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# Wingflap

Official Organ of the NSW B14 Association

## Hobart 2009 World and Nationals

The 2009 B14 worlds were hosted by Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania in Hobart. 51 boats ventured down to make it the largest fleet in a world championship series.

The location provided continual challenges from near frostbite conditions with gale force winds off the mountain that seemed to come from nowhere to races held in 5kts of shifty breeze.

After some very close and hotly contested racing Guy Bancroft and Nick Darlow edged out the competition to claim the double, Australian and World Champions, the first Australian boat ever to claim the world title.

Thanks should be made to all those who made the event so successful.



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# Presidents Report

By Lissa McMillan

Another season draws to a close (sort of – because the winter season starts in May!)

It's been a good one, with more B14s getting out regularly at WSC than last year.

In this edition of Wingflap we have a wrap of the States.

I'd like to thank the NSW B14 Committee for a fantastic team effort in organising and running this event. Many thanks to all involved. It was almost relaxing, given the amount of support and assistance that was forthcoming.

Particular thanks to Geoff Waldon for helping on the start boat and doing the results. Geoff would have much preferred racing, but was incapacitated after breaking some ribs falling on the Woollahra ramp. Of course, this is preferable to breaking a rib on a Mars Bar, but still keeps you out of sailing for a bit. The discomfort didn't slow him down – it was the fastest we've ever had results out at Woollahra.

And Daniel Watson organised (through his special sources) and delivered the meat, but couldn't hang around to eat it with us due to his busy schedule! It was beautiful steak, thanks Daniel. And thanks for making the effort, driving from Avalon to keep us from being hungry.

April 5<sup>th</sup> was Try a B14 day at WSC. Again, thanks to all the B14ers who got out and helped on this day. Another great team effort: Hector and Daniel looked after the rib (not Geoff's, the powerboat), Karen was the BBQ queen, Sarah was the social queen (looking very sporty after her triathlon!), JB was brilliant at explaining the finer points of how the boat worked, Rick did some videoing and Andy and Simon were also providing support. Paul Peters from the 49ers even sliced the onions!

Richie, Sophie and Geoff took the visitors out for spins. Richie and Sophie put in marathon efforts, both on the water for about three hours (and didn't Sophie know it that night!!). Geoff unfortunately broke a wing!

We took seven sailors out for a B14 experience. The breeze picked up through the day, and all got a good idea of what the craft can do. We hope to see many of them again. And we got to have Daniel's sausages again!

The NSW AGM is slated for the first day of the Winter Series - 16<sup>th</sup> May at Woollahra Sailing Club before sailing. I'll email times and details closer to the date. Look forward to seeing you then, if not before!

