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# Wingflap

Australian B14 Association President Kieran Livermore  
in Bang Bang with crew Tim Austin in the B14 photo of the regatta  
as seen in AUSTRALIAN SAILING  
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## Worlds and Nationals Reports



### **CST COMPOSITES B14 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS WOOLLAHRA SAILING CLUB, SYDNEY**

**By former World Champion Tim Fells**

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The B14 World Championships has a history of close finishes but none has been as tight or dramatic as that served up at Woollahra SC in January. Going into the event the hot favourites were Matt Searle and Andy Ramus from Hayling Island, UK. Already with the European and UK National titles tucked away in the trophy cabinet, they continued with a dominant display in the pre-Worlds / Australian titles, winning with a race to spare.

No-one was putting their money elsewhere after the first day of the World's. In strangely un-Sydney like weather, Matt and Andy found their way through a very difficult, light and shifty Easterly to post a 1,6 placing them just behind Nils Jolliffe and Jon Branch (GBR) with 4 and 1. Back on the beach and two of the leading title contenders, Jono Pank / Rich Edwards (GBR) and Kieran Livermore / Tim Austin (AUS), were glumly looking at the OCSs against their names in race one.

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By contrast Richie Reynolds / Lissa McMillan (AUS) had returned in race one and sailed through the fleet to take a superb second.

Day two dawned with an expectation that it was going to do what it said in the brochure. A 'black nor-easter' sea breeze was forecast under clear blue sky. Out on the water it soon became apparent that these conditions favoured the leading Aussies. With their uppers flapping in the breeze and mains blading out like windsurfers, they smoked around the harbour, lower and faster than the Brits.

Kings of the day were Kieran Livermore and Tim Austin, who posted a 2,1 to move right up the leader board closely followed by fellow Woollahrans, Scott and Cameron Kennedy. However, Matt Searle and Andy Ramus used every bit of their boat handling and experience to keep it tight and move to the top of the leader board with a 1,3.



Fired up by one of the best days sailing, the fleet threw themselves into the Tasmanian fleet 'Simply Red' wine party with renewed commitment. The indoor cycling assault course proved a new innovation and the boat race produced a disputed dead heat but when the Brits played their joker with the wobbly pole race, the Aussies were down and out off the water! (\*\* see "Social")

Day three was very hot, very sunny and extremely windy. After much deliberation the flags came down and the fleet launched into 25 knots that rapidly pushed past 30 on the downhill ride to the start. Few will have gone faster and with adrenalin pumping and eyes on stalks we prepared for a race to remember. Unfortunately, as the first rig came down, the RO called it a day and sent the fleet back to bar.

Two days to go and six races to sail saw the fleet out on the track early. After the excitement of the previous day a state of calm descended on Sydney and 3 races were completed with crews rarely leaving the foredeck. It was difficult head boiling stuff, a day on which the Aussie challenge faltered and the battle for the title closed right up. With consistency hard to find, Jamie Mears and



Matt Gill's (GBR) 5,1,2 was the pick of the day lifting them to third. Old hand and defending champion Tim Fells and crew Sean Dwyer (GBR) finally got their radar working to get a 1,4,4 and pull them up into the fight at the top. Meanwhile, Matt Searle/ Andy Ramus' 8,2,6 brought them back towards the chasing pack. With a 3 point margin over Nils Jolliffe/ Jon Branch and five points covering the first four boats



it was still all to play for going into the final day.

It is never easy to win a World Championship and the closer you get to the finish line the harder it can become and so it proved for Matt and Andy. The weather gods seemed determined to make it as hard as possible with a return to the patchy, unpredictable Easterly with huge gains and losses to be made. Added to this it was Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> – unlucky for some!

Nerves were jangling for the first start that produced a general recall. The fleet was away second time under an "I" flag and it was Nils / JB who took the first race win, putting three points on Tim / Sean and 5 on Matt / Andy back in 6<sup>th</sup>. However, there was talk of a leading boat being OCS and a potential protest against Matt / Andy for a start line incident.



What was to be the final race started with Chris Bines and Dave Gibbons (GBR) taking the lead. With a collection of top 3 results they were the dark horses making a run for the podium. Heading into the last fateful run Jamie / Matt were up to 3<sup>rd</sup> with Tim / Sean 4<sup>th</sup>, unaware that they were leading the championships. Nils / JB and Matt / Andy were locked in battle for

9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> believing they were the only two boats in the running. With Tim and Sean dropping to 7<sup>th</sup> in the last yards and Nils / JB maintaining their lead over Matt and Andy, the fleet went ashore believing the title had gone to Nils and JB.



