

# Wing Flap



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## ARE YOU IN TRAINING FOR THE WORLDS?

Then you may need to know that training your liver and working on your social skills will be a crucial part of your preparation. Our UK counterparts are all extremely practiced at the art of destroying their opposition off the water, then sailing like legends the day after.

The wonderful hosts at McCrae have been working on the social program, incorporating our suggestions where practicable, and it sounds terrific. Also exhausting. Take note that you'll all need to bring togas for New Year's Eve, support crew included. We're thinking team toga themes for each boat – the Associations may award prizes for best team outfit, although no guesses on who would probably win that one (go the nudists).

Food will be available on most nights as either an arranged function or in the form of meat packs available to bbq at the club. The bar will be open most days after racing, and there's been some mention of having videos of the day's racing shown at the bar.



You'll need to be fit to keep up the pace set at the Nationals in 2001.



Kite flying off the beach at McCrae

The draft program is as follows:

Friday 27 - Registration - bar open and nibbles

Saturday 28 - Registration Welcome BBQ

Sun 29 - Invitation - Apres racing - beer/nachos - meat / salad packs available for purchase and bbqing.

Mon 30 - Racing - Apres Racing: Beer/Pastries - **Pizza Night**

Tue 31 – Racing - Apres Racing: Beer & Snags **NYE Toga Party** – Weber Roast & salads + Juke Box

Wed 1 - LAY DAY (phew!)

Thu 2 - Racing - Beer & Cheese **Nat. Presentation** at Club - Spit Roast Dinner

**...ARE YOU IN TRAINING FOR THE WORLDS? Contd.**

Fri 3 - No B14 racing - Club Twilight racing - Bar Open.

Sat 4 - World Regn. & Club Racing Apres Racing: Beer & Hot Dogs Meat/Salad packs avail.

Sun 5 - Reg. No Sailing. **World Opening Ceremony at Club** 1900hrs Cocktail Party

Mon 6 - Apres Racing: Beer & Pastries European (Pasta) Night

Tue 7 - Apres Racing: Beer & cheese Not yet decided - possibly let B14 visiting members organise.

Wed 8 - Apres racing: Aussie Seafood Night ??

Thu 9 - Lay Day

Fri 10 - **World Presentation Night** at venue to be decided.

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The lay day's free as it was thought most people sailors and members will be glad of a break and a chance to look around the area, although the club is looking into organising a bus tour around the local area or up to the city. (I will be sleeping).

Any and all comments and suggestions would be most appreciated. Also, any offers of assistance (support crew?) for preparation and/or serving of food would be gratefully received by the club. Email me on [mail@huntleather.com.au](mailto:mail@huntleather.com.au) with all your feedback.

Cheers, and happy training,

Sophie



Sophie & Andrew in training for the Worlds.....

*"...want to come up to my room & see my dog lead?"*

or perhaps

*"..have I got something in my ear?"*

## President's report



The hint of jasmine in the air can mean only one thing the start of the sailing season is upon us!!

Well, it can probably mean other things too, but I won't go into that now.

I hope everyone's had an enjoyable winter. It hasn't been an off-season for everyone. A couple of keen teams have been seen out "cheating" in their B14s, trying to get an edge for the big season ahead. And that has been happening on and off the water, it seems.

The whiff of B.O. hung in the air for a short while, as a fevered burst of activity with the aim of getting super-fit for the Nationals and Worlds took place in Gosford. To be more precise, Hill Street (whatever your proper name is) played host to some B14ers for a day. Class veteran James Ellis had donated fitness assessments and the design of sailing-specific fitness programs as prizes for earlier events. Much fun was had by all participants, playing with the really groovy equipment that James gets to play with all the time. And all left incredibly inspired to get into better shape than ever so we could whack the Poms into a pulp at McCrae.

But like all fitness training enthusiasm, it tapered off after a week, and more usual forms of preparation ensued. It shouldn't be forgotten you need to be party-fit as well to beat the Poms. We might ask James to come up with a program for surviving a wine wave!! (For the uninitiated, a Mexican wave around the dinner table, with skulling a glass of wine substituted for raising your arms. Just quietly, you can often get away with merely filling your glass with water! But more on sneaky ways to beat the serious opposition another time.)

