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VICTORIAN STATE & AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONS

Guy & Rhys

Bancroft



NSW STATE CHAMPIONS

Richie Reynolds

&

Lissa McMillan

President's report

Since the last Wingflap we've had the key events of the Nats, Worlds and the final leg of the States, as well as social highlights including the New Year's Eve Toga party, and the Hawaiian night at the States. But it's not time for a break yet!! The season's not over yet, and we're still looking forward to seeing everyone out on the water each weekend. There are the last three heats of the Traveller's Series to go, and after all, there are not that many training weeks until the next Nationals, which will be held on Pittwater from 28 to 31 December, 2003!

The AGM at the second leg of States saw a new(ish) NSW Committee voted in. The team basically remains the same, with the main change being Marty Johnston taking on the key role of Race Secretary, and Richie Reynolds assuming the new position of Training and Development Officer. Thanks to Marty for putting his hand up with only a reasonable amount of coercion! And thanks to Richie for doing the task for the past four years in NSW (and four years before that in Victoria). Well done! The Publicity and Promotions empire has burgeoned to two people, with James Ellis continuing his excellent work on race reports and Wingflap, and Sophie Hunt (super-efficient Treasurer) also keen to throw herself into Marketing and Advertising. The new Dream Team is listed below! Thanks for everyone's enthusiasm and willingness over the past 12 months. I reckon we've had pretty successful year and managed to have a modicum of fun along the way!

The AGM discussed the new format of the States, with the event split to provide competitive sailing before the Nationals, and to provide encouragement for us to keep on the water after the big event. There was quite a lot of support for the two weekends, so the format will be repeated in the next sailing season.

Since the States Abby Parkes, with help from Kieran Livermore, has organised yet another B14 display at Sail Expo. Thanks Abby and Kieran, and thanks to everyone who volunteered their time to spread the skiff gospel to the uninitiated. And yea verily it is the people that sail them that make B14 such excellent fun!!

Cheers,

Lissa



THE NEW TEAM

President	Lissa McMillan
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Training/Development Officer	Richie Reynolds

NSW State Titles – Round 2 – Woollahra SC

Richie Reynolds & Lissa McMillan (The Nude) have finally broken through to win a major B14 event after many years of commitment to the B14 class. Richie, a quiet achiever with 11 years of B14 experience, who is widely regarded as an authority on all matters B14, teamed up with Lissa, a loud achiever who had no previous sailing experience, five years ago. Over the past season, since returning from Lake Garda, the Nudists have quietly committed themselves to improving their performance through a combination of old fashioned hard work and attention to detail. The reward has come in the form of results as they were clearly the most consistent NSW team over the course of the season, finishing 3rd at the Nationals, 7th overall at the Worlds and 1st at the recently completed NSW State titles.

Richie & Lissa began their campaign by fitting out and launching a new boat for the 2002-03 season. They then proceeded to sail both Saturday and Sunday throughout the season, not to mention quite a few weekdays, in the lead up to Sail Melbourne at Xmas. The first inkling of their improvement became obvious during the first round of the States held in a 20knot southerly one breeze but hours of practice has seen them develop upwind speed to match their heavier counterparts. In addition to their new found speed they also benefited from staying upright more often than their clumsier opponents which also resulted in more frequent podium finishes throughout the season. A war of attrition over the first weekend resulted in only three boats (Priority, The Nude & Master's Apprentices) being realistically placed to take out the title at the commencement of the second weekend's sailing.



The Nude—AUS 368

Photo courtesy of Jeff Crow & SailMelbourne

With five races scheduled over two days, a small fleet of nine started race 6 in a solid 15knot south westerly breeze on Sydney Harbour. Priority and Teaz showed their characteristic upwind speed to round the first mark off Bradley's head placed one & two. Hunt Leather (Abby Parkes/Kieran Livermore) rounded next ahead of M.A. (Kris & Michael Plain) and then The Nude, who had negotiated a 360 degree penalty turn after infringing Hunt Leather in a Port/Starboard incident. By the bottom mark only Teaz & The Nude were left standing as everyone else ditched at some stage down the run. Priority cleverly wrapped one of the bottom gate marks around their forestay (without using their hands) but convincingly argued (at the evening BBQ) that this was a planned strategy to prevent them from drifting further downwind after an unfortunate, and of course blameless, capsize. Race 6 results were; 1.Teaz, 2.The Nude, 3.M.A., 4.Priority, 5.Hunt.

