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NSW STATE TITLES – ROUND 1 – BAYVIEW YACHT RACING ASSOCIATION

In previous years the NSW State Titles have been placed in the latter half of the sailing season, usually after the National Titles which are generally held in the Xmas break. This year the committee decided to hold the event over two weekends, with the first preceding the Nationals. The rationale was to provide a number of interclub events leading up to the all important World Titles in McCrae at Xmas.

On the weekend of 26/27th October, the NSW fleet was treated to two days of solid southerly breeze, that resulted in swimming practice for all competitors. None of the boats went unscathed with regard to capsizes in what was a war of attrition, with the winners often being the crew with the least swims.

3 races were held on the Saturday...

Race 1:

The Nude (Richie & Lissa) jumped off the start line on Port tack and showed good upwind speed in 20knots+ to be a close 3rd at the 1st mark behind Teaz (Peter & Gareth) & Priority (Paul & James) in that order. Teaz started the ball rolling by having a swim after rounding the mark to leave Priority & The Nude together at the bottom mark the first time round. Teaz rejoined the race, still in 3rd, with Wife Beaters/Free Beer (Keiren & Andy) sailing conservatively in an effort to justify their name (not the free beer part). At the end of the 2nd work Priority rounded just ahead of The Nude but promptly lost it trying to bear away and allowed The Nude to take out the race. Priority recovered in time to head into Scotland Island where they executed a manoeuvre (necessitated by a botched 1st attempt) that involved gybing in a 20knot southerly around the back of a large power cruiser in a space between the transom of the cruiser and a wharf protruding from Scotland Island (a space of about 3 boat lengths). Priority finished 2nd with locals Master's Apprentices (Kris & Michael Plain) slipping into 3rd followed by Free Beer and CST (Clive & Anita). No other boats finished.

Race 2:

Five starters lined up for Race 2 following the eventful first heat. The Nude again started on port and headed for the right side of the course, leaving the remainder heading out to the left. The top mark saw Priority round 1st closely followed by The Nude, Master's Apprentices and Free Beer. Priority hit the drink again on the gybe and were still in the water when The Nude past them going back up the work with a handy lead. Master's Apprentices and Free Beer fought out 2nd place up the work then both ditched it in trying to bear away allowing Priority back through. The Nude made a contest of it by capsizing at the bottom mark but had a lead that enabled them to recover and still cross the line first. Priority was 2nd, Free Beer 3rd and Master's Apprentices 4th with CST joining the list of retirees.



NSW States Rnd 1 contd....

Race 3:

The most notable part of this race was that Teaz flew down to the start under spinnaker, dropped and rounded the boat in time to get a creditable start. They retired from race 1 with a broken rudder pintle & blown spinnaker halyard block, did a mercy dash to Whitworth's, repaired their boat and rejoined the fun. Considering that the races were about 30 minutes long this was a remarkable feat. After another close first work, the order at the top mark was Priority, The Nude then Teaz. This order remained unchanged for the 1st downwind leg & again up the 2nd work. After choosing the wrong side downwind the 2nd time, Priority allowed The Nude & Teaz through only to see The Nude fall over at the bottom mark and Teaz struggle to get their kite down. Finishing order was Priority, Teaz, The Nude, CST, Master's Apprentices, Free Beer.

Race 4:

Day 2 saw the southerly continue to blow and 10 starters lined up after recovering from the previous day's events. Even though the breeze had attenuated slightly it was still strong enough to have boards up upwind and survival remained high on the agenda. Most of the fleet were caught 2-3 boat lengths off the start line when a slight shift into the left caught us unawares in the last minute before the start. CST showed good early pace off the line with class veteran, Clive Potts, at the helm. The first mark rounding was a crowded affair with Priority nudging out The Nude, Teaz and Masters Apprentices with Hunt Leather (Abby & Sophie) and Polygamist (Scott & Megan) showing their speed after their rest the previous day. Downwind saw the fleet stay close together until Teaz tangled their tack line & went swimming. Priority kept the lead with The Nude battling Hunt Leather through to the finish just ahead of Polygamist & the apprentice Plumbers.