Looking forward to seeing everyone soon. Don't forget to bring your Association and Club memberships up to date, so you can get out there and race!

Cheers,  
Lissa

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# UK National Championship

by Tim Fells

The 2002 B14 UK Nationals were small but perfectly formed. A season which had seen half the fleet either get married or have babies (something to do with the romance of Garda) meant that by the late summer date many of the regulars had run out of leave, or lost the will to live. Consequently, only 23 boats made the trip to Weymouth for the four days of racing. However, what might at first sight have turned into a low-key affair proved to be the exact opposite. As was proven from the first night onwards, 46 B14ers is a perfect number for focussed, last man standing socialising.

Those who made the trip down a day early for a bit of a practice were treated to one of the best days sailing this year. Hot sun, blue sea, 20 knots and flat (ish) water. Grins all round and everyone headed out for the first of Sandy's social events. 90 minutes into the session, 6 pints of spritzer down (Sandy: 'Great drink – no hangover') most sane people tacked away to prepare themselves for the first day of battle. But, oh, what a disappointment! As we rigged, the previous days solid Easterly was rapidly disappearing leaving an asthmatic North Easter that fell apart not long after the fleet started. With just enough wind to keep the boats moving, but huge holes that could trap you for a couple of hours, it was desperate stuff. That is unless your name was Matt.

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***“...the previous days solid Easterly was rapidly disappearing leaving an asthmatic North Easter...”***

The two Matt S's (Searle and Snedker) in their identical blue boats, North sails and receding hairlines battled it out for two torrid laps. The younger Matt (Searle) just had the upper hand at the finish, defying popular wisdom that his head would blow up if it were under 10 knots. Much to everyone's relief, further racing was cancelled, and the fleet adjourned to the beach for a testosterone fuelled volleyball tournament. The evening entertainment was at the Royal Dorset YC where the fleet was introduced to West Kirby Snooker – a game that involves drinking 3 flaming Drambuie penalties. There are no winners or losers, just third degree burns for the unwary. Sandy did the best human torch impersonation and I must have eaten something that severely upset my stomach the following morning.

Day two dawned with little or no wind and the postponement went up – great news for those of us who were reacquainting ourselves with our breakfasts. After the most gruelling AGM of my life (not because of the aggression of the members, rather due to my strong desire to pass out all the time) we discovered some wind had appeared and there was no avoiding it any longer. Conditions were a little better than day one with a reasonably steady 4-5 knot westerly. Not exactly crash and burn, but in my state I was not complaining.

The light conditions made consistency hard to find with the start and first minute critical to a good placing. Each of the three races produced a different winner. Light airs specialists, Nils Jolliffe and John Branch, took race two by a large margin and looked like they were set for a very good day. Dave and Sean were the best of the rest in second. Dave and I managed to get a clear track in race three to head Nils and JB at the top mark. They were all over us like a rash but we just held on with Dave and Sean again sneaking into second at the death. In the final race of the day, Dave and Sean picked the left hand corner to lead at the top mark and despite the close attention of Nils and JB, held on to take the bullet and establish a one point advantage at the top of the leader board from Nils with Sneddie a further two points back.

With the forecast of bigger breezes for day three, the squad headed out to take on some extra payload. The call went out for pints of spritzer, no-one wanting a hangover, and very soon the local watering hole was throbbing to the sounds of 'MC Sandy and the anoraks'.

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Conditions for the third day could not have been better; clear blue skies and a force three westerly that steadily built during the day to force five giving stunning sailing for all the fleet. Four races were sailed and a total of 14 laps completed to ensure there were very tired bodies at the end of the day.

Stars of the day, firmly stamping their authority on the event, were our recently crowned European Champions, Sneddie and Dave Bosnia. In the first race of the day, they powered into the left hand corner, took some nice lifts on the port lay-line and led round every mark for their first ever UK championship race win.

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***“Pioneering the unfavourable right hand track, there seemed no stopping them. ...”***

In the second race they quickly recovered from a poor start and, by persevering with the left hand corner, took leaders Chris Sallis and Dick Roe on the third beat to take the second gun of the day. The third race was a repeat of race one; a good pin end start, hit the port lay-line and another start to finish win was in the bag. By this time the rest of us were getting just a little upset by this dominant performance, so we were more than happy to see Matt and Rich storming into a seemingly untouchable lead in the fourth and last race. Pioneering the unfavourable right hand track, there seemed no stopping them. And we were right, they didn't stop, as they should, at the bottom of the third lap and head upwind for the final round. They carried on down to the finish leaving a smiling Matt and Dave to grab the lead and make it a perfect day with their fourth win.