Cheers,  
Lissa

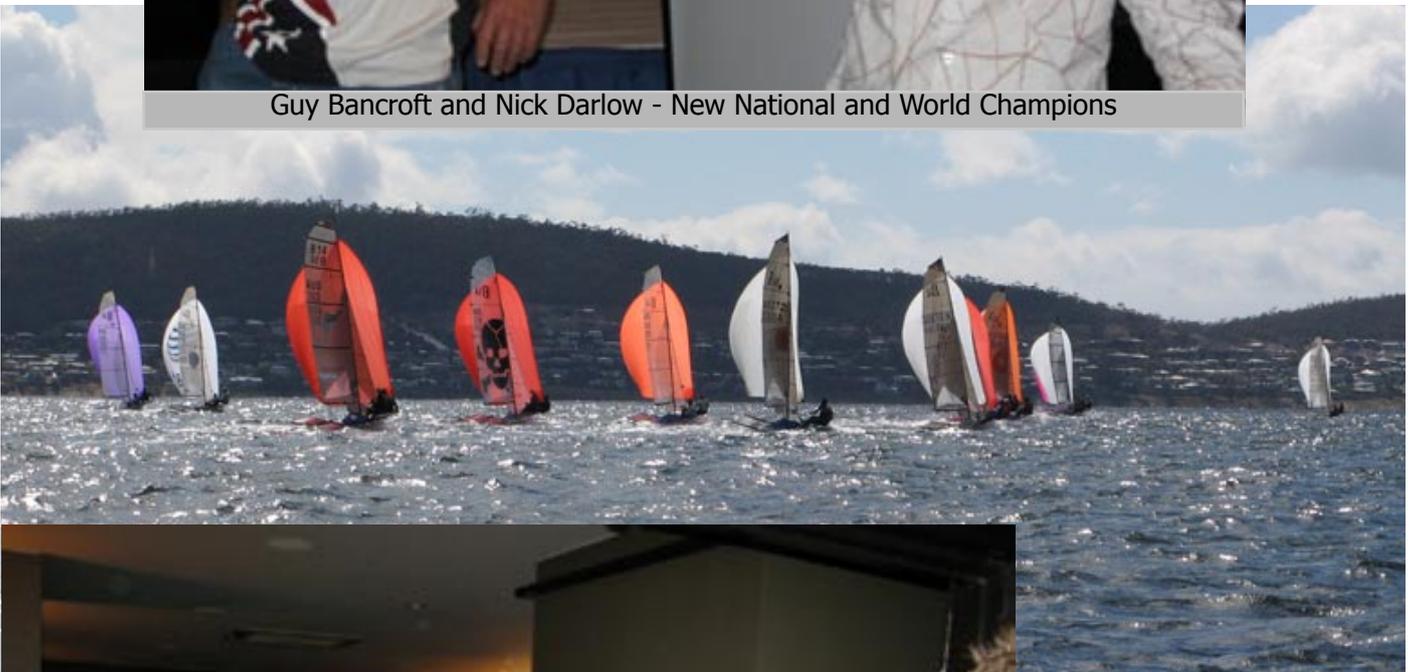


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Guy Bancroft and Nick Darlow - New National and World Champions



Hobart hosted the first ever "Crews Union" function

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### A View from the Tail End of the Tassie Nationals and Worlds.

Our arrival at the launch area next to the RYCT on the 29<sup>th</sup> was certainly accompanied by nervous anticipation and excitement. It was to be a first attendance at a National and World competition in such a short and inglorious sailing career. A much wealthier person in such a position would surely have hired the top gun crew. As it was Rick Boughton was the only courageous volunteer.

On the 30<sup>th</sup> while doing some brush up crewing for Daniel in B-Sting some strong pressure patches descended upon us while we tried to reset the vang. Not easy when you are mobility and flexibility challenged. On at least one kite run my confidence was not raised by declarations to the effect, "I don't think I can keep control (of the boat)." That and the rather tricky gravel covered launch area did not do wonders for my confidence. However, later with the exception of day 1 of the World's, we were to encounter no major problems near the ramp. From the measurement day and the briefing on the 1<sup>st</sup> race day and on, I was greatly impressed by the quantity and high quality of the organisation of the event. Certainly this is a model to be followed in many ways in the future.

### Day 1 of Nationals: 8 to 27kts (some 30kts+ gusts IMO).WSW/W

On the start we had intended to start on the starboard end and keep on starboard tack as far as possible, However, B-Alert stalled in irons next to us forcing us to go on to port tack, which although appearing good initially ended up being unfavoured. We rounded the top mark probably in the middle of the fleet and although having a problem with the hoist, took off under kite and some very strong wind pressure. I actually thought I would surely lose control when one pressure area descended on us. Unfortunately, we gybed too late and had to tack back up to get through the gate. At the top of the next leg we passed through an area of carnage with boats capsized all around under the heavy and shifty gusts. Just as we were thinking we were safe, a careless moment, and we were in the drink. After recovery and with the wind strength increasing beyond our skills to handle we elected not to use the spinnaker and, as was to happen many times over the two events, we did not finish on time. While waiting for the next race we had not realised that the flag signalled that races were abandoned for the rest of the day and were as a result caught out in the storm and were at one time close to the leeward shore rocks while capsized. In all an adventurous day but we arrived back on shore safely although last.



