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Letter from the Editor

The Wingflap goes National

Welcome to the first edition of the new National Wingflap.

The Wingflap was previously the publication of the NSW Association, it will now be the official publication for the Australian Association.

The wingflap relies on contributions from the B14 community. If you've been to an event or have something to share it would be gladly received.

The editor will remain the same - Daniel Watson, and articles can be submitted to daniel.watson@blackpixel.com.au. Or liaise with your local representative - NSW - Daniel Watson, TAS - Ross Daley/Adrian Beswick, VIC - Scott Cunningham

Thank You to those who have contributed in the past: Richie and Lissa, Sophie Hunt (also previous editor), Geoff Waldon and more. There is some keen interest for the future and everyones contribution is appreciated

National B14 Events

The Australian Nationals have just been completed at Belmont 16ft Skiff Club on Lake Macquarie. Belmont provided some mixed weather and a range of wind all of which resulted in some close racing and the National Championship wasn't decided until the last day of racing. Congratulations to Nick Richardson and Mark Padgett on Pig Arse (AUS 372) from Tasmania who edged out close competition Sly Bone (Guy Bancroft and David Grace) and Bonework (Scott Cunningham and Jason Walker), both from Victoria.

As well as the high calibre sailing (reported to be the strongest Australian fleet ever) another succesful crews union event was run. Special thanks should be made to their president Andrew Payne.

The next major upcoming regatta is the World Championships to be held in Carnac, France in July 2010. This event is a premier skiff location and there is the potential have the largest B14 fleet ever. Make sure you register your interest soon. More details within.

Happy Reading and see you on the Water!
Dan

NSW President's Report

Lissa McMillan

There's been a lot of water under the gunwale since the last Wingflap, so there's heaps of educational reading and defamatory photos in this edition.

The key event was of course the Nationals in Belmont over the week between Christmas and New Year. It was a great turnout, with 23 boats in all. The Tassies and the Vics put in a great effort, with 9 boats from each. And the indomitable Gerry and Leaky showed enormous commitment to B14 sailing, coming all the way from the Old Dart. They were rewarded for this effort by being allocated a leaking tent with wet bedding!

The event was very enjoyable, and was well run by the very professional Belmont club. My only disappointment is that more NSW boats did not take

advantage of the great racing on their doorstep. These events don't just happen, and they certainly don't happen all the time. It will be three years until there is a Nationals in NSW again! My sincere thanks to the hard-working NSW Committee who worked very hard to put on a good show. Of course, there are plenty of events still to come on this season's calendar, so check it out.

Gerry and Leaky hung around long enough after the Nats to race in the Manning River Marathon. The 34km race upstream was a novel way to kick off 2010. Four B14s were mad enough to take up the challenge, amongst a total fleet of 83.

And the other noteworthy NSW event since the last edition was the States. It was the

closest affair in many years, with Sophie Hunt and her array of crews (Jon Branch and Andy Payne) just missing out on a count back to The Nude. Geoff Waldon and his crews (Nicole Pongratz and Daniel Foster) took out the handicap trophy. By the way, if anyone knows where this is, could they please give it to Geoff!! Sophie and her able assistants sailed really bloody well, and has cemented Hunt Leather in the list of boats to watch for in Carnac.

Speaking of which, there are probably about three months before we will be packing boats in containers to set out for France. The container costs are looking very, very reasonable, so there are no excuses for staying at home. Keep an eye on the website for final details on costs. If you haven't started French lessons yet, commencez-vous s'il vous plait!

See you on the water,
Lissa



Gerry and Leaky "doin' it 'ard" at the nationals

French Words required for a B14 Worlds:

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|--------------|-----------------|
| Please | Svp |
| Thank You | Merci |
| Beer | Bière |
| Wine | Vin |
| Rum and Coke | Rhum et Coke |
| Racing | Emballage |
| Start Time | Heure de départ |
| B14 | B quatorze |

2010 Nationals



B14 Shenanigans

We had *Early Warning* that the B14 event was to be an *Epic*. We thought some of the older crews might have taken their *Last Gasp*, but *Not Just Yet*. And some of the younger sailors are just *Plane Crazy*.

B Alert, shouted the race officer at Belmont, There's an *Orca* in the lake. *Pigs Arse*, shouted the man from *Castleton Plumbing and Yachting*, that's no whale. You're dreaming, it's a *Phantom*.

