

2015 RC Laser Nationals Dobroyd Aquatic Club

The 2015 Nationals were highlighted by fickle wind conditions which caused significant course changes on both days.

Kirwan Robb from Victoria is the 2015 RC Laser National Champion.

A record fleet of 34 boats finally started in the event, and it was decided to run the competition in 2 fleets, with 4 boats to progress or retire from each fleet.

It was interesting to see the courses set by PRO Gary Bromley – much different to those we usually sail – there is some food for thought for us to be a little more creative in how to set the courses to allow for shifts in wind. One of the most interesting was using the starting flags as sailing marks if it was needed. The courses were not really triangles or hot dogs... really a bit of each.

Saturday saw the wind coming out of the west, but very light; and then to start moving around all over the place – so much so, that only the seeding races and the fleets for the first race were completed at lunchtime. An early lunch was put in to allow for the breeze to settle. It was a day of difficult starts, with many restarts being the order of the day. We certainly had enough practice by the end of the racing. Everyone was on the A sail for the day, and all had tales of woe at the end of the first day in which 7 races were finally sailed. With winds moving around all the time, contacts were many and varied! Boats were being smacked down by eddies and flurries of the wind.

Day 2 started with a much more promising breeze that appeared much more steady out from the south west, but causing some weird starting line setouts. The first few races had the starting line almost running east west, and no-one could get a proper sight along the line to call the early starters. It was interesting that those who started early were really cleaned up by one or two knockdowns during the racing.

The big decision was whether to run with an A or B sail. Decisions were finally being made within the countdown sequence of the first race. Most changed back to the A as the wind was dropping off, but with gusts coming through. As the day progressed, the wind again became more varied in direction and strength, causing large course changes – finally settling on a less than ideal south-easterly course. Sailors dropped down to the B sail for most of the day; and a few dropped down to a C sail for the last sequence of races.

There was a lot hanging on the final set of races, with nearly everyone including all the leaders spending some time in the B fleet. Perhaps the unluckiest sailor of the day was Jurgen Luther – in his final race, he was sailing on a C sail – one of the few to do so; and was sailing to climb out of the B fleet to consolidate his overall position. He was leading by the country mile down to the last mark and only had to turn for the line, but completely lost the wind – he fell into a hole, and had enough competitors sail past him to stop his progress into the A fleet. Oddly enough the same thing happened in the A fleet race where the leader had left the carnage behind, but repeated Jurgen's efforts on the bottom mark. That is the way the championship was. On each day, the B fleet had the worst of the conditions unfortunately, sailing races in drifting conditions.

So, Kirwan Robb from Victoria first; Scott Fleming from Victoria second, and Graham Brown from New South Wales third – congratulations to you all. Gary Bromley awarded the Sportsmanship Award to Carl Sparre – well deserved too. Congratulations to everyone who participated – you all deserve a medal!

Everyone had hard luck stories... Graham sailed without much luck on both days; Peter Burton sailed well, but had his share of problems including his radio; Paul Derwent sailed very quietly and consistently, concentrating on his sailing; Peter Newman had his share of hard luck but finished well; I also have the tales to tell, but am happy with the result; Phillip got really beaten up a number of times that I saw; Robin sailed without luck, as did Hugh, who was caught in the A fleet B fleet Zone – I think he had the most racing over the 2 days;

Rob Fielding achieved a reasonable result, Alan achieved a second and a fourth in the B fleet and I am really happy for him to achieve that; Carl sailed without luck, but had his moments; as did Paul Martin. Mark found the going rather difficult, and Gerry was really beaten up in most of his races – that was really unfortunate because he is a much better sailor than his result shows; Narelle had her moment in the sun; and it was good to see Steve participating under very difficult conditions for him.

We look forward to next year's championships to be held in Victoria.

Enclosed are the final placings if you have not already seen them; and also enclosed is a race by race breakup of the results (unofficial); which make interesting reading. There is enough there to put you to sleep!

