

Wingflap

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2008



President's Report By Lissa McMillan

Hooray! Another season is almost upon us! But for a whole heap of Woollahra sailors, it's as though it never stopped. We've been getting record winter sailing numbers out on the water, which augurs well for the season.

We've had up to seven boats on one day, which outstrips what we sometimes get during peak sailing season. So well done all, and in particular welcome to all the keen new sailors who are already making a difference.

We've got some new faces on the Committee as well. Kieran Livermore, Scott Kennedy and Dennis Watson have bowed out. Thanks guys for your valued contributions, some of you over many years. It's been greatly appreciated.

You can see below we have a few more bodies on board, and some roles have been reactivated which haven't been filled for a few years. The enthusiasm from everyone has been great, and I'm looking forward to translating that into some B14 action! Please come to any of us with ideas for social events, training, social events, publicity, social events, stories you want to write for Wingflap (the official organ of the NSW B14 Assoc) or other publications, social events, drinks or social events.

NSW B14 Association fees remain at \$70 for senior membership and \$15 for associate membership. It's a total bargain and has not at all kept pace with inflation, so make sure you see Sophie with your money soon. Of course you need to be a member of this association and of a Sailing Club to take part in any B14 regattas. Which leads me to suggest that if you haven't already, you need to...

GET PSYCHED FOR HOBART!!!

The Nationals and the Worlds crammed together on one small but beautiful island just for your enjoyment! If you need info, or help with travel or accommodation just talk to any of your committee. The Tassies always put on a fantastic show, and it would be fantastic to have a strong NSW presence in both events. And it's a great opportunity to meet B14 sailors from around the world (or even just from the UK!)

See you on the water!

Lissa

Be sure to check out:
<http://www.b14.yachting.org.au/>
for all your World and Nationals
Information

The new team is ...

President:	Lissa McMillan returned
Vice President:	Hector (aka John Crawford) to replace Scott Kennedy
Secretary	Karen Branch to replace Kieran Livermore
Treasurer:	Sophie Hunt returned
Race Secretary:	Richie Reynolds returned
Assistant Race Secretary:	Sarah Willmot
Measurer:	Richie Reynolds returned
Assistant Measurer:	Peter Ray
Publicity:	Geoff Waldon & Daniel Watson to replace Dennis Watson
Training:	Richie Reynolds returned
Social Secretary:	Hector

Hobart 2009

World and Nationals Update

Greetings to you all from Tasmania. How have preparations been going for this summer....well I'll tell you.

As you would expect, the venue is completely locked in. The Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania have bent over backwards so far to assist us in our preparations. The club have been working with us on the social side of the events and have some excellent functions prepared for us.

On the racing side, the PRO for the regattas will be Nick Hutton from Hobart. He has all the relevant qualifications for conducting the event and is an all-round good bloke with a very active sailing and administrative background. He should get on well with Bangers!

Entries are flowing in nicely. If you haven't already done so, I would encourage you to enter in the not too distant future to avoid the rush later. Check the Australian B14 web site for entry forms. There currently looks like being 11 crews making the journey from the UK, which is an excellent effort on their behalf.

As far as accommodation goes, you would be well aware of the fantastic deal that we have been able to secure with the University of Tasmania. Their apartments are second to none. If you are still seeking accommodation and have missed the closing date for deposits, drop Katrina Fisher an email on rfisher5@bigpond.net.au as she may still be able to organize something for you. At the moment there are over 70 people booked in to stay there!

Much of the management side of the regattas are being organized by the very hard working Tasmanian B14 management committee. My thanks must go to them all for their work to date, including, but not limited to Adrian Beswick, Josh Phillips, Katrina Fisher and Stuart McDonnell. I know that all of the Tasmanian fleet will step up to the plate and turn on the Tassie hospitality to all our international and mainland visitors. Thankyou all.

