



# Wing Flap

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## Presidents Update

Dear B14 Members,

Throughout the country sailors are preparing, each in their own way for the coming National and World Championships. Whether it's racing against the newly launched Bangers special in McCrae or against the class stalwart, Ritchie on Sydney Harbour or competing in the local Tassie fleet, all the states are putting in their all in preparation to take on the international contingent.



*Getting some planning done in preparation for the coming championships*

Through the off season there have been a couple of new boats built, making this Guy's 3<sup>rd</sup> Sly built Bone and Kelvins second sly.

### Yachting Australia

The My Class functionality through our affiliation has been redeveloped and is showing potential to help with class administration in the next season. If anyone is savvy with the new program through fox sports pulse and is willing to help with the set up please contact [b14aus@gmail.com](mailto:b14aus@gmail.com).

### World Council

Discussions between the world council have continued throughout the year with a number of technical, race and website issues discussed on skype meetings or via email. There will be

a world council meeting at the coming National and World Championships.

### Developments

As a class the B14 has been fighting the fight to stay relevant in the ever advancing world of sailing. The B14 World Council is placed at the helm of this process and is responsible for developments within the class, maintaining its focus one design specification.

At the 2005-06 World championships carbon masts were introduced. This has helped sure up supply to the class, with aluminium masts requiring greater volumes, increasing in price and declining quality. The class has had a great take up across the board of masts which are now throughout the entire fleet. One of the best outcomes of the introduction of the mast is that righting of boats is substantially easier which means lighter crews can handle the boat more easily in the event of a capsize.

Following this in 2011 carbon wings were also introduced. As the wings are continuing to be phased in weight corrections keep the racing even. The take up has been strong and as such has made breakages less likely and in the event that they do happen, easier to repair.

Here's to a great season, have a great Christmas and see you at McCrae.

Adrian Beswick



**THEY'RE COMING!!!**

### World Championships McCrae

12 Boats are in transit as you read this from a base out of the United Kingdom, traveling from across the UK and France.



Current numbers for the championships are looking to push 40.

At the last world championships held in Plerin, France in July 2013 UK participants, Tim Harrison and Johnny Ratcliffe were crowned B14 World Champions with a day to spare following a very light series which saw some of the traditional front runners take a back seat whilst light weight and light wind expert crews took a liking to podium finishes.

#### Who's Hot?

Multiple Australian, World Champion, and local favourite to take out the Championships, Guy Bancroft is back with a new boat, scheduled for completion to enable training in the lead up to the event. He is keen to take back what was nearly his 12 years ago at his home club McCYC when the world championships were last held in Victoria.

A number of local talents in Victoria have leased boats for the championships which will add some additional colour to the great class culture that the B14 fleet is renowned for. Socially the class holds extensive inter-state and international on shore activities and evenings throughout racing days and also on lay days to give competitors and their families

the chance to get to know each other and form lifelong friendships.

#### McCrae Venue and Weather

As a venue, the officials at McCYC have extensive experience in running world class events. On an annual basis the club hosts, at times, multiple national and world championships. As a destination the sandy shores of McCrae are perfect for relaxing and fit in well with the B14's culturally accepted practice of not racing before 12 noon on a daily basis.



Weather and local conditions will undoubtedly play a role in who may feature on the podium come January. McCrae has a number of localised tidal and wind conditions which will give local sailors an edge over their international and interstate competitors. Locally, the sea and wind strength could significantly impact the result as moderate to high winds will favour local crews where lighter winds will favour international competitors. As the internationals make their way to the southern hemisphere this Christmas, it's for sure that local favourites will be keeping a close eye on the incoming weather systems and hoping for some tight isobars on the forecast.

If sailors are interested in competing at this year's championships and would like to know more, they are invited to contact class president Adrian Beswick by emailing [b14aus@gmail.com](mailto:b14aus@gmail.com), following us on Facebook by liking B14 Skiff Sailing or visiting club or class web pages @ [www.mccyc.com.au](http://www.mccyc.com.au) or [www.B14.org](http://www.B14.org).