The Nudists started perfectly in Race 7 to lead for the first part of the work as the SW breeze remained fresh but were slowly worn down by the top mark. The race committee had lengthened the course to take the fleet past Bradley's head and Hunt Leather lead Teaz and Priority into the first mark with M.A. close behind. Hunt, Teaz & M.A. left Priority behind downwind but the breeze became fickle up the second work allowing Priority to sneak back into contention as they picked up their own pressure on the right side. Hunt cleverly sailed their way out of danger, despite the strange variations in the strength & direction of the breeze, to lead the fleet home followed by Teaz, M.A., Priority then The Nude.

The Evil Empire (Marty & Mikey) dominated race 8 after keeping to the left side up the first work to have a slight lead from Priority & M.A. at the first mark. After a close tussle downwind, Evil Empire rounded the left side of the gate (as you look upwind) and Priority & M.A. went to the right. This allowed E.E. to protect the left side upwind which again proved correct and gave them a lead of nearly 50m at the top mark. M.A. got the better of Priority downwind and Hunt Leather followed closely to sail through Priority's lee and grab 3rd place. The Nudists finished 5th to go into the final day's racing 1 point behind Priority with two races to go.

Races 9 & 10 were started off Chowder Bay in a light South Easterly that was completely unsanctioned by the Bureau of Meteorology who had endorsed 25-30knots from the SW! Richie & Lissa did their best to fool the fleet by starting early and returning to re-start.

State titles contd.

Within two minutes of the start they had restarted, headed right and picked up a little shift that placed them back amongst the leaders. Priority ground out a small lead by playing the right side of the course and the Nudists further assisted by hitting the top mark the first time round. Despite their obvious efforts to throw the race, the Nudists sailed their way back into contention down the run and fought out the race with Priority, Teaz and M.A. Final results went in favour of the Nudists followed by Teaz, Priority then M.A. This set up an exciting finale with the Nude (15pts) leading Priority (16pts) and M.A on (23pts) after two drops.

The pre start manoeuvring of the B14 fleet had attracted the attention of the Royal Australian Navy who despatched a boat to investigate our suspicious activity. So, with big brother watching our every move, the final race commenced in a fickle 5knot breeze. The Nudists, well camouflaged at the best of times, attempted to conceal themselves behind a Manly Ferry up the first work which certainly threw Priority off the scent. When the smoke screen had cleared the Nudists were spotted languishing behind most of the fleet in a calculated attempt to conceal their strategy. Priority responded impulsively by surging into the lead, placing four boats between them and the Nudists. However the lead was never well established as Polygamist, Evil Empire, Master's Apprentices and Hunt Leather all challenged successfully at various stages as the Nudists observed the race from behind and slowly crept back up to the leaders. On the final run to the finish the leader was never clear as the fleet was spread across the course and when they finally converged Master's apprentices crossed first, followed by Hunt Leather. Polygamist, Priority and Evil Empire crossed side by side in that order. When the Nudists finished 6th the final points tally had The Nude & Priority on equal points, after drops, and the series went to The Nude as a result of having more 1st places.



"Richie & Lissa did their best to fool the fleet by starting early..."

