

NATIONAL RACING ROUND UP

VICTORIAN 10 RATER CHAMPIONSHIP



Bill Hutchisons Red Ten

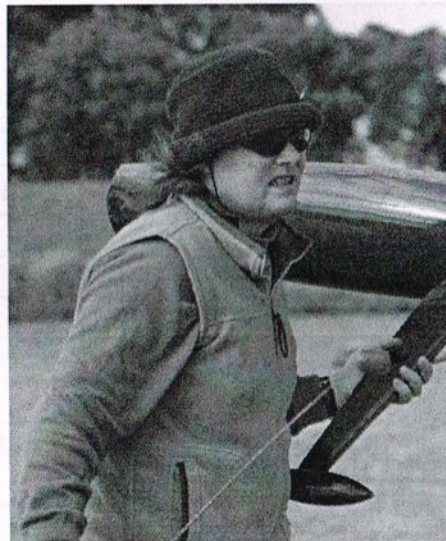
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Our return visit to National Water Sports was again greeted by strong gusty winds (estimated up to 35 knots) which continued up to close of day. Both Bob Fleming and Kim Griffiths suffered major damage early and had to retire. Lyndon Wilson also suffered damage but made good repairs and sailed on. Bill Hutchison with his Red Ten was clearly going to be hard to beat, but Lisa, Chris and Steve were not going to give him the title on a platter and they gave a good account of themselves. The changing wind strengths made it difficult to get the suits right. Chris must have changed suits every second race. Lisa continued to harass Bill and the gap in the scores at the end did not reflect the real difference between first and second, third and fourth

places. As usual Steve Arthur, who my opinion enhances any event he sails in, sailed very consistently and his battle with Chris Ryan for third place was only decided in the last couple of races.

The PRO was Rod Clack, assisted by Dave Birrell and Eddy Kennedy.

VICTORIAN A CLASS CHAMPIONSHIP



A Class winner Lisa Blackwood

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The A Class racing started in much the same manner as the 10 raters with very gusty conditions. Three of the interstate visitors suffered major damage in the first few races.

Lyndon Wilson was able to effect repairs after a few races and sailed on. But for Steve Arthur and Bob Fleming the damage was too great. I felt for Bob as he lost both his boats in the first few races. I think he went to the football to salvage something from the weekend. Lisa Blackwood - what

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VICTORIAN 10R CHAMPIONSHIP 2003 - RESULTS

Place	Skipper	Sail	Design	Total Points	Sails by
1	Bill Hutchison	02	Red Ten	21	Bill Hutchison
2	Lisa Blackwood	52	Triton	37	
3	Chris Ryan	73	Cumulus	42	Chris Ryan
4	Steve Arthur	07	AF2	44	SA Sails
5	Lyndon Wilson	15		73	
6	Mike Pender	10	TSM2	81	Ken Dobbie
7	Walter Magilton	41	Ray Eades	97	J Bradshaw
8	Bob Flemming	16		145	
9	Kym Griffiths	23	MU32	160	SA Sails

VICTORIAN A CLASS CHAMPIONSHIP 2003 - RESULTS

Place	Skipper	Sail	Design	Total Points	Sails by
1	Lisa Blackwood	35	Venom	18	Gibson/Arthur
2	Rod Clack	71	Highlander	30	Rod Clack
3	Kym Griffiths	23	Sidewinder	56	SA Sails
4	Mike Pender	27	Wizzle Wozzle	67	
5	Andrew Reid	135	Super Nova	82	KD/BlackMagic
6	Geoff Dawson	11	Foo Fighter	87	Bill Hutchison
7	Wayne Knaggs	415	Alien (Mod)	93	Licoin McDowell
8	Lyndon Wilson	404	Nova	96	BG Sails
9	Steve Arthur	07	Sidewinder	162	SA Sails
10	Bob Flemming	57		173	

can you say. She absolutely blitzed the fleet, winning 14 of the 19 races, a great effort. Rod Clack sailing his classic Highlander used all his considerable sailing skills but could not head off a determined Lisa. Kym Griffiths from S.A. sailed very consistently all weekend and deserved his third place. Mike Pender from Albert Park also sailed well for a skipper who has not sailed A boats for very long. The weather was very gusty for the first day but settled down on day two. The whole event was sailed in

good spirit, despite some frustrating entanglements that occurred in the early gusty conditions.

PRO was Eddy Kennedy, assisted by Chris Ryan and Dave Birrell.

Reports by Eddy Kennedy

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