Now, some important pre-regatta events are coming up which some of our mainland counterparts may care to join us for. We are conducting a B14 weekend training session on the 12th, 13th and 14th September at the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania, as well as the Tasmanian B14 Championships on 22nd and 23rd November. Both events will be sailed on the same waters as the Worlds and sailors will have the opportunity to meet PRO Nick Hutton. If you are interested in either of these events, contact Adrian Beswick on jb048170@bigpond.net.au or have a look on the web site.

Looking forward to having a rum with you in Hobart.

Cheers

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Hobart 2009

World and Nationals Update



Derwent River - Sailing Waters



Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania

B14 Association of NSW

Membership Renewal 2008 - 2009

Please check all details are complete and correct before returning with cheque made out to the B14 Association of NSW to:

B14 Association treasurer

Sophie Hunt

15 Renwick St

Drummoyne NSW 2047

OR

(Preferred method) Pay online by direct deposit to the account:

Westpac BSB: 032183

Account Number: 140001 Account Name: B14 Association

Please note your name in the deposit field and send completed form by post, fax or email

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Name

Home Phone

Mobile Phone

Email Address

Date of Birth

I own B14 Sail Number

Name

Member Type - Please circle

Senior (\$70)

Associate(\$15)

NSW State Titles at Batemans Bay

Adventures of a Senior Novice

By: Geoff Waldon - 299 Hurricane

It was to be the first away regatta after a novice like appearance in the Bethwaite at WSC. Research was obviously needed so Google Earth was enlisted to spy out the venue which certainly looked more interesting than I remembered from the occasional (many years earlier) surf hunting expeditions.

Indeed what a magical setting it turned out to be, as Hurricane was deposited on the beach in front of the caravan park. Next year we will arrive there a day earlier in order to get more time to enjoy the charms of the venue. There were so many new faces and names to remember and this added to the heightened anticipation of a new and what promised to be an unforgettable experience.

In the morning, as the rigging up routine was begun, the swells rolling in were enough to make any surfer drool and for myself to be glad/relieved that I was to sail with an experienced and obviously talented young helmsperson, Karen. Listening to the banter and the chat it was also obvious I was not alone in my anticipation that an adventure was about to start.

After the briefing we completed the hoisting of the sails, kitted up and launched 299 along with its fellows into the bay, making for the start beyond Schnapper Island.

Rounding the island, the size of the ground swells and their deceptive docility all added to building the scenario. With the wind easing off as the dinghys dropped into the troughs a new challenge for the novice crewman was met with and passed without mishap.

As the start time approached, the activity became more frenetic. The first race is now just a kaleidoscope of impressions, boat motions and at times frantic activity for this novice crewman as I attempted to match the high expectations of a very determined young skipper. Where we were in the hierarchy as the race proceeded, I had no idea, except that with a couple of poor spinnaker drops at the bottom mark a few places were obviously lost. Anyway, how can one hope to become a competent skipper without learning to appreciate the trials a tribulations of the crewman firsthand. The challenges of a triangular course was also a new experience which I think we acquitted not too poorly. We finished not last at least. One reason for this was that unfortunately our friends Daniel and Michael in B-Sting had a little "happening" with one of those boats that come with their own training wheels (hulls).

The big winners in the first race, as you can see from the attached results was "The Nude" followed by "Bonework" and "Toxic".

After a long wait, due to the wind backing and rapidly dropping, and the subsequent need to change the course, we started well due to Karen's determination to start better than previously. Not only that, but Karen, anticipating a continued backing and dropping of the wind, sailed out on a starboard tack first before tacking on to port to get a good line to the top mark. She continued to find just about any little puff of wind to keep 299 sailing higher and faster than I though capable in such light pressure. One advantage of the light wind for me, was that I was able to see a bit more of the race although I had only a slight idea of where we were in the order. Since the race was shortened, due to the dying wind, this early good position yielded an unbelievable (that is for me) second place. "Toxic" finishing ahead of us rounded off a great day for them in top place on the leader board. The "Plumbers" came in 3rd. My thoughts as we sailed/drifted/paddled back to the launch spot was that with Karen as skipper we should be able to get back into the top half of the field. The sighting of a dolphin or two on the way back added to the absolute joy in the day and the sailing experience and seemed to promise that this