Back at the club all was astir. The final results showed that it was Nils and JB who were OCS, losing their first place in race 8 and dropping them to 5<sup>th</sup> overall. At the same time Matt and Andy were losing their protest for the start line incident. Calculators came out. Who was the 2006 Champion? In the tightest finish ever, with just one point covering the top three places, Matt Searle and Andy Ramus had just done enough to win their first World Championship. All their commitment and preparation had paid off and they could head off on the harbour cruise prize-giving knowing they had achieved their dream!

This was a stunning championship for the class, socially one of the best and competitively the closest on record. The nine race series produced eight different race winners and there is no doubt that the new carbon mast has evened the playing field both between the UK and AUS fleets and also across the crew weight range. The next B14 Worlds will be held in the UK in July 2007 and will no doubt be just as close, action packed and fun.

#### OVERALL RESULTS:

- 1<sup>st</sup> GBR773, 'Gutted Hedgehog', Matt Searle & Andy Ramus (27 pts)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> GBR772, 'PICA', Jamie Mears & Matt Gill (28 pts)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> GBR758, 'AT&T', Tim Fells & Sean Dwyer (28 pts)
- 4<sup>th</sup> GBR741, 'CSC', Chris Bines & Dave Gibbons (30 pts)
- 5<sup>th</sup> GBR764, 'Boatracr.co.uk', Nils Jolliffe & Jon Branch (32 pts)
- 6<sup>th</sup> GBR768, 'Readycrest', Mark Barnes & Tom Pygall (43 pts)
- 7<sup>th</sup> AUS368, 'The Nude', Richie Reynolds & Lissa McMillan (49 pts)
- 8<sup>th</sup> GBR771, 'Ronstan', Jono Pank & Richard Edwards (64pts)
- 9<sup>th</sup> AUS373, 'Nerdwork', Marty Johnson & Mike Halkes (68pts)
- 10<sup>th</sup> AUS370, 'The Plumbers', Peter Ray & Gareth Wells (71pts)





# Nationals 2005-06

## B14 Australian Nationals – January 2006

The Australian Nationals were held at Woollahra Sailing Club the week before the World Championships, so the event doubled as a warm-up. It was run in conjunction with the Pre-Worlds Regatta that was open only to international competitors. Competitors shared the same start, but results were calculated separately. Thirty-three boats competed, with 13 from OS.

Superb conditions greeted the fleet for day 1 with a 15-18 knot SE breeze. At the end of two races UK boat Guttled Hedgehog (Matt Searle/Andy Ramus) had chalked up two wins, with Tassie boat Bugger the Bone (Richard Fisher/Stuart McDonnell) 3<sup>rd</sup> in Race 1, and CST Composites (Clive Watts/Chris Dixon) from NSW 3<sup>rd</sup> in Race 2.



Day 2 was light, with a SE 5 - 10 knot breeze. The first race of the day was abandoned on NSW Maritime's instructions due to a Tanker sailing through the course. Race 3 was restarted under black flag. The day was dominated by the UK boats, with the best Aussie result a 4<sup>th</sup> in Race 4 by The Nude (Richie Reynolds/Lissa McMillan) NSW.

Day 3 brought classic conditions to Sydney Harbour with a NE 15 – 20 knot breeze which suited the locals a lot better. In Race 5 Woollahra boats took out 3 of the top 5 places with bangbang (Kieran Livermore/Tim Austin) in 2<sup>nd</sup>, CST Composites 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Nerdwork (Marty Johnson/Spike Halkes) 4<sup>th</sup>. Nerdwork backed up for a 4<sup>th</sup> in Race 6, with Octopussy (Scott & Cameron Kennedy) NSW top Aussie boat at 4<sup>th</sup> in Race 7. The final race saw the Australian Nationals' podium placegetters take the first three spots with Nerdwork 1<sup>st</sup>, followed by bangbang and CST Composites.

