

# Wing Flap



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**Start of race 2 in which Richie & Lissa lead from start to finish.**

## AUSTRALIAN TITLES 2001-2002

### An unbiased account.....

*(Apologies in advance for a report weighted towards Priority's performance but I'm struggling to remember the detail any other way).*

Three heats per day is a lot from anyone's perspective. It's a long day on the water, it's a long time to concentrate, it's long enough to underestimate how much fresh water to take with you and it's potentially devastating if you break something in the first race of the day (which thankfully, no-one did). It's also a long day if you have to remember the details in order to write a report. Nevertheless, it has its advantages. If you stuff up a race you have to put it aside & focus on the next. The races are generally a bit shorter than usual so they're action packed, and the start assumes greater importance since there's less time to recover.

### Day 1 – Tuesday 8th Jan 2002

Day one brought a sunny afternoon, a light to moderate sou-westerly and a relatively traffic-free (for Sydney harbour) patch of water as we started within Rose Bay and worked our way past Shark Island in the direction of the Harbour Bridge (thank you Lissa for pointing out *that* landmark with a minute to go in the first starting sequence).

Marie-Celeste (Julian & Chris) jumped out the blocks showing off their imported pommy sails to lead Teaz (Peter & Gareth), Hunt Leather (Abby & Sophie), The Nude (Richie & Lissa) and Priority Powder Coating (Paul & me) to the top mark. Although they didn't hold everyone off for the duration of the race it would be the first of many times that Julian & Chris would lead the fleet in this regatta.

After getting tangled with another boat at the start Priority recovered well to fight it out with Hunt & Teaz (sounds like the name of a law firm) up the 2<sup>nd</sup> work while M-C held the lead (sorry nudists, can't remember where you were). M-C let us off the hook by tacking back into Shark Island on the right of the course while we hit the left hard to take advantage of what appeared to be a slight curve in the breeze (sounds good anyway with the benefit of hindsight). The downwind leg completely escapes my memory in the same way that I often can't remember driving to work but I do remember fighting off *the boys in blue* (Teaz) up the last work by aggressively (Paul has finished his mid-life crisis according to Deb and rediscovered his aggressive side) protecting the left side by repeatedly lee-bowing Peter & Gareth. This strategy appeared to work when, during a brief flirtation with the right side of the course, Teaz allowed us to sneak away to victory & got swallowed up by the ubiquitous (I've been looking for an opportunity to use that word) Abby & Sophie. Julian & Chris snuck in 4th followed by the Nudists.



## President's Report

*The story so far...*

Since the last Wingflap, we've had our major events for the season. The Nationals at Woollahra and the States at Gosford were highly successful, and, importantly, great fun. The B14ers made a big impact on their new Sydney home, and Woollahra is keen to do business with us again. In particular, Pitusa of the coffee shop is happy for James Ellis to get changed by her window any day!

During the Nationals, the Australian B14 Association Annual General Meeting was held, with Abby Parkes taking over the role as President from Duncan Rutherford. Likewise, the NSW AGM took place at the States. It was great to have a roll up of 21 keen B14ers on Sunday morning, particularly as the karaoke juke box had been playing until the early hours! The new-look Exec team for 2002/03 is:

President	Lissa McMillan
Vice president	Scott Kennedy
Hon Secretary	Abby Parkes
Hon Treasurer	Sophie Hunt
State Measurer	Rob Brewer
Race Secretary	Richie Reynolds
Publicity/Promotion Officer	James Ellis
Non Executive Assistants:	Megan Taylor-Assistant Promotions/Sponsorship
	Sophie Hunt-Assistant Publicity/Website
	Paul Hansen-Assistant State Measurer
	John Perry-Assistant Race Secretary/Publications
	Lissa McMillan-Assistant Publicity/Media Liaisons
	Martin Johnson-Events/Music

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Lissa McMillan (President) and Richie Reynolds (Race Secretary) were so excited at their re-election that they spontaneously removed their clothes and did a little dance.

Grateful thanks go to outgoing Vice Pres, Duncan Rutherford, and outgoing Treasurer, Gareth Wells. Their efforts over the past few years are appreciated.

#### **But it's not over yet...**

So while the States and Nats have been and gone for this season, we've still got some sailing action before the season grinds to a halt. The next event is the Traveller's Trophy series is at BYRA on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> March. It would be fantastic to see a lot of boats on the Pittwater, so please do your darndest to get there. And don't forget, non-sailing volunteers for rescue/start boat duty are always highly sought-after individuals!

Last year's Try A B14 Day was a damp, but popular affair. This year, we're doing it again. This time, it's more of a Try A B14 Morning. It will be held at 10am before racing at Woollahra on Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> March. Come on down with your boat and join in the fun. Please let me know if you can make it so we can organise a "joy-ride" schedule!

