

The 1989 N.S.W. Paper Tiger State Titles were run by the Koonawarra Bay Sailing Club on Lake Illawarra over 24/25/26 February. Garry Williams made it his eighth state title, winning three of the four heats sailed. (Heat 4 was cancelled due to strong wind).

In the first heat, the fleet got away in a nice 8-12 knot Nor' Easter. The fleet split on the first beat with Garry Williams and David Stumbles leading the charge to the right, while Jon Pinkerton, Ewen McArthur and Wayne Eager led another group to the left. Garry and David were the first two around the mark, both showing excellent speed in the conditions to stay in front till the finish. Garry crossed the line 2min 5sec ahead of Dave, with another 1min 51sec back to Jon Pinkerton. These three would prove to be the dominant boats of the series, always being the top three.

The smile on Tony Batch's face indicated the the strength of the breeze that afternoon. The Nor' Easter had piped up to 15-20 knots for heat 2. Jon Pinkerton didn't look too unhappy about the breeze either. His smile was to get a lot bigger, too, as he dived with Garry Williams around the whole course, and managed to break Garry's dominance by taking the race by 24sec to Garry, with David Stumbles another 1min 51sec behind Garry. Wayne Eager was next, just over a minute behind Dave, and was followed up by a grinning Tony Batch, revelling in the conditions, to score his best result (5th).

The next morning, the boats set off into an unusual Northerly of around 5 knots, with a very shifty first beat. Garry rounded the top mark first and set off, never to be headed. Jon Pinkerton was next and lapped up the breeze as it swung to the NE and picked up to 15 knots. Garry took the race by a convincing 5min 5sec from Jon with another 1min 15sec back to Dave Stumbles, who recovered well after being well down around the first mark. Another 51sec behind was a consistent Ewen McArthur, who managed to hold out Ian Holly by 18sec.

The breeze kicked in even more in the afternoon and was consistently over 25 knots, so the race was cancelled. Garry Williams was a little disappointed, desperately writing another heavy weather crack at Jon Pinkerton.

Garry was to firmly stamp his dominance on the fleet in the final heat, which was sailed in near Wagsa conditions. The very shifty Sou' Easter blew in at around 5 knots, occasionally rising to 10 and sometimes nearly dying out altogether. After a fairly ordinary first beat, Garry marched away from the fleet, leaving the others to do the dicing. Garry took the race by a demoralising 8min 15sec from Jon Pinkerton, who got away from David Stumbles in the latter stages, after a very close dice for most of the race, to beat him by 50sec, with a highly improved and very fast finishing Reg Pearce in fourth, another 56sec behind.

Congratulations to Garry on his eighth State Title win. An excellent effort.

Congratulations to Jon Pinkerton, runner-up, for actually managing to beat Garry in one race. A very consistent David Stumbles finished third overall.

The New South Wales Paper Tiger Catamaran Association would like to acknowledge the efforts of committee member and Koonawarra Bay Sailing Club Commodore Ralph Skea, who gave up his entire weekend (and his chance to sail in the series) to run the whole regatta, with assistance from other members. Many thanks, Ralph.

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SCORE SHEET

SAIL NUMBER	S/J	BOAT NAME	SKIPPER	CLUB	HEAT ONE		HEAT TWO		HEAT THREE		HEAT FOUR		HEAT FIVE		TOTAL POINTS	WORST HEAT POS	FINAL	
					POS	PTS	POS	PTS	POS	PTS	POS	PTS	POS	PTS			PTS	POS
1268		PAPER CHASE	Reg Pearce	WAGGA	14	14	DNF	29	11	40	-	-	-	-	DNF 15	29	11	
1739	J	GOTCHA	Shane Bagley	TOUKLEY	15	15	DNF	30	15	45	-	-	14	59	DNF 15	44	15	
1743		MACBETH	Andrew Knox	CONROD RIDE	9	9	11	20	3	29	-	-	10	33	11	28	10	
1795	J	PLAYMATE	Simon Holly	TOUKLEY	6	6	9	15	8	25	C	-	8	31	9	22	7	
2314		TIGGER	Lance Smee	KOONAWARRA BAY	12	12	10	22	12	34	A	-	12	46	12	34	13	
2380		AJB	Tony Batch	KOONAWARRA BAY	11	11	5	16	13	29	M	-	13	42	13	29	12	
2466		HAPPY HOOKER	Ian Holly	TOUKLEY	7	7	6	13	5	18	C	-	5	23	7	16	6	
2576		HIS	Ewen McArthur	TOUKLEY	4	4	7	11	4	15	E	-	9	24	9	15	4	
2577		PHANTOM TIGER	George Williams	WAGGA	10	10	DNF	25	10	35	L	-	6	41	DNF 15	26	9	
2625		CHARACIN II	Garry Williams	WAGGA	1	7	2	27	1	37	L	-	1	47	2	28	1	
2680		WAPFACTOR ONE	Jon Pinkerton	KOONAWARRA BAY	3	3	1	37	2	57	C	-	2	77	3	47	2	
2771		WHITE POINTER	Wayne Eager	KOONAWARRA BAY	5	5	4	9	7	16	D	-	7	23	7	16	5	
2827		MACAVITY	Garry Bagley	KOONAWARRA BAY	8	8	8	16	6	22	-	-	DNF 16	38	DNF 16	22	7	
2828		HERS	Helen McArthur	TOUKLEY	13	13	DNF	30	14	44	-	-	11	55	DNF 17	38	14	
2854		BLUE PRINT	Don Eager	KOONAWARRA BAY	16	16	DNF 17	33	16	49	-	-	DNF 17	66	DNF 17	49	16	
2856		HOT BLOODED	David Stumbles	KOONAWARRA BAY	2	2	3	5	3	8	-	-	3	11	3	8	3	

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STATE TITLE RESULTS