



The 2017 NSW Marblehead State Championship

This is an ARYA Ranking Event

Hosted by Kogarah Bay Radio Yacht Club

21st and 22nd October 2017

Eleven skippers arrived to contest the most prestigious and important event for the Radio Marblehead class on the NSWRYA calendar. Andrew Reid and Benson Or made the trip up from Melbourne to sail against the locals. The weather was warm and dry with a 12 to 20 knot southerly blowing. This is a favoured wind direction at Kogarah Bay and the course can be set up parallel to the control area making all the course easy to see.

A windward leeward course of two laps was set with a gate at the bottom.

The strong winds and a runout tide made the racing a spectacular sight with boats surfing the waves downwind and leaping through the waves to windward. Unfortunately, some of the boats suffered technical problems brought about by the tough conditions.

At lunchtime on Saturday, after 8 races, Mexican Andrew Reid sailing his Grunge was in 1st place on 6 pts, then Garry Bromley with his Prime Number on 17. A little behind was Phil Page sailing another Prime Number. Defending Champion Scott Condie spent several races on the shore doing boat maintenance on his borrowed Indie. Unfortunately, after 5 races Andrew Crocker retired due to a blown rudder servo, which could not be replaced due to its unusual size. Many skippers had their share of breakdowns and slipped down the order. Wayne Keavy driving the rescue boat had a busy day chasing wayward boats.

At the end of the day, after 15 races Andrew was still in the lead sailing the very speedy Grunge, Garry was in second place and Scott had the Indie up to speed to be close behind in third. The Prime numbers were consistent, although Phil Page had plenty of DNC's due to technical problems. Mexican Benson Or was having a ball with his F3, having not sailed in open water before.

Sunday started out with light testing conditions for the sailors and race management team. After one race there was quite a delay before the breeze settled in the east and racing continued. Matt McAnna had a busy time in the boat attempting to set a fair course in the shifty conditions. The light easterly gradually freshened as the day went on and made for lots of tactical sailing on a three-lap windward and return course.

Five races were completed before lunch and Andrew extended his lead, Scott was now in 2nd after a good morning and another drop. Garry dropped back to 3rd with the Boogies of Maurice Fletcher and RM stalwart Paul Ziems 4th and 5th. Paul sailed very consistently to

overtake Maurice during the afternoon. Twenty-four races were completed over the two days, and the arrival of a thunderstorm cut short racing early at 3.00pm.

Congratulations to all the skippers who sailed fairly and quietly all regatta. Most skippers used all their available rigs over the two days of racing, so it was a very good test of rigging and racing skills. Thanks to the KBRYC members who gave up their time to run the regatta and for supporting the Marblehead class. Thanks also to John Lewis from KBSC who catered the excellent lunches. Photos courtesy of Benson Or.

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	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Sort	Sort	Sort	Sort	Sort	Sort	0	11	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	
1	Andrew Reid	74	APMYC	Grunge		28.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	3.0	1.0	2.0	1.0
2	Scott Condie	94	KBRYC	Indie		41.0	2.0	12.0	5.0	2.0	1.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	3.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	2.0	2.0	4.0	2.0	6.0	1.0	2.0	
3	Garry Bromley	55	WMYC	Prime Number		60.3	5.0	5.0	3.0	4.0	3.0	2.0	3.0	2.0	4.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	1.0	3.0	7.0	3.0	6.0	4.0	2.0	6.0	2.0	4.0	3.3
4	Paul Ziems	24	DSC	Boogie		102.0	8.0	8.0	9.0	5.0	7.0	4.0	4.0	5.0	6.0	8.0	5.0	6.0	7.0	6.0	5.0	5.0	6.0	7.0	7.0	5.0	1.0	4.0	3.0	4.0
5	Maurice Fletcher	18	NM	Boogie		108.0	6.0	7.0	10.0	9.0	8.0	5.0	7.0	3.0	12.0	4.0	6.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.0	8.0	5.0	5.0	9.0	3.0	5.0	5.0	6.0	6.0
6	Phil Page	50	NM	Prime Number		118.0	3.0	3.0	1.0	3.0	12.0	12.0	2.0	12.0	3.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	7.0	12.0	7.0	3.0	3.0	8.0	4.0	3.0	5.0	3.0
7	Patrick O'Donnell	14	NM	Dreadnought		121.0	12.0	6.0	8.0	10.0	4.0	3.0	5.0	4.0	5.0	5.0	7.0	7.0	6.0	4.0	8.0	6.0	8.0	8.0	5.0	9.0	8.0	12.0	12.0	5.0
8	Andrew Sands	43	NM	Paradox		159.0	12.0	12.0	6.0	7.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	6.0	8.0	7.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	7.0	6.0	4.0	9.0	12.0	8.0	7.0	9.0	8.0	7.0	12.0
9	Brian Dill	46	WMYC	Prime Number		167.0	12.0	12.0	11.0	8.0	5.0	6.0	6.0	7.0	7.0	6.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	4.0	9.0	6.0	6.0	7.0	7.0	12.0	12.0
10	Benson Or	29	APMYC	F3		178.0	7.0	4.0	7.0	11.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	12.0	12.0	3.0	10.0	4.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	
11	Andrew Crocker	58	KBRYC	Katana		202.0	4.0	2.0	4.0	6.0	6.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	



L to R: PRO Owen Jarvis, Scott Condie 2nd, Andrew Reid 1st, Garry Bromley 3rd