NSW State Titles - Batemans Bay

Place	Boat		Skipper
1	373	Bonework	Guy Bancroft
2	368	The Nude	Richie Reynolds
3	374	Toxic	Dave Lorimer
4	377	Helly Hansen	Scott Cunningham
5	370	The Plumbers	Ian Cunningham
6	378	Siren	Kelvin Boyle
7	371	Bang Bang	Kieran Livermore
8	376	Hunt Leather	Sophie Hunt
9	379	The Last Gasp	Peter Ray
10	353	Dodge a Bullet	Andre Webster
11	299	Hurricane	Geoff Waldon
12	668	B-Sting	Daniel Watson
13	324	Aawesime	Alan Weiss

was more than just possible. Dolphins and turtles seem to often occasion a great day on the sea for me.

After de-rigging and warm showers a brilliant day was finished off with a few beers with some new friends while sharing the joys of the day.

Many went off to the local Thai for dinner to finish off the evening, however, Sachiko and I had a quiet dinner together.

Next morning the wind came up much stronger. 15 to 20 knots at least.

However, it was now NW and therefore gusting off the land. The swell had dropped quite a bit though. Heading

out to the start under Karen's direction we enjoyed a powerful spinnaker run. So much so that we looked like being a little late for the start. Being hit by an unanticipated gust we capsized. No great problem usually except when up righting the skiff the tiller extensions had managed to become impossibly tangled.

Dropping the skip back down into the horizontal again Karen tried to free the tangle, Unfortunately, this is when an unknown weakness decided to manifest itself and the tiller snapped off at the box. My guess was, "Well that's it lets look for a tow and drop the sails". No one seemed to pay any attention to our problem since they were all busy getting ready for the start. Karen's solution was that she would hold and control the rudder while I controlled and balanced the sheets for the jib and main without cleating and being ready to ease them out as we got hit by a gust. Gradually we started limping back. I think there were two more capsizes as we limped across the course to head back. One of these was to the leeward of the top or wing mark for the fleet which flew past us to left and right as we righted the skiff again. This was not the adventure I had looked for. We managed to get out of everyone's way and after rounding Schnapper Island the boat started picking up speed as we went on a reach back to shore. I was just starting to enjoy this speedy reach when another capsize happened. By this time the novice crew was getting tired but after much encouragement from Karen I managed to get back



NSW State Titles - Batemans Bay

on board. It was either the ever present fear of “biters” or the fact that we were drifting onto the point that incited a last super effort to get back on board. I remember a boat load of fishermen that came over to watch. They didn’t offer any help but just seemed to be enjoying the entertainment. Maybe they thought we looked like we knew what we were doing. Anyway, once back in the boat it was now my turn to take care of the rudder. Having discovered that just by putting my foot on the rudder I could control it to some extent and we shot off again on another wild exhilarating reach towards shore. However, my rudder control was not complete enough so with one more capsized close to shore we just walked the dinghy to where it could be put it on the trolley.

The adventure was over. I now knew what can be done when your tiller snaps off in stronger wind conditions. Thus we did not see any of the second day races let alone compete in them.

On looking at the leaderboard you can see that there were a few others having problems as well. For example B-Sting snapped a boom in the last race and arrived back to shore not long after we had started de-rigging.

Overall it was a thoroughly enjoyable weekend of sailing. I am certainly looking forward to another sail with Karen especially when I will be less of a novice. (I hope that doesn’t take too long.) Now back to important matters.

“Bonework” was the overall winner of the series with two bullets on the last day. Well done to Guy and crew. Richie and Lissa’s “The Nude” came in second with one bullet and Dave’s “Toxic” snapped up 3rd despite a DNF in race 3.

Also, we must give a big thankyou to the Bateman’s Bay Sailing club for their excellent organisation and hard work behind the scenes in running the event.



2008-09 NSW B14 Calendar

Provisional!!