## **Nationals Scratch Results**

Nerdwork (Marty Johnson/Mike Halkes, NSW) – 1-6-4-5-8-(17)-(8)-6, 30pts; 2. CST Composites (Clive Watts/Chris Dixon, NSW) – 3-8-12-3-(15)-7-3-(34O), 36pts; 3. bangbang (Kieran Livermore/Tim Austin, NSW) – 2-(18)-9-2-6-14-6-(20), 39pts; 4. Octopussy (Scott Kennedy/Cameron Kennedy, NSW) – 8-4-8-6-(16)-8-5-(8), 39pts; 5. The Plumbers (Peter Ray/Gareth Wells, NSW) – 9-14-7-9-(21)-(34C)-12-5, 56pts; 6. Rock Lobster, (Kris Plain/Tim Plain, NSW) – 11-12-(16)-12-11-11-(20)-9, 66pts; 7. Thrills'n'Spills (Chris Bibby/Drew Emonson, NSW) – (34C)-7-11-16-9-10-(34C)-18, 71pts; 8. BallisticB (Ross Daley/Mike Fuller, TAS) – 18-15-6-15-(22)-(34C)-13-11, 78pts; 9. Hunt Leather (Sophie Hunt/Andrew Payne, NSW) – 10-10-(21)-13-17-(34C)-14-14, 78pts; 10. The Nude (Richie Reynolds/Lissa McMillan, NSW) 34C-(34C)-(34C)-11-4-15-15-7, 86pts



*The Simply Red Night,  
brought you by Vino della  
Casa and Bugger the Bone*

You see, a good Tassie Red Wine is a sufficiently good anaesthetic to make a bold incision like this...

John is looking for someone to "Christen" his new shirt.

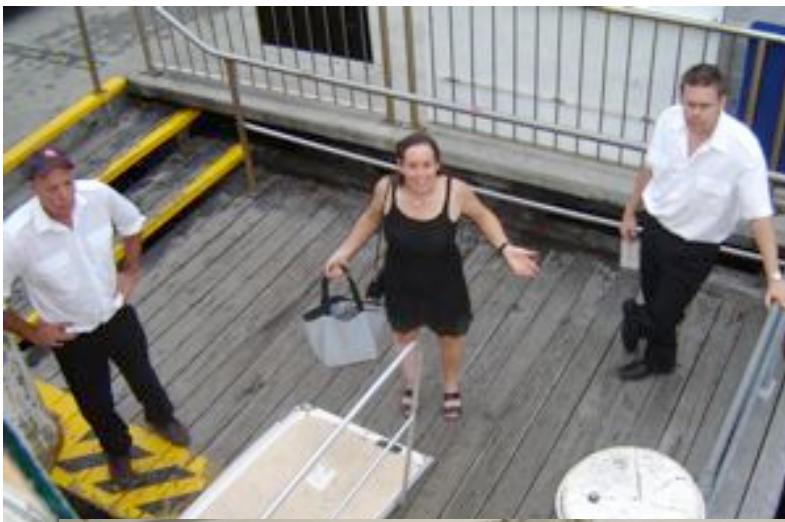


Matt befriends a monkey from Taranga Zoo.

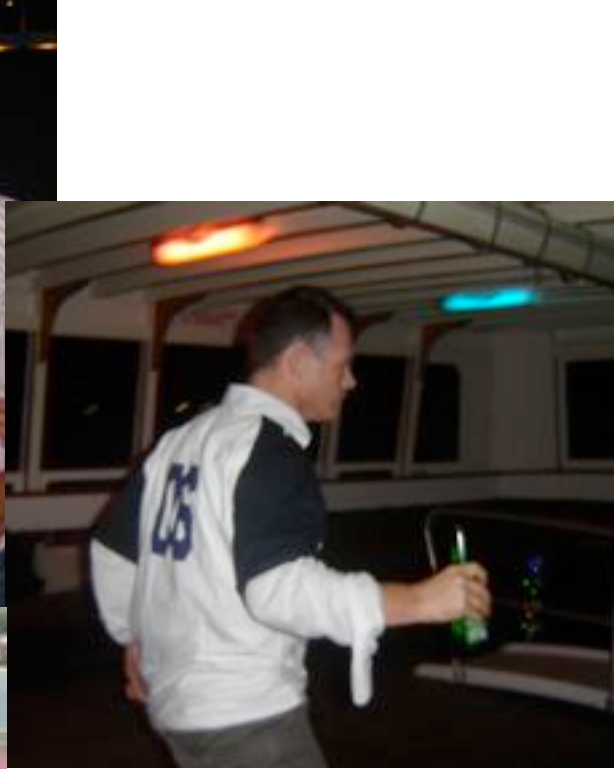
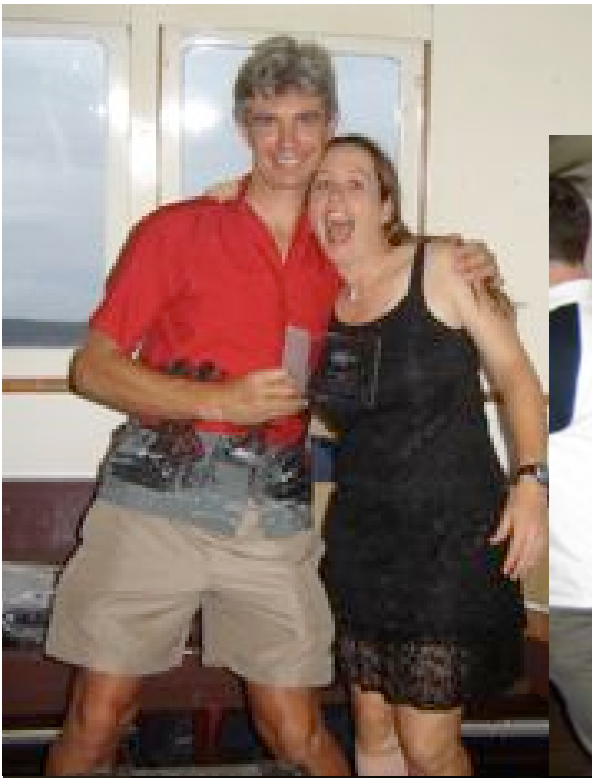