Careful with you language, said the *Prude* from *Craftsman Homes*. The race officer just kept *Smokin* and ignored the *Toxic* comments from *The Plumbers*. He made sure the *Siren* had *Blown*.

Seal your lips, the *Prude* said to *The Plumbers*. Let's look for the *Orca*. We'll start a *Hunt*. *Leather pants* all round. We don't want to get a *Wet Arse* (backwards).

Meanwhile Kelvin went out in *The Nude* on the *Sly*. *Bone* lazy he just didn't give a *Bugger*. *The Bone* in his hunting equipment was faulty. Damn he said, I just can't make this *Bonework*.



2010 Nationals



2010 World's - Carnac

The B14 Worlds are fast approaching. In July 2010 the World Championships will be held at *Yacht Club de Carnac* in Carnac on the Bay of Biscay. This event is to be combined with the Europeans which will also act as a pre-worlds. Carnac is a premier skiff venue, regularly hosting top quality regattas such as 18ft Skiffs.



8 - 10th: Pre Worlds (European Championships)
11th: Lay Day
12 - 16th: World Championships

This has the potential to have the biggest fleet ever at a world championships (52 were at the 2009 Hobart Worlds). Special thanks must be made to Nick Darlow who is working hard to secure a good deal on the container, with estimates to be \$500 per boat. This is much appreciated, and sure to bring in extra numbers.

Below are the *Australian B14 Association* bank details for those wanting to place a deposit/make payment for the container.

BSB: 032 1888 (St Ives Branch)

Account No.: 148774

Name: The B14 Association of Australia

Please include your name/boat in the deposit info

Preparation has already begun for the crews union and is sure to be another unforgettable event. Make sure you register your interest soon and stay tuned for more details still to come.



PDYC Blockbuster 2010

Scott Cunningham

VICTORIAN DOMINATION AT TASMANIAN BLOCKBUSTER



The Blockbuster regatta was hotly contested this year, the B14's had 15 entries which was a little down from previous years but still carried a high level of competition. The regatta takes place in the sunny north east of Tasmania (about half an hour north of Launceston). As always the wether was sunny and the wind was sailable.

Saturday brought 6-15 knots from the East north east, the breeze was rather shifty but never the less Peter Sluce and his race management team got the racing away. 4 races took place on the Saturday with Bonework (Scott Cunningham and Jason "The Pup" Walker) taking the gun in all 4 races, with Sly Bone (Guy "bangers" Bancroft and David "I've lost my S@#T" Grace") having three 2nds and a 4th. A very impressive entry this year was the Victorian team of Joey Randall and Simon Merritt who were very consistent on the first day to be sitting in 3rd place overall after 4 races. In 4th place after 4 races was non other then the



PDYC Blockbuster 2010

Scott Cunningham

Blown Seal (Kelvin Boyle and Mike MacDonald) showing some very impressive upwind speed at times. Ross Daley and John Jenders were the best placed Tasmanians after the first day followed by Chris Wells and Rani Dabner. It was time to enjoy the home cooked roast dinner at the yacht club and the comfort of the bar.



On a lovely sunny Tasmanian morning the yacht club began to fill up and they're are a few Tasmanians walking around wondering why they invited Victorians, as the top 4 places were occupied by the 4 boats that Victoria had brought over. The day had brought similar conditions as the Saturday, 6-18 knots from the east north east and there was plenty to do, Scott and the pup had to try and hold off the current World Champion and the Tasmanians had to try and make some room on the podium. The gun went for the first heat, the individual flag was raised 2 boats went back one of which was regatta leader Bonework, the rest of the fleet continued to the top mark, first around the mark was Bonework followed



PDYC Blockbuster 2010

Scott Cunningham

by Sly Bone and Siren (Joey and Simon) nothing changed throughout the race leaving Scott and the pup with 5 race wins in a row and the regatta only one more race away from being decided, and the Victorians taking a strong grasp on the podium positions. Heat 6 saw the Sly Bone get up for its first win in the regatta with 2 dominant downwind legs with Bonework 2nd and Siren 3rd, this had all but silenced the Tasmanians and secured Victoria a clean sweep of the regatta. The last 2 heats followed with Chris Wells and Rani in Epic managing a 3rd in Heat 7 proving that they were the inform Tasmanians for the weekend, and Ross and John coming in 4th in Heat 7. Heat 8 saw our impressive new comers tangle on the start line with Ross and John in what looked like B14's trying to mate with each other, at the finish line was Bonework again followed by Sly Bone and Epic.