28-Aug	Rules Night	7:30pm
13-Sep	B14 Training Day - WSC	
4-6 Oct	Callala Bay Regatta - Jervis Bay	TT1
11-Oct	Training Day - Canberra YC	
8-Nov	Training Day - WSC	
15-16 Nov	Port Stephens Regatta www.pssac.com/Regattas.htm	TT2
15-16 Nov	Bethwaite Series - McCrae YC	
29-30 Nov	ACT Dinghy Titles	TT3
2-4 Jan	B14 National Titles Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania	
5-10 Jan	B14 World Titles Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania	TT4
15-16 Feb?	TwoFold Bay Regatta Two Fold Bay Yacht Club - Eden	
7-8 Mar?	NSW State Titles - WSC??	
25-26 Apr	Anzac Regatta Batemans Bay Sailing Club	TT5
3-May	Peter Loft Marathon Bayview Yacht Racing Assoc.	TT6

Woollahra Winter Series



Woollahra again hosted their Winter Series and it had some great turn outs.

Unlike our Northern Hemisphere companions we didn't have to remove the snow off the boat or crack the ice on the lake, we were basking in sunlight and 20°.

The series started off well with sunny days and steady breeze and appearances from "The Nude", "Gretel III", "Hurricane", "Thrills 'n' Spills", "Team Baffoon" and "BSting". We had a larger fleet than the summer racing and there was more to come.

Sophie("Gretel III") and Richie("The Nude") would power off the start and for the other 4 it would be left for a close tussle, ending in some well fought finishes.

As the series progressed Anthony with "Living Colour" emerged and with Clement on exchange from France, making a strong appearance, adding to the tussle and giving everyone someone else to worry about. "Team Baffoon" were becoming a regular appearance which showed in their rapid improvement.

With the NSW AGM came yet more competition, Andre made the trip up from Canberra and showed us how the sailing should be done on the harbour. His light wind experience from Canberra being the obvious advantage. We had reached 7 boats on one day which is more than some had ever seen at Woollahra Racing. "BSting" again showed her lack of the knowledge of the rule book performing illegal manoeuvres on the bottom mark against "Team Baffoon", and Anthony and Clem on "Living Colour" were making a good combination showing fine form.



Geoff on "Hurricane" was diving in the deep end after just purchasing the boat, his enthusiasm out doing everyone else with his weekly broadcast for crew and boats. "Thrills 'n' Spills" were a combination unknown to some but by the end of the series they had removed that title. Either for providing strong competition, for their weekly commitment or for their interesting race manoeuvres. The capsize under spinnaker on the finish line in 2 knots of wind still has many bewildered, or wondering how much it cost "BSting" for their place.

With racing being cancelled twice (due to no wind and then too much), and abandoned once (leaving Richie with Sarah on the Nude and team "BSting" both flying downwind in 36knots of breeze), the series provided everything, as winter wind normally does. Congratulations to Richie and Lissa who placed 1st overall. "BSting" claimed 2nd, closely followed by "Thrills 'n' Spills" in 3rd.

Looking forward to seeing more boats out on the water for the Spring Series, starting in the next few weeks.



Announcements

Recommended Web Site

<http://www.ukhalsey.com/RulesQuiz/index.asp>

This site presents many ISAF rules quizzes. However, to get the solutions you have to subscribe and this is no inconvenience at all. Go to the home page and select subscribe beneath the photo then register. Great for checking out many rules interpretations such as rounding the bottom mark etc.

Teams Racing at WSC

WSC Teams Racing will start this year at WSC on Wednesday evenings from about 6pm just after the recommencement of daylight savings. Adam South will be organizing the events and setting it up and has invited the B14 gang to form a team. The boats that will be used are the clubs RS Feevas. Daniel and I are keen to participate as team members but we need about 6 others to be involved. It is time to show what B14 sailors can do versus the rest. Now there's a challenge.

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-Custom boat cover

-Beach Dolly

-Boat Trailer

-Comes with a deck spot at WSC which is hard to come by.

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Port Stephens - Winter in Paradise



By: Lissa McMillan - 368 The Nude

Winter in Paradise lived up to its name yet again. Saturday morning rigging was interrupted by posing in short sleeves (or less) by the boats in the glorious sunshine with the azure blue behind in order to show the Poms what winter should look like. Or even what summer should look like.

