

WA METROPOLITAN REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

HELD AT JACKADDER LAKE 23 APRIL 2006

SKIPPER	Club	DESIGN	SAILS	Sail #	POINTS
HUB BELL	PRSC	VAPOUR	POWER	45	18
GLENN DAWSON	PRSC	DISCO	BG	154	41
GARY COTTERELL	PRSC	TROPICO	BANTOCK	95	56
JEFF GREEN	PRSC	VAPOUR	JG	91	60
CHRIS HOLLAND	WCRYC	COCKATOO	POWER	37	75
IAN RITCHIE	WCRYC	COCKATOO	POWER	25	76
JOEL MATHEWS	PRSC	VAPOUR	BG	56	87
MARK McAULLAY	PRSC	PURPLE	KD	83	91
GRAEME HOWIE	PRSC	OWN	OWN	38	92
PETER HAY	PRSC	WALICKI	WALICKI	36	97
MARK SHEPHERD	PRSC	BRADSHAW	BRADSHAW	97	128
CHRIS ABERLE	HWRS	?	?	16	129
BINK FRAYNE	PRSC	ITALICO	BANTOCK	17	132
RICHARD FIELDER	PRSC	BOOMERANG	JG	05	162

Perth Radio Sailing Club held the "Perth Metropolitan Ranking Regatta" for 2006 on Sunday April 23rd. Competitors arrived to see Jackadder Lake looking like a mill pond.

Following a brief delay to allow for some wind to appear, PRO Gordon White managed to set a course which was reasonably true despite the inconsistency of the wind. We got one result on the scorecard, and then struggled to complete the second race. Conditions were the lightest we had encountered in Perth for many years.

In race two, Ian Ritchie held a commanding lead, and was approaching the finish when the time limit expired. A moral victory if there ever was one! At 11.00am, it was agreed to stop for a very early lunch, as the forecast was for the breeze to appear in the early afternoon.

About midday, a breeze appeared, but it continued to swing left and right. Hub Bell managed to utilize his extensive knowledge of the local conditions to begin to rack up a number of heat wins. He was heard to say that he couldn't slow his boat down if he tried!

The fleet was one of the most competitive we have seen in WA for many years. Getting a good start was really difficult. This led to a large number of general recalls, as everyone strived to be at the head of the pack coming up the first work. Fortunately, the number of infringements was kept to a minimum. Only one protest was heard, and generally skippers did their penalties on the race course.

Following the early lunch, the afternoon was quite long. We did manage to fit 16 races into the afternoon, despite the courses being reasonably lengthy. Hub continued to show a clean transom to the rest of the fleet, with Glenn Dawson and Gary Cottrell sailing consistently into 2nd and 3rd places.

Thanks to Gordon White for his work as PRO. He is a very experienced Race Officer, having officiated in many big boat regattas, at State, National and International level. We are very fortunate to have Gordon's services. Also thanks go to Gordon Loan, who has the scoring business "off pat".

Presentations of Gary Cottrell's "Willyabrup Estate" Cab Sav to the winners and officials rounded off the afternoon. A few corks were seen to be pulled and many of the prizes didn't quite make it home!!