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# Wing Flap

Newsletter of the B14 Class Association of New South Wales

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**NEXT MEETING:**

**THURSDAY 31 August 95**

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- **FOR PRICES ON NEW SAILS;**
- **QUOTES ON REPAIRS AND REPLACEMENT PARTS;**

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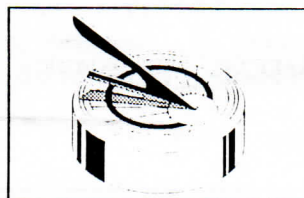
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**OR**

**015 66 44 33**

Time flies - so don't delay



# 1995 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS McCRAE VICTORIA

The Australasian Championships will be sailed at McCrae Yacht Club from:

**Wednesday 27 December  
to  
Sunday 31 December 1995**

A format for the series and a schedule of heats has not been finalised by the Victorian Association.

However, we have been advised that they will be sailing heats similar to those which proved popular at the last Australasian Championships.

There will be at least two heats each afternoon and there will probably be at least nine heats scheduled for the series.

McCrae is located on the Mornington Peninsula and is some 50km from Melbourne. It is a very popular holiday venue for Victorians - so accommodation should be booked very early to ensure you do not miss out.

The information in the centre of this copy of your *Wing Flap* newsletter has been provided by the Victorian Association.

**FOR ACCOMMODATION  
INFORMATION**

**CONTACT  
DROMANA TOURIST INFORMATION  
CENTRE**

**FREECALL 1800 804 009**

## WHERE AND WHEN WOULD YOU LIKE FUTURE AUSTRALASIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS SAILED?

This is NOT a questionnaire, because if it was only 3 or 4 of you would bother to complete it and send it in.

So instead, we want you to think about these questions and someone from the Board will 'phone you to get your response.

1. Where on the East Coast of Australia would be your most preferred location to sail and Australasian Championship?

[General location - e.g. Port Stephens]

2. When would be the best time to hold an Australasian Championship?

[e.g. Between Christmas and New Year, first week of January etc.]

3. Should the holding of the Australasian Championships be rotated between New South Wales and Victoria or should we consider other venues?

Think about these questions - I know it's hard Glenn but just try!

When we ring you, we would also like your thoughts on the following:

- ☐ Has the new price of the B14 risen out of proportion with the inflation rate and made the idea of updating to a new boat out of the question?
- ☐ Are prices for second-hand boats too high and working against new people joining the class?
- ☐ Is this newsletter a complete wank?

The answer to these and many more questions in the next issue.....

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Middle Harbour Yacht Club  
PO Box 404  
SPIT JUNCTION NSW 2088**

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Fax: 9969 3326**

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## SUB-COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTION OF "SMALL RIG" B14"

The initial meeting of this sub-committee was held on Wednesday 2 August 1995.

### Points Arising:

1. Details and concept of existing "Storm Rig", an outline was given by Julian Bethwaite. Essentially the rig was developed in Japan where it is used extensively for the lighter weight crews.

### Future or possible developments of the rig.

Julian felt that this rig could be improved and developed by:

- improving the jib shape - currently it is well down the forestay and this would allow a reduction of the forestay length and make the use of current masts easier - this would also improve the jib sheeting angle; and
- modifying the shape of the spinnaker and bringing the sheeting angle up to allow the full length of spinnaker pole to be used.

Julian also advised that the Europeans who currently sail the B14E are looking to move to full width wings and doing away with the trapeze they currently use. They have seen the "B14s Wild" video and consider that this move would remove them from competing with the Laser 5000 and 4000, the ISO Topper etc. They have larger overlapping jibs which sheet onto the front wing strut and slightly differently cut mainsails. There is a need to have only two sets of rigs World-wide and some compromise and adjustment by all Associations may be necessary. This could involve:

- having slightly larger jibs designed for the standard B14 which would still

sheet to existing sheet positions and this

be adopted by B14E as well [This would increase upwind performance in the marginally lighter breeze range]; and

- increasing the size of the mainsail.

*This was discussed by the meeting and it was felt that an increase in the jib size would probably be acceptable in Australia provided it was properly phased in and introduced. However, the increase in mainsail size would not be acceptable. There will have to be some compromise but if the Europeans accepted this idea it could facilitate a World Championships in the near future.*

Julian is travelling to Europe in September and will have discussions there on adjustments to the B14E.

The increase in the current jib size would probably increase the optimum crew weight which Julian advised was 151kg to about 165kg. However, the promotion of the smaller rig boat would fill the niche satisfactorily.

Julian Bethwaite will organise to have a new rig designed shortly which will utilise existing "Storm" rig mainsail - it may be necessary to have a version of the new jib and spinnaker made up for demonstration and trial purposes.

### 2. Identification of Potential Market Segments

It was suggested that the small rig would be suit lighter weight crews in the range 115 - 140 kg and this would include:

- Early teenagers;
- Light weight parent/child combinations; and
- Lighter weight adult crews.



3. The KEY Market Segments for the concept were identified as:

- Early teenagers; and
- Lighter weight parent/child combinations.

4. **Marketing aspects:**

- Name for rig was agreed as the "Sprint" rig.
- Marketing ideas/plans:
- Advertising

Starboard Products will commence to include the availability of the Sprint in future advertising campaigns.

The Association to include in all handouts etc. immediately all specifications of new design by Julian Bethwaite are to hand.

- **Promotional activities:**

- The association to investigate obtaining at least a Japanese storm rig for trial purposes and demonstration at Liverpool Boat Show.
- Starboard to approach *Australian Sailing* with view to review - push B14 in both standard and Sprint versions as the future training class for Olympic and skiff classes. Also, investigate articles in *Sydney Afloat*.

