

OCTOBER 2005

# Wingflap

Dennis (skipper) and Daniel (crew) Watson, at Jervis Bay in the first heat of the Travellers Trophy, October 2005.  
Photographer: Mark Watson (dad)



## Countdown to the World Championships

### Letter from your President

It's that time again! Time to dust off the boat and get out on the water, if you haven't already done so. And it's more exciting than ever this season, with the Big Events happening on Sydney Harbour this January. The Poms are coming out in numbers to take us on in our own back yard, so it's incumbent upon us all to put on our best-ever showing!

At the last Worlds in Garda, the Aussies came away with 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 37<sup>th</sup>. At the previous event in Melbourne, Guy and Rhys Bancroft achieved the best ever result (so far) for an Australian crew with 2<sup>nd</sup>. What can we do this time???

And it's important that we don't just have a good showing on the sailing side of things, there're the social events! These will culminate in a Harbour Cruise on the night of Friday 13<sup>th</sup> after World's Presentation.

There will be a Toga Party at Woollahra Sailing Club on New Year's Eve. It's free for members and all B14ers and their guests. We expect some of the Poms will be here at that stage and looking for somewhere to party. It will be a laid-back affair, BYO grog and toga.

We are currently compiling rosters for volunteers for the event, so please encourage friends and family to lend a hand. If they can be available for

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one day or the whole time, for on-water or land-based roles, we would be most grateful. Chat to me ([reynoldr@rivernet.com.au](mailto:reynoldr@rivernet.com.au)) or Kieran ([kieran@apsulpture.com](mailto:kieran@apsulpture.com)) about this. Thanks to those who have already offered assistance.

Some of the new members to the class (Dennis and Daniel Watson) have already come along to the first Travellers Series Regatta (see report page x), which is great to see.

Adrienne Lough and Pat Langley are now the proud owners of 299 while Sophie and Andy await the arrival of their new craft. Sadly, Lauren and Ben will be leaving us shortly, heading up to Queensland to live. We'll miss them, but hopefully we'll have a new regatta venue as we race the new fleet at the Humpybong Yacht Club!!

A quick administrative note, skippers and crews need to be members of the B14 Association of NSW and of a Sailing Club to take part in any B14 regattas. The fees for the Association have stayed stable for yet another year, with the Senior member fee being \$70 and Associate member fee \$15. There must be one Senior member on each boat. Sailing club membership is necessary as it provides you with affiliation to the AYF and ISAF, which is a requirement under racing rules. It also provides you with a Personal Accident Insurance policy while sailing, cruising, participating and officiating in races, race training and while on the premises of an affiliated yacht club. Many clubs these days also need proof your boat is insured to \$5,000,000 - \$10,000,000 for public liability so it's a good idea to keep a photocopy of your policy in your sailing bag at all times.

See you on the water,  
Lissa



Richie single handedly handling the Brass Monkey (Regatta) without the President? Hence unaccustomed capsizes?

Hatch match and dispatch (gossip) from editors:

Peter Ray, proud father of three (welcome to Ryan, born November last year) and Gareth Wells (also proud father of three!) have not been seen on the water all year. Boat is on the market but it looks like it will still be in the family for a repeat Nationals/Worlds showing!

Megan Taylor (erstwhile crew for Scott Kennedy) is off the water, on maternity leave, so Scott is sailing this season with his brother (congratulations Megan and Jason, welcome).

From over there: Single girls can breathe a sigh of relief? Jono Pank and Nils are married, as are Ewan and Genge. But Matt Searle is in the UK contingent headed this way and he has put his order in.

Get your entries in now!

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NOR and entry forms are online now! Go to [www.b14.org](http://www.b14.org) and click on the Woollahra i symbol, or go directly to Woollahra Sailing Club's website at [www.woollahrasailingclub.org.au](http://www.woollahrasailingclub.org.au) Also on the site - more information on the Worlds and the venue, and results and images as they come to hand.

**Note: Earlybird entries due by 5 November!!!**

# THE BRASS MONKEY REGATTA

The inaugural Squaddy Brass Monkey Regatta held on Sydney Harbour over 20-21 August attracted over 70 skiffs, dinghies and catamarans representing 18 classes from 24 sailing clubs in New South Wales, the ACT and Victoria.



On the water conditions were difficult on Day 1, a fresh and gusty westerly breeze tested competitors and their boats around the gated windward/leeward course. Nearby Fort Denison weather station recorded 15-25 knots with a maximum gust of 28 knots during race time. This caused a high level of retirement and plenty of exciting viewing for the packed spectator ferry.

