

11th NATIONAL TITLES 1980 - 1981

FORSTER, NSW.

29 DECEMBER 1980 - 4 JANUARY 1981

Sail	Boat	Skipper	State	Heat							Pts.	Pos
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
93	Porche Paws	I. Marcovitch	NSW	8	1	2	9	5	5	13	293/4	2
444	Vintage Brew	B. Robinson	Vic	13	24	20	2	4	19	7	65	10
944	Stardust	R. Andrews	NSW	54	54	49	60*	52	45	48	303	53
180	Xanadu	L. Hammond WJ	NSW	43	40	43	29	46	30	40	225	40
1258	Fantasy	G. Lyons	NSW	58	56	D	F	F	S	S	388	66
1261	Jasper	S. Pidgeon J	NSW	35	45	51	34	39	42	34	229	41
1268	Paper Chase	T. White	NSW	40	31	27	35	1	26	38	157½	28
1314	Paper Brick	T. Vickers J	NSW	56	59	64	59	S	55	57	355	62
1331	Moggie	D. Chard V	Vic	53	F	53	36	F	50	49	307	55
1373	Billship	B. Stavely V	Vic	55	44	52	53	43	48	54	294	51
1382		J. Cleverley	Vic	D	D	60	54	F	S	S	391	67
1503	Lady Bullette	S. King WJ	Vic	29	58	42	19	F	46	27	221	38
1522	Bubbles	B. Heany	NSW	26	33	41	28	26	15	44	169	30
1542	Bobskat	R. Ramsay	Vic	3	5	12	4	16	1	3	273/4	1
1670	Sonic	P. Hallsworth	SA	10	15	8	14	19	4	9	60	8
1715	Pairaffair	T. Matthews	NSW	61	60	63	55	51	53	59	339	61
1739	Silent Running	G. Kay	NSW	30	7	29	11	27	25+	30	129	23
1751	Windana	R. Lyons	NSW	59	42	56	43	48	47	56	292	49
1752	Escape Velocity	L. Bishop	NSW	31	F	28	32	18	21	28	158	29
1757	Sun Lover	G. Carter	NSW	62	F	F	63	F	54	61	376	64
1760	Rag Doll	K. Kay	NSW	11	16	17	12	14	13	15	81	15
1761	Ark-I-Tek	A. Pidgeon	NSW	34	32	32	30	38	35	20	183	32
1763	Curly Cat	J, Pugh	SA	D	F	S	S	S	S	S		
1768	Tiger Cat	C. Woolcott V	NSW	S	S	S	S	F	S	45	395	68
1777	Paper Moon	J. Murphy	NSW	32	41	45	25	41	39	32	210	35
1780	Paper Clip	I. Smith	NSW	45	55	55	31	F	43	36	265	47
1782	Red Wing	F. Walton	NSW	57	51	61	52	35	S	50	303	52
1783	Aerobic	B. Tiedman	NSW	F	52	59	50	F	49	55	331	60
1788	Black Diamond	J. Rattle WJ	MSW	52	F	F	61*	F	S	63	385	65
1794	Snuffaluffagus	J. Zoutenduk	NSW	41	38	30	40	F	41	37*	240	43
1795	Characin	G. Williams	NSW	16	6	10	5	15	8	17	60	9
1796	Invictus 2	E. Burke	NSW	20	17	15	45	25	23	26	126	22
1797	Tiger 'G'	G. Williams V	NSW	51	50	50	42	47	D	52	292	50
1798	Phantom Tiger	D. Fitzgerald	NSW	50	39	31	44	40	38	58	242	45
1799	PLaymate	A. Duckers	NSW	18	12	19	22	7	14	10	80	13
1801	C-ing Double	W. Butler	Qld	F	30	33	24	23	S	43	223	39
1818	Crystal Voyager	S. Sinclair	Qld	47	48	47	51	30	51	53	274	48
1830	Supercool	W. Bradbury	Qld	46	35	46	38	F	33	42	240	44
1902	Foam 'n'hosed	D. Etchells	Vic	36	20	25	F	11	37	51	180	31
1902	See-Da-Boat	A. Brownhill W	Vic	27	22	16	7	17	16	29	105	21
1916	Old Tiger	J. Leever V	Vic	19	25	24	39	21	31	18	138	25
1943	Sour Puss	P. Perry	Vic	28	43	39	S	S	S	S	323	57
1948	Catweazle	V. Bunyevitch	Vic	24	19	37	23*	29	17	16	141	26
1950	Akwa Tak	A. Martin	Vic	60	57	58	58	34	56	62	323	58
1956	Old Brew	D, Barker	Vic	D	D	54	57	37	S	S	359	63
1961	Bullet	R. King	Vic	4	21	21	17	F	18	11	92	19
1979	Odd Sox	G. Walker	Vic	12	11	5	27	13	10	23	74	12
1998	Scorpion	A. Colliver	Vic	25	23	F	48	24	29	S	218	36
2001	Odyssey	B. Neilson	WA	23	27	22	47	32	27	22	153	27
2002	Joe Cool	R. Lonergan	WA	48	29	38	46	F	36	33	220	37
2060	Betty Brown	J. Wasley V	SA	2	2	13	8	2	20	4	31	3
2065	Panjandrum	R. Cotton J	SA	F	F	57	F	S				
2066	Axis	A. Rowe J	SA	17	34	26	15	42	28	14	134	24
2121	Kestrel	M. Burgess J	Vic	37	26	34	37	28	40	39	201	33
2124	Mouldy Sandwich	G. Cann	Vic	15	3	1	13	9	7	6	38.3/4	6
2157	Eat 'em alive	R. Wiggins	Vic	21	10	3	21	3	12	24	70	11
2170	Paper Nappy	P. Anderson	Vic	9	13	4	10	6	3	2	34	4
2176	Juggernaut	S. May	Vic	49	47	48	49	36	32	47	259	46
2181	Apricot Lil	R. Riley	Vic	14	14	23	1	33	24	5	80.3/4	14
2182		K. Chandler V	Vic	39	37	35	41	49	44	35	231	42

