

EC12 NSW Championships

March 11 th and 12 th 2006

Regatta Report and Results

For the second year at Chipping Norton Lake Sailing Club -Twinbeach Modellers,the weather forecast was for ENE winds at around 13 knots,a bit softer on the lake,ideal for EC12's.

Sailing off the point, a standard triangle course with a return leg,set due east to the windward mark with Frank Spittle as RO and regular club dinghy sailors performing other official duties.

CNLSC Commodore,Russell Moore as leeward mark observer.

As the 13 boat fleet set off on the first of the days 15 heats it was clear that the waters of Chipping Norton Lake would hold true to norm.

The first few heats had very light shifting winds that challenged all.Malcolm Kampe of Radio Yacht Supplies-Queensland,and Gary De clauzel were very quick to exploit the wind compression sneaking around the point.With the skippers able to virtually look down over their yachts as they passed by,we were wondering when Malcolm would actually some scrape paint off his hull on the rocks.

While the majority of the fleet chose to tack infield,shaving the rocks was a winner on the windward work,if the skipper could successfully 'sniff' his way along it,and as the wind swung around a little and varied in strenght, it became a sometimes lottery.

The racing had it's fair share of boat and buoy contacts with all skippers executing their penalty turns where applicable and in a proper manner,for the most part,and no protests lodged.

Four newbies,Terry Wilson,Jerry Wignal,Clance and Chris Denman,all found the going a little tough,takes a while to learn the fine art of sailing these yachts,particularly in a reasonable sized fleet.

With a few DNF's and DNC's,the first day was over with a clear pattern emerging,Malcolm and Gary with perhaps 4 behind them with a chance of making it into the top four for sundays match race finals.

Sunday,2 dropouts overnight,similar winds,same course,and CNLSC's Commodore Russell Moore as RO.

Some sailed slightly better,some worse,but at the front of the fleet,no change over this days 9 heats.

Daniel Grove and Chris Craft confirmed their places in the top 4 with Colin Ferguson missing his opportunity by a single point.

#125 Malcolm Kampe (1),paired off with #88 Daniel Grove (3),#20 Gary De clauzel (2) pairing with #74 Chris Craft (4) for the MR preliminaries.

Malcolm and Gary winning their respective heats for the trophy sailoff.

Chris and Daniel sailed off for 3 rd and 4 th with Daniel taking 2 straight for 3 rd place,a freshening wind and broaching being the ultimate deciding factor.

Malcolm had an extended time out to repair his winch system,which required a further dash to shore for adjustment,then it was on.

Heat 1 to Gary,heat 2 to Malcolm,the 3rd heat has everything on the line.

The wind is coming through with freshening gusts,will we see broaching as a decider again?

With about 30 secs to the gun,Malcolm runs in close to the rocks,Gary charges at him, dump tacks over the top, Malcolm,still a little unsettled after his rush repair work is slow to respond and his yacht's on the rocks.

He carefully clammers down to release his yacht,loses his footing,he gets wet but manages to hold his TX high and dry.

With a quick 'dip' after the gun,Gary is away well clear, and Malcolm has it all to do. This is a classic enthralling Championship final,Malcolm is squeezing everything out of his yacht as he pushes to gain back all the ground he'd lost.

At the windward mark second time around and a mere leg and a half to go,he's within 2 boatlengths of Gary as they turn downwind.

The wind has freshened again,both are battling to maintain control and avoid broaching,both broach,gather it back up,then at the leeward mark, Malcolm broaches again, and it's all over.

Gary wins the Championship for the second year in succession at CNLSC-Twinbeach Modellers.

The racing had all the elements to fully test the skippers,light shifting breezes early on,then steadying to around 5 to 6 knots,and some heavier stuff right on call in the finals to really sort out the best skippers.

As well as the Trophy and ARYA Medallions,all finalists received packs of Hi-tech jumbo servo output arms purchased from Hobbyland at Hornsby,with Gary receiving a bonus JR 4.8 kg servo purchased from Kelleys Hobbies at Liverpool. Jerry Wignal received a bottle of wine as an encouragement award,the 2 RO's and the catering officer also received wine in appreciation for their time and dedication.

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CNLSC-Twinbeach Modellers.

Results-fleet race after drops

1 st	#125	Malcolm Kampe	41 points
2 nd	#20	Gary De clauzel	45
3 rd	#88	Daniel Grove	63
4 th	#74	Chris Craft	108
5 th	#86	Colin Ferguson	109
6 th	#01	John Pike	127
7 th	#44	Leigh Grove	154

8 th	#193	Clance Denman	161
9 th	#59	Chris Denman	180
10 th	#49	Bruce Smith	182
11 th	#75	Jerry Wignal	214
12 th	#39	Kerry Gibson	
13 th	#294	Terry Wilson	

Results-match race finals

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