BOAT NAME	HT 1	HT 2	HT 3	HT 4	HT 5	HT 6	HT 7	HT 8	HT 9	HT 10	SUB-TL	D 1	D 2	TL
The Nude	1	1	3	2	5	2	5	5	1	6	31	6	5	20
Priority Powder Coating	2	2	1	1	3	4	4	4	3	4	28	4	4	20
Masters Apprentices	3	4	4	7	4	3	3	2	6	1	37	7	6	24
Hunt Leather	DNF	DNF	DNF	3	1	5	1	3	5	2	59	13	13	33
Teaz	DNF	DNF	2	5	8	1	2	DNF	2	7	67	14	13	40
Polygamist	DNS	DNS	DNS	4	2	7	6	6	7	3	77	14	14	49
Evil Empire	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNF	DNS	6	7	1	4	5	92	14	14	64
Free Beer	4	3	6	9	9	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNF	100	14	14	72
CST	5	DNF	5	6	6	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNF	104	14	14	76
Epic	DNF	DNF	DNF	8	7	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNF	123	14	14	95
Skuzzmoss	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNF	DNF	DNF	8	8	125	14	14	97
Wai Haka	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNF	DNF	7	DNS	DNF	130	14	14	102
Perrys Lease and Finance	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	10	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNF	135	14	14	107

Sail Melbourne Australian & Australian Open Championships

Day 1 29.12.02

Port Phillip Bay provided a sloppy, choppy northerly for day one of the B14 Nationals. 25 boats, including 2 of the 6 boat UK team contested 2 in a steadily abating northerly breeze. After running the gauntlet of waves breaking on the beach, which resulted in several capsize before crews had even clambered aboard, the fleet started on time at 1230pm in 8-10knots.

Those that got off the start line well included the UK contingent of Tim Fells & Dave Cunningham (AT&T) and Simon Nelson and Andy Ramus. Local sailors Guy & Rhys Bancroft (Buggar the bone) sailed through the fleet after an average start to show the way home after sailing hard into the right hand/shore side of the course and picking up more pressure both upwind and down.

Race 2 started in similar conditions. The breeze remained out of the north but varied throughout the race between 3-15 knots. Most of the fleet headed for the right side of the course again with those that were tempted by the middle & left being punished severely. A close race ensued with up to 5 different leaders throughout.

At the finish line the first 3 boats finished within 10 seconds of each other with Fells/Cunningham taking the honours from Bancroft/Bancroft and Abby Parkes & Sophie Hunt (Hunt Leather).

At the end of day 1 Fells/Cunningham (2,1) were equal leaders with Bancroft/Bancroft (1,2) from Parkes/Hunt (4,3) and Paul Hansen/James Ellis (Priority Powder Coating) (6,4).



Guy and Rhys Bancroft—Buggar the Bone

Photo courtesy of Jeff Crow & SailMelbourne

Day 2 30.12.02

Race3

Races 3 & 4 of the Sail Melbourne B14 National Championship were sailed in the morning in an effort to take advantage of the early morning north easterly breeze. UK sailors Tim Fells & Dave Cunningham lead to the first mark but let Jono Pank and Shaun Barber through with some slick kite work. Nils Jolliffe/Jon Branch, also from the UK, rounded close behind ahead of the first Aussie boat, Guy & Rhys Bancroft. The Bancrofts, with the benefit of local knowledge, sailed further into shore than most on the first downwind leg & jumped into 2nd at the beginning of the second work. Pank/Barber extended their lead by going to the favoured right hand lay line & the rest of the fleet followed. Final places in the 5-10 knot NE breeze were Pank/Barber (UK) 1st, Bancroft/Bancroft (AUS) 2nd, Fells/Cunningham (UK) 3rd, Jolliffe/Branch (UK) 4th & Nelson/Ramus (UK) 5th.

Race 4

Race 4 was sailed back to back with Race 3 in the steadily abating morning breeze and again the UK contingent featured at the front. The established strategy was to get off the line cleanly & head right as soon as possible. Pank & Barber again got the best of this plan rounding ahead of Fells/Cunningham, Nelson/Ramus and Richie Reynolds/Lissa McMillan. The leaders all did quick gybe sets & again headed for the shoreline side of the course. A dual between the Fells/Cunningham and Pank/Barber teams developed with the former getting an advantage when the two split tacks at the bottom gate. Richie Reynolds/Lissa McMillan flew the Aussie flag in a battle with Nelson/Ramus for 3rd place with the UK boat pipping them at the finish. Final places for race 4 were Fells/Cunningham (UK) 1st, Pank/Barber (UK) 2nd, Nelson/Ramus (UK) 3rd, Reynolds/McMillan (AUS) 4th & Abby Parkes/Sophie Hunt

Australian titles contd.