The Cherub class shone on the day providing some blistering rides down the course while some of the bigger skiffs struggled to keep hold of their larger sail area in the gusts. The F16, F18 and A Class catamarans were fast, but also provided some spectacular nosedives.

The two winners in Division 1 were Dave Elwers in an A Class Catamaran in race 1 and Nigel Littlewood, 49er "Rivkin Report", in race 2, both were runners up in the race they did not win. In Division 2, current Interdominion 12 foot skiff champion Nick Press steered "Yabba Dabba" to a win in Race 1, with Victorian Alan Vickery taking out race 2 in his International 14 "WAM". Dominating Division 3, James Birdsall's cherub "In Gods Hands" won both races.



On Sunday the westerly breeze moderated and varied from 10 knots down to a millpond at times. The 49ers took out Division 1, Olympic coach and former world Moth champion Emmett Lazich won race 3 in "Morpheus", Olympian Clynton Wade-Lehman beat him by a narrow margin in Race 4.

**Richie Reynolds sailed his B14 "The Nude", to a double win in Division 2.** Division 3 saw Hugh Tait sail "Ram Raider" an NS14, to a win in race 3 and "In Gods Hands" got another bullet in Race 4.



The diamond gets going in the light

The overall winner was awarded a mounted brass monkey. True to the spirit of the event, this was awarded to the best on-water effort as spotted by the race committee. The Cherub "Camel Toe", sailed by Adam Forbes took the ugly monkey home after being clocked at 20 knots whilst passing the capsized 12 foot skiff inter-dominion champion.

Text and photos: From the official report on the website

<http://nsw.i14australia.org/sfs>

#### Overall Results:

##### Division 1

1st "Red", A Cat, 26.75; 2nd "Bling Bling", A Cat, 41; 3rd "Morpheus", 49er, 50.75

##### Division 2

1st "The Nude", B14, 8.5; 2nd "WAM", I14, 11.75; 3rd "Yabba Dabba", 12, 45.75

Note from editor: On day two I saw Richie and Lissa sail to the top mark while the rest of us were flopping about in 0 kts, to round the top mark practically first, and it was impressive!



Note: BangBang with orange kite way down the course



##### Division 3

1st "In Gods Hands", Cherub, 4.25; 2nd "Camel Toe", Cherub, 14; 3rd "Max Power", Cherub, 24

# JERVIS BAY 2005



## Jervis Bay Report 2005 by cadet reporter Richie Reynolds

The October long weekend regatta at Jervis Bay displayed another ideal sailing venue. Callala Bay is on the northern side of Jervis Bay providing a great flat-water race track. Three B14s made our first showing at this event, one which we are told has become an annual fixture for many classes. Drew Malcolm and Chris Bibby came up from Eden, and Dennis and Daniel Watson from the Pittwater made their B14 racing debut. And of course the perennial travellers in The Nude were there.

Saturday looked like it was going to be a bit light on, and the course looked to be set at an odd angle but the race committee had it right as 10-15kn sea breeze kicked in at race time making everything in the right place. We raced in a mixed division of mono hulls with kites on a triangular course. The FD got to the top mark first but was soon overtaken by The Nude, the first reach was broad with the second just a bit tight for a spinnaker. The sharpies from Canberra slowed Drew and Chris up a bit. Not that it mattered too much in the end as they later found they were OCS. Dennis and Daniel in B Sting had a respectable showing with a mid-fleet result. B Sting showed that

they are worthy class members by having matching B Sting team shirts! They obviously will fit in very well with the B14 fetish for dressing up! Race 2 had similar conditions with Chris and Drew making it B14s 1, 2 as they tried to reel in The Nude as it crossed the line.

Saturday night the place to go is the RSL, good value food and live entertainment. B14ers squeezed onto the dance floor with the local 7 year olds to do a bit of Nutbush action. Will Deanne let Chris out again after she sees the photos!??