#### **The next chapter...**

And then there's next season. The dates for the 2002/3 Nats and Worlds are now confirmed. The registration day for the Nationals is the 28<sup>th</sup> December, with racing on 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, with provision for resail on the 2<sup>nd</sup> January. The Worlds run from January 5<sup>th</sup> to January 10<sup>th</sup>, with registration on January 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. As you all know, the events are in sunny McCrae where a fleet of B14s is growing by the week! Don't forget to book your accommodation early. Check the website for details at [b14.org](http://b14.org).

*The end...(for now).*



...afterwards they enjoyed a quiet drink.

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Race 2 was sailed in similar conditions with everyone trying their hardest to hit the left and the Nudists getting there first. This is where they stayed until the end of the race while the rest of us lamely followed hoping in vain that Lissa would get bored, fall asleep and slide off the front deck. Abby & Sophie were ubiquitous again (is that a tautology?) taking great delight in passing us downwind on the last leg of the course, a move that was appreciated by their support crew and met with cheering & clapping from the nearby spectator boats (both of them).

The ever vigilant race committee delayed the start of the 3<sup>rd</sup> race as the breeze became unstable prompting a spontaneous display of on the water partner swapping. As the breeze strengthened and swung into the south a start was organised and the Nudists jumped away to lead at the first mark which they promptly hit and relegated themselves down the fleet. Shane & Ben (Buggar) chose this race to recover from a starting line incident by restarting & doing a penalty turn (which they cleverly combined) to win, completely ruining my theory (& our excuse) that you need to start well in short races because there is little time to recover. Peter & Gareth passed Abby & Sophie to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> but the girls from Hunt Leather owned the day with consistent 2,2,3 placings.

### Day 2 – Wednesday 9 January 2002

A nice low pressure system off the coast produced a forecast that made the heavy boys smile with a 15-20 knot sou-easterly promised and delivered. The course was set on the western side of the Harbour which meant that the main ferry lane had to be crossed a total of six times per race. We soon worked out that the ferries' cross-over point on their way to & from Manly was right in the middle of our course so we often had to run the gauntlet of two ferries moving in opposite directions.

The first start (race 4) was delayed while Robin Foote did his best to lay the pin mark. No sooner would he get it set & get back to the starter boat than it would drift off down the bay again. After several attempts he gave up and a flurry of activity ensued deep within the starter boat which resulted in a new anchor for the pin mark being constructed out of materials readily at hand. The details remain secret but the result was effective and we started after a 30 minute delay. Despite their light weight, the Nudists mixed it with the heavy weights pushing Teaz, Buggar and Priority around the course. When Priority hit the top mark the last time around (after about 5 minutes of indecision as we approached the mark on starboard) the Nudists flew down the last leg to cross first for the second time in four races. Teaz & Buggar chased Priority across the line followed by Julian & Chris who ruined their run of 4<sup>th</sup> places by coming in 5<sup>th</sup>.

The breeze stayed up for race 5 but was flicking left & right and a typically confused wave pattern added to the fun. Paul & I had one of those races where everything falls into your lap (gusts, windshifts &, at one point, Paul's hand.....though he said it was an accident) and won by 4 minutes so I have absolutely no idea what went on within the fleet - though I do remember Scott & Megan (Polygamist) pushing us up the first work before they fell foul of gear failure (centreboard???) which also ruled them out of race 6. Lissa & Richie again excelled in the windy conditions to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> with Shane & Ben 3<sup>rd</sup>. Julian & Chris reclaimed their rightful position by finishing 4<sup>th</sup> again making

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them arguably the most consistent boat in the fleet followed by Teaz & Hunt Leather.

With conditions unchanged for race 6 Paul & I were feeling invincible (though I was a bit concerned about his wandering hands). This feeling was short lived as Abby & Sophie decided to show us all how to sail in a bit of breeze. With a faultless tactical display on the first work they hit the lead by working the shifts up the middle and scooted away from the fleet downwind. This left five of us fighting for 2<sup>nd</sup> place as Glenn & Kirby joined the fray in White Pointer. After two laps Buggar began to move through the fleet followed by Teaz, Priority, The Nude & White Pointer. Shane & Ben challenged Abby & Sophie down the second run to set up a close battle on the final work. Unfortunately for them, Paul & I hit the left at the end of the work in a classic "let's see what happens if we go out here" manoeuvre and pulled a big shift out of the back of our wetsuit pants to lead at the top mark. The Buggars crossed 2<sup>nd</sup> with Abby & Sophie ultimately 3<sup>rd</sup> after leading to every mark in the race bar the last.