Overall standings at the end of race 4 were;

Fells/Cunningham (UK) (2,1,3,1)

Bancroft/Bancroft (AUS) (1,2,2,8)

Parkes/Hunt (AUS) (4,3,9,5)

Reynolds/McMillan (AUS) (7,9,11,4)

Watts/Elstob (AUS) (3,16,7,7)

Day 3 31.12.02

Race 5

A 16-20 knot northerly greeted the Sail Melbourne B14 fleet for the 5th & 6th races. The first race started at 930am in a steep chop that had built up overnight over the length of Port Phillip Bay. Tim Fells & Dave Cunningham again got the best of the start with best placed Australian boat, sailed by Guy & Rhys Bancroft, having to return to the start after crossing prematurely.

Fells/Cunningham (UK) led to the first mark followed by Richie Reynolds/Lissa McMillan (AUS) and Paul Hansen/James Ellis (AUS). Hansen/Ellis closed the gap on Reynolds/McMillan downwind passing them at the bottom mark by carrying a better angle into the mark. The places remained as is for the next lap with Ellis/Hansen managing to take the lead upwind the last time. However, it was short lived with Fells/Cunningham getting the jump again downwind. The Bancroft team recovered from their restart to gradually climb back up through the fleet with exceptional downwind speed. Reynolds/McMillan proved to be one of several boats deemed OCS.

Final places were: 1 Fells/Cunningham (UK), 2 Hansen/Ellis (AUS), 3 Bancroft/Bancroft (AUS), 4 Richardson/Richardson (AUS), 5 Ray/Wells (AUS)

Race 6

Race 6 started immediately after Race 5 in a good 18-20 knot breeze with Fells/Cunningham predictably getting off the line well. Ellis/Hansen and Nils Jolliffe/Jon Branch (UK) also showed good speed but all went too far left and overlaid the first mark allowing Reynolds/McMillan and Clive Watts/Anita Elstob back into the race.

Fells/Cunningham skipped away downwind as the breeze began to fade with Jolliffe/Branch & Reynolds/McMillan following. Hansen/Ellis slid back behind Watts/Elstob & husband & wife team Nick & Sally Richardson from Tasmania. The Bancroft team managed to start prematurely for the second race in a row and again recovered well throughout the race, especially off the breeze. By the final lap the wind had reduced to about 5-10 knots making the going tough in the choppy seas which showed no sign of abating. Fells/Cunningham went on to win comfortably from Jolliffe/Branch (who were later disqualified for OCS), Reynolds/McMillan, Bancroft/Bancroft & Hansen/Ellis.

Series results at the end of Race 6:

AT&T, Fells/Cunningham (UK) (2,1,3,1,1,1)

Buggar the Bone, Bancroft/Bancroft (AUS) (1,2,2,8,3,3)

Priority Powder Coating, Hansen/Ellis (AUS) (6,4,18,10,2,4)

Evil C, Watts/Elstob (AUS) (3,16,7,7,6,7)

Hunt Leather, Parkes/Hunt (AUS) (4,3,9,5,OCS,11)

The Nude, Reynolds/McMillan (AUS) (7,9,11,4,OCS,2)

Day 4 02.01.03

Race 7

Race 7 commenced in a 10 knot NW breeze at 930am. Jono Pank & Shaun Barber (GBR) started well to lead at the first mark after heading right and tacking into more pressure. The Bancrofts slipped into 2nd with Matt Searle & Rich Bell (GBR) 3rd. The top three split tacks downwind without any change to positions at the bottom mark. Up the 2nd work the wind lightened considerably with the leaders heading left upwind. Pank/Barber broke off first, heading back to the right side of the course and extending their lead some-



Kris & Michael Plain—Master's Apprentices

Photo courtesy of Jeff Crow & SailMelbourne



what after again hooking into a lift. Down the next run most boats went into shore but Pank/Barber had to contend with a knot in their spinnaker tack line, allowing the Bancroft team to take the lead. Searle/Bell rounded close on their heels. Bancroft went hard left allowing the GBR boats to fight it out up the middle, which appeared to pay, and the Bancroft's lead was narrowed at the top mark. The last run saw the top three come into shore and although the two GBR boats closed the gap further, Guy & Rhys Bancroft held on to win the penultimate race of the series and assure themselves victory in the Australian Championship. Fells/Cunningham were content to sit the last two races out having already secured the Open Australian title.