Sunday morning revealed a glorious sunny still day. Glorious that is for activities other than sailing. With three races on the schedule the race committee was keen to get one underway. It looked like a sea breeze may have been filling in so out we went. The wind didn't cooperate and followed the fleet around the course making each of the three legs into the wind. One lap of that was enough and back to the beach for lunch and to see what the afternoon would bring. Well it brought plenty with a 20+ kn south westerly. B Sting was the first of many to succumb to the conditions with the boys falling through the main on a capsize before the start. The Cherubs and Sharpies were revelling in the conditions. The Nude had a couple of spaghetti nightmares resulting in a capsize in each race, giving Chris and Drew a chance but they called it a day with a lap to go in the final race giving The Nude an easy win



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Overall a Sharpie got up to take out the division with the Nude second and a Cherub third. Presentation on the grass saw lots of goodies from local sponsors handed out. Tool-boxes with tools included, great enviro packs (including slightly less exciting shower cleaning produce!), torches, fruit platters and more!!

Note: Fabulous photos by Mark Watson



The young Watsons looking relaxed and comfortable at Jervis Bay



# TRAVELLERS TROPY COMES TO BYRA

## Bang Bang Gets the Gun



An impressive fleet of 10 boats was led home by Kieran Livermore and crew Simon Led in the second leg of the Travellers' Trophy at Bayview.

It was a fantastic turnout, the season debut for a number of B14s. It was the first race for the new owners of 299, Pat Langley and Adrienne Lough, and they pulled off a particularly creditable performance.

It was a corker of a day, with 10 to 15 NorEaster forecast, but the wind ended up more a shifty 5 to 12 knots.



The first race was two laps with the usual downwind finish. The race started on time, which was a bit early for a few boats who took too long to leave the shore!! Rock Lobster, 299 and The Nude all missed the start. Marty Johnston and Spike Halkes ended up crossing the line first, after very close racing with Bang Bang and Octopussy. The Nude managed to get back amongst it after missing the start by more than three minutes.

Newcomers Dennis and Daniel Watson put in an excellent effort in B-Sting, and were in the leading bunch the whole race. However, it was to no avail as the race committee abandoned the race just before the finish. Apparently there was mass confusion with other classes sailing the wrong courses, and the committee was concerned a fleet of Sydney 38s was endangering the Manly Juniors, Flying 11s etc.

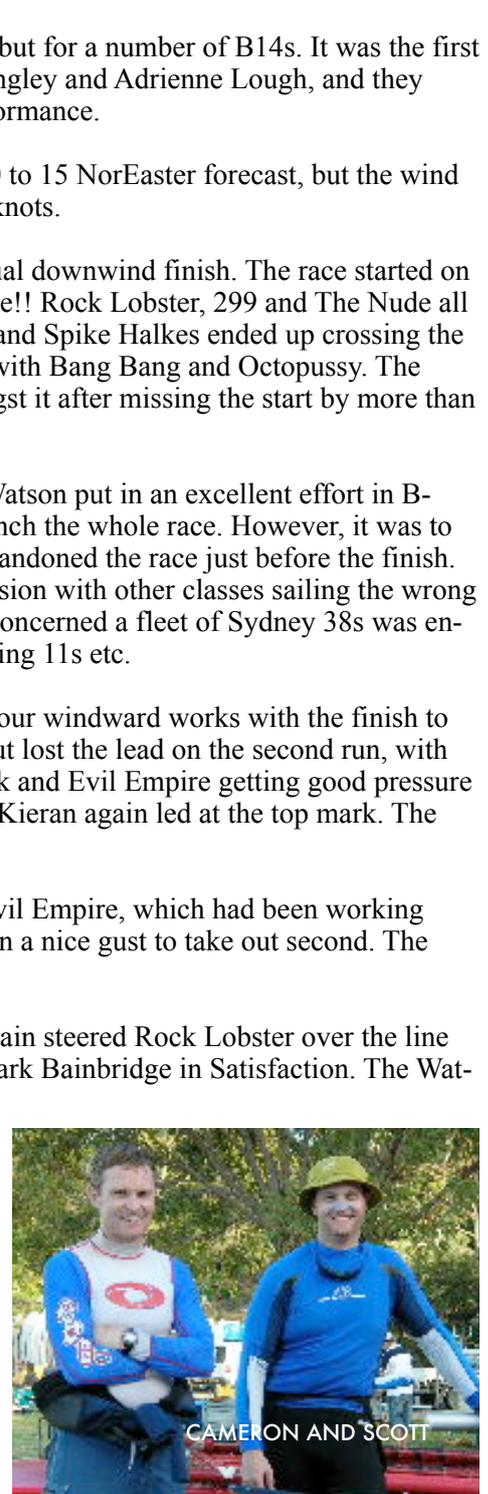
Race 2 was a longer affair, with four windward works with the finish to windward. The Nude led early, but lost the lead on the second run, with Bang Bang, Octopussy, Nerd Work and Evil Empire getting good pressure down the left. During the third work, the lead changed a number of times, but Kieran again led at the top mark. The run saw him extend his lead, which he held comfortably until the finish.

