



Garry Williams also clawed his way into the action and these three broke away from the fleet to have a close race for the rest of the course. Garry eventually assumed control and crossed first, 33secs in front of Greg, with Jon just 19secs behind him, which was very close in the light wind. Kevin Kay made an excellent recovery on the last beat, hitting the right corner and coming back on a lifted puff. He took Neal Schneider with him and held off Neal's charge to finish fourth, just 4secs in front of Neal.

The last day was warm and sunny and generally provided better breezes, with light to moderate winds for most of the day. The **fifth race** was a long course (and boy was it long!) and will surely be remembered by Kevin Kay who sailed a brilliant first beat to lead at the first mark, closely followed by Wayne Eager. These two set the pace for most of the race with Kevin maintaining his lead for quite some time. Eventually Wayne got through and Neal Schneider broke through both of them to win the race, which was shortened by two legs. Neal won by 24secs from Wayne, with Kevin another 19secs back in third, his best result of the series and a great boost for the local club.

We went out after lunch for the two short courses with placings still wide open. The **sixth race** was sailed in a moderate breeze that built slightly during the race but which still had plenty of shifts. Garry Williams established an early lead, hotly pursued by Neal Schneider. Neal copped a bad shift on the third beat which allowed David Stumbles and Greg Williams through. Garry went on to record a massive win of 3m46s over Dave, who came to the finish on starboard, level with Greg on port. Greg slipped around behind Dave to finish third, just 3secs behind him. Neal finished fourth, 12secs behind Greg and just 22secs in front of Wayne Eager in fifth. Ralph Skea and Kerry Spalding had a close battle, with Ralph eventually crossing just 2secs in front, in eleventh place.

And so the scene was set for an epic battle in the **seventh race** (as described earlier) with Neal Schneider coming out of it as the new State Champion. Congratulations to Neal on a well deserved win. Congratulations also to Garry Williams, who recovered from a disappointing Nationals and lifted himself (as usual) for the States.

First in B Grade was Kevin Kay, with Craig Arthur second and Cameron Fitzgerald third. The Junior State Champion is Greg Williams, although he had no other juniors to compete against.

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OVERALL RESULTS

Pl	Sail No.	Boat Name	Skipper	Club	Gr	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Final Pts
1	3110	Lunchcutter	Neal Schneider	Koonawarra Bay	A	1	1	2	5	1	4	3	12
2	2985	Characin 3	Garry Williams	Wagga Wagga	A	3	2	6	1	5	1	4	16
3	3076	Rapture	David Stumbles	Koonawarra Bay	A	2	3	3	6	4	2	2	16
4	2986	Xyloid	Greg Williams	Wagga Wagga	AJ	6	5	5	2	6	3	9	27
5	3040	Second Wind	Wayne Eager	Koonawarra Bay	A	7	7	1	8	2	5	6	28
6	2929	Johnny B Goode	Jon Pinkerton	Koonawarra Bay	A	5	6	7	3	7	7	1	29
7	2977	Xiti	Kevin Kay	Tuggerah Lakes	B	8	11	DNF	4	3	6	5	37
8	2632	Johnson's Aeroplane	Craig Arthur	Wagga Wagga	B	9	8	4	11	9	8	7	45
9	2984	Absolute Power	Cameron Fitzgerald	Wagga Wagga	B	11	12	8	10	12	9	8	58
10	2317	Cut N Run	Ralph Skea	Koonawarra Bay	B	12	9	DNF	9	8	11	12	61
11	2272	Purrfection	Kerry Spalding	Wagga Wagga	B	13	10	DNF	7	10	12	10	62
12	2909	Zen	Atta Ihsche	Koonawarra Bay	B	10	13	DNF	12	11	10	11	67
13	2980	Cold Shot	Garry Bromley	Koonawarra Bay	B	4	4	DNF	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	72
14	646	Hellbound	Mark Mooy	Kogarah Bay	B	14	14	9	13	13	13	13	75
15	2376	I Wish	Des Collins	Tuggerah Lakes	B	DNF	15	DNF	14	14	14	14	87