Congratulations to PDYC for such an excellent regatta, Thanks needs to go to the Ladies in the canteen for the excellent lunches and roast dinner, and of course to the bar (Jack, Kevin and Callum). The Blockbuster is a great regatta sailed in the one of the best spots in Australia and it is strongly advised that some B14's from other states attend, you will not be disappointed.

| Rank | Boat Name | Class | Sail No | Helm | Crew | Nett |
|------|-----------------|-------|---------|-------------------|----------------|------|
| 1 | Bone Work | B14 | 374 | Scott Cunningham | Jason Walker | 6 |
| 2 | Sly Bone | B14 | AUS 778 | Guy Bancroft | Dave Grace | 10 |
| 3 | Siren | B14 | AUS 378 | Joseph Randell | Simon Merritt | 17 |
| 4 | Epic | B14 | AUS 359 | Chris Wells | Rani Dabner | 25 |
| 5 | Early Warning | B14 | AUS 377 | Ross Daley | John Jenders | 28 |
| 6 | Blown Seal | B14 | AUS 78 | Kelvin Boyle | Mike Macdonald | 36 |
| 7 | Craftsman Homes | B14 | AUS 369 | Adrian Beswick | John Beswick | 37 |
| 8 | Esra Tew | B14 | AUS 226 | Gavin Barwick | Simmon Legge | 40 |
| 9 | Phantom | B14 | AUS 367 | Steve Miller | Lauren Keil | 42 |
| 10 | Bondi Tram | B14 | AUS 355 | Stephen Mitchell | Amy Van Galen | 48 |
| 11 | Smokin | B14 | AUS 361 | David Cromarty | Cameron Gibson | 53 |
| 12 | B Alert | B14 | AUS 250 | Tim Grant | Stuart Grant | 68 |
| 13 | Power Play | B14 | AUS 182 | Simon Baker | Joshua Baker | 72 |
| 14 | Bring it on | B14 | AUS 313 | Shaun Hancock | Sam Lowe | 76 |
| 15 | Miss Conduct | B14 | AUS 252 | Roderick Jamieson | Luke Nicolas | 90 |

Bethwaite Regatta

Daniel Watson

On the 14 and 15th of November, 2009 Bethwaites held their annual regatta. This was again hosted at the Belmont 16 ft Skiff club. The event provided the opportunity for the B14's to sample the sailing prior to the nationals also being held there.

Two B14's (The Nude and Blitzkrieg) made the trip up from Sydney on Saturday morning and joined the overnight arrivals from Melbourne, Scott Cunningham, Jason Walker (on BoneWork) and Chris Bibby (sailing with Peter Ray on Octopussy).

The sunny Lake Macquarie location soon showed its true colours as the sea breeze steadily built from the north east to 20knots and provide perfect sailing conditions on the flat water.

The first race of the day showed an excellent start from Scott and Pup, Richie and Lissa, and Chris and Pete. Dan and Ailie on Blitzkrieg got into a tussle with a 29er who neglected to account for the wings on a B, this caused them to fall behind in race 1. Race two started much better with some close fought racing. Dan and Ailie had managed to get a good start and were finally starting to show some form. As with race 1 Scott and Pup on BoneWork were well in front and leading for the entire race. Second place could have been anyone however



with a halyard malfunction on Octopussy causing the main to come falling down Richie in the Nude claimed second closely followed by Dan and Ailie.

Race 3 on Day 1 was down a B14 who had made the decision to enjoy the club facilities. Scott and Pup were showing fine form getting a good lead early. The Nude and Blitzkrieg were in a close tussle throughout the entire race. The first rounding Blitzkrieg managed to slip just inside The Nude, only to be overtaken by the bottom mark. The next upwind Blitzkrieg was fighting back, showing some good patches of speed following BoneWorks course. However Richie went right and seemed to go well, uncertainty overcome Blitzkrieg who tacked off to cover. A close encounter with a misguided yacht almost caused her to swim, after a quick recover though the Nude took advantage and claimed second with Blitzkrieg only a few boat lengths behind.

Race 4 was similar again with Bonework 1, The Nude 2 and Blitzkrieg 3.