The Nude managed to reel in Octopussy and Nerd Work, but failed to cover Evil Empire, which had been working well up the right on the final work. James and Angus Luffman came through on a nice gust to take out second. The Nude crossed third, with Octopussy fourth.

Debut racers Pat and Adrienne finished in fifth place, a fantastic effort. Kris Plain steered Rock Lobster over the line for sixth, followed by Marty Stott and Mark Bainbridge in Satisfaction. The Watson Brothers in B-Sting were eighth, and Anthony House with Ben Osborne in Living Colour came in ninth. Nerd Work was OCS.



The third leg of the Travellers series is in gorgeous Port Stephens on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of November.



# TRAVELLERS TROPHY STANDINGS

	Jervis Bay	BYRA	Total
The Nude	1	3	4
B-Sting	3	8	11
Bang Bang	17	1	18
Thrills and Spills	2	17	19
Evil Empire	17	2	19
Octopussy	17	4	21
299	17	5	22
Rock Lobster	17	6	23
Satisfaction	17	7	24
Living Colour	17	9	26
Nerd Work	17	16	33
The Couch	17	17	34
The Diamond	17	17	34
Crash and Burn	17	17	34
Gretel 4??	17	17	34

## B14 PROVISIONAL NSW SAILING CALENDAR 2005/06

Club Racing: SUNDAYS AT Woollahra Sailing Club and BYRA  
 Woollahra SC events calendar and club weather station info available at  
[www.woollahrasailingclub.org.au](http://www.woollahrasailingclub.org.au)

### Events

Date	Venue	event	status
24-Sep	Woollahra SC	Training Day	
1 -2 October	Jervis Bay Regatta	Travellers Trophy	
22-Oct	Woollahra SC	Training Day	
23-Oct	BYRA	Travellers Trophy	
20-21 November	Port Stephens Regatta	Travellers Trophy	
10 - 11 December	Woollahra SC	Bethwaite Skiff Series	
17-18 December	Woollahra SC	SIRS	TBC
3,5-6 January	Woollahra SC	National Championships	
7-13 January	Woollahra SC	B14 World championships	
21-22 January	Woollahra SC	Bethwaite Skiff Series	
26th January	Woollahra SC	Australia Day Regatta	
11-12 February	Eden Regatta	Travellers Trophy	
16th April		Easter Regatta	TBC
22-23 April	Batemans Bay SC.	Batemans Bay Regatta, NSW STATES, Travellers Trophy	TBC
7th May	BYRA	BYRA Marathon, Travellers Trophy	

## B14 MEMBER PROFILES AUS 367

Name

James Luffman

Nickname(s)

Jim, Jimmy

Crew or skipper?

Skipper

Why are you sailing a B14 and when did you start?

To sail with my brother – October 2004.

Your best sailing experience?

Lake Macquarie gusting to 40 knots

Favourite website?

Anything related to the weather

Do you have any superstitions on the boat?

Black or white tape only on the chainplates and tiller extension.

Do you have any pets?

Hell no!

Your worst sailing experience?

I was dumb enough to try sailing lasers....

Favourite thing about the B14?

Very clean hull shape

Least favourite thing about the B14?

Those new high-tech spinnaker halyard blocks – I'm changing back!

What will you wear to the B14 World Championship Prizegiving?

Shorts and a t-shirt wouldn't be a bad guess.... Why?



James Luffman and your Class President



Gus obviously prefers the hug approach

Name

Angus Luffman

Nickname(s)

There have been a few but lets stick with Gus

Crew or skipper?

I work for a living....

Why are you sailing a B14 and when did you start?

12 or so months ago I decided to try something smaller and little brother had always been in dinghies. We'd been toying with the thought of a B for a while.

Your best sailing experience?

Cowes Week 2003. super sailing, great waterway, outstanding apre' – never thought a pair of Dubarrys could look that good.

Favourite website?

Guru.net

Do you have any superstitions on the boat?

Fat bastard slow downwind

Do you have any pets?

My flatmate has a Burmese – those cats are crazy

Your worst sailing experience?

Do we have to talk about the foot being caught and the flying knife? Or maybe we just talk about the ferry.

Favourite thing about the B14?