2186	Strait Shoota	R. Pearton	Vic	63	49	62	62	45	52	60	331	59
2195	Toothless Tiger	A. Kaaden	Vic	33	28	11	26	8	6	25	104	20
2198	Bones	R. Kneebone	NSW	44	53	40	F	S	34	F	304	54
2200	Artful Dodger	R. Cann V	Vic	5	18	7	3	12	2	8	37	5
2201	Jerry Can	G. deVries	Vic	22	4	9	33	10	22	21	88	18
2211	Windstorm	D. Godfrey	Vic	38	36	36	20	44	D	31	205	34
2222	Catch-22	M. Wold	Vic	1	9	14	6	22	11	1	41½	7
2233	Doubles	B. Grist	Vic	6	8	18	16	20	F	19	87	17
2244	Seconds Out	N. Williams	Vic	7	46	6	18	31	9	12	83	16
2255	Lechery	G. Adams	Vic	42	D	44	56	50	S	46	308	56

* 20% penalty

+ 50% penalty

W-woman J-Junior V-veteran S-did not start F- did not finish D-disqualified

NATIONAL TITLES REPORT

The new National Champion for 1981 is Bob Ramsay of Victoria, who sailed his ageing plywood boat Bobskat to victory from Ian Marcovitch (Porche Paws, NSW), and Jack Wasley (Betty Brown, SA).

In a very tight series, with less than seven points separating the first four placegetters, Bob finished off the last race with a victory and the till-then series leader Jack Wasley had a disappointing 20th dropping him back to third place.

Close behind the top three were Peter Anderson, in a new foam sandwich boat Paper Nappy (for mine Peter, if you insist on a name like that, I'd call it Dri-tot, which at least sounds lighter; still I suppose the AYF would get you for advertising then. Ed.) and defending champion Ray Cann in Artful Dodger. After winning the Invitation Race convincingly, Ray was not quite his usual self and it wasn't till the 6th Heat re-sail that he took his foot off the brake, leaving the fleet far behind.

Three newcomers to the top ten were Victorians Greg Cann (Mouldy Sandwich) and Mike Wold (Catch-22), and Peter Hallsworth (SonicS.A) Ninth and tenth respectively were Gary Williams (Characin, NSW) and Brian Robinson (Vintage Brew, Vic). Sailing exceptionally in his first National Series was Ron "Eat 'em alive" Wiggins (Vic) who finished 11th. Disappointing were former Australian representatives Geoff Walker (Odd Sox) and Neil Williams (Seconds Out) who were down on boat speed.

The series was well run by the Great Lakes Sailing Club and the catering was excellent (we will long remember the superb barbecue in a warm evening breeze under the palm trees, savouring oysters, barbecued trout and fresh fruit salad). On the lake, the winds were fair, the water beautifully warm and the weed ubiquitous. i.e. everybody had a similar amount wrapped around their foils and all had to trim their sail shape for more power to tow the weed around the lake. The jelly fish population (approx. 100000) was halved (or should that be doubled? Ed.), courtesy of seventy-odd carefully honed pairs of centre boards and rudders criss-crossing the lake over a period of eight races. Still, if you weren't doing particularly well in a race, bisecting jelly fish was an interesting diversion.

Invitation Race:

The race began in about 12-15 mph with Mike Wold and Neil Williams first around the windward mark and reaching well to the wing mark, which was however drifting. The replacement mark ('M' flag on patrol boat) was not at first recognized by the leaders who then beat up to round it. Ray Cann and Geoff Walker (who had hastily re-cut his sail that morning!) ran away from the fleet from then on, with Ray winning convincingly after some initial confusion over the finishing line. (Bob Ramsay sailed about three boat widths past the wrong side of the finishing mark and thus failed to finish, claiming he couldn't find the mark. Those of us who saw the photo of him assembling his boat in N.Z. can believe this!).