**[Late Entries being accepted](#)**

### New Boats on the build

As mentioned in the presidents report following a number of boat shuffles owners have made the decisions to build new replacements. Constructed in the Sly Boats factory in Victoria, the new boats are a great sign of staying fresh as a class and movement in the second hand market in the lead up to the Nationals has been promising.



*A shot from the construction phase at the Sly Boats factory*

Its been a busy 3 months for Guy as he has meticulously put together yet another bone. The new craft was only launched last weekend at the flinders regatta. Don't forget to have a look at the latest boats to see what may have changed or see what you could get should you be interested in a new boat.



### NSW 2014 update

The highlight of the NSW sailing season was hosting the Nationals at Woollahra in January.

The regatta opened with southerlys and south-easterlys, rather than the Sydney Harbour's signature nor-easters, which meant the PRO's preferred course crossed the ferry channel. Our interstate visitors saw much

more of the Manly ferries than they had expected or wanted to, but it was great to see working harbour in action. It was uncanny how the ferry timetable seemed to be completely in synch with the B14 laps.

Guy Bancroft and Lachlan Imeneo showed they still have it, taking out the title one more time (for the bone).

The Canberra contingent has been keen this season, travelling to Sydney, Eden and Batemans Bay to compete against the Sydneysiders. The travel paid off for Andre Webster who took out the NSW States once again, this time with crew Kate Furneaux.

The Eden regatta in February was blown out with 35+ knots on the Sunday, but the little sailing that took place on the Saturday saw The Nude win a prize of a week's accommodation (at - you guessed it - Eden).

There's been a bit of a baby boom in NSW, with Sophie and Andy, and James and Kimberley adding to the crew pool. The little crew members are on solids now, so we're hoping to see the parents on the water again soon!

The New South Welsh are looking forward to heading south to McCrae at the end of the year for the Nats and Worlds.

Club racing is held at Woollahra SC on Sundays from Sep to Apr and at Canberra YC on Sundays also.

### Tas 2014 Update

A good year for the class in Tasmania with five boats competing at the Sydney Nationals, double that for the B14 States. There was good class representation at the Blockbuster and the Pittwater Regatta.

The Sandy Bay Sailing Club's has adopted 29ers as part of its fleet and the impact of this

upon the future of the B14 fleet participation is speculative.

The beginning of the season has seen a number of travelling boats compete at Midway point and Kingston Beach in preparation for the Nationals and Worlds.



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B14s entered in the Pittwater regatta. Racing was close at times but the results sheet showed some separation in the fleet. AUS 792 Rocket Ship sailed by Adrian Beswick and John Beswick and Lauren Keil on Saturday and Mark Ambrose Sunday got through with a win. Second went to AUS 367 Phantom sailed by Steve Miller and Lauren Bird and third AUS 355 Bondi Tram sailed by Stephen Mitchell and Adrienne Daley.



Next Year the National Championships are scheduled to head back 42° south to Tasmania. With it being ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in the world by the lonely planet in October this will be a great opportunity for crews to experience all the Tasmania has to offer.

## Vic 2014 Update

29-30 November had the Victorian B14 fleet along with the I14 fleet racing at the Flinders Skiff Regatta. Saturday turned out to be an absolute "Glamour" of a day with 12 to 15 knots, blue sky, blue water and the famous Flinders swell. Sunday started with a drifter which eventually abandoned after bobbing around in the swell for nearly an hour. The conditions lead to some feeling a little seedy (or was that the result of Saturday nights socialising)??? Eventually a nice 8 to 10 knot southerly came in and 3 one lap races were completed.



Racing was close at the top end of the fleet with new comers to the fleet Brett and Leigh in Octopussy and Ben and Stuart in Clean Skin pushing Bangers and Lochie in the newly launched Bonus all the way.

Saturday night / Sunday morning, the party went well into wee small hours. (What happens at Flinders stays at Flinders)!!



Thanks to the members at Flinders for opening up their club to the skiff fleets and for putting a great BBQ meal on Saturday night.

