

# National Racing Round Up

## David Burns Memorial Trophy

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The remaining races were closely contested affairs, and the winning margins were small. Gary Declaunzel fought hard to retain his early lead but Brad was able to string together four consecutive wins, with smart tactical sailing needed to keep out the faster Sidewinder design of Gary's. Brad's victory sealed the defence series in favour of East Coast Sailing Association for the third successive year.

Congratulations to Brad Gibson and East Coast Sailing Association on their retention of the title, and to all skippers for their sportsmanlike behaviour (only one protest occurred and it was settled efficiently and amicably). Thanks to Daniel Weizman for an excellent job as the PRO, and to all those whose efforts helped make the day a success. Finally, thanks to Kogarah Bay Sailing Club for their hospitality and catering.

Stephen Bailey  
Secretary, Harrington Park RYC

## Victorian Marblehead Championship Sept 20/21 Lake Carribean, Scoresby.

By Eddy Kennedy

The racing started on Saturday morning with very light breezes and in magnificent sunny conditions Bill Hutchison showed no mercy and after the first 10 races he had won eight including five straight. In race eight Ron Parker suffered major problems and was out until repairs could be affected that night. The breeze started picking up and Leigh Hilton, with his new boat (only in the water twice up to this event) won three of the next five races. Steve Arthur as usual was very consistent and was rarely out of a place over the whole two days.

On Sunday the breeze had increased to 15 knots gusting to 20 knots. This event was making sure that all the rigs were going to be used. Chris Ryan started off well in the heavier conditions and won five races on

Sunday morning, and he too was sailing his new boat (also only in the water in recent weeks). Ron Parker was back in water, but only completed two races before pulling the whole jib mount out of the deck. Despite his bad luck Ron spent his time assisting others for the rest of the day. Thanks mate.

As the day moved on the breeze slowly eased and Bill Hutchison showed his dominance by winning the last 7 races in a row. When the wind was blowing Rob O'Brien's Woodpecker showed its liking to the conditions and combined with Rob's aggressive style won a few places while the wind was up. Rod Clack was consistent but unable to collect many places. Mike Pender battled all weekend but was overpowered most of the time.

The PRO was Eddie Kennedy assisted by Margaret, David and Brian

## 2003 South Australian Radio Yachting Association "A" Class Championships

The South Australian "A" Class Championships were held at Tiranna Way, West Lakes on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August and was hosted by the South Australian Radio Yacht Club. Six Skippers nominated for the event and arrived on Saturday to find a grey, overcast day with intermittent showers and winds light in the morning and increasing to about 12 kph in the afternoon.

Very soon it became evident that the main protagonists would be Steve Arthur and Kym Griffiths although Rob Guyatt showed that he wasn't going to be left out. By the end of the day Kym lead Steve by only one point (before drops) and it looked like we were in for a good battle on Sunday.

After a very windy and wet night we all arrived at Tiranna Way to a grey day (no rain, although threatening) and winds of approx. 15 to 16 kph despite the forecast of further rain and winds of 23 to 25 kph. Steve and Kym immediately set out to prove who was the

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## Victorian Marblehead Championship Results 2003

Skipper	Sail No	Design	Nett Score	Place
Bill Hutchison	11	Skalpel	44	1
Leigh Hilton	30	Vortex	93	2
Steve Arthur	07	A F Mk2	109	3
Chris Ryan	127	Crone	111	4
Rod Clack	71	Skalpel	115	5
Rob O'Brien	09	Woodpecker	151	6
Mike Pender	10	TSM2	208	7
Geoff Dawson	27	Skalpel	252	8
Ron Parker	51	TSM2	313	9

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better but Rob was of a mind to spoil their party a few times. Mark eventually proved the winner on the day over Steve with Rob a not too distant third.

Ron Parker and Mark Britton had many a hard fought race throughout the weekend with Mark the winner by only one point. Suggests a re-match in the future.

To the skippers who were afflicted with varying amounts of calamities throughout the weekend I

offer my commiserations but am sure that they all went home with much more experience learned and a keen desire to show their mettle in the future.

A big thank you to our PRO (Geoff Grunill) and to the members who did the Umpiring, Timekeeping, Scoring and to our obliging Caterer (Brian) who arranged and collected the lunches. Without these people here would be no Championship races.

T Jeffrey  
SARYA Secretary

## South Australia "A" Class Championship Results

Skipper	Sail No	Design	Gross	Nett	Place
Kym Griffiths	23	Sidewinder	43	27	1
Steve Arthur	07	Sidewinder	50	41	2
Rob Guyatt	40	Sidewinder	67	53	3
Mark Britton	67	Sidewinder	116	95	4
Ron Parker	51	Sidewinder	117	96	5
Ross Eldridge	85	Sidewinder	136	115	6

## R.S.A.W.A. Inc. I.O.M. Championship 2003 report by Gorden Loan

With four of the six W.A. clubs (16 entries) were represented at this year's Championship the event got under way using the HMS2002 system, at 1.30pm on Day 1.

The wind was moderate to light from the SW. "A" rigs were chosen by all skippers. Racing was close and fair with ten heats completed on Day1. Infringements were few with skippers accepted the alternative penalty and all but one of the infringements were sorted out on the water. At this stage, Hub Bell was leading by 1 point