Race 8

The first attempt to start race 8 was abandoned in the final minute as the light NW breeze shifted 15° to 270°. At the second attempt Pank/Barber jumped the start at the beginning of the last race having to gybe around the pin end and head to the right side of the course. They cleared their air quickly and hooked into pressure and a favourable shift on the right to place 1st at the top mark followed by the Bancrofts & Searle/Bell again who had played the left side of the course. Abby Parkes and Sophie Hunt (AUS) were close behind and all headed into shore. Parkes/Hunt gybed earlier than most and carried some pressure into starboard side of the bottom gate with a small shift resulting in the leaders overlaying the port side of the gate slightly. This placed Parkes/Hunt in a line of pressure on the upwind leg that brought them up to the GBR boats who had gone hard left. At the top mark the 2nd time Pank/Barber were ahead of Parkes/Hunt and the Bancrofts 3rd with Searle/Bell 4th. All



Abby Parkes & Sophie Hunt—Hunt Leather

again headed for the shore side downwind with Parkes/Hunt picking the layline best to round ahead at the bottom gate. 2nd at this stage was Searle/Bell then Bancroft/Bancroft with Pank/Barber slipping back to 5th after going too far in shore downwind. Up the final beat the wind had flicked right & filled in slightly with the leaders again heading left. Most chose to sneak across to the right with short little tacks when the opportunity presented itself but Guy Bancroft backed himself by heading hard left. Parkes/Hunt extended their lead with the Bancrofts passing Searle/Bell to lead Pank/Barber to the top mark the final time. Both of the Aussie boats again went for the shore down the last run while the GBR sailors stayed in the middle of the course. Final placings after the short work to the finish were; 1 Parkes/Hunt (AUS), 2 Bancroft/Bancroft (AUS), 3 Searle/Bell (GBR), 4 Pank/Barber (GBR), 5 Jolliffe/Branch (GBR).

Final results for both series' were;

Sail Melbourne B14 Open Australian Championship

AT&T, Tim Fells/Dave Cunningham (GBR758) 9pts.
 Buggar the bone, Guy Bancroft/Rhys Bancroft (AUS357) 11pts
 Hunt Leather, Abby Parkes/Sophie Hunt (AUS350) 29pts
 The Nude, Richie Reynolds/Lissa McMillan (AUS368) 36pts
 Priority Powder Coating, Paul Hansen/James Ellis (AUS362) 38pts

Sail Melbourne B14 Australian Championship

Buggar the bone, Guy Bancroft/Rhys Bancroft (AUS357) 8pts
 Hunt Leather, Abby Parkes/Sophie Hunt (AUS350) 17pts
 The Nude, Richie Reynolds/Lissa McMillan (AUS368) 23pts
 Priority Powder Coating, Paul Hansen/James Ellis (AUS362) 26pts
 Evil C, Clive Watts/Anita Elstob (AUS366) 27pts

2nd Place—Abby & Sophie

Photo courtesy of Jeff Crow & SailMelbourne



New Year's Party pictorial





Toga time



Sail Melbourne World B14 Championships



Fells/Cunningham GBR 758 vs. Bancroft/Bancroft

Guy and Rhys Bancroft came to the SailMelbourne 4th B14 World Championship with a new set of sails from Lindsay Irwin and won the first two heats, putting themselves in a position to take the title, which was not decided until the last race. Tim Fells from the UK, the most consistent B14 sailor of recent times with a 2,1,2 record in the last three World Championships, described the Bancrofts as “an added surprise – an Aussie team who had all the tools to win the title”.

