



## **New South Wales Radio Yachting Association (Inc)**

### **10R GP3 - MAZDA TROPHY**

Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> May saw the annual running of the Mazda Trophy for 10 Raters on the new home waters of the Northern Mariners Club. The Northern Mariners relocated from Hinkler Park as the venue had become almost unusable due to the tree growth and council plans to do some changes to the park.

The venue at Mt Penang until recently was run by the Juvenile Justice Centre and now is controlled by the Central Coast Development Corporation. The CCRYC moved to Terrigal Lagoon around 10 years ago and Mount Penang has not had radio sailing since, so it was great for the NM club to gain permission to start using the lake for radio sailing again. I'd say 90% of the fleet hadn't sailed there before. The feedback was all positive so there will be many more good regattas held there.

Fourteen boats from clubs as far away as the ACT and Forster, and the 2 local clubs supported the event. PRO Chris Stokes with the assistance of Marilyn Russell on the score pad got the racing under way at 10am.

A lovely 8 to 12 knot WNW breeze faced the skippers. The launching area and the elevated control area were a good distance apart so there was plenty of walking, however the racing was 1<sup>st</sup> class with only a few infringements that were sorted out on the water, making for great sailing. Frank Russell sailing his P5 came out of the blocks in the first race giving us all a lesson in sailing and was solid all day. The little extra breeze suited Owen Jarvis with his P3. A number of boats had top 3 finishes. All the boats sailed well and there were signs of brilliance from lots of skippers.

For the two Blades, which were very quick in the conditions, the order of the day was high percentage sailing and staying out of trouble. With the extra room on the dam one could go on a variety of up wind tacks and not just follow the leader. If the wind shifts were picked correctly it was possible to catch up lost ground, making it great sailing all day.

Some skippers changed rigs a couple of time as there were some strong gusts through the day with the odd nose dive, but all in all a very good days racing. It was also great to see a couple of new 10R skippers, Pat O'Brien and the "Pavlova Kid", Patrick O'Donnell, who both sail Marbleheads. A class and IOM skipper Lynn Kreibig from the ACT and his R10-6 had a mixed day with a few problems but enjoyed the new venue.

NM President Maurice Fletcher was not his normal self, finishing in 4<sup>th</sup> spot. Andrew Sands also had a spot of radio trouble but carried on as we expect Andrew to do.

So on behalf of the NM club skippers, well sailed and see you at the next 10R event.

Cheers .....  
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