

HARRINGTON WATERS RADIO SAILORS RANKING EVENT  
8 JULY 2007

R.S.A.W.A. Inc. I.O.M. South Metropolitan Regional Championship			
Host club: H.W.R.Y.C.		AFTER RACE	
Date: July 8 2007		<b>18</b>	
SKIPPER	TOTAL	DISCARD	SCORE
GARY COTTERELL	86	32	54
HUB BELL	78.4	19	59.4
CHRIS WOODS	103	26	77
GRAEME HOWIE	99	22	77
MARK SHEPERD	104	18	86
CHRIS HOLLAND	121.1	27	94.1
IAN RITCHIE	125	23	102
CHRIS ABERLE	135	32	103
ROD MURDOCH	135	29	106
ANDREW CROCKER	143	27	116
KELVIN UREN	188	27	161
ROGER PAUL	197	32	165
WILF BREWSTER	200	29	171
KEVIN NOY	208	30	178
RICHARD FIELDER	234	32	202

The day was cloudy, sprinkling with rain, but in the distance just a little bit of blue sky giving us hope for the possibility of a pleasant day ahead.

We actually started just a couple of minutes before 1000hrs, with all the 15 Sailors starting off with 'B' Rigs, or should I specifically say 14 Sailors as Gary Cotterell had forgotten his Radio Tx and had to head for home to remedy the situation, I cant say what or actually how Gary made it back after only missing 3 races, living the other side of Perth, he must have had a standby helicopter nearby .

Racing was very competitive, yet friendly, the weather started off fine with rain showers for short periods intermingling with a few rays of sunshine and with the westerly wind gusts coming in at about 17 knots all the Sailors had to be on their toes and not lose concentration, Hub Bell was again in the forefront , with most of the pack not far from his heels, the starts throughout the day were clear , in fact as I remember there was only one recall all day. We had five Marshals for the event, with Gordon White our PRO being helped quite efficiently by the others, they all did a grand job , especially Ray Forsyth who seemed to be getting in and out of our dinghy all day. Untangling boats, moving buoys and generally doing a fabulous job of ensuring no boats were damaged. As the clock ticked past mid-day, the lunch break all over , and back to sailing, the winds changed to a more south westerly , at first they were very fickle, dropping to

around 12 knots for short breaks , gusting to about 18 knots, then later on in the afternoon increasing in velocity to an extent that many sailors were contemplating changing over to “B” Rigs , in fact the last three races , 3 sailors had changed down, whether this was called for was questionable as the winds never ceased to be unpredictable and changeable, the rain showers kept on for most of the day , but all were dressed for the expected weather with hot coffee on hand. Our day finished about 1600 hrs and with the very able Gordon Loan in our scorers tent busily tapping on his computer we had the results on hand before anyone could even get back from the bathroom. The praise must go to Gary Cotterell as previously mentioned he had to rush home at the start for his Tx and he still got back to win this event by nearly 5 points from Hub Bell . In all the day went well, it was well run and controlled, there were a few challenges, remarks, protests, but they were ably administered and judiciously concluded by our PRO and marshal committee. In all an enjoyable but very WET day was had by all!!!