Hurricane passing through the carnage, for now..

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### Day 2 of Nationals:

#### Race 2; N/NW 10-14kts.

In this race a very poor start occasioned by a capsizes on the start line due to allowing ourselves to be blanketed out by windward skiffs, did not enable us to finish on time despite the milder conditions. So far this was not a very good start to the series where finishing was becoming a #1 priority, for us.

#### Race 3; SE/SW/E 5-8kts.

These were much gentler conditions where we managed our first finish in 31<sup>st</sup> place out of 36.

### Day 3 of Nationals:

#### Race 4; SE/S 8-12kts.

Our best result with a 25<sup>th</sup> out of 36. The only race we managed to finish before B-Sting and that only by seconds. This was despite 2 capsizes and was due to some excellent spinnaker work by Rick enabling some great wave surfing where several positions were gained each leg downwind. This, for us, was the highlight of the whole double regatta.

#### Race 5; S/SSW 10-14kts.

Despite some good downwind surfing the two capsizes brought us back to 31<sup>st</sup> in this race.

#### Race 6; SSW/SW 14-17kts.

We were starting to tire but this race was notable in that, at Rick's suggestion, we successfully up righted after 2 capsizes with the spinnaker still up. I had never even attempted this before. 31<sup>st</sup>.

#### Race 7; S/SW 17-20kts.

For this race we were simply too tired too cold despite full wetsuits and did not finish on time.

Our final placing was 32 out of 36 which I thought not too bad for a first National regatta result in the mostly challenging conditions and an old mainsail which was simply not up to scratch and was steadily deteriorating under the tough conditions.

At the business end of the fleet, Guy Bancroft and Nick Darlow in "Sly Bone" took out 1<sup>st</sup> with 1 bullet and some consistently good results. Nick Richardson and Alan Nicholas in "Pig's Arse" were 2<sup>nd</sup> with consistently good results mostly in the first 5 places. Kieran Livermore and Jonathan Branch in "Bangbang" came in 3<sup>rd</sup> 5 points behind "Pig's Arse". It should be pointed out that Dave and Raf in "Toxic" got 3 bullets although finishing in 5<sup>th</sup> place overall.

Our 3 DNFOT results were mainly due to the extremely high standard at the top end of the fleet which obviously saw some close racing as well.

### Day 1 of Worlds: 12 to 30kts+

We did not bother to go out as the launch area was very tricky and many boats suffered gear damage due to the volatility of the winds. No racing was finally conducted.

### Day 2 of Worlds:

#### Race 1; NW/W/SE 8-12kts shifty.

We did not finish on time in this race either.

#### Race 2 SE/SSE 12-14kts

We capsized at least once and finished 44<sup>th</sup> out of 51.

#### Race 3 S 12-18kts

This was our best result in the worlds event with no capsizes and plenty of good downwind surfing under spinnaker. 43<sup>rd</sup>.

### Day 3 of Worlds:

#### Race 4; W/SW 4-30+kts.

Although we went out to the start area after several false starts due to storms raging up the Derwent followed by periods of almost total lack of wind we eventually gave up in frustration and sailed home. Apparently in the opinion of many the race which was finally sailed should have also been abandoned..

### Day 4 of Worlds:

#### Race 5; SSE/SE 8-13+kts

We were black flagged after best start. Disbelieving this I went and checked the start line only to find out I had been using the wrong transit line. It was very disappointing as we were in about the middle of the fleet at the top

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mark. The race officer told us that we were a wing width over. Damn! This, added to our many DNFOT results, contributed to our final poor overall result.

### **Race 6; SSE/SE 8-13+kts.**

We had a good start but still only managed 48<sup>th</sup>.

### **Race 7; SSE/SE 8-13+kts**

Another good start at unfavoured end but only managed a 47<sup>th</sup>.

### **Race 8 SSE/SE 8-13+kts**

Same as above with a 46<sup>th</sup>.