## B14 MEMBER PROFILES AUS 299

**Name:** Pat Langley

**Nickname(s):** Langers, Rat (As in Pat the..)

**Crew or skipper?** Skipper

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

AD and I wanted something that we could race together but have a blast at the same time, so the B14 was the boat for us... ....We bought "Hurricane" in October '05....

**Your best sailing experience?**

That's a tricky one as any day on the water is a good one, but sailing anywhere tropical is always awesome....the most recent was in the B14 worlds, Launched downwind in 25+ knots in flat water, down the back of the bus....ye, ha! (The only disappointment was that they didn't run the race that day)

**Favourite website?** [www.coastalwatch.com](http://www.coastalwatch.com),  
[www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au)

**Do you have any superstitions on the boat?**

None, but I am telling AD that if she doesn't hike hard, it will bring bad karma...

**Do you have any pets?**

No, but will be getting a dog when I get a place with a yard!

**Your worst sailing experience?**

Being T-boned by Paolo Cian at the Steinlager Cup.....yep he lost his damage deposit...

**Best B14 bruise?**

None for me, AD has plenty

**Favourite thing(s) about the B14?**

Hooning downwind in over 20 knots!  
The cool people who race them

**Least favourite thing(s) about the B14?**

Wiping out when sailing downwind in 20+ knots of wind!  
That not enough people wake up and get into them.

**Name**

Adrienne Lough

**Nickname(s)**

Luffy or AD

**Crew or skipper?** Crew

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

Started in October when we bought Hurricane. It seemed like a great thing that we could do together and pretty exciting boats!! I was also keen to try some one design racing cause I was getting sick of handicaps on the keel boats ruining our placings!

**Your best sailing experience?**

Hamilton Island Race Week.....good fun!

**Favourite website?**

**Do you have any superstitions on the boat?**

No! Should we?

**Do you have any pets?**

Pat said I can have a cat if he can get a dog.....but I think we need to upsize out of our little unit first.....!

**Your worst sailing experience?**

Can't think of any...

**Best B14 bruise?**

I had some good ones around my wrists and upper arms that really looked like someone had grabbed me – everyone I saw was gently suggesting that I should really leave Pat!!

**Favourite thing about the B14?**

The Speed!

**Least favourite thing about the B14?**

Hiking!





## B14 NSW SAILING CALENDAR 2006

Date	Venue	Event	Status
22-23 April	Batemans Bay SC	Batemans Bay Regatta, NSW STATES, Travellers Trophy	
30th April	BYRA	BYRA Marathon, Travellers Trophy	
6 May	WSC	Winter Series 1 & 2 SATURDAY	
13 May	WSC	Winter Series 3 & 4 SATURDAY	
20 May	WSC	Winter Series 5 & 6 SATURDAY	
27 May	WSC	Winter Series 7 & 8 SATURDAY	
3 Jun	WSC	Winter Series 9 & 10 SATURDAY	
17 June	WSC	Winter Series 11 & 12 SATURDAY	
15-16 Jul	Port Stephens	Winter in Paradise	
29 Jul	WSC	Cock of the Harbour skiff pursuit race	
12 Aug	WSC	Pre-season training	
19 Aug	SFS	Brass Monkey skiff regatta	
26 Aug	WSC	Pre-season training	
3 Sep	WSC	Spring Series commences SUNDAYS	
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# BOATS FOR SALE