Cheers

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2015 Australian National Laser Titles

29th - 30th August, 2015

Hosted by

Dobroyd Aquatic Club - Rodd Point NSW

Position	Skipper	Sail #	Club/City	Hull	Score	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1	Kirwan Robb	152	VIC-APMYC	Laser	31.0	1.0	1.0	3.0	5.0	1.0	6.0	5.0	3.0	18.0	3.0	19.0	1.0	2.0
2	Scott Fleming	38	VIC-PLRMYC	RC Laser	32.0	8.0	2.0	2.0	6.0	4.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	7.0	4.0	11.0	1.0
3	Graham Brown	87	NSW-DAC	RC Laser	52.0	5.0	4.0	11.0	1.0	2.0	18.0	13.0	16.0	5.0	1.0	1.0	6.0	3.0
4	Peter Burton	190	NSW-DAC/SMMC	RC Laser	64.0	2.0	8.0	9.0	2.0	3.0	5.0	2.0	15.0	4.0	6.0	20.0	13.0	10.0
5	Paul Derwent	21	NSW-DAC	RC Laser	70.0	4.0	9.0	6.0	3.0	10.0	14.0	14.0	7.0	6.0	6.0	3.0	2.0	14.0
6	Peter Burford	147	QLD-PRYC	RC Laser	86.0	4.0	5.0	18.0	9.0	14.0	4.0	3.0	6.0	1.0	12.0	13.0	15.0	23.0
7	Rod Popham	42	WA-WANDERERS	RC Laser	89.0	3.0	14.0	4.0	7.0	12.0	10.0	18.0	22.0	3.0	11.0	7.0	14.0	4.0
8	Jurgen Luther	127	SA-MLMYC	RC Laser	90.0	2.0	11.0	5.0	13.0	9.0	3.0	10.0	5.0	9.0	8.0	15.0	20.0	20.0
9	Peter Newman	140	NSW-DAC	Laser	91.0	13.0	25.0	12.0	8.0	7.0	9.0	11.0	4.0	14.0	14.0	2.0	5.0	6.0
10	Grant Gillespie	49	VIC-PLRMYC	RC Laser	92.0	7.0	12.0	1.0	12.0	5.0	8.0	7.0	8.0	10.0	13.0	9.0	16.0	21.0
11	Noel McPherson	65	NSW-DAC	RC Laser	94.0	8.0	3.0	15.0	27.0	30.0	12.0	8.0	12.0	11.0	10.0	6.0	4.0	5.0
12	Phillip Page	03	NSW-DSC	RC Laser	99.0	10.0	22.0	24.0	20.0	6.0	7.0	9.0	2.0	12.0	9.0	8.0	9.0	7.0
13	Adrian Heard	192	SA-MLMYC	RC Laser	105.0	12.0	28.0	26.0	21.0	8.0	1.0	4.0	11.0	7.0	5.0	10.0	10.0	16.0
14	Peter Ogrady	145	QLD-PRYC	Laser	123.0	3.0	6.0	8.0	14.0	17.0	23.0	16.0	19.0	28.0	19.0	5.0	3.0	13.0
15	Robin Tickner	155	NSW-DAC	RC Laser	134.0	11.0	30.0	10.0	16.0	11.0	13.0	17.0	21.0	22.0	2.0	14.0	8.0	11.0