McCrae YC sailor, Guy Bancroft, brought his teenage son Rhys to Gosford near the end of last season to buy a B14. They trialled a bright yellow boat belonging to Tasar & Laser sailor, Shane Guanaria, at the NSW state B14 championship. They finished 9th, bought the boat and took it home to Melbourne to practice over winter.

Bancroft, a previous Australian Champion in International 14s, credited Lindsay Irwin with producing “something special” in his first attempt at making sails for this class. After returning to NSW, a month prior to the Worlds, the Bancrofts showed particularly good downwind speed against the NSW boats. At previous World titles the UK boats had a clear advantage downhill so this augured well for the upcoming battle.

When the sea breeze failed to materialise on day one of the World championship, the tension gradually built as McCrae YC held the start off until almost 6pm. When the fleet finally got away, the Bancrofts leapt off the start line after tacking onto port at the pin end and, capitalising on a late shift to the left, laid the first mark to lead in 5-10knots of NE breeze. After winning this heat they repeated the result the next morning in another light wind race to give the strong UK team a scare.

A solid southerly front on the afternoon of day two quickly cooled the 40 degree day and caused some carnage on the race course. Pre regatta favourites, AT&T sailed by Fells/Cunningham (UK), had a swim at the end of the first lap when they sailed too far below the bottom gate and Fells was a little too ambitious trying to lay the gate while his crew stashed the kite. They recovered well however with excellent upwind speed and tactics to finish 3rd, on the transom of the Bancrofts, who had *also* climbed through the fleet on the strength of their downwind performance.

It took the Fells/Cunningham combination until race 4 before they finally finished in front of the Bancrofts after blasting off the pin end of the start line on starboard. Fells paused at one stage up the first work to push his rudder back down when the locking pin fell out but this didn't prevent him from leading the race from start to finish. A 30 knot squall hit the fleet as the leaders rounded the top mark the last time causing the Bancroft team to swim as they gybed, but they recovered quickly, losing only one place to finish 4th.



Matt Searle & Rich Bell–Sprint

Photo courtesy of Jeff Crow & SailMelbourne

When day three's racing was controversially cancelled due to excessive breeze (20-25knots), the race committee found themselves running four races on the penultimate day. To their credit, the race committee took a consultative approach, encouraging class liaison

officers to discuss the decision.

Two other UK teams, *Snatch* (Jono Pank/Shawn Barber) & *Sprint* (Matt Searle/Rich Bell), strengthened their chances with wins on day four, while both Fells & Bancroft added an OCS each to their scorecard. Barber crewed on the winning boat at the previous World Championship on Lake Garda, Italy and, as reigning World champion crew, brought a detailed knowledge of B14 tuning and sailing to his combination with Pank, who had previously steered his own boat into 5th on Lake Garda.

With two races scheduled for the final day the top four boats were separated by only 4 points. Fells suffered a drama at the start of race 9 when they were hit by a port tack boat placing them near the back of the fleet by the time they had extricated themselves. They kept their cool however to spot some pressure on the right side of the first, light wind, work which eased them up into 10th at the first mark. By utilising the tricky windshifts on the left side up the 2nd work, Fells moved into 2nd place at the end of the race ahead of the Bancroft's who finished 6th after they swam due to a buoy room dispute at the last mark.



Nils & JB lead the fleet downwind

Photo courtesy of Jeff Crow & SailMelbourne

Fells started the last race with a two point buffer over the Bancrofts. The Bancroft team forced Fells to tack away soon after the start by positioning themselves nicely on their lee-bow. Despite being back in 12th at the top mark (Bancroft was 4th), Fells again moved through the fleet in the light 5-10knot SE breeze by playing the shifts to lead the fleet at the end of the 2nd work. The Bancrofts, knowing that they needed to beat Fells by more than two places, took some calculated risks over the last few legs. Fells sailed well to cover the moves of his closest opponents and suffered some anxiety down the last run as he watched the fleet bring pressure down to him. Ultimately though, he held on to take the race and the championship. Unfortunately for the Bancrofts, they also relinquished 2nd place overall when Pank/Barber finished 3rd and they slumped to 7th in the final race.

