

2012 NSW A Class Grand Prix and Interclub Round 2

Forster Tuncurry Radio Yacht Club

The FTRYC A Class Grand Prix and Interclub is round 2 of the series and held at Tuncurry Race Course on the weekend of the 26th and 27th May 2012.

The weekend started on Friday night at Forster Bowling Club where copious amounts of food & drink were devoured by the hungry sailors. One (can't mention his name) had 2 main dishes & then had 4 desserts. Talk about getting your money's worth !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

On Saturday morning (Scratch racing day) we were met with hardly any wind to talk about, but as we set up the amenities the wind started to build. We had 13 skippers from across the state, Wollongong, Moss Vale, Sydney, Penrith, Harrington Park, Taree & one from Qld. The wind built to about 20kms, gusting up to 25 and 30kms at times. Most of the guys started on their B rigs. The sailing was at fever pitch right from the start with a few protests as they struggled to control their boats in the strong wind. Quite a few breakages occurred in the early races. It was obvious that Phil Page & Brian Dill were going to be the guys to beat.

A beautiful lunch was provided by the FTRYC, with the ladies and Ian Walters doing the catering and Reg Wood, who drove all the way from Bonny Hills to help in the cooking dept. Rod Wilson did a sterling job as PRO for the day. After lunch the strong SW breeze continued till the end of the day, thus making a very challenging days sailing for everyone.

Saturday Results

| Place | Skipper | Score |
|-------|------------------|-------|
| 1 | Brian Dill | 41 |
| 2 | Jon Pinkerton | 44 |
| 3 | Phil Page | 47 |
| 4 | Pat O'Brien | 53 |
| 5 | Garry Bromley | 58 |
| 6 | Selwyn Holland | 66 |
| 7 | Ralph Hyman | 76 |
| 8 | Ray Naysmith | 127 |
| 9 | Phil Lawson | 129 |
| 10 | Craig Sargent | 176 |
| 11 | Andrew Sands | 178 |
| 12 | Glenn Kinsela | 185 |
| 13 | Gavin Fitz Henry | 205 |

On Saturday night the crew ate at Tuncurry Bowling Club but an early night was had by all.

Sunday morning (Handicap racing day) brought a steady 10-12kms breeze from the SW again, gusty at times. Barry Edmunds was the PRO, not an easy job with having to change the course a few times and trying to handle a few very high spirited sailors. Good lifts were there for the taking thus allowing back markers to catch up with the leaders. Mat Rigby did a great job setting the handy caps which gave us some very close racing. The top 3 placing's all finished with a total of 44 points, thus, results were calculated on count backs.

Sunday Results (Handicap)

| Place | Skipper | Score |
|-------|------------------|-------|
| 1 | Phil Page | 44 |
| 2 | Pat O'Brien | 44 |
| 3 | Ralph Hyman | 44 |
| 4 | Selwyn Holland | 48 |
| 5 | Brian Dill | 49 |
| 6 | Phil Lawson | 52 |
| 7 | Craig Sargent | 56 |
| 8 | Andrew Sands | 59 |
| 9 | Jon Pinkerton | 95 |
| 10 | Garry Bromley | 66 |
| 11 | Ray Naysmith | 76 |
| 12 | Glen Kinsela | 104 |
| 13 | Gavin Fitz Henry | 119 |

It was great to see six of the guys wives come & join their husbands for the weekend.

A huge thank you to all the guys from FTRYC who all put in a big effort to make the weekend a great event. Also thank you to all the sailors, especially those who drove long distances, for your commitment and good sportsmanship. A good time was had by all and we look forward to the Doug Billing Trophy later in the year.

Phil Lawson

Secretary

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