16	Barry Hill	164	QLD-PRYC	Laser	145.0	10.0	24.0	23.0	17.0	19.0	32.0	19.0	10.0	8.0	4.0	11.0	12.0	12.0
17	Terry Rowe	29	VIC-PLRCYC	Laser	160.0	1.0	12.0	7.0	4.0	18.0	19.0	25.0	32.0	24.0	19.0	24.0	17.0	15.0
18	Hugh Buckle	143	NSW-DAC	RC Laser	160.0	7.0	17.0	20.0	15.0	23.0	15.0	15.0	9.0	16.0	15.0	22.0	27.0	9.0
19	Michael Rees	172	QLD-PRYC	RC Laser	182.0	17.0	21.0	14.0	10.0	13.0	16.0	21.0	31.0	26.0	22.0	12.0	18.0	18.0
20	Robert Fielding	191	NSW-BRYC/SMMC	Vagabond	204.0	9.0	23.0	33.0	11.0	16.0	21.0	23.0	23.0	31.0	23.0	33.0	7.0	17.0
21	Alan Griffith	100	NSW-KTRYC	Laser	210.0	13.0	20.0	25.0	25.0	26.0	11.0	12.0	18.0	25.0	24.0	17.0	23.0	22.0
22	Carl Sparre	199	NSW-DAC	RC Laser	215.0	11.0	31.0	33.0	22.0	20.0	26.0	6.0	14.0	13.0	19.0	31.0	22.0	33.0
23	Paul Martin	158	NSW-DAC	RC Laser	219.0	6.0	15.0	28.0	19.0	15.0	17.0	26.0	17.0	23.0	33.0	28.0	25.0	33.0
24	Ian Ritchie	174	QLD-PRYC	Laser	222.0	9.0	10.0	16.0	24.0	25.0	24.0	24.0	29.0	30.0	21.0	19.0	21.0	33.0
25	Linton Ward	185	QLD-PRYC	RC Laser	225.6	6.0	18.0	27.0	31.0	32.0	20.0	25.6	13.0	15.0	20.0	25.0	33.0	25.0
26	Mark Luland	209	NSW-DAC	RC Laser	236.0	5.0	7.0	17.0	28.0	28.0	28.0	33.0	25.0	17.0	25.0	26.0	30.0	33.0
27	Gerry Brooks	146	NSW-DAC	RC Laser	237.0	17.0	19.0	22.0	30.0	21.0	25.0	22.0	24.0	21.0	26.0	23.0	19.0	24.0
28	David Bedford	120	WA-WANDERERS	RC Laser	238.0	12.0	26.0	13.0	19.0	22.0	22.0	27.0	28.0	33.0	30.0	21.0	29.0	19.0
29	Narelle Derwent	75	NSW-DAC	RC Laser	256.0	15.0	33.0	21.0	23.0	31.0	30.0	30.0	30.0	19.0	27.0	29.0	24.0	8.0
30	Peter Yates	189	VIC-PLRCYC	RC Laser	261.0	17.0	27.0	33.0	26.0	24.0	29.0	28.0	20.0	20.0	29.0	16.0	28.0	26.0
31	Jayne Fleming	86	VIC-PLRMYC	Laser	269.0	14.0	16.0	19.0	29.0	29.0	31.0	29.0	27.0	27.0	28.0	27.0	26.0	27.0
32	Steve Crewes	43	NSW-DSC	RC Laser	301.0	14.0	29.0	33.0	33.0	27.0	27.0	20.0	26.0	29.0	33.0	30.0	33.0	33.0

