

Tassie NS 14 Newsletter

Spring 2014

State Championships

A closely fought series at Swansea over the March long weekend saw Greg Rowsell with crew Eliah Cameron in "Arctic" take home the chocolates from Nick McElwee and Izzie Cameron in "Paddy Wack" and Peter and Karen Davis in "Spinifex". Whilst the weather gods were not kind when it came to getting the races in, all competitors and followers enjoyed some great times socialising at the Bark Mill and foreshore BBQ. This year's States at Midway Point will have some big boots to fill.



Yard Sticks.

At this year's State Titles the Association trialed a yardstick handicap based on hull design, this form of handicap provides a fixed rating for each NS design based on performance of all like designs at major regattas (i.e. Nationals, NSW and Tassie States). It allows competitors to compare their performance with some form of reason against boats with younger or older build dates.

Boat Movements

It appears that Abbey Jones may have secured Aqua Therapy from her Dad and we will see more of her and Jackson this season. Long-time crew Jordan Martyn looks to be inheriting "Cicada" VI and Josh Eggins and Aiden Wilkie have left their dads on the foreshore with the acquisition of "SGN" now renamed "the Avengers", Phil Soley has replaced "Swordfish Trombone" (a victim of the Dunalley fires) with "Splinter" and Nigel will be hitting the water with "Redback". James McIndoe should be back on the helm after Xmas with the revamped "Magic & Loss" whilst "Tequila" has been purchased by newcomer Jeremy Wier and has moved to its new home at PDYC.

Boat Sales

There are number of good boats out there for sale. There also quite a few good boats out there not being used. If you are looking for a great boat or know of someone who is, contact the class and talk to someone who can steer you in the right direction.

Training

The State Association has planned a training weekend for the Pittwater Regatta on the 29/30th November. The Association have secured the services of Rohan Nosworthy (Nat Measurer, MG National Champion and Sail Maker) to provide on and off water training/coaching during the regatta. As a fellow NS sailor I urge everyone to take advantage of this opportunity. Rohan will give pointers on everything from boat set up, to trim and handling, even tips on onshore training routines. If you get one thing from this weekend it will help you get closer to the pointy end of the fleet.

Travellers Trophy

The Executive has selected the Pittwater regatta and the Blockbuster as the two events to make up the TT this season, both series to count.



Coming Events

In the North the Max Days for this season are the 19/10, 16/11, 7/12, 14/2 & 22/3, whilst in the south some interest has been shown in the Nubeena regatta.

Pittwater Regatta and State Training 29th and 30th November, 2014

National Championships December 28th, 2014 to January 4th, 2015 at TASC, Teralba, NSW

State Championships March 7th, 8th and 9th March, 2015 at MPYC, Pittwater.

Showdown 2014

Cold Blustery conditions were the go for this year's showdown with a classic survival of the fittest result.

Early victims Josh and Aiden in the Avengers struggled when their pintles came loose before the first start. Barrie and Magnus pulled the pin after rolling in on the gybe, Nick and Izzie and Scott and Natasha, after pulling a second and third respectively in the first race scratched themselves from the second. With only two races on day one and a further two on day two, Peter and Karen's 30 plus years of experience showed with 4 bullets. Runners up Nick and Izzie with 2 seconds showed plenty of speed in the extreme conditions. Scott and Natasha took out third.

Class Developments

The NS 14 is arguably the largest development class in Australia and in keeping with that we often see new and old ideas stretched beyond belief by those that dare to try. Recent trends have seen experimentation with the Batwing style headboard on the mainsail allowing the upper most part of the sail to extend skywards above the infamous black band. Whilst not wanting to curb the "Einstein's" amongst us, it was necessary for our think tank of measurers to contemplate this development and ensure that it fitted within the "Box" rule and as a result model guidelines on how this Sail Area was to be measured. For more info visit the website.

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Clubs Sailed

Whilst NS 14's can be seen popping up at many clubs on the SE Australian Seaboard, primarily in Tasmania they can be found at Midway Point Yacht Club and Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania in the South and at Tamar Yacht Club and Port Dalrymple Yacht Club in the North. All clubs have delegates on the Class Association at State level.

Class Website

The NS 14 class has an extensive website which can be found at www.ns14.org. The website provides pages dealing with Class administration including constitution, rules and management, National Events, State Associations news and events along with links to forums to discuss and promote events and class developments. There is also a section just for classifieds with everything from foils and spars to complete boats.

Check out the Tassie Page.

Measurement Essentials

A reminder to all existing and prospective owners, that all sails should have measurement certificates. Any alterations require that the boat be subjected to a re-measurement before competition. If buying a boat that has been out of circulation for a while then seek some advice from other sailors or the Registrar.



National Championships

National championships are traditionally held each Xmas/New Year rotating around the member states, This year the NSW association play host at Teralba Amateur Sailing Club on Lake Macquarie. Current active states include Tasmania, South Australia and ACT. Other states have included Victoria and Queensland. Tasmania expects to have at least 5 boats heading to Teralba this Xmas.

