

2016 NSW A CLASS STATE TITLES

This event was originally scheduled to be sailed at the St Georges Basin Soling Model Yacht Club but was transferred to Koonawarra Bay Sailing Club (KoBSC) at the request of the former club. Saturday morning arrived with a 12~ 15 knot southerly wind which whipped up the lake with large swell and waves breaking on lee shore making the safety of the competitors and their boats a priority. A discussion was held with the 8 entrants as to the available options which were

- Sail as originally scheduled
- Postpone sailing to see if the conditions improved
- Abandon the day's sailing or
- Sail at WMYC Dunmore (the Swamp) for the day

with the aim of sailing at KoBSC on Sunday.

The option to sail at WMYC Dunmore venue was selected. Upon arrival at the Swamp competitors were met with a stiff southerly of 10~12 knots but with no waves and easier launching / retrieval of boats. Racing got underway at 11. 15 am with Ralph Skea as the PRO capably assisted by Dennis Yarrow. (The wind at KoBSC was measured at 22 knots on Saturday afternoon – so a good decision!)

Most boats were on A rigs with a couple opting for smaller A / B rig combinations. The wind was continually shifting in direction and strength all day. A total of 21 races were completed by end of the day with the locals showing their local knowledge with Brian Dill sailing a Sword on 35 points, Selwyn Holland sailing a Gunboat on 46 points, and Warren Norrie sailing a Sword on 53 points.



Arriving at KoBSC on Sunday morning competitors were met with a glassy lake! A SW course was laid but there was a shift to the SSE~ E evident, so course was changed to suit but by the time the course was laid the forecast NE wind started to strengthen. Racing commenced on A rigs but within 4 races sailors were opting to downsize the rigs.

Unfortunately Warren's boat suffered terminal electrical problems in the first race of the Sunday's racing and he subsequently withdraw from the days racing, but performed the role of mediator in an admirable manner.

By lunch time the wind had strengthen to 15 ~ 18 knots, and B and C rigs were evident. Brian Dill was still leading at the lunch break.

The wind stayed NE all day so the Dave Morison in response boat had a quiet day, so he assisted Ralph Skea as an observer as did Martin Norfolk and Bruce Williamson. A total of 17 races were completed on the Sunday.



Dave Morison and PRO Ralph Skea
in a quiet moment

The wind strength and the waves provided some exciting close racing across the fleet with some boats being overpowered due to rigs being too big for the conditions plus the forces applied to the boats equipment lead to a myriad of failures. Sailors had to be wary of any sudden out of control boats due to sudden wind gusts / bullets. Brian Dill unfortunately suffered differing modes of failures but he persisted in sailing until he was unable to continue. This perseverance paid off but not good enough for the end result.



A Class Start at KoBSC



Brian Dill trying to fix electrical gremlins in his Sword



Selwyn Holland's Gunboat on a wild downwind ride - (evidence of rig being too big for prevailing conditions?)

Jon Pinkerton sailing a Gunboat out performed everyone on Sunday afternoon with a good rig combination for the prevailing and sea conditions and was rewarded with an A Class State Championship coming from 4th place at lunch time.

Final points were after 38 races

1 st	Jon Pinkerton	KoBSC	Gunboat	82 points
2 nd	Brian Dill	WMYC	Sword	86 points
3 rd	Selwyn Holland	WMYC	Gunboat	89.9 points



Jon Pinkerton receiving A Class State
Title Perpetual Cup from KOBSC
Commodore Ralf Steyer

Jon Pinkerton's Gunboat No 94
leads across the start line.



Well done to the above and to all the other sailors who made it an exciting and blustery event with all showing the sportsmanship that our sport requires of its competitors. Thanks to Ralph Skea and his team of observers and course setters for a memorable weekend.

Brian Jackson provided the lunches on both days and afternoon drinks & biscuits for presentation.

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 Event A CLASS STATES 2016
 Date(s) 8-9 OCTOBER 2016
 Host Club KOONAWARRA BAY SAILING CLUB

SAILED AT DUNMORE-WMYC																								
Position	Skipper	Sail #	Club/City	Hull	Score	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
1	JON PINKERTON	94	KOBSC	GUNBOAT	82.0	5.0	3.0	6.0	6.0	2.0	4.0	1.0	6.0	1.0	1.0	6.0	1.0	3.0	2.0	3.0	8.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
2	BRIAN DILL	39	WMYC	SWORD	86.0	1.0	2.0	2.0	4.0	6.0	3.0	2.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	6.0	1.0	3.0	1.0	3.0	1.0
3	SELWYN HOLLAND	93	WMYC	GUNBOAT	89.9	4.0	4.0	3.0	2.0	3.0	5.0	5.0	3.0	2.0	5.0	2.0	5.0	2.0	1.0	5.0	1.0	3.0	1.0	2.0
4	RALPH HYMAN	105	KOBSC	VENOM	119.0	2.0	1.0	5.0	3.0	1.0	1.0	6.0	5.0	8.0	3.0	4.0	4.0	5.0	4.0	2.0	4.0	2.0	2.0	6.0
5	BARRY GRANT	18	KOBSC	GUNBOAT	158.1	9.0	5.0	9.0	9.0	4.0	6.0	4.0	4.0	5.0	6.1	5.0	8.0	6.0	5.0	6.0	5.0	6.0	8.0	7.0
6	RALF STEYER	22	KOBSC	GUNBOAT	163.0	6.0	7.0	7.0	5.0	7.0	8.0	7.0	7.0	6.0	9.0	7.0	6.0	8.0	8.0	7.0	6.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
7	WARREN NORRIE	5	WMYC	SWORD	182.0	3.0	6.0	1.0	1.0	5.0	2.0	3.0	1.0	4.0	2.0	3.0	3.0	4.0	3.0	4.0	2.0	9.0	6.0	3.0
8	BRIAN JACKSON	38	KOBSC	GUNBOAT	211.1	7.0	8.0	4.0	7.0	8.0	7.0	8.0	8.0	7.0	6.0	8.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	8.0	7.0	6.0	7.0	8.0
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Congratulations to the Illawarra based sailors who participated in the exciting regatta.

Barry Grant.

KoBSC

12 October 2016