

# Wingflap

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IT'S APRIL 6TH.....

WHY DO WE WANT TO GO SAILING???

## Secretary's Report

by Sophie Hunt

Well, after a rainy old summer it's winter time, and isn't it nice to think of those Poms in their springtime, boats covered in snow! Time to start thinking about the forthcoming excitement in Hobart. The Nationals and Worlds will be held at the top shelf RYCT, Sandy Bay, Hobart, after a successful Nationals hosted there in January 2007.

Arrangements are well under way - the Tassie association have secured the university accommodation nearby, and have a terrific arrangement with Toll for reasonable freight across the

Bass Strait. The timing is perfect, allowing us all a Christmas at home and time to travel and train, or to participate in the Sydney-Hobart and post-race festivities. Knowing those Taswegians I expect a terrifically well-organised social and sailing event, on and off the water. There is already a sizeable UK contingent confirmed, and more possible.

In the immediate future the B14 State Championships will be held at Batemans Bay, with a great fleet expected including 5 Melbourne boats. (Membership form attached if you're planning to race and aren't already a member of your state association). And

to get us properly prepared over the winter, there is a new Winter Series programme at the WSC, organised by the 49ers with the idea of giving us all maximum competition over a series of dates through the winter, avoiding the CYCA Winter Series a little. And don't forget the gorgeous Winter in Paradise regatta on Port Stephens - sparkling blue water and no traffic except



dolphins!

# 2008-09 NSW B14 CALENDAR

(Summer 0809 dates yet TBA except Nationals and Worlds in Hobart)

Sat 26, Sun 27th April	ANZAC Regatta, B14 State Championships NSW, Travellers Trophy round 6, Batemans Bay <a href="http://www.bbsc.org.au/NORS/ANZAC_2008_NOR.pdf">www.bbsc.org.au/NORS/ANZAC_2008_NOR.pdf</a>	Note: Lots of people planning to come, including 5 from Melbourne as well as from the ACT fleets. Accommodation at Clydeview Caravan Park <a href="http://www.clydeview.com.au">www.clydeview.com.au</a>
Sun 4 May	Peter Loft Marathon BYRA, Pittwater, Travellers Trophy Rd 7	Terrific fun - Le Mans start from the grass at BYRA, big mixed dinghy fleet, round Lion Island and return. <a href="http://www.byra.org.au/">http://www.byra.org.au/</a>
Sat 10 May, Sun 11 May	Winter Racing WSC	B14s and 49ers combined
Sat 31 May	Winter Racing WSC	B14s and 49ers combined
Sun 15 June	Winter Racing WSC	B14s and 49ers combined
Sat 21 June	Winter Racing WSC	B14s and 49ers combined
Sun 29 June	Winter Racing WSC	B14s and 49ers combined
Sun 13 July	Winter Racing WSC	B14s and 49ers combined (Last Day CYCA Winter Series)
Sat 19, Sun 20 July	Winter in Paradise, Port Stephens <a href="http://www.psyc.com.au/">http://www.psyc.com.au/</a>	Heavenly place to sail, good racing. "Away" regatta for Winter Racing WSC Series. Great camping/holiday units right out on Soldiers Point at Soldiers Point Holiday Park see <a href="http://www.beachsideholidays.com.au/soldiersPoint.phtml">http://www.beachsideholidays.com.au/soldiersPoint.phtml</a> 4982 7237
Sat 26, Sun 27 July	Winter Racing WSC	B14s and 49ers combined
Sun 13 Aug	Winter Racing WSC	B14s and 49ers combined
Fri 2 - Sun 4 Jan 2009	Australian National B14 Championships	RYCT, Hobart Tasmania
<b>Tue 6 - Sat 10 Jan 2009</b>	<b>World B14 Championships</b>	<b>RYCT, Hobart Tasmania</b>

# Announcement from Richard Fisher, Tasmanian B14 Association:

## AUSTRALIAN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS ROYAL YACHT CLUB OF TASMANIA JANUARY 2009 HOBART - AUSTRALIA

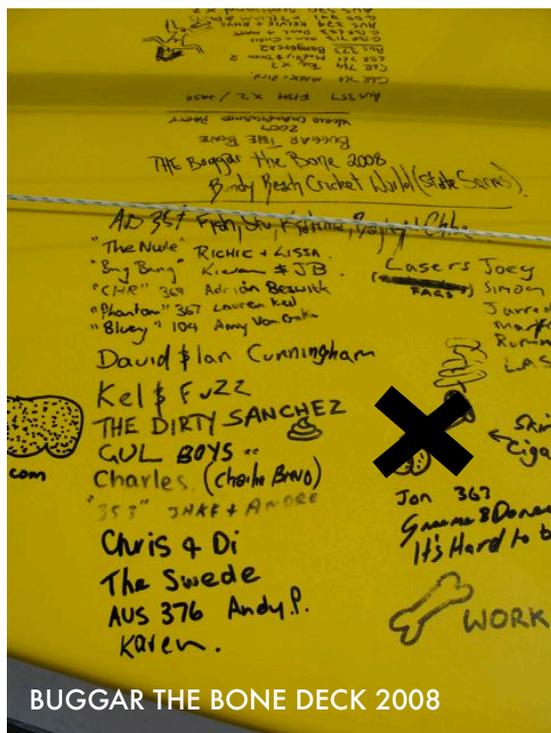
After much discussion with the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania I am pleased to announce the provisional dates for the next World Championships to be conducted in Tasmania, Australia.

