

IOM GP Round 2 & 3 Lake Macquarie.

12th/13th April 2014

This was a double round with separate ranking events on both days to try and encourage more competitors who could not sail on both days. Unfortunately, due to programming commitments, we were forced to have two major regattas only two weeks apart, and this was reflected in the low entries. We had 8 entries for Saturday and 7 for Sunday with 2 dropouts and 1 new entry for Sunday.



Saturday saw 8 of the most dedicated and committed IOM skippers in NSW congregate on the beautiful shores of Lake Macquarie where the tidal range is measured in centimetres and not in 2 metres to expose the bottom of the bay. Sailing got underway in A rigs in a shifty Sou-Wester blowing off the shore line. Racing was close at times and with the shifts keeping everyone in the hunt for the boat in front of them. Scott Backhouse, having won 7 races, found himself back in 7th in a one race putting a very tight cover on Alan Roberts placed 8th to defend his place. Results showed that everyone who had a win also had a 7th or 8th. Only Ross Spencer, Selwyn Holland and Owen Jarvis failed to launch over the finish line in first place today. After 19 races Scott Condie, after having a few “handicap” starts bumped Paul Jones out of the winners spot by one point, both with 5 wins each, and Scott Backhouse keeping the heavyweights on the podium with a well earned 3rd.



Competitors enjoyed a very relaxed and tension free day with everyone doing the right thing both on and off the water. We even had a spectator mention how good it was to watch the sailing and how composed the sailors were.

RESULTS

Scott Condie	2,3,1,1,1,3,2,3,4,2,5,5,3,3,1,2,1,7,8	37pts
Paul Jones	1,5,2,5,2,1,1,3,1,6,2,2,1,6,4,dns,3,3	38pts
Scott Backhouse	3,1,7,4,5,5,6,1,1,7,1,4,4,4,4,1,5,1,1	45pts
Selwyn Holland	4,4,6,6,4,2,4,6,7,4,2,3,8,7,5,3,3,2,2	60pts
Owen Jarvis	5,2,5,3,6,4,7,8,2,3,7,6,5,5,2,6,6,5,4	69pts
Allen Roberts	7,8,3,8,3,6,3,7,5,8,4,1,6,2,7,8,4,6,6	78pts
Ross Spencer	5,6,4,7,8,7,5,4,6,5,8,7,7,8,3,5,2,8,5	86pts
Graham Payn	8,7,8,2,7,8,8,5,8,6,3,8,1,6,8,7,7,4,7	94pts



Sunday was a repeat from Saturday with the breeze freshening after lunch to some hard gusts flattening the fleet at times. Paul and Scott continued to dominate the top 3 placings with the occasional outsider getting in between them. Owen got his first win in race 13 to much cheering. Selwyn was next to get his first win and then decided that this was a good thing by winning the next race, then crashing back to 7th and finally then back to winning the last race for the day after 17 races.



If yesterday was close between Paul and Scott, today Paul put his foot on Scott's throat and kept it there by winning 9 races to Scott's 3.

Again everyone enjoyed the racing and the small numbers really didn't detract from the sailing standards. With the smaller fleet, the skippers got to race 36 races over two days and it was easier to manage for the PRO and scoring. A big plus.

A big special thank you goes to Arnold Grant our PRO, Bob Hatfeild who did the results and start box and to Greg Mence and Colin Andrews who helped with mark judges and to all others who helped.

RESULTS

Paul Jones	1,1,3,1,2,1,6,1,1,1,1,6,7,2,4,1,3	23 pts
Scott Condie	3,3,1,2,1,2,1,3,3,3,2,2,6,5,5,2,6	33pts
Selwyn Holland	7,4,7,4,4,5,3,4,4,2,3,4,4,1,1,7,1	44pts
Owen Jarvis	4,2,6,5,6,6,2,2,6,7,7,3,1,3,3,3,7	52pts
Allen Roberts	2,6,4,3,5,7,4,7,7,6,4,1,3,4,2,5,5	54pts
Graham Payn	6,5,2,7,3,4,7,5,2,5,5,5,6,7,7,6,4	65pts
Phil Page	5,7,5,6,7,3,5,6,5,4,6,7,5,6,6,4,2	66pts



Best of sailing to the Aussies going over to NZ.

Graham Payn

(Photography: mainly Frank Russell, Greg Mince and Selwyn Holland and whoever else picked up the camera... thanks, nice work guys)