### **Day 4 of Worlds:**

**Race 9a ESE/SE 10-14+kts** The race was abandoned.

### **Race 9 SSE/SE 15-20kts,**

DNF due to a capsize under spinnaker and the very challenging conditions. The waves were increasing too much under a very strong and consistent sea breeze.

### **Race 10 SSE/SE 17-25+kts**

We capsized under spinnaker despite a very successful hoist in the challenging conditions. The waves were even bigger and choppier. DNF.

Despite the very challenging conditions presented too us in Hobart it was very much a learning experience. The support at the club by the cast of hundreds was well appreciated and I think their efforts deserved better treatment by the weather. Will I go to Hobart again to sail? Opinion is still out on that though. I really think the B14 is more suited to 8 to 18kts. Above that it becomes a survival course. The ideal would be to have the excellent organisers conduct the event at a better, kinder venue.

In the final washout, at the serious end of the fleet, Guy Bancroft and Nick Darlow in "Sly Bone" became the first Aussies to win the World's Title event with "Seavolution's" Mark Barnes and Pete Nicholson taking out second on behalf of the mother country, while 2 more Aussie boats got the next 2 places. Nick Richardson and Alan Nicholas in "Pigs Arse" were 3rd and Dave Lorimer and Raf Heale in "Toxic" in 4<sup>th</sup> place.

Can the Aussies continue their dominance at Lake Garda or will the pommies rise to the occasion and wrest the title aware from our new "El Presidente", "Bangers"? To be continued in 18 months.



SlyBone leading around the top mark

# NSW State Titles

## Woollahra Sailing Club

The 2009 Gill NSW States produced a major upset.

Talented Hobie and 16ft Skiff skipper Jamie Roberts teamed up with the cagey and very experienced Jonathon Branch (aka JB) to comfortably win the regatta.

JB won the 2007/8 National Champ with long-time skipper Kieran Livermore. He convinced Jamie to join him in Hunt Leather, as Sophie Hunt was in France for work (yes B14ers are very glamorous) and hubby/crew Andy Payne had school cricket responsibilities. So with a well-set up boat, the Roberts/Branch team took on some very seasoned B14ers and came up trumps.

Some of the older hands (or is that greyer heads?) taking part included Chris Bibby, who joined the class not too many years after it started in 1986. After a little break around 1996, he's been back with a vengeance for the last five years or so. And of course the ever-present Richie Reynolds, who's never strayed from the class since he joined in 1992 was there attempting to win the States for a fourth time. But it wasn't to be.

Jamie and JB were too consistent, as proven by the fact they got to drop their 3<sup>rd</sup> place. They won two races and had three seconds. But they didn't have it all their own way, and one of the highlights of the regatta (I'll get to the mardi gras pyjama party later) was the very close racing, both at the front and the back of the fleet. Two other boats scored two wins, with long-time dynamic duo Scott Kennedy and Karen Branch having a very strong regatta, and longer-time nude couple Richie Reynolds and Lissa McMillan clocking up two wins on day one. Both had a second place and a fourth place to drop, but Scott and Karen did the trick with another third while the Nudists could only manage a fourth.

The travellers from Victoria could not have been much closer. And I'm not just talking about (young lovebirds) Jimmy Patterson and Emma Daley! The theory that Chris Bibby and Scott Cunningham are twins separated at birth is gaining some currency (despite the fact Bibby is some 23 years older in physical age). The pair, Chris sailing The Last Gasp with a variety of crew (Jimmy Patterson on day one and another class veteran Peter Ray on day two) and Scotland sailing Bonework with Emma Daley, finished equal on points, with a countback giving fourth place to another previous National Champion Chris Bibby. He and Peter Ray finished the regatta strongly with a second place to edge ahead of his slightly younger twin. Clearly the night out on the Cross after Saturday's mardi gras pyjama party took it out of young Scott, who scored two fifths and a fourth place on day two. He and Emma faired better on day one with fourths and a third, and more than once being first to the top mark on lap one.