Race 5:

The last race of round 1 had the usual suspects fighting for places at the 1st mark after a fairly even start. Priority duffed it at the bottom mark and The Nude & Teaz went out in sympathy allowing a race to develop between the survivors, Hunt Leather, Polygamist, Masters Apprentices and Epic (Bruce & Jo). At the top mark the 2nd time the Masters Apprentices had the lead but swam allowing Hunt Leather to sail into 1st place. Epic also swam trying to gybe and Polygamist snuck through into 2nd place. Priority crossed 3rd followed by Master's Apprentices and The Nude crossed the line 5th.

At the end of Round 1 the points results (without a drop) are; Priority Powder Coating 9, The Nude 12, Master's Apprentices 22, Free Beer 31, CST 35, Teaz 41, Hunt Leather 45, Polygamist 48, Epic 54, Perry's Lease & Finance 66, Evil Empire 69. 5 more races will complete the series at Woollahra next year in order to determine this year's State Title holder. With 2 drops to be had, The Nude looks like the most likely contender to wrest the title from the incumbent Priority.

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Peter & Gareth (Teaz)rigging, unrigging or just doing more repairs?



Marty launched his new boat, Evil Empire, at the NSW States. After drinking a bottle of champagne all alone he was unable to complete any races.



Current first three placings after round 1 received "special", edible medals at the formal ceremony conducted by President Lissa McMillan (herself a recipient)

VICTORIAN B14 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2002 By Rhys Bancroft

VENUE: McCrae Yacht Club

10 boats attended the Regatta including three from N.S.W.

RACE 1

Saturday 30th November greeted the fleet with 20-25 knot south-westerlies. In testing conditions only three boats finished out of the five starters. 1st Buggar the Bone (Guy & Rhys Bancroft), 2nd The Nude (Ritchie Reynolds & Lisa McMillan) and 3rd Fire Stopping (Ian & Scott Cunningham).

RACE 2

Abandoned

RACE 3

Sunday morning and the sun encouraged all to compete in the perfect 20-22 knot nor-easterly. The lead changed many times during the race which created great interest. 1st place was gained by The Nude with Buggar the Bone coming in 2nd followed by Hunt Leather (Abbey Parkes & Sophie Hunt) in 3rd.

RACE 4

Also sailed during the morning. The fleet sailed with more consistency during this race. In shifting winds, Buggar the Bone took the lead on the second beat to take the win from The Nude and Fire Stopping.

RACE 5

This race was sailed in extremely difficult 'McCrae' conditions. Buggar the Bone presented the fleet with its home brewed can of 'woop ass' and once opened, this can did the trick. With the race, and the State Title, in the bag for the Bancrofts, second place was fought out by the fleet with almost every other boat having a bite. On the line it was Buggar the Bone – 1st, Hunt Leather – 2nd, by the narrowest of margins, and The Nude – 3rd.

This Regatta, being a pre-cursor to the Word Titles in January, 2002, was enjoyed by all with McCrae Yacht Club hospitality and Race Management up to standard.

FINAL RESULTS:

1 st	Buggar the Bone (Vic.)
2 nd	The Nude (N.S.W.)
3 rd	Hunt Leather (N.S.W.)

Handicap	1 st	No Strings Attached (Vic.) (John & Nicky Bradbury)
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Newly crowned Victorian State champions, Guy & Rhys Bancroft.

Guy trying to give Rhys a congratulatory kiss. Rhys wasn't quite as overcome with emotion as his Dad.....



Newcomers



David & Saskia—McCrae YC



Jono & Nicky-McCrae YC



Kelvin & Rachelle—McCrae YC



Real apprentices—McCrae YC



Jo—Woollahra (Crews for Bruce)



Clive & Anita—Woollahra SC

Nelson Bay Regatta 2002 by Gareth Wells

This year there were no freak storms, falling trees or carnage!!!!

There were however 4 long hotly contested races in what can only be described as perfect sailing conditions. (No, really it was perfect).

Saturday saw 2 races sailed in 15-20 knots from the SSE with tide and chop to deal with. 7 boats competed.

