

2014 BG Sails and Design IOM GP Round 1 The Susan McAnna Memorial Trophy

What do you get when you get put 1 Mexican, 3 Cane Toads, 16 Cockroaches and 1 sheep hugger together, some might say the next David Attenborough documentary on small creatures but others will say, an awesome line up of talent that has come to compete on the best IOM waters that Australia has to offer.



Kogarah Bay Radio Yacht Club hosted Round 1 of the NSW IOM GP, known as the Susan McAnna Memorial Trophy on the weekend of the 29th - 30th March. The event attracted 21 entrants from around Australia and across the ditch. With Kogarah Bay renowned nationally for putting on superb events, they once again showed why they are the premier club on the east coast of Australia. The event was run by the well disciplined Peter Zecchin and assisted by Anne Walker with Cath Holland and Neil Webb able to assist on the Sunday.



Saturday, Day 1 and after over 300mm of rain had completely drenched the state over the previous 5 days, sailors were greeted with blue skies and a light southerly breeze. I think our members

who had previously passed away had had a little word in the big fella's ear and we were all grateful for the respite in the weather, thanks to Susan, Keith and Haydo for thinking of us. With measurement out of the way, the competitors were split into two fleets and a windward / leeward course was set.



With a slight increase in pressure up to 14 knots just prior to the race start, the start time was delayed a few minutes to allow competitors to change down to Number 2 rig and to allow the breeze to settle in. Once racing was underway it was the clear from the outset the slightly fresher conditions were going to favour the highly fancied Britpops! and they delivered winning 6 out of the 8 races completed on day 1, with a win a piece for the Chienz and the Lintel. It was a Kogarah Bay/Britpop! trifecta at the end of day 1 with Scott Backhouse leading Scott Condie by 4 points with Owen Jarvis a further 5 points back in 3rd. A big tick for the locals, but obviously always weary of the ever consistent Paul Jones, who by his own admissions didn't have one of



his best days, but was within striking distance back in 4th place only 12 points off the lead with a lot of sailing to come on day 2.

Some notable performances on day 1 were Ross Spencer claiming a race win in race 8, Scott Backhouse claiming 4 out of the 8 race wins, some consistent results from our interstate / overseas competitors with Rob Nelson from NZ sailing his new Mojo into 5th and Sean Wallis from QLD in 6th in a Panko. Unfortunately for our Mexican amigo Andrew Reid, a small onshore mishap saw him slide down the ladder and ended the day in 10th place. Andrew had just come off a good result at the recent SA states and was looking to improve on it at the GP.

At the end of the days racing the fleet congregated in the KBSC clubhouse and enjoyed a few rewarding ales, whilst swapping stories about each other's experiences during the day. Many a race was won or lost in the bar during the evening.



Day 2 arrived and we were blessed again with perfect conditions, sunny blue skies and a light southerly flicking to the south – east. Another perfect Number 1 rig day. A few competitors with Sunday

commitments could not join us and the fleet was returned to a single fleet with 16 boats greeting the starting line.



The course was a replica of the previous day and once again competitors were faced with a typical Botany Bay run out tide. 1.8 metres of tidal fall during the day sure made it a little tricky for those competitors unaccustomed to racing at venues where tides were a major influence. PRO Peter Zecchin kept his cool as we saw a few general recalls early on as competitors became accustomed to the tricky tidal flow, sweeping competitors towards the start line. After a few races most competitors had factored the tidal flow into their starting tactics and races began to flow without incident.



With the fleet size back to 1 fleet, the PRO was able to push another 13 races, bringing the total for the event to 21 races and allowing for 3 dropped races. At lunch on day 2 in lighter conditions along with some technical issues for Scott Backhouse saw the leaderboard shuffle start to take place. Paul Jones in his Chienz had his smile back and was putting down some consistent results, recording 3 firsts, a

2nd and a 3rd in the first 5 races sailed, enough to see him jump up the leaderboard and in to first place. Scott Condie wasn't far from the action and was still in second only 5 points off the lead. The big shift saw Kiwi Rob in his Mojo find his Mojo and had jumped up to 3rd place overall. Scott Backhouse's day looked gone after suffering some technical issues along with a little bit of operator error and the overnight leader had slipped down to 4th with Owen Jarvis nipping at his stern in 5th only 1 point behind.