And there was close racing at the rear of the fleet as well. Anthony House, who's been going around in Living Colour for the last 10 years, sailed in his first State titles, teaming with Jamie Loone. He had some good tussles with Team Baffoon, otherwise known as Hector (aka John Crawford, Raúl Castro) and Sarah Willmot, and Wacky Racer sailed by Ken Lundy and Claire Cassidy (on day one only).

Ken and Claire managed two sixths and a seventh on day one, with Living Colour ahead of the Baffoons in two races with two sevenths and an eighth, but Hector and Sarah achieved a strong sixth place finishing, as well as two eighths. Day two saw Anthony and Jamie dominating in the three races. The strong performance on the water followed a convincing portrayal of Heath Ledger by Anthony at the mardi gras pyjama party. He did report his partner was somewhat concerned about the lipstick he was still wearing (over much of his face) come Sunday morning! He and Jamie managed three sixth places on the Sunday, despite winning the seafood setting prize for the most spectacular capsizes. It was a rocketship as good as any that NASA could come up with. And the Baffoons also won the time management award, and were fortunate to take away a very attractive wall clock. This was in recognition of their start in Race 5, some 9 minutes and 32 seconds after the start gun. It must be noted that they finished that race well within the time limit, but we still think the wall clock will assist.

While there was plenty of excitement on the water, there was no respite on Saturday night. The mardi gras pyjama party function attracted a particularly motley group. The aforementioned Heath Ledger impersonation by Anthony House was particularly disturbing. And the Nudists thought they would be boring everybody by bringing out the nude suits AGAIN...but it seems everybody hadn't seen the nude suits! Social Secretary Sarah Willmot coped least well, repeating "I'm English" over and over while hugging her teddybear and keeping a very safe distance from

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the dangerous couple.

Karen and JB showed they share more than a life together, they share the same dress size, wearing Karen's very slinky pyjama set between them. And Jimmy Patterson shocked all with his eagerness to get back into that figure-hugging purple number that he wore so well in Falmouth. It was even more figure-hugging this time round – don't those young boys grow so fast! He still looked gorgeous, but on occasion had to be reminded about how one sits in a dress!

In all, it was a very enjoyable regatta. The race committee set good courses in trying conditions, with the wind swinging around from the south, south-east, south-west sort of direction.

May thanks to Gill and Racing Line for their kind sponsorship of this event.



"State Title Winners - Jamie Roberts and JB"

And well done again Jamie Roberts and JB on a stunning debut performance together!



" Handicap Winners - Chris Bibby centre, with crews James Patterson and Peter Ray. Maybe we should tell them it's a two-person boat!"

# NSW State Titles Mardi Gras Party



"Emma Daley, Jimmy Patterson, and that dress".



"Anthony House with Richie and Lissa, in those Nude Suits AGAIN"

# 14 foot Challenge

## St George Sailing Club

On March 21 The Nude and Team Baffoon (supported by Geoff Waldon on the injury bench) went down to St George to defend the dignity of the B14. As current holders of the 14ft Challenge the pressure was on The Nude especially as Lissa was out for the weekend to let a wrist injury recover. Fortunately an able substitute was found in Paul Peters, a friend who has a 49er at WSC. In Lissa's absence, Richie and Paul found out that she actually does perform some key rigging functions. For example, they discovered she normally puts the hatch covers on – something they noticed with a minute to the start sequence. Extra attention was paid to staying upright in the race!

A couple of I14s lined up at the start with a good fleet of Skates. St George is the home of a number of skates and Saturday is their regular race day. Conditions were perfect. A clear sunny day with a 12 knot Nor Easter on an incoming tide. The course was a distorted triangle windward return triangle and a dogleg to a club finish.

It was great on the start line with about 20 boats going for it. As well as the B14, I14 and Skates the MG14s were there as well although they sailed a different course. Team Baffoon got the perfect boat start holding out a number of skates as they powered off with speed at the gun.

