

NS14 Association of the ACT – June 2011 Update

The NS14 Association of the ACT held a Specialist General Meeting on 29 May 2011. The focus of the meeting was to elect new office bearers, listed below, and to thank Leo O’Keefe for his tireless services as Treasurer over many years.

The meeting also discussed at length whether it is in the best interests of the class to continue to sail primarily from the YMCASC or whether there were better prospects for growth in the class to sail as part of the CYC competition on Sunday afternoon.

Members expressed a variety of reasons for wishing to shift to the CYC. Generally members believed there were better prospects for growth in NS 14 sailing in Canberra in shifting to sailing as part of the CYC competition.

This is quite a significant move as the ACT NS14s have sailed, since 1968, from the YMCASC. There have been many, many good times setting out for a sail on a Saturday afternoon from Yarralumla Bay and we wish to send a hearty thanks the YMCASC for these good times.

Racing in Canberra for the NS14’s will now be from Lotus Bay on Sundays.

NS 14 Association of the ACT List of Officers 2011 to 2012

President	Simon Taylor
Vice-President	Craig Davidson
Treasurer / Registrar	Paul Holmes
Secretary	James Macken
Race Secretary	Michael Hitchens
Bruce Edes	Measurer
Publicity Officer	Mary Tulip
Representative to National Committee	Bill Kerrigan

2010-11 Season Racing Report

Regattas for the season included the ACT NS14 Titles, hosted by the CYC as part of the ACT Dinghy Championships. A good fleet of 14 NS’s turned up, with a number of interstate boats. The video above captures the start of Race 4 on the Sunday, a nice breeze and some great reaches with Craig starting to get the newly launched Rubber Chicken going like a rocket. Peter V took out the Title in His, with Hugh Tait in second and the Dark Horse coming in third. Mike brought Battlestar home as the first Canberra boat, and while James had Crosstown Traffic across the line in 2nd place in the first race,

the winds picked too much on the second day for the super lightweight crew to take advantage of this early brilliance. Roma's bowsprit didn't measure in (planned alterations over the winter didn't eventuate) so Mary and Roey took it in turns crewing on the Tigger and filming.

The lead up to the next event, the Nationals was not so great with lake closures, then floods that swept clean the Molonglo River and dumped thousands of tons of trees and dead wood into the lake just two weeks prior to the Titles. A big thank you must go to the CYC for mobilising the workforce needed to make sure the Lake was safe for sailing.

The Nationals were the highlight of the year, held over the New Year period and hosted by the Canberra Yacht Club, with Over the Moon Promotions coming on board as major sponsor. A great amount of work was done by Adrian Adams to put together daily video discussions with the sailors and upload it onto the website, and this brought an insight into the racing to those sailors who could not make it to the event.

The Nationals saw 46 competitors and good winds for almost all races and great competition at the top of the fleet with 5 different boats winning the 8 races. Top ACT boats included:

Classis Boat Series: 1st "Crsstown Traffic" (Aero 8) James and Paddy Macken

Veterans: 1st "Battlestar" Mike Hitchens / Mary Tulip

Handicap: 1st "Jolly Roger" Steve and Callum Cartwright

2nd "Shiraz" Chris Eddes / Cassandra Schlimback

Full report and short video available on the [Australia](#) page.

Local Club racing was with the YMCA Sailing Club when weather and the Lake permitted, with Mike Hitchens and Di Lane taking out the NS14 Club Championship.

Local boats also travelled to Twofold Bay, the NSW state titles and Bateman's Bay.

The versatility of the class was on display early in January with two of our regulars going on from the NS Nationals to Lake Illawarra to compete in the MG14 Nationals. Jim Reeder and Walter Van Prague took out the Oldest Crew in Amelia Botox, and Mary with Roey took out Top Female Skipper in Roma.

Word on the shore is new Moondance moulds are coming to town – looks like it is going to be a great new season!