boat ramp, with exhaust pipes facing the river. No engines to be started in the front paddock.

Race classes and starting waves will be based on final entries as organised by NSWHC.

### Post race

Soon after the completion of the race, the officials will provide the race results and conduct a presentation for all competitors, at the NSWHC race tent, adjacent to the race finish line.



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The NSWHC encourages all competitors to relax and enjoy the afternoon at Governor Phillip Park.

**Risk warning**

Safety on course will be controlled by the State Emergency Service with a number of boats and crews between Sackville and Windsor with two divers on course. Because of the nature of races like this you are advised that conditions on the course cannot be 100% controlled. And that accidents and loss of boat and/or life are a possibility.

It is the owner/drivers decision to compete and accept all responsibility in doing so.

An additional optional safety element for entrants, is to register for use of the Race Safe H20 GPS tracking system. The system is now mandatory for all water ski racing 'classic' events, and is also available for use by Top End Sprint entrants. For more information on the Race Safe H20 system, you can visit [racesafeh2o.com.au](http://racesafeh2o.com.au). There is a cost involved to be part of the system, so please contact NSWHC for further details.

**More information** For any information on **Top End Sprint**, contact -

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