The Win went to Octopussy followed by Clean Skin and third was Bonus.

## Boats Parts and Repairs – Sly Boats

Sly Boat Building and Repair Centre are the Australian B14 Class authorised builder and can answer any questions relating to repairs, spares and most importantly construction of B14's.

Contact: Marty Sly  
Phone: (03) 9580 2446  
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## For Sale/ Looking to Sell

Do you have gear your looking to buy or sell? Email [b14aus@gmail.com](mailto:b14aus@gmail.com) to have your classified freely listed on the [www.b14.org](http://www.b14.org) website and in the next edition of Wingflap to be sent out following the national and world championships.

### AUS 369 – Craftsman Homes



2004 'off white' Divola hull, stiff water tight boat (No Bung!), well maintained and campaigned very competitive on a national level. Carbon mast, mesh wing nets, reinforced wings, 2 full sets Walker sails – 1 Training 1 Racing. Deck foam. Walker mast cover and triple rudder/foil bag. Trolley. Located: Ulverstone, Tasmania

**Price: \$8,500**  
Contact: Adrian Beswick - 0438 253 111  
Email: [adrianbeswick@gmail.com](mailto:adrianbeswick@gmail.com).

### AUS 364 – Ballistic B



Custom built trailer. 2 good mainsails, 3 Walker Headsails, 2 Kites, Excellent foils with foil covers, s/s dolly, Carbon mast, New boom. The performance, quality and condition of this boat will impress. Located: Howden, Tas

**Price: \$10 500 o.n.o**  
Contact/ Phone: John - 0419 321 699 or  
Wizzer - 0427 671 805.

### AUS 363 – Just 'n' Time



Boat cover, beach trolley, registered trailer with spare tyre. 3rd best performed Tassie boat at the 2009 worlds in Hobart finishing 19<sup>th</sup>. Located: Beauty Point, Tas

**Price: \$7,000.00 o.n.o**  
Contact: Richard Wells - 0488 212 126  
Email: [tricky1rafw@bigpond.com](mailto:tricky1rafw@bigpond.com)

### AUS 361 – Smokin



CST Carbon mast and wings, wing tramps and deck foam, fully updated rigging and running gear. Registered Dunbier road trailer. 3mains, 3 jibs, 3 kites. Located: Hobart, Tas

**Price: \$7,200.00 o.n.o**  
Contact: Clare Cromarty – 0488 993 238  
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## Cripps Project

This year marks the second successful year for the Cripps project. Tony and Briony Van Galen have taken on the project this year and have enjoyed some good sailing out of the Midway Point Yacht Club. The project has received support from Steve Walker Sails this year with the purchase of a new jib to keep the boat up to date. Contact b14 tas for more information on [b14tas@gmail.com](mailto:b14tas@gmail.com)



## B14 Enquiries Email Address

Please note that if you have an enquiry regarding anything B14! Please email [b14aus@gmail.com](mailto:b14aus@gmail.com) and if we can't help directly we will refer you to someone who can or put you in contact with someone in your local area.

## Photos - 2014-15 season

Please note that if you have any photos from sailing events with B14's please post these on our [B14 Sailing Facebook page](#).

<b>B14 National Season 2014-15 Calendar</b>			
<b>Month</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>State</b>
October	4-5	Callala Bay Regatta Jervis Bay	NSW TT1
November	15-16	ACT Dinghy Titles	NSW TT2
	29-30	Pittwater Regatta, Midway Point	Tas
		Flinders Regatta	Vic
December	13 -14	Vic States Regatta	Vic
	27-31	B14 National Titles	Vic
January	2-6	B14 World Titles - McCrae Yacht Club	NSW TT3
	31-1	Blockbuster regatta PDYC	Tas
February	14-15	Two Fold Bay regatta - Eden	NSW
	28-1	Tas States Regatta - Kingston Beach Sailing Club	Tas
April	25-26 Apr	Anzac regatta - Batemans Bay Sailing Club	NSW TT4
May	3-May	BYRA Marathon	NSW TT5

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