2015 Australian National Laser Titles

31 August, 2015

28 & 29 August, 2015

Hosted by Dobroyd Aquatic Club

Race Results

Race 1		Race 2		Race 3		Race 4		Race 5		Race 6		Race 7		Race 8		Race 9		Race 10		Race 11		Race 12		Race 13			
Sail No	Points	Sail No	Points	Sail No	Points	Sail No	Points	Sail No	Points	Sail No	Points	Sail No	Points	Sail No	Points	Sail No	Points	Sail No	Points	Sail No	Points	Sail No	Points	Sail No	Points	Sail No	Points
Heat A																											
1st	29	1	152	1	49	1	87	1	152	1	192	1	38	1	38	1	147	1	87	1	87	1	152	1	38	1	
2nd	127	2	38	2	38	2	190	2	87	2	38	2	190	2	03	2	38	2	155	2	140	2	21	2	152	2	
3rd	42	3	65	3	152	3	21	3	190	3	127	3	147	3	152	3	42	3	152	3	21	3	145	3	87	3	
4th	147	4	87	4	42	4	29	4	38	4	147	4	192	4	140	4	190	4	164	4	38	4	65	4	42	4	
5th	209	5	147	5	127	5	152	5	49	5	190	5	152	5	127	5	87	5	192	5	145	5	140	5	65	5	
6th	185	6	145	6	21	6	38	6	03	6	152	6	199	6	147	6	21	6	21	6	65	6	87	6	140	6	
7th	49	7	209	7	29	7	42	7	140	7	03	7	49	7	21	7	192	7	38	7	42	7	191	7	03	7	
8th	38	8	190	8	145	8	140	8	192	8	49	8	65	8	49	8	164	8	127	8	03	8	155	8	75	8	
9th	174	9	21	9	190	9	147	9	127	9	140	9	03	9	143	9	127	9	03	9	49	9	03	9	143	9	
10th	164	10	174	10	155	10	172	10	21	10	42	10	127	10	164	10	49	10	65	10	192	10	192	10	190	10	
11th	199	11	127	11	87	11	191	11	155	11	100	11	140	11	192	11	65	11	42	11	164	11	38	11	155	11	
12th	120	12	29	12	140	12	49	12	42	12	65	12	100	12	65	12	03	12	147	12	172	12	164	12	164	12	
13th	100	13	49	13	120	13	127	13	172	13	155	13	87	13	185	13	199	13	49	13	147	13	190	13	145	13	
14th	43	14	42	14	172	14	145	14	147	14	21	14	21	14	199	14	140	14	140	14	155	14	42	14	21	14	
15th	146	17 dnf	158	15	65	15	143	15	158	15	143	15	143	15	190	15	185	15	143	15	127	15	147	15	29	15	
16th	189	17 dnf	86	16	174	16	155	16	191	16	172	16	145	16	87	16	143	16	190	16	6	16	189	16	49	16	
17th			143	17	209	17	164	17	145	17	158	17	155	17	158	17	209	17	199	19 dnf	100	17	29	17	191	17	
18th			185	18	147	18	120	19 dnc	29	18	87	18	42	18	100	18	152	18	29	19 dnf	152	19 dnf	172	18	172	18	
Heat B																											
1st	152	1	38	#N/A	120	#N/A	143	#N/A	155	#N/A	143	#N/A	87	#N/A	158	#N/A	87	#N/A	152	#N/A	172	#N/A	191	#N/A	29	#N/A	
2nd	190	2	86	#N/A	172	#N/A	164	#N/A	03	#N/A	100	#N/A	143	#N/A	164	#N/A	190	#N/A	155	#N/A	145	#N/A	29	#N/A	75	#N/A	
3rd	145	3	65	#N/A	155	#N/A	147	#N/A	192	#N/A	65	#N/A	145	#N/A	143	#N/A	42	#N/A	29	#N/A	189	#N/A	190	#N/A	172	#N/A	
4th	21	4	174	#N/A	140	#N/A	191	#N/A	158	#N/A	158	#N/A	199	#N/A	185	#N/A	209	#N/A	143	#N/A	100	#N/A	152	#N/A	143	#N/A	
5th	87	5	146	19	86	19	158	19	164	19	29	19	164	19	145	19	75	19	145	19	174	19	146	19	120	19	
6th	158	6	100	20	143	20	03	20	199	20	185	20	43	20	189	20	189	20	185	20	190	20	127	20	127	20	
7th	143	7	172	21	75	21	192	21	146	21	191	21	172	21	155	21	146	21	174	21	120	21	174	21	49	21	
8th	65	8	03	22	146	22	199	22	120	22	120	22	146	22	42	22	155	22	172	22	143	22	199	22	100	22	
9th	191	9	191	23	164	23	75	23	143	23	145	23	191	23	191	23	158	23	191	23	146	23	100	23	147	23	
10th	03	10	164	24	03	24	174	24	189	24	174	24	174	24	146	24	29	24	100	24	29	24	75	24	146	24	
11th	155	11	140	25	100	25	100	25	174	25	146	25	29	25	209	25	100	25	209	25	185	25	158	25	185	25	
12th	192	12	120	26	192	26	189	26	100	26	199	26	158	26	43	26	172	26	146	26	209	26	86	26	189	26	
13th	140	13	189	27	185	27	65	27	43	27	43	27	120	27	86	27	86	27	75	27	86	27	143	27	86	27	
14th	86	14	192	28	158	28	209	28	209	28	209	28	189	28	120	28	145	28	86	28	158	28	189	28	158	33 dnc	
15th	75	15	43	29	189	33 dnf	86	29	86	29	189	29	86	29	174	29	43	29	189	29	75	29	120	29	199	33 dnc	
16th	172	17 dnf	155	30	199	33 dnf	146	30	65	30	75	30	75	30	75	30	174	30	120	30	43	30	209	30	209	33 dnc	
17th			199	31	43	33 dnf	185	31	75	31	86	31	185	25.6	172	31	191	31	43	33 dnf	199	31	185	33 dnf	174	33 dnc	
18th			75	33 dnf	191	33 dnc	43	33 dnf	185	32	164	32	209	33 dnf	29	32	120	33 dnf	158	33 dnf	191	33 dnf	43	33 dnc	43	33 dnc	