Race 1 was highlighted by Kieran and Andy rounding the top mark with a great lead only to be overtaken shortly after due to a mishap and later gear failure which ultimately put them out of the regatta. Polygamist, The Nude and Teaz fought it out with Teaz winning a tight one. (the races were 4 laps long and legburn had already set in).

Race 2 was The Nude sprint out to an early lead with Polygamist and Teaz in hot pursuit. As the race ground on Teaz took the lead to eventually win. Notable was The Nudists (downwind gurus) lightening quick speed off a breeze. (they were drug tested after the race but later cleared)

Saturday night was very quiet (as far as B14 social standards go). I don't have any juicy goss or sordid stories, in fact all I can tell you is everyone was in bed by 9.30 in total recovery mode.

Sunday saw 6 boats compete with race 3 sailed in "lightish" winds (5-12 knots) and race 4 sailed in a building north-easterly (12-18 knots).

Race 3 was again closely fought with more tacking duels, gibing confrontations (the Nude & Hunt Leather getting up close & personal at the bottom mark) and lots of cover tacking. The whole fleet was close with everyone looking over their shoulders. Abby and Sophie found some form to finish third. Teaz came second. The Nude, after overcoming a chaotic start that saw them collide with a wayward NS14 sending them into a very ugly involuntary tack, came back to win the race.

Race 4 the breeze strengthened and resulted in more close racing with Teaz snatching the lead and holding on ahead of The Nude, Hunt Leather, Polygamist, Epic and White Pointer.

Salamander sailing club again ran a well organized regatta & Nelson Bay proved still to be one of the best places to race our beloved B14's.

BITS'N'PIECES

*Speed tip – lift centreboard at least 4-6 inches when overpowered.

*Happiest sailor – Pete Ray, because the winners got a dozen "Crownies".

*Guess who??? – A B14 sailor (of English descent) happily headed off to Port Stephens until it was pointed out by his counterpart that they were missing something. Always remember to hook your boat up to the care before you go sailing.

*Bad quotes – Gareth after last race on the beach..... "How cool, we didn't break the boat!!!" 2 minutes later a dead tree branch falls hitting him on the head then spearing the boat puncturing the foredeck. Will keep mouth shut next time!!!

*Podium finish – Well done Scott & Megan for what I am told was their first podium result.

Results

1 st	TEAZ
2 nd	The Nude
3 rd	Polygamist
4 th	Hunt Leather
5 th	Epic
6 th	White Pointer

Caution... Nude Story

What would WingFlap mbe without another nude story.....this press release from staff Nude reporter, Lissa McMillan...

More Exposure for Nude Suits.

Those attending the Presentation Dinner at the Nationals in January may remember Richie and Lissa's Nude Suits.

The outfits got another airing on the 25th October, when TripleJ drive hosts Charlie Pickering and Mel Bampton wore them during their air shift.

The pair had decided to help break the drought by Nuding Up for Rain. It had been the theme for the week, and they decided on air they would go in the buff on the Friday. But some anxiety was setting in on the Thursday, as they thought through the fact that they would be on the webcam, and that they would have to work with each other the following week.

TripleJ's Program Manager Linda Bracken happened to mention this dilemma to B14 President Lissa McMillan (who in her spare time is Program Manager of ABC NewsRadio), and said she'd been trying to get nude suits from TV costuming at Gore Hill to no avail. "I've got some at home," said the ever-prepared McMillan. She was even able to demonstrate the suits by pulling up an old Wingflap on the web.

"That's so wrong," said Bracken. Nevertheless, the team borrowed and wore the suits. The TripleJ website (with the studio webcam) received more than 170,000 hits during Drive before the ABC computer system crashed.

(Photo Mel with stripper and just in costume. Unfortunately none of Charlie dressed like Richie!)

cheers,
Lissa



World's Form Guide

Know thy enemy...

In researching an article for Sail Melbourne publicity I managed to obtain the following form guide from our friends in the UK....

GBR 758 - 'AT&T', Tim Fells and Dave Cunningham.

