New South Wales

Koonawarra Bay Sailing Club, 25th to 27th January, 1997

Although the host club's fleet continues to grow, our State Championships managed only 17 N.S.W. entries, however this was buoyed by the addition of five Victorian skippers. The competition was wide open for the top N.S.W. boat, with any one of five boats being able to win going into the final race. Jon Pinkerton managed to take the title after putting in a huge effort over a lot of years. Newcomer to the class, Neal Schneider finished second, winning two heats outright (including the Victorians), the only sailor to win more than one heat. Garry Williams relinquished his title after having won it 15 times (including the last 10 straight!). Garry finished in fifth place.

Congratulations must also go to Peter and Bryan Anderson who took out first and second overall with consistently strong performances. These will certainly be two to watch at the Interdominions at Easter.

Pl	Sail No.	Boat Name	Skipper	Club	Grade	JiV	1	2	3	4	5	Pnts
1	2929	Johnny B Goode	Jon Pinkerton	Koonawarra Bay	A		1	3	5	2	2	7.75
2	3110	Lunchcutter	Neal Schneider	Koonawarra Bay	A		8	1	3	1	1	10.5
3	3076	Rapture	David Stumbles	Koonawarra Bay	A		3	4	1	10	4	11.75
4	3313	Thumpa	Doug Matthews	Koonawarra Bay	A		2	5	2	5	5	14
5	2625	Characin II	Garry Williams	Wagga Wagga	A		5	6	4	1	6	15.75
6	3040	Second Wind	Steve Foster	Wagga Wagga	A		7	2	6	7	3	18
7	2577	Phantom Tiger II	Anthony Williams	Wagga Wagga	A		4	10	7	3	8	22
8	2644	Paper Waite	Greg Williams	Wagga Wagga	B		9	11	9	4	12	33
9	2827	Apache	Wayne Eager	Koonawarra Bay	A	J	6	7	10	DNS	10	33
10	1780	Lies & Rumours	Garry Bromley	Koonawarra Bay	B		10	8	8	11	7	33
11	2909	Zen	Atta Ihische	Koonawarra Bay	B	V	11	9	12	8	11	39
12	2272	Purrfection	Kerry Spalding	Wagga Wagga	B		12	12	11	9	9	41
13	2319	Phenomenon	Scott Bate	Koonawarra Bay	C		13	15	13	12	14	52
14	2206	Hyperlynx	Neil Waterman	Koonawarra Bay	C	J	15	14	14	14	13	54
15	2856	Hot Blooded	Colin Spratt	Koonawarra Bay	C	V	14	13	DNS	13	DNS	59
16	919	Black n White	Darryl Gray	Toukley	C		16	DNS	14	14	DNS	70
17	2378	Roadkill	Craig Arthur	Wagga Wagga	C		DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	72

How the Victorians fared overall:

1st Peter Anderson   2nd Bryan Anderson   13th Vic Scholes

16th Ron Wiggins   17th Mark Wiggins

South Australia

Lake Bonney Yacht Club, 25th to 27th January, 1997

The South Australian committee was ecstatic that they had such a good response from the members in achieving a record fleet of 41 boats. As Russell Green said "What a buzz! It's really made all the hard work over the years seem worth it!" It just goes to show how a little effort from a lot of members can result in an excellent event. Keep up the good work over there.

The event, held at Lake Bonney Yacht Club, was taken out by Tim 'Mr Speed' Daddo, who wrapped up the series before the last race. Local skipper John Eshman sailed very well to take out second, followed by Largs Bay's Gary Silby. An excellent turn out of seven juniors made it a tough battle for the junior title, eventually won by Mark Pfennig. The South Australians had their usual high priority placed on the social events ashore and from all reports it sounds like everyone had a great time at the regatta.

As usual, Russell Jolly featured at the event, including managing to capsize his boat while sitting on the lee side, and being the victim (along with John Pugh, Bob Newmarch and Russell Green) of "tent raiders" who dropped the tent around these guys while they were sleeping off a big night.

Another big moment occurred for Len "Kippycat" Freeth, who went flat out (of control) for the bank. The boat finished up halfway up the grass to the club and Len stepped ashore without getting his feet wet. Apparently he was noticeably unsteady on his feet though.