2016 NSW EC12 State Championship

Hosted by Kogarah Bay Radio Yacht Club

11th December 2016

It was a warm Sunday morning with a 10kt breeze from the north when the early competitors arrived at 8.45 at Dover Park (East) for the NSW EC12 States regatta. The choice of B rig was obvious. EC12's are cranky boats to sail when the wind is at the top of A rig, and this was the top. “Willy weather” predicted a steady breeze from the north east and we were a little surprised to find the breeze drop after a few races so we put the A rig on expecting the breeze to drop further but no, it swung back to the north east and increased. So the decision to have lunch and let it settle was a good idea. The afternoon started with B rig and stayed for the rest of the day.

Rob Westaway (17) set the pace by winning the first race closely followed by Leigh Grove (31), Gary Beaton (89) and myself (81). Michael Hein (40) was glad to be able to compete as his boat had not been in the water for a year or so. Keith Bonus said he had never sailed so much in such a short time and was feeling the pressure. Russell Harding was sailing in his first competition for months and showed great presence in the first few races, he will no doubt be one to watch for the future. Gary Beaton had electrical problems. The frustration is known to all who sail.

I was in a good position after lunch but Leigh was hot on my tail, he remarked ' no more nice guy'. Well, that meant I had better watch my step. We then saw Leigh 'up the pace ' by winning 3 races. I wondered what the score was and was surprised that it was so close in the final race that either of us could have won the day.

John Hall did a very good job of PRO with help from Ted Gay doing the finishing and recording.

Rob Westaway had such a good time he invited us down to the Southern Highlands pond for a sample of flat water racing. Compared to Kogarah Bay that could be well worth the experience!

Unfortunately for Rob there was a mathematical error when calculating the results before the presentation and Rob was presented the third place medal by mistake. When the results were entered into the HMS scoring program the error was discovered. Please see the correct results below. The organisers apologise to all the competitors and especially Rob Westerway for the mistake.

Final placings, first: Allen Roberts, second: Leigh Grove and third: Kevin Humphries.

Allen Roberts

KBRYC President

Position	Skipper	Sail #	Club/City	Hull	MYA No.	Score	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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1	Allen Roberts	81	KBRYC			17.0	2.0	2.0	3.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	3.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	1.0
2	Leigh Grove	31	ECSA			24.0	4.0	5.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.0	4.0	4.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	2.0	1.0	2.0
3	Kevin Humphries	39	BWRYS			44.0	7.0	6.0	6.0	3.0	3.0	5.0	3.0	2.0	3.0	3.0	2.0	4.0	3.0	4.0	5.0	4.0
4	Rob Westaway	17	ECSA			47.1	1.0	4.0	7.0	6.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	5.0	2.0	5.0	4.0	3.0	4.0	5.0	3.0	4.1
5	Russell Harding	185	KBRYC			55.0	3.0	3.0	4.0	4.0	5.0	6.0	6.0	3.0	5.0	6.0	5.0	5.0	6.0	3.0	4.0	5.0
6	Michael Hein	40	ECSA			65.0	5.0	8.0	5.0	5.0	8.0	3.0	5.0	6.0	6.0	4.0	6.0	6.0	5.0	6.0	6.0	3.0
7	Gary Beaton	89	ECSA			93.0	6.0	1.0	1.0	7.0	6.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0
8	Keith Bonus	14	ECSA			107.0	8.0	7.0	9.0	8.0	7.0	9.0	7.0	7.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0