

Soling One Metre
NSW State Championships
Dobroyd Aquatic Club May 17/18, 2014.

The NSW RC Soling State Championships were held at Dobroyd Aquatic Club over the weekend Saturday/Sunday May 17/18.

There were 12 competitors entered for the competition which started on the Saturday with a very light South Westerly breeze. When the breeze blows from this direction it means that the course can be set right out the front of the club & the sailors can view the boats traversing from right to left of the waterway. Paul Martin, from the local club, as the PRO, had the boats on the water by 10.30am. A tuning race was completed followed by 3 races, a break and another 3 races. As the breeze remained light the racing was slow and a break was called for lunch.

At the break Paul Derwent, Dobroyd, had established a lead with some consistent sailing followed closely by Peter Lee, from SMMC and Peter Newman, also from SMMC.

The lunch break had to be extended because a wedding party had arrived by large motor cruiser through our course – one of the many distractions that can happen when sailing at such a popular location.

Undeterred the course was reset by the PRO and the wind had shifted to the West. Unfortunately, the break didn't help the current leader Paul Derwent, who experienced battery problems within 10m of the finish line, while leading.

He was unable to fix the problem and missed the following two races. This allowed Peter Lee, Graham Brown & Peter Newman to consolidate their positions with finishes at the pointy end of the field. An unfortunate accident to Peter Lee saw him take a nasty fall on the deck of the pontoon, requiring a trip to hospital, and, as a result, the sailing was called off for the day.

Only 7 races were sailed on the first day.

Day two saw similar light conditions with the breeze from the West and 11 competitors faced the starter, including a sore and sorry Peter Lee, sporting a walking stick and three stitches in his damaged knee.

The course was set by local sailor, Matt O'Donnell, under the direction of new PRO Owen Jarvis and racing started at about 10.10am. The racing became very intense, in the light conditions and wins were spread across the fleet with Graham Brown, Mathew Henerey and Roman Wenger picking up victories.

As the points closed up boat reliability and a bit of luck was beginning to become a factor. Roman Wenger, while leading a race, picked up some weed and finished 7th, while Graham Brown had rudder problems during the final stages of races 18 & 19, scoring two DNF.

Fortunately, good results in preceding race allowed these two results to be dropped. Peter Lee was consistent, in spite of his immobility and obvious discomfort, throughout the two days and Matthew Henerey also had consistent results, particularly on day two.

Thanks to all the competitors that raced over the weekend and to the ladies who provided a generous spread of food and refreshments.

Thanks to Gerry Brooks (Dobroyd) for scoring on Day one and Hugh Buckle (Dobroyd) on day two, Matt O'Donnell (Dobroyd) for manning the rescue boat both days and, of course, Paul Martin and Owen Jarvis (KBRYC) for PRO duties over the weekend.

The next Soling One Metre event will be held at SMMC, Norwest, on August 23 – note the date change.

Please see all State Titles results attached.

Pictures can be viewed by clicking on the following link or copying & pasting into a web browser.

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Paul Derwent

RC Soling # 180

2014 Soling One Metre NSW State Titles

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Position	Skipper	Sail #	State - Club	Score	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
1	Graham Brown	90	DAC	44.0	8.0	6.0	11.0	1.0	1.0	3.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	5.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	5.0	2.0	2.0	13.0	13.0	3.0
2	Peter Lee	66	SMMC	50.0	5.0	2.0	2.0	3.0	2.0	4.0	1.0	6.0	3.0	4.0	9.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	3.0	3.0	6.0	5.0	5.0
3	Matthew Henery	157	SMMC	61.0	3.0	5.0	1.0	8.0	5.0	7.0	3.0	8.0	7.0	3.0	7.0	3.0	6.0	3.0	3.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	4.0	4.0
4	Peter Newman	45	SMMC	66.0	1.0	4.0	7.0	5.0	4.0	1.0	13.0	3.0	2.0	6.0	5.0	6.0	5.0	13.0	6.0	5.0	7.0	3.0	2.0	1.0
5	Paul Derwent	180	DAC	83.0	2.0	1.0	3.0	4.0	13.0	13.0	13.0	4.0	4.0	9.0	4.0	9.0	3.0	4.0	1.0	10.0	4.0	1.0	7.0	13.0
6	Roman Wegner	16	SMMC	93.0	4.0	8.0	8.0	10.0	6.0	5.0	7.0	5.0	8.0	1.0	3.0	4.0	8.0	8.0	9.0	6.0	9.0	4.0	1.0	7.0
7	Maurie Hotson	176	SMMC	98.0	9.0	3.0	4.0	2.0	7.0	2.0	4.0	7.0	10.0	8.0	8.0	7.0	10.0	5.0	4.0	11.0	5.0	7.0	6.0	13.0
8	John O'Sullivan	196	SMMC	106.0	6.0	7.0	5.0	6.0	3.0	10.0	5.0	9.0	11.0	11.0	6.0	10.0	7.0	7.0	8.0	7.0	10.0	5.0	3.0	2.0
9	Michael Mcclean	86	TLRYC	125.0	11.0	10.0	13.0	11.0	10.0	9.0	10.0	2.0	9.0	2.0	2.0	5.0	4.0	6.0	11.0	4.0	6.0	13.0	13.0	13.0
10	Leigh Groves	36	ECSA	130.0	7.0	9.0	6.0	7.0	9.0	8.0	8.0	10.0	6.0	7.0	11.0	8.0	9.0	10.0	7.0	9.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	6.0
11	Colin Ferguson	92	SMMC	153.0	10.0	12.0	9.0	13.0	13.0	6.0	6.0	11.0	5.0	10.0	10.0	11.0	11.0	9.0	10.0	8.0	11.0	9.0	9.0	8.0
12	Julian Clutterbuck	118	BWRYS	200.0	12.0	11.0	10.0	9.0	8.0	11.0	9.0	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0