Tim has pretty much ruled the roost for the last 3 years with one World and two UK National titles to his name. This time round he has installed Dave 'Ladykiller' Cunningham in the front end and, with a couple of UK circuit wins under their belts, they have shown that they have what it takes to challenge for the title.

GBR 725 - 'Sprint', Matt Searle and Rich Bell.

These are two young bucks who have firmly made their mark at the top of the UK fleet. Matt has been sailing B14s for 5 years having stepped straight in from the UK Youth Laser squad. His partnership with Rich makes them one of the strongest teams and they are particularly swift in a blow. They placed 5th at the 2001 Worlds and immediately set their sights on winning at McCrae. If it blows, they are probably the favourites to win.

GBR 746 - Jono Pank and Shaun Barber.

Jono, another of the young chargers in the fleet, has already won a UK National Championship in the highly competitive Firefly class. He has sailed B14s on and off for 6 years and placed 6th at the 2001 Worlds. This time round he has teamed up with the reigning World Champion crew, Shaun Barber, and will be gunning for top spot at McCrae.

GBR 728 - 'Raymarine', Nils Jolliffe and Jon Branch.

This young crew shot onto the UK scene in 2000 winning the UK Inland Championships at their first attempt. One of the lighter teams they are devastatingly fast below 10 knots and convincingly won a race at the 2001 Worlds when the 'Ora' failed to perform. They are now getting to grips with the windy stuff and will be pushing for a podium place at McCrae

GBR 764 - Simon Nelson and Sandy Ramus.

Despite being the oldest member of the UK team, Simon can and does get his ship to the front of the UK fleet, recently winning the ultra-competitive Red Bull Tide Ride. Renowned as one of the few skippers who has decided to sail with a bear, Simon has great straight line speed and will be looking for a top 5 place at McCrae.

GBR 687 - Ewan McLellan and Alex Matthews.

Is this the event when Ewan converts the talent into success on the water? A front runner in the Firefly class and on the team racing circuit, Ewan knows his rules but is a little bit ring rusty. However, an early arrival at McCrae and a weeks practice in the sun could see these two causing some surprises.

World's Checklist

By Richie Reynolds

1. Insurance. All boats must have third party insurance cover of at least 1 million dollars. BRING PROOF of this as you may be asked to provide evidence, and if you can't you won't be allowed to race. For \$75 you can get cover through Robert Masterman insurance, see the AYF website at <http://www.yachting.org.au>
2. Toga. Essential sailing regatta equipment – and there's a toga party New Year's Eve.
3. Make sure your Club membership (which includes your AYF affiliation) is up to date. Bring your AYF Membership number.
4. Sunscreen.
5. Most people already have the required NSW Association membership. One crew member must be a full association member.
6. Sunnies, sailing gear.
7. Make sure you've entered. If you do it before 20/12 you save yourself a 50% late entry supplement.
8. B14 hat. God we look good in them!!
9. Spare parts, sail repair tape and tool kit. Be as responsible as you can for yourself.
10. Boat (...yes Bruce, we heard!)
11. Berocca.

Who's bum bruise is that?

Try this fun game...
match the bum bruise to the face
and win yourself a new.....
well, just feel pleased with yourself.



Australian B14 Calendar 2002-2003

Date	Venue	Event
14 December	Gosford Sailing Club	Sprint Series
15 December	Bayview Yacht Racing Assn.	Combined Club Day
29 Dec-2 Jan	McCrae Yacht Club	Australian Titles
4 Jan-10 Jan	McCrae Yacht Club	World Titles
Nationals Ht 5	McCrae Yacht Club	Travellers' Trophy 3
Worlds Ht 5	McCrae Yacht Club	Travellers' Trophy 4
1,2 March	Woollahra Sailing Club	NSW states Round 2
22 March	Gosford Sailing Club	Travellers' Trophy 5
29 March	Woollahra Sailing Club	Travellers' Trophy 6
12 April	Gosford Sailing Club	Combined Club Day
4 May	Bayview Yacht Racing Assn.	Marathon Travellers' Trophy 7