- **Publicity**

- Association to arrange maximum publicity in local and boating press on the introduction of the Sprint in Australia.

5. **Restrictions on number of rig was**

discussed and it was agreed that current World Rules and By-Laws provide adequate provisions to prevent class developing into Two-rig class [i.e. only one rig can be used for a series etc.] however the following points were agreed:

- Race Secretary to be given right to retrospectively declare any skiff a non-starter where a change of rig has been identified for a series.
- Owners to identify which rig they are using on entry forms for series.
- Mix-and-match will generally not be permitted, however, the Sprint spinnaker may be used on standard boat [for series] but if any divisional prizes etc. it will be classed as standard rig boat (This may be of help to skippers with very young crews and may encourage more parent/child combinations) BUT the standard spinnaker cannot be used on Sprint rig boats.

These notes of the meeting of the Sub-Committee are included in this newsletter to allow for your comments and input. If you have any thoughts on the matter, please put them in writing or speak to a member of the Board. It would be preferable if they were in writing though so they can be collated and a general opinion from the Association obtained.

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SEND YOUR THOUGHTS TO:

**Jeff Keane**  
**Promotions and Sponsorship Officer**  
**15 Wentworth Street**  
**DOLANS BAY NSW 2229**

**Telephone: 526 7005**

## IS YOUR NAME ON THIS LIST?

	Member <u>Type</u>
Paul <i>Windows</i> Butts	Full
Peter <i>Andies</i> Danielson	Associate
Marion Farmer	Associate
Grant <i>Homer</i> Hudson	Full
John <i>JJ</i> Jensen	Full
Dino <i>Godfather</i> Olivieri	Full
Jim <i>Wolfie</i> Lamb	Full
Roy Manning [South Aus]	Associate
Darren <i>Dazza</i> Bolton	Full
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Jeff <i>Fat Boy</i> Keane	Full
Jay <i>Chopper</i> Stroud-[Qld]	Full
Graeme <i>Pidge</i> Bird	Associate
Ric <i>Straw</i> Berry	Full
David <i>The Slicer</i> McKay	Full

Your names not there! Well heaven to Murgatroyd - you ain't financial yet.

All you have to do is fill in one of the several membership forms that have been sent to you - write out a cheque for \$50 for Full members and \$10 for Associates and send it in to:

PO Box 646  
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Then you can be sure you can sail in Association events and continue to receive this newsletter - I know, you'd rather not get it - so if you make an additional donation to the class of at least \$25 I promise to stop sending you the newsletter.

While you are at it you could fill in the questionnaire that was sent to you two months ago and you sail insignia registration form.

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**Pay Your Subscriptions and support  
your association to promote the  
B14 class.**

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## DRAFT ASSOCIATION PROGRAM

Enclosed is a copy of the latest version of the Draft Association Program as well as the SFS program for the coming year.

This program is almost finalised .....

- Jeff Keane is negotiating a deal with Prime TV in Newcastle which would involve them filming a day of sprint races on the Hunter River and then packaging it as a half-hour slot on their sports program. The problem is that the day we originally chose will clash with the 16 foot state titles on the same stretch of water and we don't want lots of 16s getting in our way ..... so that is one day which may have to be re-scheduled and this could cause some other changes down the track.

PS We will be looking for some sponsors to buy commercial segments on this show - so if you know of anyone, contact Jeff a.s.a.p.

- There has been a provisional booking made at the Royal Motor Yacht Club (Newcastle) which is located at Toronto to host the State Titles over Easter.
- The dates for Kurnell have to be confirmed with the club.
- The date of the Kurnell Cup from Kogarah Bay has to be confirmed - I hear their checking with the long-range weather forecasters to make sure they can get a day with 50 knot Southerlies so that Jeff and Andies will sail.
- The Harbourfest date has to be confirmed.

*Homer* has put in a tremendous amount of work on producing a program which gives a range of sailing to cater for everyone.

## **Sydney Flying Squadron Membership and Boat Registration.**

Did you miss out on the Squaddies special offer on membership - well you were warned it would cut out in August.

Now you will have to pay the full fee - silly weren't you.

You can register your boat with the club for only \$35.00 - all you need to do is drop in any week day and ask to speak to Jehnie or you can give Grant Hudson a call.

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## **Sydney Flying Squadron Division Office Bearers.**

A meeting of members who are likely to be sailing at the SFS was held before the last Board of Management Meeting and the following provisional appointments were made:

President: Grant Hudson

Secretary and  
Delegate: Jim Lamb

When the season has started we shall hold another meeting of all members registered with the club and elect new office bearers.

In the meantime, enclosed is a copy of the new courses for the Squadron for the coming season. Don't ask us what "The dolphin South of Shark Island" is, 'cos we don't know. But *Cub* has promised to take a photograph so we can explain it before the first race of the season.

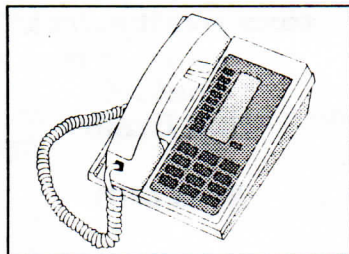
## **ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A CREW?**

## **ARE YOU INTERESTED IN FULLTIME OR CASUAL CREWING?**

The Association is keen to set up a register of skippers looking for crew and people who are interested in crewing on a fulltime or casual basis.

If you are one of these people, please contact Homer Hudson by 'phone or Fax on:

9949 4874 [all hours]



## **WHY DIDN'T YOU CALL?**

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## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

**The meeting of the apathy group of the B14 Association of New South Wales has been cancelled due to lack of interest. If someone else could do something about calling a meeting it would be a good idea.**





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