



ACT Flying Fifteen Championships — 29-30 SEPTEMBER 2012

Strong, gusting, shifting winds confronted a fleet of fifteen boats throughout the 44th ACT International Flying Fifteen Championships hosted by the Canberra Yacht Club over the weekend of 29-30 September.

The fleet, with five boats from Victoria including top performers Adam Hawkins and Ben Jones (Idswapthisforabundy), Craig and Ian Rainey (Where the Bloody Hell Are You?) and Mark Bulka and Peter Milne (Lapse of Reality), and with local past Australian Champions Matt Owen and Andrew Reed (\$2Pow), completed five spectacular and closely fought races with three different boats winning heats. The conditions, which embarrassed everyone at one time or another, tested boat handling, crews and equipment, and although there were no major incidents, a jib halyard failure on \$2Pow causing a loss of two races after two firsts and followed by a second left an unanswered question of what might have been.

The Championship was won by Adam Hawkins and Ben Jones (Idswapthisforabundy) with convincing wins in the final two races leaving them on 7 points, with Craig and Ian Rainey (Where the Bloody Hell Are You?) second with 9 points, and Mark Bulka and Peter Milne (Lapse of Reality) third with 10 points. The Silver Division was won by Glen Seeley and Sid Mishra (GT), the Classic Division by Craig Davidson and Chris Eddes (Euffamism), and the Handicap award went to Brian Carroll and crew on (Supertoy Plays On) - also fifth in Open Division.

Full results are available at <http://www.canberrayachtclub.com.au/results/2012-2013/Flying%20Fifteen%202012/series.htm>

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Commodores Report

This time of year always seems to be busy, with lots going on at the club as we move through the first part of the summer series. There has already been several events with some great wind being present. I understand that the winds blew well for the flying fifteens with at least one mast breakage during the ACT Champs. The Capital Insurance Brokers ACT Sprint Series was very successful. Again we need to thank Ian Ruff for his continuing support.

I was very pleased to be at the club to see two Gold Medalists, The Minister for Sport and children from two schools, not to mention other significant supporters of the tackers program at the launch of Discover Sailing. The weather and the club were at their best, with just the right amount of breeze arriving at the moment the speeches finished. It continues to emphasise how lucky we are in relation to our location, facilities and the program's we have in place.

Without going too much further I need to welcome Ariane Malpas and Peter Barter onto the committee. Both bring solid experience in differing areas to the Committee. As with most years the committee will work through some important issues beyond some of the basics. One of the priorities is to ensure the Strategic direction of the club is tested and is supported appropriately within the changing environment in which we operate.

With the City of Canberra regatta not that far away I would encourage all trailable and sports boat owners out there to get on to the water. Whilst the dinghy fleets have seen some positive growth over a number of years, the trailable numbers actually sailing have dropped away. So if there is a reason that is keeping you from sailing and it relates to something that could be considered by the club as a change please let your division rep know or anyone on the committee.

Hope to see you on the water or around the club.

Howard



From the office

Sailing School:

The Sailing School has had a strong and busy intake of children and adults with all programs booking up quickly which is fantastic to see. The demand is such that our adult program is booked up to the end of December; we are trying to increase capacity to be able to bring new people into our great sport.

By the time you have read this we would have had two adult graduate classes participating in CYC twilight races. We thank the CYC members who have allowed these new members of the CYC to crew on their boats and to show them an aspect of the great racing we have at the CYC. We are hoping that the downturn of Trailable Yacht sailing at the CYC due to lack of crew is being somewhat addressed through this. If you need a crew please contact the office.

Canberra Yacht Club is pleased to announce Stephen Hart has commenced as the Sailing School Instructor for the 2012/2013 Sailing Season. Please make him feel welcome in his official capacity the next you see him.

Membership:

Could all skippers please make sure that all your crew are current CYC financial members. It is a club policy and racing requirement that all participants are members of the Canberra Yacht Club. We have seen a number of Trailable yachts recently that have had un-financial members on-board. If skippers could please address this as soon as possible.

CYC volunteers shirts

CYC would like to thank all our regatta volunteers who give up more than 3hrs of their time to assist in CYC conducted regattas. We now have volunteer shirts for these people to wear and recognise their efforts during regattas. These are great shirts supported by Debra Nowell's Over the Moon Promotions.

BBQ Tent

The CYC has also just purchased a 3mX 3m BBQ tent for the hot days over summer. If you think that we might need it during the day please contact the CYC Duty Committee Person on the day or CYC Staff.