Behind Matt and Dave, giving it heaps, we had what would have normally been a good day if it hadn't been for Sneddie's storming performance. Our 2,2,3,3 was enough to get back up into third place behind Dave and Sean who, with 2,3,4, OCS, held onto second.

So fully charged up by a brilliant days sailing, we all headed out to our unofficial club house, the previous nights bar. The folk band had been frightened off by Sandy's vocal skills to be replaced by a lesbian eco-warrior jazz duo who kept us well entertained, particularly when performing some unusual manoeuvres later on at the night club. The evening ended with some of the boys getting lucky, some of the girls turning down surprising offers and my main man, DC, being evicted from the club for showing the bouncers his 'worried look'.

With two races remaining and everything set for a final day show down, the wind gods overplayed their hand. The wind was gusting to 28 knots and forecast to increase so, to the relief of many, the decision was been made to cancel racing. Matt and Dave were therefore crowned B14 National Champions for the first time to add to their European title from June. This is their third year sailing together and the experience showed. They combined excellent all round boat speed and boat handling with sharp tactics to give a really polished performance.

Overall:

- 1<sup>st</sup> 'North Sails', Matt Snedker & David Dobrijevic (Weston) 9pts
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 'Sea Sure', Dave Hayes & Sean Dwyer (Southport) 14pts
- 3<sup>rd</sup> 'AT&T' Tim Fells & Dave Cunningham (Grafham) 16pts
- 4<sup>th</sup> 'Raymarine' Nils Jolliffe & Jon Branch (Weston) 22pts
- 5<sup>th</sup> 'Sprint', Matt Searle and Rich Bell (Hayling) 23pts
- 6<sup>th</sup> 645 Chris Sallis & Dick Roe (Gt Yarmouth) 36pts

# Weymouth and Portland Sailing Academy

## B14 2002 UK National Championships

### Results

| Sail No | Helm              | Crew             | Series Points | Series Place | Race 1 | Race 2 | Race 3 | Race 4 | Race 5 | Race 6 | Race 7 | Race 8 |
|---------|-------------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 736     | Matt Snedker      | David Dobrijevic | 9             | 1            | 2      | 3      | 4      | 10     | 1      | 1      | 1      | 1      |
| 749     | David Hayes       | Sean Dwyer       | 14            | 2            | 7      | 2      | 2      | 1      | 4      | 3      | 24     | 2      |
| 758     | Tim Fells         | Dave Cunningham  | 16            | 3            | 12     | 9      | 1      | 5      | 2      | 2      | 3      | 3      |
| 728     | Nils Jolliffe     | Jon Branch       | 22            | 4            | 3      | 1      | 3      | 2      | 10     | 15     | 6      | 7      |
| 725     | Matt Searle       | Rich Bell        | 23            | 5            | 1      | 7      | 12     | 4      | 15     | 5      | 2      | 4      |
| 645     | Chris Sallis      | Dick Roe         | 36            | 6            | 19     | 4      | 9      | 11     | 3      | 4      | 16     | 5      |
| 695     | Mark Barnes       | Tom Pygall       | 38            | 7            | 15     | 8      | 11     | 7      | 6      | 7      | 4      | 6      |
| 734     | Steve Fisher      | Matt Grant       | 39            | 8            | 6      | 5      | 5      | 6      | 9      | 8      | 24     | 12     |
| 764     | Simon Nelson      | Andy Ramus       | 44            | 9            | 16     | 10     | 10     | 8      | 5      | 6      | 5      | 24     |
| 747     | Peter Harper      | Tim Parsons      | 45            | 10           | 9      | 6      | 6      | 3      | 12     | 16     | 9      | 13     |
| 618     | Anthony York      | Simon West       | 57            | 11           | 4      | 11     | 7      | 15     | 13     | 11     | 11     | 24     |
| 688     | Tim Harrison      | Jonny Ratcliffe  | 57            | 12           | 13     | 13     | 8      | 9      | 8      | 17     | 10     | 9      |
| 709     | Andrew Brown      | Alex Matthews    | 66            | 13           | 8      | 20     | 24     | 16     | 14     | 12     | 8      | 8      |
| 763     | Don Foster        | Kate Foster      | 68            | 14           | 21     | 12     | 15     | 13     | 7      | 9      | 12     | 24     |
| 762     | Mark Pollard      | Martin Walbank   | 69            | 15           | 5      | 16     | 13     | 18     | 21     | 10     | 7      | 24     |
| 753     | Alan Davis        | Alison Wilson    | 76            | 16           | 10     | 14     | 16     | 14     | 11     | 24     | 24     | 11     |
| 755     | Ben Evans         | Simon Clarkson   | 82            | 17           | 20     | 15     | 14     | 12     | 19     | 13     | 14     | 14     |
| 712     | Charles Ainsworth | Doug Vincent     | 96            | 18           | 17     | 23     | 19     | 22     | 16     | 21     | 13     | 10     |
| 739     | Alex Reid         | Mark Addison     | 105           | 19           | 14     | 17     | 24     | 19     | 17     | 14     | 24     | 24     |
| 722     | Tom Powell        | Rachel Wright    | 108           | 20           | 18     | 22     | 17     | 20     | 18     | 20     | 15     | 24     |
| 716     | Chris Seymour     | Jane Seymour     | 115           | 21           | 11     | 19     | 24     | 17     | 22     | 22     | 24     | 24     |
| 654     | Daniel Cowin      | Kathryn Ingham   | 123           | 22           | 22     | 18     | 24     | 24     | 24     | 18     | 17     | 24     |
| 723     | Alister Ewing     | Paul Gadd        | 123           | 23           | 24     | 21     | 18     | 21     | 20     | 19     | 24     | 24     |

