

## IOM GP ROUND 1 - SUSAN McANNA MEMORIAL TROPHY KOGARAH BAY 21<sup>ST</sup> / 22<sup>ND</sup> APRIL

Once again Kogarah Bay Radio Yacht Club has shown why it is the premier radio controlled venue in NSW with 27 boats competing in Round 1 of the IOM Grand Prix. The event attracted boats from 3 states and 1 territory, with QLD, Victoria and the ACT represented along with competitors from all IOM clubs within New South Wales.

The fleet of 27 boats was treated to some excellent A rig racing conditions over the weekend, with the occasional light and variable nor-wester thrown in on Sunday to keep the skippers on their toes.

Saturday saw the sailors greeted by a nice 5 to 8 knot southerly and the fleet was split into an A and a B fleet. PRO Peter Zecchin and his assistant Maurie Fletcher kept an upbeat tempo all day, pushing through the heats and at the end of day 1, eight full races had been completed.

The battle for the top of the leaderboard was tight with Andy Reid from Victoria was the overnight leader, showing good light air form, this after coming off an impressive 3<sup>rd</sup> at the recent South Australian state titles. Paul Jones, as always, was only 2 points of the lead after day 1 with Scott Backhouse and David Turton from QLD in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place, 8 and 10 points off the lead respectively.

After a great days racing an impromptu dinner was organised for all the travelling sailors and the locals who also wished to attend, where the sailors were treated to a good feed and some icy cold beers at the local Taren point Hotel. From all accounts it was a great evening and something that may be penciled in as a more permanent social event for future events at Kogarah Bay.

Day 2 Sunday and the wind gods were up to their old tricks and the fleet was faced with a light nor-west breeze. After a short delay to allow the breeze to settle in, racing got under way and Paul Jones started his move on claiming the title, winning 5 of the 6 races completed on the Sunday. A remarkable piece of light air sailing, showing just why he has been at the top of the sport for so long.

Whilst Andy Reid sailed consistently, he fell just short of matching the performance by Paul and finished a well-deserved 2<sup>nd</sup>, 15 points behind Paul. The final place on the podium was taken by David Turton, who on

count back, won from Scott Backhouse with both boats finishing on 54 points.

Some notable performances from the weekend were: Steve Sedgman from Canberra who finished a credible 5<sup>th</sup>, leading a resurgence of IOM sailors from Canberra, a fleet which continues to grow and is stronger at each event; also Selwyn Holland from Wollongong who finished 8<sup>th</sup> in the regatta but based on Sunday's performance was the second quickest boat on the day. The regatta also saw all states and territories represented in the top 5 - a remarkable statistic.

The regatta is also held in memory of the loving and remarkable Susan McAnna, who was a tireless worker for not just the Kogarah Bay Radio Yacht Club but also the NSWRYA. The event is now in its 3<sup>rd</sup> year and the Susan McAnna Memorial Trophy is awarded each year to the highest placed NSW skipper, and no skipper is allowed to win it twice. This year the trophy was awarded by Matt McAnna to Owen Jarvis who finished sixth in the regatta, a great effort by Owen, who was proud to receive the honour, given his close association with Susan and Matt over the years. The previous recipients have been Paul Jones in 2010 and Scott Backhouse in 2011.

The weekend was made a success with the help given by all KBRYC members, and especially that from PRO Peter Zecchin and his assistant Maurie Fletcher. Without those able to donate their time we would not be able to hold events like this. A big Thank You from the Directors of KBRYC.

The IOM circus now moves on to Newcastle and the home waters of Paul Jones, which won't make things any easier for any of us, but I look forward to seeing you all on the water and enjoying the sport of model yacht racing.

Scott Backhouse

## 2012 Susan McAnna Memorial Trophy (BG IOM GP Rd 1)

21st and 22nd April 2012

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Kogarah Bay Radio Yacht Club

