

Victorian State Championships -- "A" Class and "10 Raters"

The state titles for the "A" class and "10 Raters" were held at the National Water Sports Centre at Carrum on the weekend of the 24th and 25th of July in particularly fine conditions although a trifle cold. The wind on Saturday was from the North and had swung round to the South East on the Sunday. Both days were excellent sailing days with the breeze at about 5 to 15 knots

We had expected entrants from Victoria, New South Wales and South Australia but the South Australians had to withdraw at the last minute after Brian Purvis's car (and other things) was stolen from his garage on the Wednesday before the weekend. This was not quite so bad but Brian decided that a heart attack was the best course of action. The good news is that he is OK and was resting at home by the Friday night.

The end of the first day saw Rod Clack firmly in control in the "A" boats with a bit of resistance coming from Geoff Horsley, and then a potential struggle for third place. The "10"s were being led by Lincoln McDowell, with Bill Hutchison making a bold effort for second place, and the battle for third place was on for young and old.

The second day saw the Mob Boat "Flash Floozy" continue its domination of the "A" class with Rod Clack at the helm. Geoff Horsley with a Super Nova, and Bill Palmer with a modified Foxy Loxy filled the minor places.

The "10"s were not all plain sailing with Lincoln, sailing a Pecan, lost it a couple of times but in the end hanging on to win in fine style. The minor places were filled by "Cumulii" sailed by Bill Hutchison and Chris Ryan

The detailed results were as follows:

"A" class Skipper	Boat	Designer/Design	Final Points
Winner Rod Clack	Flash Floozy	The Mob	24
Second Geoff Horsley	Super Nova		41
Third Bill Palmer	Foxy Loxy	Adrian Brewer	61
Fourth Bob Fleming	Alan Robinson		84
Fifth Dave Birrell	Vapor Trail variant	A Brewer	88

"10Rater"

Winner	Lincoln McDowell	Pecan	P. Wills	40
Second	Bill Hutchison	Cumulus	Graham Bantock	46
Third	Chris Ryan	Cumulus	Graham Bantock	54
Fourth	Richard Simmons	Oops	A. Brewer	80
Fifth	Bob Fleming	R10-2	Alan Robinson	88
Sixth	Joe Farr		Ray Eades	94