Day 2 saw the arrival of two more B14's from Sydney. Geoff and Daniel on Orca and Anthony on Living Colour. The wind again built to 20knots from the SE this time, bringing some more chop with it. This time Chris and Pete on Octopussy were back on the water.

The days racing was similar again with Scott and Pup showing fine form, with fellow McCrae Club Member Chris Bibby not far behind. Dan and Ailie were continuing their improvement and in Race 2 led Richie the entire race before being overtaken in the last 10metres by the Nude. Geoff and Anthony both with relatively inexperienced crews enjoyed some fun sailing in the heavy breeze.

Overall the Bethwaite regatta was an excellent event with strong steady breeze and close fought racing. Always a worthwhile and enjoyable regatta, definitely an event to pencil into the diary and attend.

Australia Day Regatta



The 174th Australia Day Regatta was run this year on the 26th of January. Woollahra Sailing Club this year did not run any racing after a successful regatta last year forcing boats to find other clubs.

The B14s always keen for a change in scenery opted for the Pittwater Regatta run by Avalon Sailing Club. This year B14 numbers were down to 2, due to some members moving houses, some interstate and others unavailable.

The weather forecast wasn't favorable however Zeus and Aeolus were on our side with warm 30+ temperatures and a 5-12 knot breeze filling in. The B14s were placed in Division 5 racing against: 6 Cherubs, 2 13ft Skiffs, 16ft Skiff, 4 29ers, 49er, International Canoe, and a 470. The race was to be a 4 lap windward-leeward over a long course.



The racing started in a gentle easterly breeze. Blitzkrieg stayed away from the 29ers and slower Cherubs choosing to start lower on the line near the 16ft skiff. This allowed them to get out into clear air and get some boat speed in the light shifty winds. Orca was late to the start, saying upon arrival to the beach that 'I'm sure the start was a minute early' which would have been due to the 3 minute sequence as per the sailing instructions (however not the only lack of knowledge of SI's to be seen this regatta).

The favourable side was the right, mainly due to the fact that the smaller dinghys doing a triangle would be on the other side and there was lifting pressure approaching the top mark on starboard. The first upwind proved difficult and interesting as the topmark was a very small stick shaped mark which is not easily found. After the first upwind the fleet was spreading out with the 16 clearly in front, followed by the two 13s a 29er and a 470. Blitzkrieg then rounded and immediately followed with a very tidy kite set. They then

gybed back and came across the course with speed, after some good tactics they were able to make up two places on the downwind.

To make the event more interesting the bottom mark for the longer course had disappeared (later found out to have sunk) so after some searching beyond the start line the 16 showed the rest of the fleet which mark we were to round. The racing up the front end was pretty steady, a change in wind allowed the 13 to get on top of the B14 with a good fast kite run, however the Blitzkrieg managed to make up valuable ground.

The last rounding saw Blitzkrieg round in 4th. After an hour glass in the kite they looked sure not to catch the 13 ft skiff. However in another case of not reading the SI's the 13 went around for another lap allowing the B14 to sneak inside. Orca sailed a strong race in the tricky conditions. Geoff had Frenchman Pierre onboard who is relatively new to the boat and a high combined crew weight made it hard in the light tricky conditions.

The Australia Day regatta is a long running social regatta run on both the harbour and Pittwater. It always has a wide array of boats, with many classics coming out like VJ's, Canoes and others. Always a good regatta to do, hopefully more can be in attendance next year.

Manning River Marathon

Richie Reynolds



This event is a bit out of the ordinary. Unlike most sailing we do going around in circles back to where we started this one is a passage race, starting at the mouth of the Manning River and sailing 34km upstream to Taree. The concept is that it's a downwind race if the sea breeze cooperates. After a week of camping in the rain at Belmont "The Nudes" and Leaksters were going to risk camping again, after all we had to show them a real aussie summer holiday. As we were getting close to Manning Point on the Friday night we started to notice a lot of water laying in the paddocks. Apparently it had been raining all week and just stopped at lunch time. We set up camp, cooked up a storm, and went for a short walk over the dunes to the beach, much

to Leaky's surprise as he was sure we had been heading inland for hours.