Six UK boats came to Melbourne and their worst placed boat was eighth with only the Bancrofts (3rd) and *The Nude* (7th), sailed by Reynolds/McMillan from Woollahra SC, able to split the British contingent. Tim Fells was symbolically presented with a tiny urn full of ashes which he promised to keep in his possession until the next World championship which will most likely be held in Europe in July 2004 (hopefully at Lake Garda again, after the success of the last World Titles).



Tim Fells & Dave Cunningham

World Champions 2003

Photo courtesy of Jeff Crow & SailMelbourne

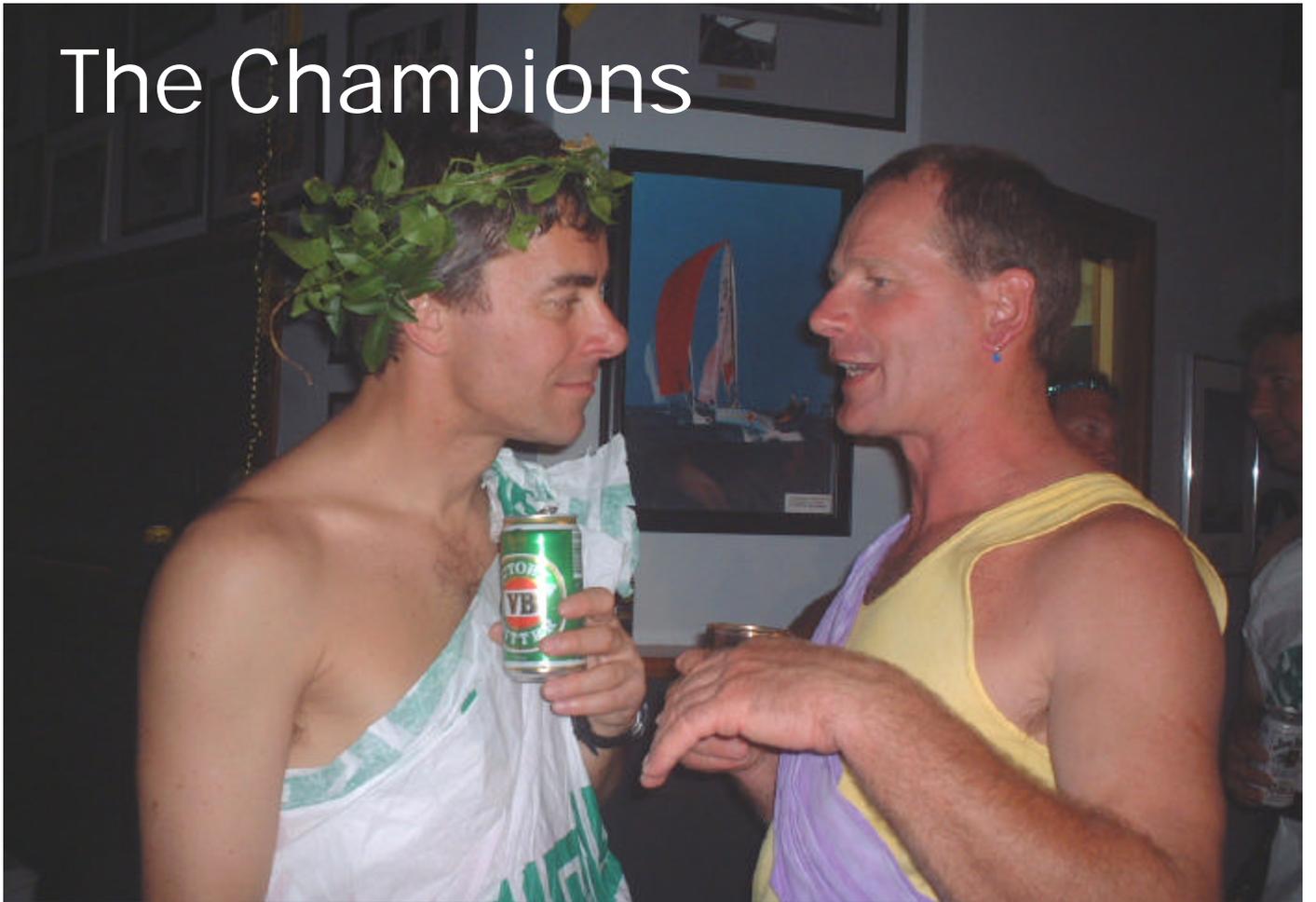
The Group



The Girls



The Champions



The AGM



James' story

For anyone that wasn't at the World's presentation, someone gave me the idea (apologies to whoever it was...I can't remember), that because there were so many descriptive boat names, you could write a story about them. So this is it...

Paul & I have been staying with Tim & Sue this week. It's been a good relationship really, plenty of *thrills & spills* and...with absolutely *no strings attached*.

I was under no illusions about it being a dry couple of weeks but I must say I didn't anticipate that, with everyone dropping into our place, there would be so much *Smokin'* and *FreeBeer*. I also knew that it would be friendly but I wasn't sure how friendly it would be on the water though. After all, it is a World Championship, and you know how these things can develop into some kind of *Epic* battle of the *WarLord's*. You know the kind....where a bunch of *Dudes* all try to conquer the *Evil Empire*.

Anyway, we soon discovered that Sue likes to walk around the house in the morning wearing nothing but a towel....which was fine....it's just that sometimes when she bent over to get something out of the fridge you could see her *Snatch*the eggs & milk up very quickly indeed.

