



Soling 1M Interclub Regatta

SMMC - 28th May 2011

Norwest Lake at Baulkham Hills was the venue for the first Soling Interclub event this year. Eleven sailors had entered for the One Day competition and six were from the host club - The Sydney Maritime Modellers.

It was a strong field and included Greg Young and Graham Brown who finished 1st and 2nd in the recent NSW State Titles, also John O'Sullivan from SMMC who also performs well at Norwest. Special Mention also to sailors from as far away as The Basin Club and Lake Tabourie Clubs.

The weather was sublime on Saturday morning, clear sky with a few gentle zephyrs, not ideal for sailing but the forecast was for a southerly change in the afternoon. Colin Court was our race officer and because of the very light winds, shortened the course from the outset. Seven scratch races were run during the morning session from 10 am. to 12.30 pm with Greg Young in the lead followed by local John O'Sullivan.

Lunch was provided by ladies and members from the host club and handicaps were assigned from the mornings scratch results.

As predicted the weather changed in the afternoon and the course was reversed and lengthened, the strengthening breezes now coming from the south.

The first race of the Handicap session was won by John o' Sullivan but this was to be his last race of the day as 'gremlins' retired his radio. For the other sailors the racing became exciting because of the stronger winds and excellent handicaps, and in a number of races several boats were finishing fast and within a metre of each other. Nine handicap races were held in the afternoon and the event concluded at 3.30 pm with the final scores an indication as to the closeness of the days' sailing. Greg Young (Central Coast) was declared the winner with Graham Brown (Dobroyd) in second place. Third place went to radio sailing tyro Steve Dalziel (SMMC). For Steve this was an outstanding result sailing Soling No 50 - a boat recently acquired from Phil Page of the Central Coast Club.

It was a very enjoyable days competition, sailed in the best of spirit and the race officer admitted that he had a very easy day as he thanked his assistants, Brian Conde, Terry Howard, and Graham Thompson.

Skipper	Sail No.	Scratch Races							Total	Handicap Races								Total	Combined	
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7		8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15			16
Greg Young	111	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	9	2	5	8	3	5	6	4	2	3	38	47
Graham Brown	90	2	7	2	7	9	2	4	33	3	9	5	2	6	5	8	5	6	49	82
Steve Dalziel	50	5	3	3	10	5	3	2	31	5	11	4	5	9	3	3	10	9	59	90
Peter Maddison	77	7	10	7	5	11	4	10	54	8	4	2	4	1	10	1	3	7	40	94
Jack Lee	41	9	4	4	3	4	10	5	39	7	3	1	10	10	8	7	9	4	59	98
Tony Bolding	20	8	6	5	6	10	11	8	54	4	2	9	8	2	7	10	4	1	47	101
Colin Ferguson	92	6	5	11	4	6	9	6	47	12	8	10	9	3	4	5	6	5	62	109
Glenn Bass	141	4	8	10	9	3	6	7	47	6	10	7	7	8	2	6	8	8	62	109
Max Henery	45	10	9	9	11	8	7	11	65	9	6	6	1	4	9	2	7	2	46	111
Leigh Grove	36	11	11	8	8	7	8	9	62	12	1	3	6	7	1	9	1	10	50	112
John O'Sullivan	91	3	2	6	2	2	5	1	21	1	7	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	92	113