Next morning was a lovely sunny day. Lissa and I went for an early morning body surf before a leisurely breakfast. Then we all went for a body surf before heading to the river to rig up. As a warm up on Saturday afternoon there is a course race. When we got there Leaky was sure the wind looked about 35Kn but it was only about 15 but the brown river was foaming a bit giving it a deceiving appearance. Geoff Waldon and Daniel Foster had arrived as well to take part in the fun.

The course, officially described as a triangle, windward return, triangle, wing return became

known as a boomerang, sausage, boomerang, bottom sausage due to the position of the marks and the bends of the river. A mixed fleet with NS14s, MG14s, corsairs, cats and us. Fantastic fun with flat water and a good breeze The Nude cleared out to take out the race followed by a couple of NS14s.

Sunday ... the day of the big event. Another beautiful sunrise and early morning dip to prepare for the day. There were a few things to organise as you have to do a car and trailer shuffle to get your stuff to the other end so you don't have to come back to the start area. Fortunately for us Daniel's mother Gaye was a keen (and the only) member of the B14 shuffle team. There is some nice grass on the river

Manning River Marathon

Richie Reynolds



bank so you can leave the boat on that as you take the beach trolley and trailer to the finish at the Taree Aquatic Club. The trick is to make sure you have all you need at the boat as it is an hour's round trip to the other end of the course. Gaye ended up doing the trip four times I think. It was a fantastic effort that made it easy for all of us sailing in the event. During the shuffle Anthony in Living Colour turned up for day trip having left home at 6:30am.

A total of 83 boats entered the event, split into a number of starts. The first start was at 12 for non-spinnaker trailer sailers, then 12:30 for trailer sailers and off the beach boats, then 2 pm for line honours contenders (cats and fast monos). The 2 pm start is to give the sea breeze more time to penetrate inland. On Sunday it was not as strong as the day before, only getting to about 12 Kn. After the 12:30

start which Orca and Living Colour went off in there was some discussion amongst the locals whether the next fleet should start at 1 or 2. The 2pm voters won. 9 boats waited for the start to come around. The Nude and Prude represented the B14s against a VS, a 49er, a I14, a Hobie 18, a Nacra 5.8, a Tiapan and a Tornado. We all misjudged the start a bit as the outgoing current kept us on the

pre-start side a bit longer than we had planned. The Nude led the fleet from the mouth up the river with Prude and other skiffs close behind. The cats took a while to get going, although one was doing a worryingly good job of ghosting along the southern shore as the rest of us gybed along the gusts in the middle. We all stayed pretty close for the first 20 minutes, then the sea breeze started to



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Richie Reynolds

penetrate and the river bent around, so the wind was over the land rather than up the river. The Nude was able to build on a small lead before the others got to the bend. The river led us on to the breeze a little so we had to drop the kite for a while. This allowed a cat to gain a little. Then we started to see the slowest of the earlier starting boats ahead. We passed a couple then it was just a continuous line of boats. Just before the highway bridge the cat, Lazy Bones, got passed us for a while but when the river took us square again we were able to get ahead. The river was quite wide here and we were able to see the other two B14s amongst those ahead. We were about 25m from the bank in clear water and hit something pretty solid. We pushed the centreboard back into the boat, so left it alone hoping it was filling

whatever hole it had made. Working through the fleet we were approaching the other B14s and there was a port hand marker in the middle of the river. Unfortunately Geoff and Daniel on Orca did not notice this and hit the bottom inside the mark. Anthony on Living Colour was very sporting as they had been so close all race and swapping positions throughout, and he waited for Orca to return to the course. We had no such kindness in our hearts and kept working through the fleet going for the line honours prize. We had the fastest elapsed time and ended up second on handicap to a trimaran. Gerri and Leaky came in 15th on handicap, Orca 73rd and Living Colour 74th.

At the presentation in the Taree Aquatic Club each competitor got a certificate of completion

with their time and position. Many prizes sourced from the event's sponsors were distributed.

It was a great event. Over the 34 km we never did a tack but dropped the kite a couple of times and qybed countless times! There was a 50mm gash in the hull which is now repaired and The Nude sails again! It was great fun, quite invigorating to do a different format. Keep an eye out for different events and give them a go.

Upcoming NSW Events:

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| 20 Mar | 14ft Challenge St George SC |
| 18 Apr | Peter Loft Marathon BYRA |
| 24-25 Apr | Anzac Regatta BBSC |



NSW States - WSC



Thanks to Geoff for these sailing photos, taken from his transom camera.



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