



The 2015 BG Sails and Design NSW IOM Grand Prix Series – Round 2

LMRYC hosted Round 2 of the NSW IOM GP series on the weekend of 18th and 19th of April sailing at the Booragul course on Lake Macquarie. Sixteen entries had been received and fifteen boats faced the starter on Saturday Morning. Unfortunately Craig Smith flying in from Melbourne was delayed by fog at Newcastle Airport and missed the first four races.

The breeze was light from the NW to north during the day and slowly strengthened to 10/15 knots after lunch. By lunch time the fleet was settling down with the usual culprits out in front. Paul Jones, Scott Condie and Garry Bromley were the top three with Owen Jarvis, Ross Spencer, Lindsay Walker and several others keeping them honest. During the afternoon Paul settled comfortably into his stride and gradually lengthened his lead.

Sunday morning commenced with fourteen boats, Garry Bromley and Wayne Keavy were unable to return. Conditions were very light at first and the breeze wandered all around the compass keeping Mark Wilson very busy in the rescue boat with a number of course changes. After lunch the breeze started to slowly fill in from the south so a new course was set in the bay south of the jetty. The wind gradually increased to 15/20 knots and Arnold Grant called a break so the skippers could change down to Number 2 rigs.

Races were held in quick succession to allow as many as possible to be completed before the finish time of 3.30pm. Craig Smith and Scott Condie dominated in the heavier conditions fighting out the remaining races with the honours just going to Craig.

It was all too late however with Paul winning from Scott and Owen taking third place two points in front of Craig and Ross Spencer. A special mention of Mitchell Gibbs and Steve Smith is in order. Both are new to the sport and completed both days gaining much experience.

A total of 24 races were sailed over the weekend.

On these weekends nothing would be possible without assistance from the volunteers. The very capable Anne Walker handled the scoring in her usual efficient manner while Colin Andrews, Greg Mence and Bob Hatfield on shore and Mark Wilson in the rescue boat all helped PRO Arnold Grant run the regatta. Let's not forget the delicious cookies and slices provided by Arnold's wife Ros. Well done Ros.

Finally our thanks to all who travelled from Melbourne, Sydney and the south and central coasts of NSW to make this weekend a great success.

Arnold Grant

PRO



Light Breeze on Sunday morning



Scott, Paul and Owen

Position	Skipper	Sail #	Club/State	Hull	Frequency	Score
Sort	Sort	Sort	Sort	Sort	Sort	
16	Sort	Sort	16	16	16	16
1	Paul Jones	14	NSW LMRYC	Mojo	40.665	40.0
2	Scott Condie	6	NSW KBRYC	Britpop	2.4 GHz	63.0
3	Owen Jarvis	82	NSW KBRYC	Britpop	2.4 GHz	96.0
4	Craig Smith	47	VIC APMYC	Chase	36.19	98.0
5	Ross Spencer	13	NSW KBRYC	V9	2.4 GHz	98.0
6	Lindsay Walker	32	NSW KBRYC	Chase	2.4 GHz	103.8
7	Selwyn Holland	147	NSW WMYC	Fusion	2.4 GHz	104.0
8	Allen Roberts	16	NSW KBRYC	Britpop	2.4 GHz	137.0
9	Frank Russell	114	NSW NM	Mx14	2.4 GHz	144.0
10	Graham Payn	89	NSW LMRYC	V8	2.4 GHz	150.0
11	Garry Bromley	37	NSW KOBSC	Col Dar	2.4 GHz	207.0
12	Andrew Payne	188	NSW WMYC	Cheinz	2.4 GHz	215.0
13	Leigh Cooper	83	NSW PMYC	V8	2.4 GHz	251.0
14	Stephen Smith	91	NSW LMRYC	Pikanto	2.4 GHz	267.0
15	Mitch Gibbs	68	NSW LMRYC	Blue Fin	2.4 GHz	268.0
16	Wayne Keavy	61	NSW KBRYC	V8	2.4 GHz	281.0