

NSWRYA Soling 1m Inter-Club Regatta.
Conducted by Basin RY Club
(Round 2)

Despite a Weather Forecast which advised possible showers with “Gentle Wind” of 20 knots (maybe for big boats) 15 entrants registered to compete, 10 skippers from ECSA, DAC, SMMC north of St. Georges Basin and TLRYC in the south, plus 5 from the Basin RYC.

6th April dawned as forecast, overcast, possible showers, cool with WSW wind. The projected showers actually commenced at about 8.15am but fortunately ceased by 9.00am.

At 10.30am after withdrawal of one Sydney Skipper who advised ill health and one local Skipper who unfortunately suffered a minor accident, 13 of the 15 entrants faced the start of the first race with the wind velocity at near maximum for 1m Solings, ensuring for the competitors very difficult conditions of wind and waves.

Despite this situation the general opinion was for the racing to go ahead.

Duncan Craig of the Basin RYC sailed a well controlled race to win, followed by Maurie Hotson of SMMC who battled the conditions to finish second in the only race attempted on the day. Unfortunately all the others were forced to withdraw as the wind and waves increased and “white caps” covered the Basin.

Following a short delay, after discussion with the competitors and observing the deteriorating conditions, which clearly indicated the impossibility of further races, it was decided to abandon the regatta. An early lunch was provided and shortly afterwards the rain showers moved in to re-enforce this decision.

Basin RY Club members are sorry that this eventuated but we thank all the visiting skippers who defied the weather forecast and made the long journeys to St. Georges Basin to compete at this regatta.

Kevin Wingate - Secretary