Tactics on the course were to dodge the sandbars and keep out of the tide by getting towards the southern shore. The Muppet Show (I14) was closing in on the first work but took a quick dip on a tack leaving The Nude in the lead with Any Which Way (Skate) third at the top mark. This ended up being

the final result. The triangle was a bit distorted due to the width of the river so a couple of gybes down to the wing mark before a long reach to the bottom mark. The Nude led at each top mark with The Muppet Show taking the lead at the end of the return and last triangle. On the dogleg to the finish The Muppet Show did another lay-down tack leaving victory to The Nude for the second year in a row.

Greg Dixon, who is key mover for this event, is keen to expand it next season. He is hoping I14 sailing will step up next season due to their World Titles being at Manly in January.

It was a very pleasant day and always great to sail on a different patch of water. Come on down next year and give it a go.



'The Nude' in the 2009 Hobart Worlds

# B14 Test Sailing Day



Sophie and her rigging crew (in Andy's absence)



Richie takes a new 'nudist' on-board



If you missed out on testing a B14:

Contact Sophie Hunt (0410 623 387) or Richie Reynolds (0410 910 514) and they will be more than happy to organise a time for a sail

# Strait4Devils

**“B14 across the Bass Strait”**



**On the 17th of April the Strait4Devils crew of Adrian Beswick and Josh Phillips successfully crossed the treacherous Bass Strait from Tasmania to the Australian mainland in an elapsed time of 14 hours 53 minutes - and this included multiple cartwheels, a broken daggerboard. Adrian and Josh were sailing to raise money for the Tasmanian Devil Appeal - more details at [www.strait4devils.com.au](http://www.strait4devils.com.au)**

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### AUS 326

One set of sails, old but in good condition. Leach of spinnaker, jib and mainsail. Sound, dry and well sealed hull. Aluminium beach trolley and very good trailer. Presently stored in Bayview area. (Northern Beaches, Sydney)

\$5500 or best offer.

Owner Phil Bergersen  
Contact 0412 575 315

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### AUS 200

Dry Hull boat - custom built for the original owner with a reinforced deck etc. Very Solid!, 1 set of sails, Aluminium Rig, Custom boat cover, Beach Dolly, Boat Trailer, Comes with a deck spot at WSC which is hard to come by.

Priced to Sell  
\$2,700 ono

This boat was very competitive last season and we had a blast but need to sell asap to finance a house move.

Contact Byron Georgouras:  
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### AUS 151 - "The George"

Re-fitted and resprayed white with excellent finish for the worlds  
New black deck grip, new orbit block rachets on jib and kite, all sheets in good condition, aluminium mast in good condition  
Won the tin rig division in worlds  
Good solid boat with little breakages and all dodgy fittings replaced when painted

\$5,250 ONO

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## AUS 353

Two full sets of sails, Trailey and Trolley, Wings with welded joints, Two centreboards, Boat cover, Aluminium Mast, all in good racing condition

\$6,000

Or add:

Carbon Mast with cover (1/2 a season old), New set of sails (one regatta old)

\$10,000

Boat currently in Canberra

Owner: Andre

Contact: 0417 442 322

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## AUS 368

Great boat! Ready to have fun!!

Built 2002.

Carbon mast, 2 jibs, 2 spinnakers, 2 mains.

Beach trolley.

\$12,000

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Get ready for the Nationals at Belmont then the Worlds Europe in 2010!

Owner: Richie Reynolds

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# 2008-09 NSW B14 Calendar

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 <a href="http://www.pssac.com/Regattas.htm">www.pssac.com/Regattas.htm</a>	TT2
15-16 Nov	Bethwaite Series - McCrae YC	
29-30 Nov	ACT Dinghy Titles	
2-4 Jan	B14 National Titles Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania	
5-10 Jan	B14 World Titles Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania	TT3
15-16 Feb	TwoFold Bay Regatta Two Fold Bay Yacht Club - Eden	
7-8 Mar	NSW State Titles - WSC	
19 Apr	Peter Loft Marathon Bayview Yacht Racing Assoc.	TT5
25-26 Apr	Anzac Regatta Batemans Bay Sailing Club	TT4
6-8 June	'Sauna Sail' Hazelwood - Latrobe Valley VIC	

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