Simplicity and Speed

Least favourite thing about the B14?

Bruises

What will you wear to the B14 World Championship Prizegiving?

What theme has Lissa come up with this time?

UK fleet training in the off season.



## UK WORLDS CONTINGENT LOOKING STRONG

Report from "JB", champion crew from over there:

'The UK Ashes squad have been hard preparing for the defence of the 'auld urn' down under, once the effects of the 'turbo shandies' had worn off we do occasionally venture out onto the water as well. Fourteen teams are making the trip to the sun with bucket, spade and factor 4 sunscreen (yes they do sell it over here!). As the temperature is decreasing our excitement is rising, with lots of banter in changing rooms to the guys who made the wrong decision.

On paper the B14 touring party is a strong fleet with the current World, European and National champions making the trip, not to forget the current NSW handicap champion! But as we all know reading the paper on a B is just stupid (sorry losing the plot, been talking to Leaky too much). Current World champion Tim Fells has new crew Sean Dwyer running the front end, can he win again with another different crew? On form team for the year is Matt Searle & Sandy Ramus in their new ship, our current National and European champions. The consistent UK series top three of Mark Barnsie & Tom Pygal, Chris Bines & Dave Gibbons and Simon Hadley & Pete Nicholson should do well over a series. Newly weds Jono Pank & Nils Jolliffe (to their wives not each other!) and their respective crews Rich Edwards & JB have the

experience to be in the hunt, but the extra weight of the wedding rings might upset their finely balanced steering. Jamie Mears (the machine) & Matt Gill (micro machine) are proving how fast a dry boat can go, and finally Mark Watts has even managed to import an Aussie Sheila to gain some local knowledge (come to think of it she used to sail with a guy called Watts).

Much like the Ashes series last summer, the UK fleet is looking forward to a competitive, close series. We know what to expect after your last visit to Garda, so won't have that surprised look you gave us then, which fortunately ended in relief. Whilst the racing will be nail biting, we're also looking forward to meeting old & new friends once again (and some new additions!).

So from a wet n windy UK, all the best, get some rest, the Poms are coming!

JB



Note from editors to UK contingent: Big green boats with red diamonds on top have rights. Ask James and Angus.

# ***BREAKING NEWS:***

CHECKOUT THE FABULOUS BYRA TRAVELLERS PHOTOS BY MARK WATTS AT <http://users.tpg.com.au/adslh9m8/B14>

NEW BOAT ALMOST ON THE WATER - Hunt Leather coming soon to the WSC

B14 TRAINING NIGHT AT WSC: Thanks to Emmett Lazich for a very useful evening - if you didn't come along you missed out! Make sure you hear about the next one - get in touch with Richie

B14 Website to be renewed - after much frustration the management of the website in the host country (UK) is changing, so keep an eye out for the new, updated version

## **Plumbers for sale**

Comes with new carbon mast and alloy mast, 2x Irwin mains, 2x Irwin jibs, 1x Brewer jib, 2x irwin spinnakers, 1x brewer spinnaker, 1x sobstad spinnaker, spare wings, spare mast gate plus other bits. Alloy beach trolley and road trailer (toolbox style can carry 2 boats and all the gear) Price \$20 000.00

## **AUS 252 - Miss Conduct**

1 Complete set of Macdiarmid sails (lightly used for 2 seasons)  
1 set of training sails (old)  
Fully sorted Harken fitout  
Very tidy boat Brand new Quantum kite bag  
Trolley Trailer Boat cover  
Ready to race  
\$6,000 o.n.o.

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Boat is located in Tasmania.

MORE BOATS ON THE B14 WEBSITE AT [WWW.B14.ORG](http://WWW.B14.ORG) ON THE AUSTRALIAN MESSAGE BOARD

## **Boats for Sale:**

### **The Diamond**

Cheap way of doing the "worlds" in Australia  
Aus 155 "The Diamond" \$6,500..  
Re-built for the 2003 worlds including new mast, centerboard and case, boom and kite pole, including new 29'er rudder box, new glass rudder, new square transom bar, lightweight glass tiller extensions, new halyards and new Walker Sails kite bag (your crew will love it!). Also comes with heavy duty aluminium beach dolly with deep chocks and 190mm wide wheels, huge registered box trailer (spare wheel and recently re-wired with new lights and all), full boat cover, mast cover, spare rudder & box and a spare set of sails. Sadly we are having to sell as we are moving interstate and they have no B14's there.  
Ben Calder 0425 333 543