1st Heat:

After drifting the 3km out to the start, the fleet was pleased to find the wind had arrived just in time and it got away in about 10-15 mph. Mike Wold and Ray King were first around, closely followed by Jack Wasley. Mike had Catch-22 nicely trimmed for the conditions and gradually drew away to win by about 2 minutes from Jack Wasley. Bob Ramsay got through Ray King for third, with fast finishing Ray Cann coming fifth.

2nd Heat:

The afternoon sea-breeze arrived to re-inforce conditions, and in about 15-18 mph, Ian Marcovitch sailed powerfully to take the honours. Jack Wasley again finished second, showing his consistency in various conditions, and Greg Cann and Gerry DeVries came rapidly through the fleet as conditions freshened further.

Already it was becoming clear that the competition was very tough, with Peter Anderson finishing 13th and Ray Cann 18th. Bob Ramsay's 5th was keeping him up there, however.

3rd Heat:

The course for this heat was set rather close to the shallow S-E end of Wallis Lake (to avoid sailing in large waves, according to the Sailing Committee, who undoubtedly have never sailed on Botany Bay, Port Phillip Bay or St. Vincents Gulf). This made things tricky on the port side of the windward leg, and the fleet was bunched throughout with tight tactical racing. Ron Wiggins won the start in about 15-18 mph with a good port

end dash across the starboard starters. Others weren't quite quick enough.

A blinding 30 mph rainsquall made the last reach and beat a memorable experience and put a gleam in the eye of the heavy weather specialists. Greg Cann again handled the fresh conditions well and was followed by Ian Marcovitch. Ron Wiggins was 3rd and Peter Anderson 4th. Neil Williams and Geoff Walker improved their speed to finish 5th and 6th respectively.

4th Heat:

A morning race starting in about 10 mph and dropping out, with drizzly rain sticking the tell-tales to the sail, followed by tricky windshifts made rounding the first mark a nightmare for most of the fleet. Brian Robinson, Gary Williams, Bob Riley and Bob Ramsay got around unscathed and took a good lead as the conditions freshened again to about 10-15 mph. Bob Riley got through to win from Brian Robinson, with Ray Cann coming through for 3rd, followed by Bob Ramsay and Gary Williams dropping back to 5th. Mike Wold came through from the back half of the fleet to finish 6th.

5th Heat:

This race was sailed in 20-25 mph winds which raised quite a steep chop on the shallow lake. Ted Burke began like a train and looked a likely winner but pulled his boom off the foot of his sail. The best tactic appeared to be to avoid tacking where possible and sail to the lay line! The winner was local heavy-weight Terry White, and thus after five heats we had five different winners. Second again was veteran Jack Wasley, with Ron Wiggins again taking third spot, followed by Brian Robinson Ian Marcovitch and Peter Anderson.

6th Heat:

With a sea breeze expected to re-inforce a wind which was already bending the palm trees, the more petite members of the fleet were looking a trifle worried (Yes, I noticed that. Ed.) Two broken masts and some undignified cartwheels around the starting line brought about the abandonment of the race, and we all enjoyed an exciting 3 km beat back to the club.

7th Heat:

In perfect 10-15 mph conditions, Mike Wold got away to a good

start to lead the whole race and for once we didn't have a new winner. Peter Anderson followed after getting the better of Bob Ramsay and Jack Wasley in some close windward covering. Bob Riley and Greg Cann sailed well into 5th and 6th place respectively.

6th Heat Resail:

While the fleet hovered around where they thought the start should be, Ray Cann snuck off to where the start actually was! However, Ray's watch must have been fast, because the ten minute gun didn't go till just after the fleet arrived. (Ask Santa for a new one next year Ray).

In something of a repeat of Heat 3, the fleet was very even and tightly bunched, with much tacking on knocks and to get clear air. After the first triangle, Ray Cann opened up a good lead followed by Bob Ramsay and Mike Wold. Jack Wasley, who needed to finish within 6 places of Bob Ramsay to win the Title was well back. Trouble struck Ray Cann (mainsheet adrift) and Mike Wold (broken upper forestay bridle) on the last beat, allowing Bob Ramsay through to win and Peter Anderson through to third place. Peter Hallsworth, Ian Marcovitch and Gary Williams filled the next three places.

After nine years of trying, Bob Ramsay had done it!

Championship winners were as follows:

National Champion	Bob Ramsay	Vic.
2	Ian Marcovitch	NSW
3	Jack Wasley	SA
Woman Champion	Anne Brownhill	Vic.
Junior Woman Champion	Simone King	Vic.
Junior Champion	Anthony Rowe	SA
2	Matt Burgess	Vic.
Veteran Champion	Jack Wasley	SA
2	Ray Cann	Vic.