

2011 WA Ten Rater State Championships

Sunday October 15, 2011

Hosted by

Champion Lakes Boating Club - Radio Sailors

Position	Skipper	Sail #	Club/City	Hull	Score	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
1	Gary Cotterell	95	PRSC	Sword	21.0	2.0	1.0	2.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	14.0	1.0	2.0	2.0	3.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	2.0
2	Glenn Dawson	76	PRSC	Blade	32.0	4.0	6.0	4.0	4.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	14.0	3.0	6.0	2.0	2.0	3.0	3.0	2.0	1.0
3	Graeme Howie	195	PRSC	Diamond	48.0	14.0	2.0	7.0	5.0	5.0	7.0	14.0	3.0	5.0	3.0	1.0	3.0	2.0	2.0	3.0	14.0
4	Chris Woods	90	PRSC	Phoenix 3	54.0	5.0	8.0	6.0	14.0	4.0	5.0	4.0	2.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	14.0	5.0	4.0	3.0
5	Justin McAullay	59	PRSC	Blade	76.0	6.0	10.0	9.0	3.0	7.0	8.0	2.0	4.0	1.0	1.0	6.0	5.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0
6	Ian Sherriff	81	PRSC	R 10 6	104.0	7.0	7.0	8.0	6.0	8.0	6.0	3.0	6.0	6.0	5.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0
7	John Goor	84	PRSC	Phoenix 3	117.0	14.0	12.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	7.0	5.0	6.0	4.0	4.0	5.0	4.0
8	Jeff Green	99	PRSC	Prism	121.0	8.0	3.0	3.0	1.0	6.0	2.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0
9	Ian Holt	39	PRSC	Defector	127.0	1.0	5.0	5.0	14.0	1.0	3.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0
10	Alan Stuart	1	CLRS	Phoenix 3	136.0	10.0	9.0	10.0	7.0	9.0	9.0	14.0	5.0	7.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0
11	Hub Bell	97	PRSC	Prism	148.0	3.0	4.0	1.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0
12	Roger Paul	86	PRSC	Phoenix 3	174.0	9.0	11.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0
13	Robert Mews	34	CLRS	NRW10B	176.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	8.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0

2011 Ten Rater Western Australian State Championships

Sunday October 16th was a gusty, windy day at Champion Lakes, one of the first days where we have had strong winds for a Ten Rater regatta for quite a while. Thirteen graceful Tens entered, and expectations were high for a competitive regatta.

Defending Champion, Graeme Howie and two time Ten Rater National Champion Gary Cotterell, both sailing Diamonds were favourites, whilst Glenn Dawson with a Blade, Hub Bell and Jeff Green with Prizms, Roger Paul and Chris Woods with Phoenix III's were also in the mix.

The wind piped in from the north-east, completely the opposite direction to the normal sea-breeze direction. Early in the morning, the highest gust recorded at Champion Lakes was 36 knots, but thankfully the wind started to moderate as the first race approached. The temperature was forecast to hit 35, so it looked like it was going to be a challenging day.

Most boats started out with B rigs, and there was some fast and furious action on the water. Several boats moved to C rigs and the success of that move depended on when the gusts hit. If they hit on the downwind legs, the C rigs were smiling, but if the downwind legs were lighter, the B rigs had the upper hand.

Ian Holt's new Dave Creed Ten Rater from the UK was reveling in the conditions. Ian was particularly fast and was able to pass others on all points of sail. No-one really dominated the regatta in the morning, and everyone had a bad race, or missed out on finishing due to breakage or gear failure.

Unfortunately, there were some collisions due to boats being out of control in the strong gusts. Other skippers experienced electric failure due to water getting into hulls in the strong conditions.

At lunch, Gary Cotterell held a two point lead over Glenn Dawson, with Ian Holt and Jeff Green two points further behind. After lunch, Gary Cotterell started to build a lead that would prove to be insurmountable. Unfortunately, the numbers on the water were decreasing, and towards the middle of the afternoon, the fleet was down to 5. The remaining boats were still in B or C rigs.

During one ten minute break in the afternoon, the wind shifted through 180 degrees as the sea breeze hit from the south-west. It is quite unusual for the breeze to shift like this with almost no time where the wind doesn't drop out. As the afternoon wore on, the wind reached a point where everyone moved up to B rigs, and if the racing had gone on much longer, it would have reached A rig.

At the end of the racing, Gary had proven again that he is the superior Ten Rater skipper in WA winning by 12 points from Glenn Dawson with Graeme Howie a similar margin behind. Congratulations to Chris Woods and John Goor for making it to the end of the day still sailing.

Thanks from all skippers to Rod Moss, Rosco and Andree Bennett, Alwyn Jarman and Fred Webber for officiating on the day, and to the skippers who remained after their boats were unable to continue to assist, support, barrack, heckle and enjoy the afternoon.

The Ten Rater fleet in WA is certainly on the improve, with another Blade on the way, as well as a couple of regulars not being available for this event.

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