

FD E-Bulletin No. 9 DECEMBER, 2007

1. Editorial

A number of factors including surgical operations, economical rationalism resulting in older males having to work too hard, a shortage of crews and administrative apathy has led to diminished fleet sizes recently.

However with next year's world championship in New Zealand and a well organized programme in advance for the year hopefully we can resurrect numbers at future regattas.

There is a problem with multiple boat owners if they remain in the garage. We have over 20 good foam sandwich FD's in Australia and it would be good to see the majority of them sailing.

Could anybody who has a boat for sale let me know how much for and what comes with it so I can answer accurately prospective purchasers? Every time I go to a regatta somewhere somebody asks me about buying an FD.

2. Results

(i) Bateman's Bay Regatta, Bateman's Bay, NSW, April 21-22

Michael Chapman and Alan Griffith sailed well and won easily in light medium conditions. A more raked spreader position on his carbon mast has led to more gust response and better speed. It was good to see Michael Bradley and Phil Webb from South Australia and despite the fact he has now sold his boat we hope to be able to supply him a boat for future regattas in NSW.

It is planned to have the 2007-2008 NSW championships at Bateman's Bay as Anzac Day is a Friday allowing the Victorian crews to come and have a holiday weekend.

Pos	Sail No.	Helmsman	Crew	1	2	3	4	Total
			Wind Bft	2	3	2	3	
1	AUS 365	Michael Chapman	Alan Griffith	1	1	1	5	8
2	AUS 33	Ian McCrossin	James Cook	2	2	nf	1	12
3	AUS 001	Alistair McCowan	Duncan McCowan	3	3	3	3	12
4	AUS 329	Andrew Belford	Andrew Petch	5	5	4	2	16
5	AUS 332	Michael Bradley	Phil Webb	4	4	5	4	17
6	AUS 34	Duncan McCowan	Simon McCowan	6	6	2	6	20

(ii) Victorian Championships, Port Melbourne, Victoria, November 10-11

Pos	Sail No.	Helmsman	Crew	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Wind Bft									
1	AUS 21	Peter Bartels	Charles Hawes	1	2	1	2	1	7
2	AUS 339	Gary Cameron	Chris Schwarz	2	1	2	1	2	8
3	AUS 342	Craig Ginnivan	Mark Teasdale	3	3	3	3	3	15
4	AUS 322	Colin McLeod	Michael Wood	4	4	4	4	4	20

(iii) ACT Championships, Canberra, ACT, November 24-25

The ACT Championships were as usual a pleasant regatta with light shifty breezes freshening in the evening with the best wind blowing while everybody was sitting on shore with a beer after racing. Matt Owen and Angus Reid – back from big boat sailing won from Ian Ruff in his immaculate Schimeld FD with a new C.S.T. carbon mast and a new young fit crew Andrew Sutton. Matt Owen has produced many good young sailors from his sailing programme at Canberra Yacht Club and we need to train some to sail on FD's. Matt supplied Ian McCrossin a young fit 90kg. schoolboy who had sailed on 49ers and they won the first race.

Pos	Sail No.	Helmsman	Crew	1	2	3	4	Total
				2	2	2	2	
1	AUS 361	Matt Owen	Angus Reid	2	2	1	2	7
2	AUS 371	Ian Ruff	Andrew Sutton	3	4	2	1	10
3	AUS 33	Ian McCrossin	Michael Denney	1	3	ns	ns	16
4	AUS 365	Michael Chapman	Alan Griffith	5	1	ns	ns	18
5	AUS 332	Matthew Mitchell	Michael Nolan	4	5	ns	ns	21

3. Australian Championships, Adelaide

The next major event is the Australian Championships in Adelaide. We need to maximize our fleet – please cancel your holiday with the wife and children and come to Adelaide – my observation is that as long as your wife knows where you are and you are behaving yourself she is happier without you – there is less chance of an argument and divorce.

At this point in time there are a number of boats needing a crew or helmsman for Adelaide. Andrew Belford and Norm Rydge need crews and Doug Harris needs a helmsman. Please let me know if a competent helmsman or crew is interested.

4. New Zealand Worlds

My preliminary investigations indicate that a 40 foot container return to Napier inclusive of all costs including carnet is about \$12,000 ie about \$2000 per boat. Please indicate interest to me so I can pursue this further. Does anybody know a sponsor who could help defray the expense?

5. Provisional Future Programme Dates

Dec 29 – Jan 4	Australian Championships	Adelaide	South Australia
Jan 26 – 27	Ham Cup	Sorrento	Victoria
April 26-27	NSW Championships	Batemans Bay	NSW
May 30-June 7	European Championships		Croatia
Oct 4-5	Jervis Bay Regatta	Jervis Bay	NSW
Nov 1-4	?? Australian Championships	?	Victoria
Nov 22-23	ACT Championships	Canberra	ACT
Dec 31-Jan 11	World Championships	Napier	New Zealand

There will be S.F.S. races in NSW on Sundays, 9 December, 17 February, 16 March and 13 April

Ian McCrossin