

Victorian IOM State Championship 2010 held over the weekend of 13th & 14th March 2010 at Karkarook Park.

Hosted by the VRYA and the Albert Park Model Yacht Club Inc.

A fleet of eleven boats, with entrants from South Australia, Tasmania and Victoria greeted the first morning with racing commencing at 10:15 am in a light Northerly breeze with some shooters that kept the skippers aware of which side of the course to attack and by lunch 12 races had been completed with seven skippers having a race win. Leading the way was Patrick Parisienne closely followed by Andrew Reid, Ralph White, Peter Harris from Tas, Craig Manning, Graham Ingerson from SA, Chris Ryan, with Rob O'Brien and Brian Long experiencing electrical gremlins. After the luncheon break the PRO Mike Pender increased the course length by adding an additional triangle, increasing the sailing time which added to the contest by ensuring that the skippers picked the right side of the course as the breeze shifted and eventually came in from the south with some skippers dropping to "B" rigs. By the end of day twenty two races had been completed with Andrew Reid leading the way closely followed by Patrick Parisienne, Peter Harris and Craig Manning, Rob O'Brien had some good results after his poor start, with Roger Lee and Leigh Peterson maintaining consistent results, but unfortunately for Graham Ingerson, Chris Ryan and Brian Long each experienced electrical gremlins.

Day two saw similar northerly conditions as experienced on day one with the gremlins being sorted out overnight apart from Chris Ryan and Ralph White who withdrew leaving a fleet of nine. During the morning the racing was very competitive with Andrew, Peter, and Graham all having a win or two and Patrick and Craig being very consistent placings, which showed at the lunch break that the top five were only separated by 30 points not taking drops into consideration, at lunch 30 races had been completed. After the lunch break a further nine races were completed where Patrick, Andrew, Peter, Craig and Graham shared the wins and an overall regatta of 39 races with 5 drops providing a close result.

The VRYA wish to express our special thank you to PRO Mike Pender, Greg Leddra, Benson Or and Zandra Thomas Scorer for their expertise over the two days.

1st Andrew Reid (74, Vic) 82 points, 2nd Patrick Parisienne (38, Vic) 101 points, 3rd Peter Harris (43, Tas) 115 points, 4th Craig Manning (80, Vic) 118 points, 5th Rob O'Brien (28, Vic) 149 points, 6th Graham Ingerson (82, SA) 193 points, 7th Roger Lee (55, Vic) 225 points, 8th Leigh Peterson (199, Vic) 251 points, 9th Ralph White (139, Vic) 304 points, 10th Chris Ryan (66, Vic) 322 points, 11th Brian Long (115, Vic) 367 points.