The other thing that concerned me a bit was the fact that I generally like to sleep in *The Nude*. Which, of course, isn't a problem unless you want to go to the bathroom early in the morning. Now Sue's no *Polygamist* but nevertheless I didn't want to *Teaz* her unnecessarily or set up some kind of *Fatal Attraction*. So I thought maybe I should pop a *Beer-can* over my manhood but soon abandoned that idea when I couldn't find one that would fit.....what can I say....*it's Hard to be humble!!!* Now normally, you wouldn't see me nude unless *flyingpigs* flew across the *moonshadow* but, desperate situations call for desperate measures, so I thought *Buggar the Bone*...I'll just *Sprint* to the bathroom.

Apologies to AT&T, RayMarine, HuntLeather, MastersApprentices,Gadkak, Fujitsu, Perry's Lease & Finance & Craftsman Homes & anyone who doesn't have a boat name.

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Traveller's Trophy up for grabs

The travellers series is just over half way through. Teaz is leading with Hunt Leather and The Nude in hot pursuit. With three races to go and one drop to be included there is some tough sailing to be had to wrench this grand trophy away from The Nude who have held it for a few years.

Lets see who will end up with the trophy at the end of the season by sailing in the remaining three events at Gosford on March 22, Woolahra on March 29 and at Bayview on May 4.

BOAT No.	BOAT NAME	HEAT 1	HEAT 2	HEAT 3	HEAT 4	TOTAL
AUS 356	Teaz	2	1	2	1	6
AUS 350	Hunt Leather	3	4	15	2	24
AUS 368	The Nude	1	2	15	6	24
AUS 359	Epic	6	5	15	5	31
AUS 353	Polygamist	6	3	15	9	33
AUS 367	Evil Empire	DNS	5	5	8	34
AUS 362	Priority Powder Coating	DNS	DNS	1	3	36
AUS 313	Masters Apprentices	DNS	DNS	4	4	40
AUS 299	Free Beer	DNS	DNS	6	10	48
AUS 366	CST	DNS	DNS	3	DNS	51
AUS 102	White Pointer	DNS	6	15	DNS	53
AUS 351		DNS	DNS	15	7	54
AUS 324	Perrys Lease and Finance	DNS	DNS	15	11	58
AUS 280	Skuzzmoss	DNS	DNS	15	DNS	63
AUS 269	Wai Haka	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	64