



The 2015 NSW EC12 State Championship

Hosted by Kogarah Bay Radio Yacht Club

Saturday 5th December 2015

When I arrived at 8am the car park was full of trucks and lots of people around the usually deserted boat ramp. Panic! How are we going to run a sailing regatta with nowhere to park? The TV commercial shoot will be gone by 10 o'clock, I am told by the traffic controller, and so they were.

Collin Durran made the trip up from Canberra and Rob Westerway from Bowral. The other skippers were from the local clubs.

PRO John Hall got racing underway only a little late in a gentle breeze from the north. Then the breeze went west, then north and then west again and then died. We had completed 4 races so we stopped for lunch and waited for the breeze to settle in. After lunch the breeze changed to a steady easterly but it was 'B' rig, so we all changed down.

Although 81 was in a good position, the competition was close enough to pass if things went wrong, as they did for Russell. Both his T6J's stopped working with a blue light blinking? OJ arrived but after many attempts he could not sort out the problem. It turned out to be a new battery plug, wired in reverse. Russell got back on the water for a short time with a borrowed radio, before his mainsheet post broke forcing him to retire for the day.

Ross Audsley is still sailing, and sailing well at age 88. A collision with another boat caused the loss of his forestay fitting from the deck forcing him to retire while in 4th position.

The competition was fierce to decide 2nd and 3rd place between Gary Beaton and Leigh Grove. Only a couple of points separated the two so the pressure was on. Gary managed to hold on and secured 2nd place.

After 12 races yours truly was first, Gary Beaton second and Leigh Grove third. Colin Durran from Canberra was a very close fourth.

The results show everyone had a moment of glory and at the end of the day everyone agreed it was a well run and enjoyable day, thanks to PRO John Hall. (He tells me he still has a few pear shaped masts available if you want one.) Thanks to Owen Jarvis for working out the results and the witty remarks at presentation time.

Allen Roberts



Gary Beaton 2nd

Allen Roberts 1st

Leigh Grove 3rd

Position	Skipper	Sail #	Club/City	Hull	Freq	Score	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Sort	Sort	Sort	Sort	Sort	Sort	Sort	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
1	Allen Roberts	81	ECSA			15.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	3.0	1.0	4.0	1.0	3.0	2.0	1.0
2	Gary Beaton	89	ECSA			26.0	4.0	1.0	5.0	2.0	3.0	1.0	4.0	3.0	3.0	4.0	1.0	4.0
3	Leigh Grove	31	ECSA			28.0	5.0	4.0	4.0	5.0	5.0	2.0	2.0	1.0	2.0	2.0	3.0	3.0
4	Colin Durran	11	NCRYC			32.0	2.0	3.0	2.0	4.0	4.0	5.0	5.0	8.0	4.0	1.0	5.0	2.0
5	Ross Audsley	1	ECSA			50.0	7.0	5.0	3.0	3.0	7.0	4.0	3.0	2.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0
6	Rob Westerway	17	ECSA			56.0	6.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	5.0	6.0	5.0	4.0	5.0
7	Russell Harding	185	KBRYC			57.0	3.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	1.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	5.0	8.0	6.0	8.0