The corresponding Australian National Championships for the 2008/2009 season will be from the 2nd January - 4th January 2009 (Friday - Sunday).

There will be a Lay Day on the 5th January (Monday).

**The World Championships will be conducted from the 6th January - 10th January 2009. (Tuesday - Saturday).**

Festivities in Hobart will start with Christmas and flow into the New Year, so there will be plenty of action leading up to the event for sailors and families to enjoy. The dates selected will allow participation in the Sydney-Hobart Yacht Race and various other races happening at the same time.



Hope to see as many of you as possible. No doubt there will be another Buggar The Bone Event to rival all that have gone on in the past.

Tasmania is one of the most beautiful places on earth.....come and see for yourselves.

# B14s in the Northern Hemisphere

Thanks to Mark Barnes

Well, where do you start? There has been a lot going on over here as you have no doubt read about in the last few Newsletters. Building on the success of 2007, the UK and France are seeing continual growth with many boats being dragged out of dinghy parks, gardens and garages to go to new owners joining the fleet.

Since the Worlds, we have seen the class at the forefront of publicity that has resulted in an active second-hand market with on average 5 boats changing hands every two months. We have seen a further 2 boats leave these shores for France and another collecting a lot of kit to revamp another French hull. This should give Sebastien Le Cam the basis to start rebuilding the French fleet.

The result of this is that we have rebranded the UK B14 Class Association as the European B14 Class Association to reflect the interest in the boat from our European friends who are as yet too small a group to start their own association.

We run what we call Winter Pursuit Team that was first run in 2006 – 2007. Over the last winter 2007 - 2008 though we missed one of our favourite events, the Starcross Steamer due to lack of water. We had a good turnout throughout, with members winning some of the events and the biggest single turnout being 13 at the Tiger Trophy.



## B14s in the Northern Hemisphere continued:

### B14 Winter Pursuit Team 2008 Roll of Honour

- 645 Sailsport – Tony Blackmore/Char
- 678 Barry Price/Alistair Storer
- 688 Brian Whitmey/Jon Hill
- 690 Paul Thompson/Louis Saunders
- 702 Dry-shirt UK - Phillip Murray/Kevin Rutherford
- 711 Chris Bishop/Laura Hitchcock
- 733 Ben Clegg/Jo Pavey
- 735 Team Credo – Theo Gayler/Jack Spencer – Top full Youth Team 2007
- 744 Velocitek – Guy Whitby/Anna Payne
- 753 Alan Davis/Kathy Sheratt
- 757 MJF/North Sails (UK) – Dave Hayes/Rich Bell/Drew Malcolm
- 760 Leaky Pipes – Gerry Brown/Leaky
- 762 Mark Elkington/Charlie Game
- 768 Seavolution/Blue Marine – Barnsie/Pistol
- 769/654 Chattonaaga Cho-Cho – Dan Cowin/Rachel Bennett
- 770 Simon Hadley/ Tristan Hutt/Nikki Webster
- 772 Ince&Co – Mark Watts/George Morris
- 773 AT&T – Nick Craig/Tom Guillard/Toby Lewis
- 775 CSC – Chris Bines/Dave Gibbons
- 776 Hydrotheropy – Dick Roe/Kate Dulieu
- 777 Ovington – Dave Hall/Phil Eltringham/Edward Robbs

With regular training sessions and the Buddy system now in full swing, we have a program that will endeavour to make sure that none fall through the net and all get a good chance to master their steeds and see how friendly we really are. The ethos of the class over the last 2 years, has been that you do not just join a class association, you join a close nit group that will look out for you and make you feel like you are part of an extended family. This goes to the heart of what the class is about and we believe is unique in the UK.

So with the class experiencing growth comparable to 1998 – 1999 and much interest from the media and public the future can only be described as exciting and positive. The only restraints are the potential lack of available boats and potential difficulty of selling other class boats prior to buying their B14.

This has resulted in a lot of interest in the Worlds in Hobart, only hope is that the credit crunch does not do for those wishing to attend. So far we have one container with many wishing to fill another, but will it be a 20 ft. or 40 ft. one. Time will tell and so hopefully we will have 14 plus attendees with a possibility of 18. Many familiar faces will be attending but the reigning World Champions Tim Fells/Shawn Barber will not be there, but with the influx of new well known talent, do not fear, we will have both quantity and depth to give Bangers and his cohort of sailors a run for their money. As potentially one of the most open Worlds for a few years, it should be an exciting experience, plus an extra summer to enjoy.