Wednesday night was memorable for several reasons as the sailors hit the pub for some well earned fun (as if sailing isn't fun!). Everyone converged on the Golden Sheaf (not "Sheath" as I heard Paul spelling it out to directory assistance....which possibly explains his expectation of a gay haunt!!!). Despite the noise emanating from the video jukebox, the nearby bar and a pool room in full swing....Lissa managed to incur a warning from the bar staff for a "noise violation" and was told that she wouldn't be served anymore alcohol (which was upsetting because she'd only had two beers). I'm pleased to report that her alcohol consumption licence/status was reinstated within half an hour after consultation with a decidedly more sailor friendly barman who thought his colleague was a bit of a wanker. After several more "quiet" games of pool and a few drinks we all retired, dignity intact (i.e. no nudity or fighting), to our respective sleeping places. Rumours (supported by dodgy photographic evidence) of a sudden illness brought on by an "off" steak causing sudden expulsion of same are, unfortunately, completely true (I drank too much & threw up).



### Day 3 – Thursday 10 January 2002

With the breeze supposed to be abating somewhat, Paul & I were pleased to sail to the start in a fresh sou-easterly and even more happy when the race committee took the ferries out of the equation. The smiles were wiped off our faces by Shane & Ben (Buggar) who are newcomers to the class. With a 4<sup>th</sup> place overall in the 505 Nationals in the week prior to our series and a laser world youth title to Ben's credit it was no surprise that they found their way round the B14. The Buggar's took the first race of the day (race 7) from Priority who again fought a battle with Abby & Sophie. Glenn & Kirby (White Pointer) slotted into 4<sup>th</sup> with Emily Fewster & Keiran Livermore sailing Groove Monster into 5<sup>th</sup> place.

Shane & Ben carved out a lead in the next race (race 8) before losing their way up the second work when they got a little too far into the shore on the right allowing the fleet to catch up. Priority, Hunt Leather & the Nudists slid through



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The Buggars, Shane Guanaria & Ben Austin, sporting a kite clearly made from offcuts found on the floor of Ian Macdiamird's loft. (Shane is a sailmaker)

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as did Peter & Gareth in Teaz to finish in that order with the Buggars falling back to 5<sup>th</sup>.

The Buggars again lead the fleet out in the final race of the day (race 9) before breaking a centreboard downwind. This left Priority & Hunt Leather match racing with a sizeable buffer to the rest of the fleet. After see-sawing in & out of first position Abby & Sophie chose to finish at the end of the second lap placing a fair bit of doubt in the minds of Paul & myself as we scrambled to count how many times we'd been to the top mark that day (was it 8 or 9??). By the time the girls realised their mistake, having to stash their spinnaker & then negotiate the leeward gate by sailing back through it from the course side, they had handed us the race. Remarkably they still retained 2<sup>nd</sup> place over the fast finishing Bruce & Clive (Epic) who had left their best form for the end of the regatta.

Paul & I hit the right side of the course up the last work looking for the bikinis we had spotted in front of one of the harbour-side mansions on the previous work. Unfortunately they had retired inside but our disappointment was tempered by the knowledge that we had won the championship with a race to spare.

### Day 4 – Friday 11 January 2002

A light nor-easter presented itself for the final race with three boats competing for 2<sup>nd</sup> position overall. The course returned to the ferry lanes and soon after the start the contenders (Buggar, Hunt Leather & The Nude) were all buried back in the fleet. Julian & Chris again showed the way to the top mark after traversing the harbour and tacking into a good shift off Neilson Park. We sailed up the middle playing the shifts, though erring toward the right, and rounded with Teaz and Epic as everyone who went left struggled to get back in the race. With Epic succumbing to a ferry and capsizing in 10 knots of breeze up the 2<sup>nd</sup> work, the Nudists re-appeared from nowhere (10<sup>th</sup> apparently) to pick their way back up to the leaders after an amazing 2<sup>nd</sup> downwind leg. Paul & I went hard right up the final work (interpret this however you like) covering the Nudists closely and forging out a buffer of about 30 metres at the top mark the final time. Not confident that this would be enough we went gybe for gybe down the last leg to win by less than a second with Julian & Chris close behind. With Abby & Sophie slipping back to 7<sup>th</sup> they opened the door for the Nudists who failed to capitalise by 1 point.

### Summary

All in all it was interesting to see that a wide range of crew weights and combinations were competitive in a variety of conditions. Lighter crews were quick downwind in the marginal planing conditions with the heavier crew weights getting off the starting line well in the fresh stuff. Woollahra Sailing Club were gracious and efficient hosts going to great trouble to ensure fair and enjoyable (but challenging) courses. Pitusa in the club café was especially hospitable, going to the trouble of serving cappuccinos with the B14 logo on them & also, very kindly, keeping an eye on my "gear" for me when I was getting changed to go sailing!