Editor's Note: This is highly speculative information as I have been very busy and overwhelmed in the email department. I would love any updated info on boats that have come and gone. There have been several sales that I know of (Plumbers is going to McCrae where the fleet is rebuilding, the blue boat has gone to BYRA as part of the Watsons' fleet, among others). There are moves afoot to post updated information on the B14 website so please email me with any new or improved information.

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Or post directly to the website and I will pick them up from there.

B14 for sail 359 on the edge (ex Epic) Kulmar epoxy boat only few built , Hull great very stiff good condition , 3 kites ,2 jibs 2 mains , one set of brewers only 9 races old carbon centre board and dagger rudder , 29 rudder box , carbon tiller extensions , beach trolley , stiff wings , very well set up boat , very fast and good results . \$ 11 500 one  
[m.pearce10@bigpond.com.au](mailto:m.pearce10@bigpond.com.au)

Boat No 200 full set of sails, SS trolley and road trailer ready to race, my contact No is 0411751896 I'm from Cronulla Price \$4000.00ono Boat must sell. Gavin Mead  
[sscdevelopments@ozemail.com.au](mailto:sscdevelopments@ozemail.com.au)

AUS 373 Nerd work

The whole box and dice

Carbon mast, Boat/mast/foil covers.

Immaculately prepared. [martinsj@tpg.com.au](mailto:martinsj@tpg.com.au)

Aus 155 "The Diamond" \$6,500.. Re-built for the 2003 worlds including new mast, center-board and case, boom and kite pole, including new 29er 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

Other possibles?

AUS 353 - Erin Stephens

AUS 361 - Smokin - Tassie - Kyle? John Beswick

AUS 222 - Crash n Burn - Ben Tucker and Sue Morgan

AUS 367 - Angus and James' evil empire

AUS 100 - Scott Birdsalls boat



NEWSFLASHES, FROM THE EDITOR, IN NO PARTICULAR ORDER!:

- NUDISTS HAVE GONE NORTH FOR THE WINTER, LIKE THE RARE BIRDS THEY ARE. THEY'RE IN DARWIN FOR THE WINTER BUT THERE IS PLENTY OF SAILING GOING ON AT WSC IN THEIR ABSENCE...

- GREAT COVERAGE FOR THE B14S - IF YOU DIDN'T GET TO SEE AUSTRALIAN SAILING FOR APRIL THEN YOU SHOULD GET A COPY. ALSO YACHTS AND YACHTING.

- KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR A B14 WORLDS DVD COMING OUT SOON BY THE WATSONS. I'VE SEEN A ROUGH DRAFT AND IT WAS FANTASTIC.

- SINCEREST APOLOGIES FOR THE UNTIMELY APPEARANCE OF THIS NEWSLETTER - YOUR CORRESPONDENT HAS BEEN SOMEWHAT OVERWHELMED IN 2006. HOWEVER PLEASE KEEP ALL CORRESPONDENCE COMING - THE CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE BEEN A BIT LEAN (READ NON-EXISTENT)!

- TASSIE NATIONALS - IF YOU'VE EVER DONE A HOBART RACE, OR GREETED A LOVED ONE AT THE OTHER END, YOU'LL KNOW WHAT A HUGE FESTIVAL THERE IS IN HOBART AROUND NYE AND EARLY JANUARY. IT'S A TERRIFIC TIME TO GO TOURING, HIKING (CRADLE MOUNTAIN AND SOUTH COAST TRACK, AND THE RYCT IS RIGHT NEAR THE CENTRE OF TOWN AND ALL THE ACTION IN SANDY BAY. START PLANNING NOW! ALSO I CAN HEARTILY RECOMMEND THE SPIRIT OF TASSIE TO DEVONPORT BUT THERE WILL BE SPONSORSHIP FOR THE SHIPPING OF BOATS ACROSS FROM MELBOURNE TO DEVONPORT AS BEFORE.

CHEERS ALL AND HAPPY WINTER SAILING  
YOUR EDITOR SOPHIE (AUS 376)