After lunch, the real battle began and with the breeze back to similar conditions as the previous day it wasn't long before the 2 Scotts were right back in the mix of things. Scott Condie strung some good results together winning 2 and finishing second in 2 so Paul Jones and Scott Condie were equal on points with only one hour of racing in the day left. As has seemed to be the status quo for some time now, Paul saved the best to last claiming the final victory of the day, with Scott Condie finishing back in 7th. With 1 point separating the pair going into the final race it was going to be winner take all and Paul Jones again showed why he is the bench mark in our sport, without taking anything away from Scott Condie who pushed him all the way, showing the gap sure has closed at the top of the fleet.



Scott Backhouse must have enjoyed the lunch break and went on to win 3 of the last 6 races to reclaim 3rd overall in the regatta. Unfortunately for Rob Nelson a flight booking saw him miss the final 2 races and any chance of claiming 3rd overall, slipping to 5th with Owen Jarvis claiming 4th. It was a pleasure to sail against one of our Kiwi cousins, a true competitor and I am sure he will be a force at the upcoming NZ Nationals. Thanks for making the effort Rob and good luck in the future.

Whilst the winner's spoils were divided up amongst the 2 Scotts and Paul, the main reason we all compete in this regatta is to pay our

respects to the wonderful Susan McAnna, who the regatta is dedicated to. Susan was an ambassador for our sport, a tireless worker for not only Kogarah Bay but for the NSWRYA, but most of all she was our friend, a wife and a mother. It was a great honour to have Matt McAnna, not only compete this weekend but hand out the winners medals, and as with each year's holding of this event, the Susan McAnna Memorial Trophy.

1st Paul Jones



2nd Scott Condie



3rd Scott Backhouse



The trophy is presented to the first NSW competitor who has not previously won the award. This year Matt presented the trophy to Allen Roberts who finished a rewarding 9th overall in the event, he

now joins the esteemed list of competitors who have been fortunate enough to win this trophy in Susan's honour. We thank Matt for showing the bravery each year and presenting this award.

**Susan McAnna
Memorial
Trophy:**

Allen Roberts



Previous winners were Paul Jones, Scott Backhouse, Owen Jarvis and Scott Condie.

Finally I would like to thank our volunteers.



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We couldn't run these events without them. Our PRO Peter Zecchin, who has the most thankless task of all, did such a wonderful job. Anne Walker who supports our class like no other, no matter which regatta she shows up at she is always willing to help and support, let's hope Lindsay sails One Metres for a very long time. I would also like to thank Cath Holland for assisting Anne on Sunday and Kogarah club man Neil Webb for his rescue boat assistance on Sunday - I don't think anyone needed rescuing more than myself and I am very thankful for Neil's assistance. A special mention must go to Rob Nelson's support crew Steve who put his hand up to officiate whenever it was necessary throughout the 2 days, a big effort from our kiwi neighbour. To the workers behind the scenes, Owen Jarvis, who every year makes all this happen, we couldn't do it without you, to our President Scott Condie for making sure all things happened smoothly, we thank you, to all the competitors for making this such a wonderful event we thank you also and safe travels to our interstate and overseas competitors. Looking forward to next year already.

Till we meet again, fair winds
Scott Backhouse
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2014 Brad Gibson Sails and Design IOM GP Round 1 The Susan McAnna Memorial Trophy