See you on the water.

Regards Matt

ACT Sprint Series Optimist fleet

The hospitality was spectacular, the food was fantastic and the event ran like clockwork! And, how good was it sitting on the shoreline with a coldie watching the boats race an arm's length away on the lake? Huge thanks to Matt Owen and the CYC team for a great family friendly event! Thanks too to 1976 470 medallist Ian Ruff's Capital Insurance Brokers for their support! Ruffie glowed handing out the loot and clearly isn't planning a 470 comeback any time soon with this much talent in the wings, much as he looks as if he could!

Saturday afternoon saw guest appearances from Mat Belcher, Goobs and Olivia Price and the Olympic heroes made the day for the young Opti kids! Permanent markers burning out left right and centre, bling a plenty on display and huge smiles all around – thanks guys! Next question: What happens when we grow out of the PFD with all the signatures? "Easy dad, cut 'em out and sew them on the new one!" was the response from this correspondent's Opti jock...

On the water Jeremy Atkinson set short punchy windward leeward courses all weekend. Light was the wind, but heavy was the fun and conditions challenged the sailors to keep momentum, clear air and pressure above all. A few



"just don't go right" messages flew around on both days. Saturday saw four seasons in one day, with a close call on snow, and some seriously chilly conditions. Beanies and plenty of rubber on display. Light airs limited the Race Team to four races with four different winners in a seriously tight fleet. The pin often paid in the shifty conditions and Zach Beavan pulled off a couple of trademark pin-end screamers to card a 1st and 2nd for the day – including a spectacular port tacker taking on the whole fleet! Other wins to Alec Brodie, sailing consistently, Charlotte Griffin and Blake Selley who showed the fleet that once

everyone can see the blue winner transom it stays in front! Day 1 saw Alec leading by a point to Blake with the centrally heated (doing the day in a rashie and boardies) Max Paul two away third.

Rob Brewer spent Saturday on the water for NSWIODA with the video trigger finger in action watching the sailors duke it out. Sunday opened with a Master Class from Rob, taking the fleet through the previous day's racing and a blow by blow on video – lessons learnt and heartily appreciated, the sailors were looking transfixed when we poked our head in. On the water, the forecast promised





light airs slowly increasing during the day and that's what we got, but not before a few glass outs and oscillations really rewarded concentration and focusing on the basics – clear air, boat speed and watching for the next shift. RO Jeremy got another 4 races in before timing out at 3pm, time and again the top sailors in the fleet sailed out of trouble to card good finishes. Today the wins were shared amongst the top three with two to Blake and one each to Max and Alec. Charlotte again menaced the top group

and Woollahra's Jay Karney also shone. Race 5 saw a group of boats OCS including Alec and that discard was to cost dearly. At the end of the day, consistency paid - top 3 finishes from Max all day Sunday scored him the regatta win by a single point from Blake who discarded an 8 against Max's 6th. Alec came in third three points down, Charlotte Griffin in 4th and Jay Karney in 5th. Standout top 10 performances too from Jamie Rosenberg, Otto Henry, Archie Cropley, Flynn Rohr and John Cooley.

Club wise, the top 20 places were pretty evenly split amongst MHYC and WSC with Northbridge and RPAYC in the mix. Canberra's young squad acquitted themselves well posting a few top finishes as did a clutch of Scots College / Woollahra SC regatta newcomers. More to come no doubt!

Member Services Group (MSG) upcoming events

2012

Thursday 22 November 6pm – New Members Event

Wednesday 19 December – Christmas Twilight BBQ

2013

Wednesday 20 March – End of Twilight BBQ

Sunday 14 April – America's Mug - Hot Dogs

Saturday 18 May – Presentation Dinner

Opportunity for Skippers

Members from the CYC Members Service Group (MSG) are offering skippers an opportunity to assist new graduates from the Adults Sailing Program in their crews.

The graduates will have been introduced to the basics of sailing, seamanship and safety on the water. They are keen to learn and are willing to commit should you be interested in offering them a regular sail.

If you have any queries about this program or want to help welcome our new sailors to the club, please contact Emily at the CYC Office or a MSG representative.

Sara Kennedy

Rear Commodore Member Services

CYC MSG Halloween twilight event

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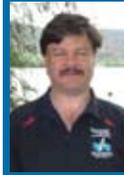
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