

*The Inaugural NSW DF 65 State Champs was held at Dobroyd Aquatic Club on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August.*

*The weather forecast in the preceding week was all over the place, so we were never sure of how it would turn out and which rigs to tune up. It turned out to be very light shifting W to NNW around 3-4 knots with micro puffs to 5 knots that were hard to find and exploit. This was a Race Officer's nightmare but **Jenni Bonnitcha** (RO) and **Graham Brown** (boatman) found the right balance between fair courses and minimising delays between racing. This was in stark contrast to the previous week's Laser State Championships where it blew 20-30 knots, all day.*

*The tension was palpable and the silence deafening as the first races got under way with all 19 skippers concentrating and straining to squeeze boat speed out of the zephyrs. The light sprinkling of rain didn't dampen any enthusiasm either, but by 3:00pm, Iron Cove Bay glassed over and the buoys were retrieved for the day.*

*Thirteen races produced the winners with **Mike Jefferys** (12 pts - PRYC Qld) emerging with a consistent run of top 2 finishes, followed by **Bruce McArthur** (34 pts - RSYS NSW), **Peter Burton** (52 pts - FTRYC NSW), **Warren Norrie** (54 pts - WMYC NSW) and **Richard Franklin** (58 pts - RSYS NSW) filling the top 5 positions.*

*Most skippers chose their A+ rigs with 5 others sticking with the A rigs. The performance difference was significant with the A+ rigs filling the top 13 positions. Soft rigs with less than 50mm mainsail twist sheeted more outboard than usual seemed to work best. All batteries and boats were weighed with most using LiFe batteries weighing between 45-50g. Boat weights are not part of the rules but were measured as a matter of interest. It didn't seem to make any difference with the winners being in a range of 1330 to 1350g which was the same as the rest of the fleet. Sail trim and steering skills were the biggest factors.*

*Our volunteer support team did an outstanding job with **Jenni Bonnitcha's** International Race Officer experience adding a new level of professionalism to the event. Jenni led her team of **Don Bonnitcha**, **Vicky Franklin**, **Noel McPherson** and **Graham Brown** run a difficult regatta for which we are all very grateful. Our other support member, **Bob White** had a medical emergency and had to be rushed to RPA Hospital. I'm pleased to report he is now in good health and ready to race again. Thanks to Paul Martin for his organisational skills and provision of much of the support equipment along with RSYS and Hobby Warehouse for their trophy sponsorship and banners.*

Kind regards,

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# DF65 NSW State Championships

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Position	Skipper	Sail #	Club/City	Score	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1	Mike Jefferys	52	PRYC	12.0	2.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	1.0
2	Bruce McArthur	691	RSYS	34.0	1.0	9.0	3.0	20.0	4.0	2.0	3.0	11.0	3.0	4.0	1.0	2.0	2.0
3	Peter Burton	223	FTRYC	52.0	5.0	2.0	5.0	6.0	6.0	5.0	6.0	5.0	5.0	3.0	4.0	8.0	9.0
4	Warren Norrie	10	WMYC	54.0	4.0	5.0	11.0	3.0	5.0	7.0	5.0	6.0	8.0	2.0	6.0	3.0	11.0
5	Richard Franklin	1001	RSYS	58.0	9.0	12.0	1.0	4.0	3.0	11.0	9.0	7.0	4.0	6.0	5.0	7.0	3.0
6	Graham Cowling	462	PRYC	66.0	8.0	7.0	8.0	13.0	7.0	4.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	11.0	12.0	10.0	5.0
7	Kel Burgees	1100	RSYS	68.0	12.0	3.0	6.0	5.0	2.0	16.0	11.0	3.0	12.0	7.0	3.0	6.0	10.0
8	Allen Roberts	04	KBRYC	72.0	6.0	4.0	7.0	2.0	11.0	3.0	7.0	8.0	15.0	10.0	8.0	9.0	8.0
9	Neil Webb	99	KBRYC	80.0	11.0	19.0	20.0	11.0	8.0	10.0	4.0	4.0	9.0	5.0	7.0	4.0	7.0
10	Peter Spinley	47	WMYC	97.0	7.0	13.0	10.0	8.0	10.0	8.0	12.0	9.0	11.0	8.0	9.0	11.0	6.0
11	Phil Burgees	714	RSYS	107.0	10.0	8.0	12.0	10.0	12.0	18.0	10.0	12.0	7.0	9.0	13.0	5.0	12.0
12	Phillip Page	03	WHMBC	113.0	3.0	15.0	9.0	7.0	9.0	6.0	8.0	10.0	6.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
13	Paul Martin	48	WHMBC	117.0	16.0	6.0	4.0	9.0	20.0	9.0	13.0	13.0	10.0	20.0	20.0	13.0	4.0
14	Matthew Mcanna	64	KBRYC	142.0	15.0	11.0	15.0	12.0	14.0	13.0	20.0	15.0	14.0	12.0	10.0	12.0	14.0
15	Damian Vlotman	322	CPRSC	152.0	19.0	10.0	14.0	14.0	16.0	12.0	14.0	16.0	16.0	14.0	11.0	16.0	15.0
16	John Vickery	141	RSYS	161.0	14.0	14.0	17.0	16.0	13.0	17.0	15.0	17.0	18.0	13.0	14.0	15.0	13.0
17	Nigel Brimble	644	SMMC	161.0	17.0	16.0	13.0	15.0	15.0	14.0	16.0	14.0	13.0	15.0	16.0	14.0	16.0
18	Peter Cotton	312	RSYS	182.0	13.0	18.0	18.0	17.0	18.0	15.0	17.0	18.0	17.0	16.0	17.0	17.0	17.0
19	Malcolm Cody	24	CPRSC	194.0	18.0	17.0	16.0	18.0	17.0	19.0	18.0	19.0	19.0	20.0	15.0	18.0	20.0