



The 2018 Ian Hayden 10R Trophy

NSW 10R GP Round 1 – Kogarah Bay SC

20th & 21st January 2018

This is an ARYA Ranking Regatta

The weekend of the 20th & 21st of January saw the running of the Ian Hayden 10R Trophy, which is Round 1 of the NSW 10R GP series. Hosted by Kogarah Bay Radio Yacht Club at Kogarah Bay Sailing Club annually, this regatta celebrates the commitment of Ian Hayden, and his contribution to the NSWRYA and KBRYC.

This was a much anticipated regatta and “kicks off” a great year for the ten’s with fleet numbers slowly rising across the state. It’s also the last major 10R regatta locally before the ARYA Nationals in Hobart and gives Nationals skippers a chance to harden up before the three day ARYA event.

Competitors travelled from Lake Macquarie, Canberra and Melbourne as well as the local Sydney and Central Coast fleet. With an entry list of 17 the fleet was split in two; but the Race Committee decided to run a single fleet with lighter / hot conditions forecast for the morning. Congratulations to the guys who are new to the class; for making a determined effort to enter, and see through a tiring regatta. Good numbers in the middle of the fleet are indicative of a healthy class. Much of this is brought about by support from within the ACT and NSW fleets.

Saturday morning saw the north breeze stay light early and PRO Scott Condie had racing underway on time, with a long windward return course + bottom gate. Set to the left of the club the course made for good spectator viewing. As the day progressed the high tide failed to release an amount of weed from the shore which sometimes makes the

racing a challenge. However a large herd of jelly fish moved into the course area. Avoiding mermaids became part of the game. Eventually most skippers adapted to the hot conditions and the usual culprits moved into the lead group, including a smoking Fletch. During the lunch break the N/E filled with the breeze shifting right. With most boats down on "B" rigs, the fleet began to have its share of equipment issues, with some skippers slipping from the front of the fleet at the end of the day. The end of the first day's racing saw the consistent Mexican, Andy Reid with an emerging lead. Steve Sedgmen was second after a lot of difficult sailing, followed by Garry Bromley who had a lot of luck to move into third place. Saturday night a large group headed to the Taren Point Bowling club for an excellent Chinese/Thai meal while several skippers headed to repair boat issues.



Overnight the conditions remained stable, and Sunday morning emerged much the same as Saturday. The morning session saw the top placings remain much the same with Steve Sedgmen having a few more difficult moments; and Garry Bromley a few more good moments to close the gap in points. After lunch the breeze again filled to test the resolve of tired skippers with most ending down on "C" rig. Andy Reid remained consistent to hold his place. Steve Sedgmen then began to show his experience to gain excellent boat speed from a new design, and again pull away from third place.

With many more incidents on the water came plenty of penalty turns and the odd protest. Andy Reid remained consistent to slowly draw away with the lead. Of note was Ben Taylor making a strong return in the placings after suffering some boat issues on the first day. Fletch showed some amazing sailing to lift high in the results for the first day,

only to not be well enough to return on Sunday, and Phil Page finally enjoyed a return to some good boat speed.

Eventually Andy (42pts) finished first with Steve Sedgmen (54pts) and Garry Bromley (76pts) chasing hard for second and third place. The event certainly honed the small group heading to TAS, with similar conditions expected. Of note was the behaviour of the fleet in general, making the running of the racing a lot easier for Scott Condie and the Race Committee.

Ian's wife Barbara Hayden, son Brett, daughter Kimberly and grandson Jack were there to present the prizes.



Barbara Hayden presents Andrew Reid the Trophy.

First, Second and Third will have their names engraved on the trophy.