## What's happening in Melbourne?

The B14s in Victoria are still going strong, preparation for the Sail Melbourne B14 World Championships is well on the way and we are all very excited with the prospect. I'm hearing rumours that at least two of the Tasmanian B14s will be coming along for the Worlds. We are expecting a container load from the UK. At last count I think there are now about 10 B14s sailing around the Port Phillip Bay and there are a few more that are reported to be coming out of hiding for the Worlds. With only one container coming from Europe we need all the Australian numbers we can get...and besides the odds are better for the Aussies ;-). A lot of work is being put into the social program so it should be a great fun event.

Many of the fleet have tried to sail through the winter. We started with the windy regatta down at Hazelwood Pondage over the Queens Birthday long weekend. With the odd gust to 35+ knots it made for exciting sailing (I'm still recovering from a torn cartilage due to me as a clumsy skipper :-). Guy and Rhys Bancroft (in Buggar the Bone) along with Ian and Scott Cunningham (in Firestopping) made it around the track for most races. Whilst many of the other newcomers to the class used the safe sailing venue to practice in some extreme winds...B14s, Flat warm water, strong wind = FUN

The most recent sailing has been at the Mordialloc winter series held each Sunday throughout August and September. The wind for the series has ranged from absolute floaters through to howling 30 Knot northerlies. Again Guy/Rhys and Ian/Scott were most prevalent in the series, often mixing it with the middle of the International Fourteen fleet. In fact on two occasions Guy/Rhys beat the I14s to the weather mark. This is no small feat given the calibre of the local I14 sailors.

The latest regatta was the "Ice Breaker" regatta run by Bendigo Yacht Club over the 21st and 22nd of September. The wind was light, but from all accounts its just as well, as near drought conditions in Vic have left the lake close to empty, with plenty of submerged tree limbs and the like to contest with. Guy and Rhys beat the Fourteen Foot Skiffs again and took out the Skiff trophy for the event.