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Position	Skipper	Sail #	State - Club	Design	Freq.	Score	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
1	Paul Jones	1	NSW - LMRYC	Chienz	40.665	48.0	6.0	6.0	4.0	11.0	5.0	1.0	8.0	2.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	3.0	1.0	7.0	2.0	3.0	3.0	1.0	4.0	2.0	1.0
2	Scott Condie	6	NSW - KBRYC	Britpop!	2.4 Ghz	55.0	1.0	1.0	3.0	5.0	3.0	3.0	5.0	5.0	3.0	12.0	2.0	11.0	10.0	5.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	2.0	3.0	3.0	7.0
3	Scott Backhouse	99	NSW - KBRYC	Britpop!	2.4 Ghz	66.0	1.0	8.0	1.0	8.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	6.0	7.0	5.0	6.0	14.0	2.0	9.0	17.0	1.0	17.0	4.0	1.0	1.0	2.0
4	Owen Jarvis	82	NSW - KBRYC	Britpop!	2.4 Ghz	85.9	3.0	5.0	9.0	1.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	8.0	5.0	3.0	10.0	2.0	4.0	6.0	9.0	15.0	5.9	9.0	6.0	4.0	3.0
5	Rob Nelson	27	NZ - GHRYC	Mojo	2.4 Ghz	97.0	4.0	2.0	10.0	7.0	2.0	5.0	10.0	4.0	8.0	1.0	4.0	1.0	3.0	10.0	5.0	10.0	7.0	5.0	9.0	17.0	23.0
6	Sean Wallis	92	QLD - PRYC	Panko	2.4 Ghz	103.5	2.0	4.0	8.0	3.0	6.0	8.0	14.0	11.0	4.0	4.0	5.0	12.0	5.0	4.0	4.0	6.0	12.0	8.0	5.0	6.5	10.0
7	Andrew Reid	74	VIC - APMYC	Britpop!	2.4 Ghz	106.0	8.0	20.0	6.0	4.0	14.0	18.0	2.0	12.0	10.0	8.0	3.0	16.0	9.0	3.0	3.0	4.0	2.0	3.0	2.0	7.0	6.0
8	Jeff Byerley	0	QLD - BRYC	Chienz	2.4 Ghz	124.0	4.0	11.0	2.0	9.0	7.0	13.0	7.0	3.0	9.0	9.0	15.0	5.0	7.0	1.0	11.0	8.0	11.0	7.0	7.0	6.0	14.0
9	Allen Roberts	16	NSW - KBRYC	Britpop!	2.4 Ghz	128.0	5.0	9.0	5.0	13.0	16.0	9.0	9.0	7.0	6.0	10.0	8.0	7.0	6.0	16.0	13.0	5.0	5.0	6.0	8.0	5.0	5.0
10	Ross Spencer	13	NSW - KBRYC	Lintel	2.4 Ghz	147.0	5.0	14.0	14.0	6.0	11.0	10.0	6.0	1.0	2.0	7.0	14.0	15.0	8.0	11.0	7.0	12.0	4.0	14.0	11.0	10.0	8.0
11	Selwyn Holland	47	NSW - WMYC	Fusion	2.4 Ghz	161.0	9.0	12.0	11.0	10.0	14.0	11.0	3.0	9.0	11.0	6.0	9.0	8.0	13.0	12.0	8.0	7.0	9.0	10.0	12.0	13.0	4.0
12	Matthew Mcanna	64	NSW - KBRYC	Widget	2.4 Ghz	185.0	7.0	3.0	7.0	12.0	9.0	12.0	21.0	16.0	15.0	11.0	7.0	10.0	14.0	13.0	14.0	11.0	8.0	11.0	17.0	12.0	9.0
13	Lindsay Walker	22	NSW - KBRYC	Pentyl	2.4 Ghz	211.0	9.0	19.0	16.0	17.0	18.0	20.0	14.0	15.0	17.0	13.0	13.0	4.0	11.0	8.0	12.0	9.0	10.0	13.0	10.0	8.0	12.0
14	Graham Payn	65	NSW - LMRYC	Devocan	2.4 Ghz	216.0	8.0	15.0	12.0	15.0	19.0	16.0	15.0	18.0	14.0	16.0	11.0	9.0	12.0	2.0	6.0	16.0	6.0	16.0	13.0	14.0	16.0
15	Maurice Fletcher	18	NSW - NM	Disco	2.4 Ghz	237.0	10.0	13.0	19.0	22.0	17.0	15.0	19.0	10.0	19.0	15.0	12.0	6.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	14.0	13.0	12.0	14.0	11.0	11.0
16	Terry McLeod	50	NSW - KBRYC	Reggae	2.4 Ghz	261.0	7.0	18.0	18.0	18.0	21.0	17.0	17.0	19.0	16.0	14.0	16.0	13.0	16.0	14.0	10.0	13.0	14.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	13.0
17	Allan Walker	26	QLD - PRYC	Maybe 1	2.4 Ghz	313.0	2.0	10.0	20.0	2.0	10.0	14.0	16.0	14.0	18.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0
18	Garry Bromley	46	NSW - KOBSC	Disco	2.4 Ghz	325.0	6.0	17.0	17.0	16.0	14.0	7.0	14.0	13.0	14.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0
19	Frank Russell	14	NSW - NM	Mx14	2.4 Ghz	329.0	11.0	16.0	15.0	14.0	8.0	6.0	11.0	20.0	21.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0
20	Leigh Cooper	83	NSW - PMYC	V8	2.4 Ghz	335.0	3.0	7.0	13.0	22.0	15.0	19.0	18.0	17.0	14.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0
21	Colin Vauvert	07	NSW - KOBSC	Mad Max	2.4 Ghz	392.0	12.0	22.0	21.0	19.0	20.0	22.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0
22	Ted Gay	36	NSW - KBRYC	Widget	2.4 Ghz	403.0	12.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0