

David Burns Match Racing Trophy 2007

2 challengers presented themselves for racing at 10am at Hinkler Park Manly. The breeze was blowing 5-15 knots on a perfect winters day. Gary Declauzel from Harrington Park Radio Yacht club sailing his multi championship winning Sidewinder. Leigh Norman sailing for Drummoyne Sailing Club Radio Division was sailing his Peter Wiles designed Sweet 9. The course to be sailed was the same as the recent Americas Cup, 2 windward leeward with a gate at the leeward mark.

Race 1 HPRYC

Race 2 HPRYC

Race 3 HPRYC

Race 4 HPRYC

Race 5 DSC

Race 6 HPRYC

Gary won the challengers elimination series 5-1 in the best of 9 series. The score certainly did not reflect the closeness in the racing.

The defender of the Trophy was Northern Mariners, Daniel Weizman sailing a borrowed Venom from Andrew Sands (ex Lisa Blackward's Boat). The conditions for the final were the same as the challengers elimination series.

Race 1 HPRYC

Race 2 HPRYC

Race 3 HPRYC

Race 4 NM

Race 5 NM

Race 6 HPRYC

Race 7 NM

Race 8 NM

Race 9 HPRYC

Once again the race was close most winning margins were 15 seconds or less. The final race was decided by 10cm. So the trophy is off to Harrington Park for 2008. Although there was only 2 challengers this year the David Burns Trophy remains a highlight of the A Class Calendar.