Position	Skipper	Sail #	Club/City	Hull	Score	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
1	Paul Jones	51	LMRYC NSW	Chienz	22.0	1.0	5.0	17.0	3.0	1.0	7.0	3.0	2.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
2	Andrew Reid	74	APMYC Vic	Chienz	37.0	3.0	3.0	11.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.0	10.0	3.0	5.0	12.0	2.0	2.0
3	David Turton	09	CKRYC Qld	Chienz	54.0	4.0	1.0	2.0	6.0	13.0	11.0	1.0	8.0	5.0	9.0	4.0	3.0	3.0	8.0
4	Scott Backhouse	73	KBRYC NSW	Mad Max	54.0	1.0	7.0	6.0	1.0	3.0	9.0	6.0	3.0	1.0	7.0	9.0	4.0	10.0	6.0
5	Steve Sedgmen	30	CMYC ACT	BTL	66.0	7.0	20.0	1.0	16.0	10.0	1.0	4.0	5.0	6.0	2.0	28.0	5.0	5.0	4.0
6	Owen Jarvis	82	KBRYC NSW	Widget	79.0	9.0	4.0	4.0	10.0	12.0	13.0	5.0	4.0	4.0	6.0	7.0	9.0	12.0	5.0
7	Rick Murray	39	KBRYC NSW	Mad Max	88.0	2.0	6.0	7.0	7.0	8.0	15.0	8.0	7.0	3.0	8.0	12.0	16.0	7.0	13.0
8	Selwyn Holland	100	WMYC NSW	Topico	95.0	13.0	14.0	19.0	9.0	14.0	5.0	15.0	6.0	15.0	4.0	2.0	2.0	8.0	3.0
9	Neil Webb	05	KBRYC NSW	Mad Max	102.0	5.0	11.0	9.0	13.0	16.0	3.0	7.0	10.0	14.0	23.0	6.0	8.0	4.0	12.0
10	Matthew McAnna	64	NM NSW	Widget	115.0	5.0	8.0	3.0	5.0	15.0	18.0	10.0	14.0	9.0	13.0	10.0	10.0	13.0	16.0
11	Ross Spencer	13	KBRYC NSW	Cockatoo	123.0	6.0	10.0	13.0	17.0	7.0	16.0	9.0	15.0	12.0	10.0	15.0	6.0	9.0	11.0
12	Garry Bromley	46	WMYC NSW	Disco	125.0	2.0	9.0	14.0	8.0	5.0	10.0	11.0	9.0	13.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	16.0	9.0
13	Gary Declauzel	20	HPRYC NSW	TS2	143.0	8.0	19.0	22.0	20.0	9.0	6.0	14.0	26.0	7.0	12.0	21.0	14.0	6.0	7.0
14	Scott Condie	06	KBRYC NSW	Lintel	160.0	3.0	2.0	12.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	17.0	28.0	28.0	28.0	28.0	15.0	15.0	15.0
15	Terry McLeod	150	KBRYC NSW	Reggae	160.0	6.0	12.0	5.0	11.0	11.0	14.0	21.0	25.0	19.0	5.0	3.0	28.0	28.0	28.0
16	Allen Roberts	34	KBRYC NSW	BTL	168.0	7.0	16.0	17.0	18.0	22.0	19.0	17.0	19.0	24.0	14.0	8.0	7.0	11.0	15.0
17	Phil Page	50	NM NSW	Arrival	172.0	10.0	13.0	10.0	14.0	18.0	17.0	19.0	13.0	11.0	18.0	15.0	18.0	18.0	18.0
18	John Haines	83	KBRYC NSW	Widget	188.0	12.0	17.0	8.0	12.0	6.0	8.0	12.0	12.0	17.0	28.0	28.0	28.0	28.0	28.0
19	Ian Hayden	120	KBRYC NSW	BTL	196.0	8.0	18.0	26.0	28.0	19.0	23.0	18.0	11.0	8.0	11.0	17.0	18.0	23.0	22.0
20	Mark Newman	164	CMYC ACT	BTL	196.0	12.0	23.0	23.0	22.0	26.0	12.0	13.0	18.0	21.0	17.0	11.0	11.0	17.0	19.0
21	Ralph Hyman	110	WMYC NSW	Mad Max	212.0	9.0	24.0	20.0	24.0	17.0	26.0	22.0	16.0	17.0	16.0	20.0	22.0	19.0	10.0
22	Bruce Smith	49	CMYC ACT	Disco	214.0	4.0	15.0	24.0	15.0	25.0	20.0	24.0	23.0	20.0	22.0	16.0	21.0	14.0	20.0
23	Phil Lawson	103	FTRYC NSW	Mod Reggae	237.0	11.0	28.0	28.0	19.0	24.0	25.0	26.0	17.0	22.0	15.0	18.0	17.0	22.0	21.0
24	Patrick O'Donnell	17	DSC NSW	tba	244.0	13.0	28.0	25.0	21.0	21.0	21.0	20.0	22.0	18.0	21.0	23.0	23.0	24.0	17.0
25	Ted Gay	36	KBRYC NSW	Widget	245.0	11.0	22.0	21.0	23.0	23.0	22.0	25.0	21.0	23.0	24.0	22.0	13.0	20.0	24.0
26	Chris Ting	29	KBRYC NSW	Ice	269.0	15.0	28.0	15.0	28.0	27.0	24.0	28.0	24.0	28.0	20.0	24.0	20.0	21.0	23.0
27	Jon Pinkerton	55	WMYC NSW	Panther	276.0	10.0	21.0	18.0	25.0	20.0	27.0	23.0	20.0	28.0	28.0	28.0	28.0	28.0	28.0