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Winter days in Perth come in two categories - Clear, sunny, cool days with no wind or Cloudy, squally, windy days with rain and thunderstorms. Sunday 31 July was the day for the 2011 Perth Classic Regatta, and the forecast indicated that it was going to be one of those winter's days you would rather sit inside out of the weather.

The Bureau predicted 30 to 40 knot westerlies with squalls to 60 knots in thunderstorms. Rain, rain and more rain was forecast. Why would we go sailing in that?

Well, thankfully the Bureau didn't quite get it right, and Sunday morning was a brilliant sailing day on Jackadder Lake. A couple of squalls came over early in the morning, which just delayed the setting up, but PRO Rob Mews got briefing underway at 10.00am. Seventeen skippers braved the elements, and were rewarded with great B rig weather.



Braving the elements

At the briefing, guest judge Maxine Bell was called on to award prizes for the Best Prepared Boat and Best Presented Skipper. Bruce Robins boat won the gong - primarily because it was Maxine's favourite colour, and Roger Paul won the Best Presented skipper - which only goes to show that the 'Mo' can still attract the ladies vote!

Racing got underway in a 13 to 18 knot wind that was shifting enough so that either side of the course could pay off, and there was no one way to go to get there the quickest. Two windwards and two downwinds to a gate at the leeward end of the course meant that the course could be set reasonably close to the bank.

Roger, Rosco and Hub all had their turns at the top of the fleet. John Goor was sailing a very consistent regatta, with his Vapour loving the breeze. Again, consistency was the key, as scoring was really close. Coming into lunch, Hub held the slenderest of leads, but there were quite a few breathing down his neck.

After lunch, another rain squall hit, but racing was able to continue. Hub continued on his merry way, whilst Roger, Gary and Rosco were left to fight out the other podium places.

Many thanks to all who assisted on the day - PRO Rob Mews, Scorer Gaby Jones, Observers, general helpers and dab hands in the Sausage cooking department - Peter Holland and Glenn Dawson. Thanks also to PRSC members for putting on the trophies, lunch and drinks on the day.

Photos can be found in the Photo Gallery in the "Jackadder" category.

Another successful and very friendly regatta was enjoyed by all.

Results:

1st H Bell	70	(7.0) 6.0 1.0 4.0 2.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 2.0 (8.0)	35.0	20.0
2nd R Paul	86	2.0 3.0 2.0 2.0 4.0 (5.0) 3.0 3.5 5.0 (7.0) 3.0 1.0	40.5	28.5
3rd R Bennett	39	1.0 (8.0) 5.0 1.0 (6.0) 3.0 4.0 3.5 4.0 6.0 1.0 2.0	44.5	30.5
4th G Cotterell	95	(6.0) 5.0 6.0 3.0 (7.0) 2.0 2.0 2.0 2.0 4.0 4.0 3.0	46.0	33.0
5th C Holland	42	5.0 1.0 4.0 6.0 5.0 (8.0) (8.0) 8.0 3.0 2.0 5.0 6.0	61.0	45.0
6th J Goor	56	4.0 2.0 3.0 5.0 (8.0) 6.0 6.0 5.5 (7.0) 5.0 6.0 7.0	64.5	49.5
7th C Woods	26	3.0 9.0 (10.0 DNF) 7.0 1.0 4.0 5.0 5.5 6.0 (10.0 DNF) 7.0 4.0	71.5	51.5
8th R Paton	166	(8.0) 7.0 7.0 (10.0 DNS) 3.0 7.0 7.0 7.0 8.0 3.0 8.0 5.0	80.0	62.0
9th L Cole	67	9.0 4.0 8.0 8.0 9.0 9.0 9.0 9.0 (10DNC) (10DNC) 10.0 DNC 10.0 DNC	105	85.0