*EDITOR'S NOTE: FOR MORE INFO CHECK OUT*

[http://www.b14.org/Portals/0/AcrobatFiles/Banter\\_March\\_2008.pdf](http://www.b14.org/Portals/0/AcrobatFiles/Banter_March_2008.pdf)

## WSC WINTER SAILING PROGRAMME - more details:

The program comprises:

1. Training day at WSC Saturday 19th April – more details next week but will be a morning session (so anticipate being in the yard to rig at 9am)
2. Four (4) Saturdays spread across Winter
3. Seven (7) of the WSC Sundays as part of the WSC Winter Series. The club Winter Series runs for 13 weeks and we have selected 7 of those Sundays to create our own series. Hopefully we will get better racing if we commit to making these 7 dates. The last 2 Sundays are after CYCA finishes so we should get a full-house on those days.
4. Travelling Series: Bateman's Bay ANZAC regatta / BYRA Marathon / Winter in Paradise (Port Stephens)

### B14 / 49er Winter Schedule

	Committed Activity	Notes		Committed Activity	Notes
Sat 19-Apr	B14 / 49er Training Day - WSC		Sat 14-Jun		
Sun 20-Apr			Sun 15-Jun	Winter Series - WSC - 6	
Fri 25-Apr	ANZAC regatta - Bateman's Bay SC	ANZAC Week-End	Sat 21-Jun	SATURDAY Series - 3 (WSC)	
Sat 26-Apr	ANZAC regatta - Bateman's Bay SC	ANZAC Week-End	Sun 22-Jun		
Sun 27-Apr		ANZAC Week-End	Sat 28-Jun		
Sat 3-May	BYRA Marathon - Bayview / Lion Island	Away regatta	Sun 29-Jun	Winter Series - WSC - 8	
Sun 4-May			Sat 5-Jul		
Sat 10-May	SATURDAY Series - 1 (WSC)		Sun 6-Jul		
Sun 11-May	Winter Series - WSC - 1	WSC Winter Series starts	Sat 12-Jul		
Sat 17-May			Sun 13-Jul	Winter Series - WSC - 10	Last day CYCA series
Sun 18-May			Sat 19-Jul	Winter in Paradise - Port Stephens	Away regatta
Sat 24-May	Winter Series - WSC - 3		Sun 20-Jul	Winter in Paradise - Port Stephens	Away regatta
Sun 25-May			Sat 26-Jul	SATURDAY Series - 4 (WSC)	
Sat 31-May	SATURDAY Series - 2 (WSC)		Sun 27-Jul	Winter Series - WSC - 12	
Sun 1-Jun			Sat 2-Aug		
Sat 7-Jun		Queen's B'day Week-End	Sun 3-Aug	Winter Series - WSC - 13	WSC Winter Series ends
Sun 8-Jun		Queen's B'day Week-End			
Mon 9-Jun		Queen's B'day Week-End			

# 14-Foot Challenge -

## B14 Victorious!



Three B14s fronted up for the 14-foot Challenge at St George on the 15th March.

Canberrans Andre and Jake Webster (353) made the journey, and Team Baffoon 222 (Sarah and Hector) and the Nudists (368) also waved the flag. Drew Malcolm, back in the country after his odyssey following the UK Worlds last year, also came to support the B14ers, and kindly took these photos.

The competition included 4 or 5 International 14s and half a dozen or so Skates. The track was one (quite long) race up and down in the mouth of the St Georges river. Conditions were perfect! A 10-15 knot sea breeze on an incoming tide gave us some good fast flat water runs. After 1hr 20 minutes, the Nudists showed the rest the way home, crossing the line more than two minutes ahead of the next vessel, an International 14.

The Websters stayed ahead of all the Skates, and Team Baffoon enjoyed their first travelling event and sailing off a beach rather than a ramp for a change!



The club veranda was a great place to review the day with great company and a scenic outlook.

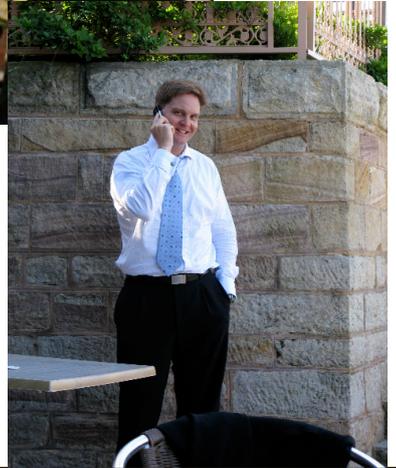
*Editor's Note: This race was conducted the day after the B14 Wedding of the Year, so even more plaudits to Nudists!*





### B14 WEDDING OF THE YEAR!

Karen Wiseman (crewing for Kieran Livermore, AUS) and Jonathan Branch (crewing for Nils Joliffe, UK) met at Lake Garda at the B14 World Championships in 2004. After intercontinental moves and flirtations with other boats, they competed against each other at the National Championships this year at McCrae, where Kieran and JB became Australian Champions. Despite this (!), they married on March 14th in (far) southern Sydney, attended by friends and family from all over the world. Karen looked beautiful of course, JB not at all nervous, Richie wore a fairly stunning shirt, Scott did deals on the phone between wedding and reception, Matt Searle looked surprised by Richie and Lissa, placenames proved terrific tactical discussion tools, and much great dancing and silliness was had. Congratulations Karen and JB!



# B14 Association of NSW

Membership Renewal 2007 - 2008

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:

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