So whats up and coming. Well regatta wise, we will be holding State Championships at McCrae sailing club on the 31st of November and 1st of December, so its a good opportunity for all to get some local experience before the Worlds. Hopefully we can get some boats from all over Aus to come and join us. The sailing will be held on the same course as the Nationals and the Worlds regatta.

cheers

Andrew Garth

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# Rules

With the permission of the AYF, I have reproduced one of the more interesting applications/interpretations below. For those of you who are interested, you can download the RRS and the Casebook for 2001-2004 (International Sailing Federation, July 2001) from [www.sailing.org](http://www.sailing.org)

## CASE 9

### Rule 10 On Opposite Tacks

### Rule 18.1(b) Rounding and Passing Marks and Obstructions:

#### When This Rule Applies

*When a starboard-tack boat chooses to sail past a windward mark, a port-tack boat must keep clear. There is no rule that requires a boat to sail a proper course.*

#### Question

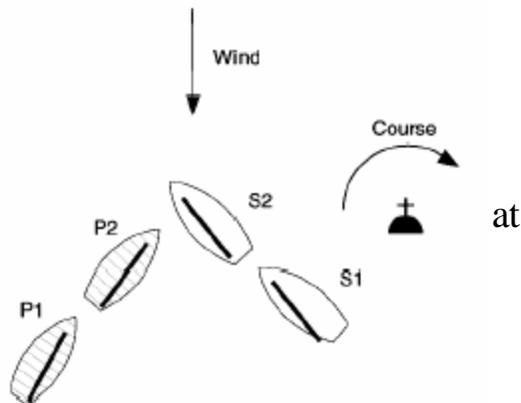
Two close-hauled boats on opposite tacks meet a windward mark to be

left to starboard. S has adequate room to tack and round the mark with due

allowance for wind and current but instead of tacking, S holds her course with the intention of forcing P to tack to keep clear. Can P disregard rule 10 if she considers S to be sailing beyond her proper course and to have sufficient room to round the mark?

#### Answer

No; rule 10 applies. Rule 18.1(b) provides that the boats are not subject to rule 18; thus when S chooses to hold her course, P must keep clear. While in certain circumstances boats are prohibited from sailing below or above a proper course there is no rule that requires a boat to sail a proper course.



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# Australian B14 Calendar 2002-2003

| <b>Date</b>          | <b>Venue</b>                           | <b>Event</b>                                   |
|----------------------|--|--|
| 20,21 July           | Port Stephens Sailing and Aquatic Club | <b>Winter in Paradise</b>                      |
| 7,8 September        | Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club         | <b>Ice Breaker Cup<br/>Travelers' Trophy 1</b> |
| 4-6 October          | Vincentia Sailing Club                 | <b>Jervis Bay Regatta</b>                      |
| 12 October           | Gosford Sailing Club                   | <b>Combined Club Day</b>                       |
| <b>26,27 October</b> | Bayview Yacht Racing Assn.             | <b>NSW states Round 1</b>                      |
| 9 November           | Gosford Sailing Club                   | <b>Combined Club Day</b>                       |
| 16,17 Nov            | Port Stephens Sailing and Aquatic Club | <b>Travelers' Trophy 2</b>                     |
| 24 November          | Woollahra Sailing Club                 | <b>Combined Club Day</b>                       |
| <b>31 Nov, 1 Dec</b> | <b>McCrae Yacht Club</b>               | <b>Vic. State titles</b>                       |
| 8 December           | Bayview Yacht Racing Assn.             | <b>Combined Club Day</b>                       |
| 14 December          | Gosford Sailing Club                   | <b>Sprint Series</b>                           |
| <b>29 Dec-2 Jan</b>  | <b>McCrae Yacht Club</b>               | <b>Australian Titles</b>                       |
| <b>4 Jan-10 Jan</b>  | <b>McCrae Yacht Club</b>               | <b>World Titles</b>                            |
| Nationals Ht 5       | McCrae Yacht Club                      | <b>Travelers' Trophy 3</b>                     |
| Worlds Ht 5          | McCrae Yacht Club                      | <b>Travelers' Trophy 4</b>                     |
| <b>1,2 March</b>     | Woollahra Sailing Club                 | <b>NSW states Round 2</b>                      |
| 22 March             | Gosford Sailing Club                   | <b>Travelers' Trophy 5</b>                     |
| 29 March             | Woollahra Sailing Club                 | <b>Travelers' Trophy 6</b>                     |
| 12 April             | Gosford Sailing Club                   | <b>Combined Club Day</b>                       |
| 4 May                | Bayview Yacht Racing Assn.             | <b>Marathon<br/>Travelers Trophy 7</b>         |