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At one point Richie & Lissa & Julian & Chris were so confident they decided to take on 18's.....cries of "starboard" however, seemed to fall on deaf ears!

With the State Titles only a month away a number of rematches are anticipated. Big improvers over the series included Bruce Potts & Clive Prime (Epic) and Julian Bolleter & Chris Madin (Marie-Celeste) with flashes of potential shown by Scott Kennedy & Megan Taylor (Polygamist). Peter Ray & Gareth Wells (Teaz) lived up to their new name by performing below their potential and the boys in Buggar clearly have a point to prove. After completing the series in second overall, without a single win to their credit, Abby & Sophie are well overdue for a win or two and the Nudists (complete with drawn on pubic hair), as usual, are always a worry!!!!

At a hastily convened committee meeting held at Vaucluse on the edge of a cliff overlooking the ocean it was unanimously agreed that the presentation night should adopt a "family" type atmosphere/theme. Subsequent to this it was further agreed that an award should be given for the best "team" outfit. You can imagine my horror when our shore manager (Debbie Hansen) suggested that we wear *Priority* shirts without pants! As it turned out, we were among the more conservative teams and certainly not in the running for a prize which was easily taken out by the Nudists who turned up in their birthday suits (Lissa always organises competitions that she can win.....e.g. wall sit, limbo, nudie nights etc). Other "family" oriented teams included Andrew & Keiran in drag, the Wells' family in stitches and Scott Kennedy with his harem. After Sophie showed her competitive spirit by dropping her pants to win the best bruise competition the night progressed to include a limbo competition (go Lissa), musical chairs (very aggressive behaviour highlighted by competitors pulling chairs out from under each other) and the thing where you pass fruit from person to



person with your chin (seemingly at random).

The B14 tradition of combining nudity, alcohol and family values was well and truly upheld with newcomers to the class seen walking off into the distance shaking their heads.....

### Final Results—National Titles 2001-2002

BOAT No.	BOAT NAME	SKIPPER	CREW	HEAT 1	HEAT 2	HEAT 3	HEAT 4	HEAT 5	HEAT 6	HEAT 7	HEAT 8	HEAT 9	HEAT 10	SUB-TOTAL	DISCARD 1	DISCARD 2	TOTAL
AUS 362	Priority Powder Coating	Paul Hansen	James Ellis	1	3	9	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	22	9	3	10
AUS 350	Hunt Leather	Abby Parkes	Sophie Hunt	2	2	3	8	6	3	3	2	2	7	38	8	7	23
AUS 363	The Nude	Richie Reynolds	Lissa McMillan	5	1	8	1	2	4	6	3	9	2	41	9	8	24
AUS 357	Buggar	Shane Guanaria	Ben Austin	8	5	1	4	3	2	1	5	DNF	11	57	17	11	29
AUS 356	Teaz	Peter Ray	Gareth Wells	3	8	2	3	5	6	OCS	4	6	4	58	17	8	33
708	Marie Celeste	Julian Bolleter	Chris Madin	4	4	4	5	4	8	8	12	11	3	63	12	11	40
AUS 102	White Pointer	Glen Smith	Kirby Haines	6	7	6	7	DNF	5	4	6	7	6	71	17	7	47
AUS 359	Epic	Bruce Potts	Clive Prime	10	6	10	14	10	9	DNF	8	3	5	92	17	14	61
AUS 269	Groove Monster	Emily Fewster	Keiran Livermore	11	11	7	13	7	7	5	9	5	13	88	13	13	62
AUS 351		Glenn Cardwell	Adam Desborough	7	12	11	9	8	12	7	7	8	9	90	12	12	66
AUS 353	Polygamist	Scott Kennedy	Megan Taylor	DNF	9	5	6	DNF	DNS	9	10	10	12	113	18	17	78
AUS 250	Breakout 2	Martin Mok	Joe Chan	9	13	DNF	11	DNS	10	DNF	13	4	8	120	18	17	85
AUS 352	Interloper	Martin Johnson	Gary Randall	DNF	10	12	10	9	DNF	10	11	14	10	120	17	17	86
AUS 324	Perry's Lease & Finance	John Perry	Greg Dodd	12	14	DNF	12	OCS	11	DNF	15	13	15	143	17	17	109
AUS 280	Joint Custody	Mark Woods	Jason Anderson	DNF	16	13	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	14	12	14	158	18	18	122
AUS 354	Fire Stopping	Ian Cunningham	Scott Cunningham	DNF	15	DNF	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNF	16	172	18	18	136