It really is a stunning place to sail, as long as you can avoid hitting the dolphins.

The forecast for the weekend was for a little bit of wind on Saturday and a big amount on Sunday.

A whopping eight boats made the effort to travel to the regatta. Scott Cunningham, James Patterson and Emma Daly came all the way from Melbourne, Chris Bibby travelled from Eden, and Andre and Jake Webster showed their commitment by joining in from Canberra.

The Websters were looking good off the start in Race 1, showing us the way for most of the first work. Tragically, a tack line issue forced them out of the race (and Race 2) but they were back on the water on Sunday.

In very pleasant racing conditions (about 10 knots and flat water) The Nude ended up winning Race 1 by 5 mins, a result which led to scurrilous accusations from Hunt Leather of the employment of dolphin power. Kieran and JB worked their way up through the fleet to second, with the Last Gaspers third and the Hunties fourth.

Dirty Sanchez would have been first to top mark in Race 2, but Scott and Emma inexplicably threw a bright orange sea anchor out with less than ten metres to the pin! It was later explained that the jib sheet opened the bag and that tossed the kite over the side. Whatever...but it really wasn't fast!

Kieran and JB were fast, at least faster in Race 2 than Race 1 as they recovered from a bit of a lay off. Getting married (not to each other – JB and Karen – see pics last Wingflap!) and moving cities are really not adequate excuses for missing sailing, but in the end it didn't seem to damage them too



much. They nearly caught The Nudists by the end of the work to the finish, but not quite!

Last Gasp grabbed another third, and Dirty Sanchez fourth.

The new bride, Karen Branch (nee Wiseman), was steering Daniel Watson about in B Sting, and apart from forgetting which side of the boat to finish on sailed nicely for their first time out together.

Day 2 was supposed to be a different story. Lots of wind was predicted, but never really came. So it ended up even lighter than the day before, so those who ignored the forecast and set their rigs based on what the weather looked like ended up better off.

Chris Bibby and Jimmy were looking very good in Race 3 sitting in second behind Bang Bang when the footstrap broke just a few metres past the bottom mark. Chris looked like a candidate for the diving in the Olympics with a very neat backward somersault, however he failed to let go of the tiller extension and it ended up in a couple of pieces. He also had to swim out of the way pretty fast to avoid The Nude, who wasn't going to swerve for anyone!

Drew steering Hurricane for Geoff Waldon put the boat into some very good positions several times, but they were unable to maintain the rage until the finish.

Scott and Emma picked up third, their best result in a consistent regatta. Drew Malcolm and Geoff Waldon came in fourth.



In a dying breeze, Bang Bang scored first place in Race 4, giving them the regatta on a countback from The Nude. Sophie and Andy came in third, which gave them overall third again on a countback from Dirty Sanchez.

As you can see there were some really close results and some great racing. So the trip was worthwhile without even mentioning the drinks on Friday night and the Saturday night dinner at the Bowlo – always a highlight! Or watching the Tour de France in Sophie and Andy's cabin (sorry guys!).

PSSAC Winter in Paradise July 2008

B14 505 16' Skiff 2008

Entries: 10 Races Sailed: 4 Discard: 1

				Total	R1	R2	R3	R4
1	371	bang bang	Kieran Livermore	4	2	2	1	1
2	368	The Nude	Richie Reynolds	4	1	1	2	2
3	376	Gretel III	Sophie Hunt	12	4	6	5	3
4	377	Dirty Sanchez	Scott Cunningham	12	5	4	3	5
5	299	Hurricane	Drew Malcolm	13	6	5	4	4
6	379	Last Gasp	Chris Bibby	17	3	3	11	11
7	8893	Club Robbo (505)	Jeff Robinson	20	7	7	6	8
8	668	B Sting	Karen Branch	22	8	8	7	7
9	353	Dodge a Bullet	Andre Webster	25	11	11	8	6
10	GTS	Feral (16' Skiff)	Morgan York	33	11	11	11	11