## A class GP Round 1 - Northern Mariners

## $15^{\text {th }}$ February 2014

February $15^{\text {th }}$ saw the running of the first A class GP1 event at Northern Mariners at Mt Penang gardens, Kariong. Mt Penang gardens are home to the Northern Mariners who club race 10 Raters. Up until recently they had exclusive use of the water course; but now share with the jet pack propulsion group.

Numbers were down a little for this regatta as the weather forecast wasn't very favourable; with rain forecast. Mixed entries from Foster, Northern Mariners, Wollongong and Koonawarra made up the fleet.

Thanks to Phil Page, Marilyn \& Frank Russell who gave up their time to host, and as usual did a great job to make for a great day's racing.

Early showers and a southerly unsettled wind quickly swung around to the north as predicted. Fortunately the rain lifted just after racing commenced and the weather settled down to $4 / 6$ knot breeze coming down the lake. This made for good close racing with various boats leading and winning during the day.

Mixed results before lunch showed no clear leader however Brian Dill and Warren Norrie began to creep away from the field with Garry Bromley and Gary Declauzel slipping back after being forced off the water with boat injuries.

Pre lunch saw a welcome return to Wayne Swinnerton as he began to post some good results after settling into the conditions. It was good to race with Andrew Sands again and we hope we can see more of him later in the year. Post lunch saw Gary Decaulzil also begin a strong come back to challenge the leading three for a place after settling down from the morning session....

Brian Dill (19pts) managed to have some luck + consistency, and held out Warren Norrie (28pts) and Garry Bromley (38pts) to take out the day.

Congratulations to returning Wayne Swinnerton for some great results and close racing.

Thanks to all at Northern Mariners for hosting this year's GP1 and we look forward to returning 2015.

Regards.
Garry Bromley

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