

Fifteen minutes



*News from Flying Fifteen International South Australia
Winter 2009*

Welcome to the first "Fifteen minutes" which includes the results of the recent survey, and the committee actions resulting for next season. Also there is an analysis of the relative performance of classic, silver, and open fleet boats at the recent Australian championships, and the implications for yardsticks. Also there is some information for classic owners on boat identification.

Included is list of all known fifteens in S.A. A couple of them are whereabouts unknown. If you can throw light on any please contact the committee as we are trying to ensure that everyone gets onto our mailing list.

Finally our past president Bryan Lindsay recently "threw" himself over the handlebars of his push bike and damaged his right shoulder, necessitating a trip to hospital for repairs. Get well soon Bryan.

June survey results.

We had a pleasing 9 responses to the survey, and we know of people OS who would not have had a chance to respond. The committee has made decisions for the coming season based on the responses.

1. Interested in racing other than at club events. Yes 7 No 1 (Very positive.)
2. Going to 2010 Australian championships. Yes 2 Maybe 1 No 6 (Looks like a very small convoy travelling to Brisbane after Christmas!)
3. S.A. state championships 09/10. Yes 8 Maybe 1 (With not all responding, it looks like possibly up to 12 boats this year.)
4. Adelaide International Regatta (6,7,8 March.) Yes 5 No 3 (Also very positive. If we can get 5 or more boats there we will get our own start. The committee strongly supports attendance)
5. Traveller series. Yes 4 Maybe 1 No 3 (A mixed bag of results, maybe for the season after this when we know how many more boats we have sailing.)
6. S.A. state championships.
 - Prefer long weekend. Yes 6 not fussed 1 No 1
 - Spread out dates through the season. Yes 1 No 8
 - Adelaide cup (6,7,8 March) Yes 4 No 4
 - Easter (2,3,4,5 April) Yes 3 No 4
 - Anzac (24,25,26 April) Yes 6 No 3
 - Preferred venue. Goolwa Regatta YC Yes 7 any 2

The committee has nominated GRYC for the state titles over the Anzac long weekend. The regulator at Clayton has been commenced, and my contact in the

government has indicated that the target water level is +0.5mt (Full pool level is +0.75mt, current level is -0.9mt)

7. Should we prepare a case to hold Australian championships in 2011. Yes 2 Maybe 1 No 5 (A fairly clear result that we should leave this for later)
8. Social activities.
 - Interest in non competitive sailing. Yes 1 Maybe 1 No 6
 - Non sailing social. Yes 5 No 2
 - Would you purchase FF merchandise? Yes 5 No 3 (we are looking into the cost of embroidering FF logo, boat name and numbers onto clothing. Due to our small numbers, and the difficulty of satisfying everyone with the size and style of clothing, it may be better to let people select their own clothing and we will arrange to have them embroidered.)
 - Suggestions.

Support Adelaide International regatta (see 4 above)

Picnic day / BBQ

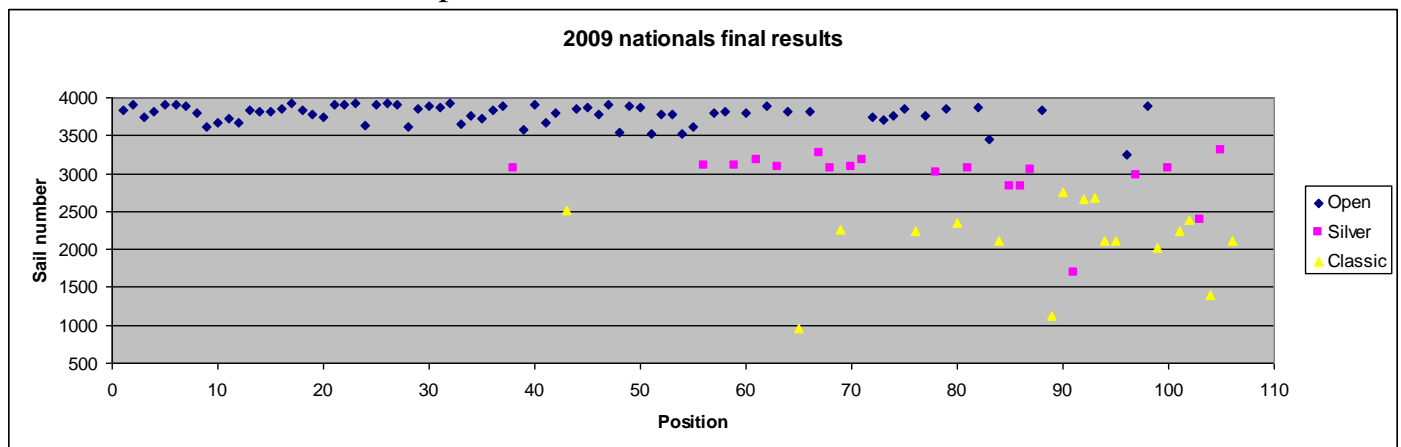
Evening talks

Boat tuning (The committee will organise a tuning day in late November, date and venue to be advised.)

Dinners (The committee will look at organising a dinner at both the Adelaide International regatta and state championship weekends)

Fleet performance at the recent Australian championships.

The 2009 championships included the cream of overseas modern boats, and one very hot classic from England, due to the following world championships. There were 17 classics, 19 silver, and 70 modern boats, all competing together. The following chart shows the final result after 7 heats with 1 drop.



The first silver finished 41st overall beating all the classics and 33 moderns. It finished as high as 9th in one heat. The first classic finished 46th, beating 26 moderns, and had a best placing of 16th. It is very pleasing to note that a well sailed silver or classic is capable of beating a poorly sailed modern.

Classic, silver, and modern speed ratings.

Yachting S.A. and Yachting Vic. publish speed ratings (yardsticks) to allow mixed dinghy fleets to compete together. A classic rates 112, and a modern 109. This rating is the time taken to sail a nominal distance. There is no published rating for silver boats. Enquiries to England have indicated that silvers are rated midway between, 110.5. The committee has written to the clubs racing fifteens, and YSA, to recommend this rating be used for silver boats. We have provided them with a listing, by sail number, of S.A. boats, indicating fleet status.

These yardsticks can be converted to CBH ratings as used by the trailerable yacht fleets giving modern 0.736, silver 0.726, and classic 0.716. (CBH is the proportion of elapsed time to give corrected time) Clubs will also calculate individual performance based handicaps to encourage sailors to monitor improvements, and win on handicap.

For classic owners only.

It has become common practice in Australia for classic fifteens to carry a blue diamond on the head of the mainsail to enable easy identification. The committee is encouraging all classic owners to adopt this practice, if you have not already got it. The diamond is a 200mm a side square rotated 45 degrees to present a diamond appearance. The diamond can be applied by your sailmaker, or a cheaper alternative is to trace it on around a cardboard template, and colour it in with a blue permanent marker pen. (\$3)



Listing of S.A. flying fifteens.

Silver

2905	The Velvet Glove	Garth Jones
2761	Mattie	Andrew Marshallsay
2679	Fly-catcher	Paul Brierly
2340	Catalina	Brian Southcott
2246	My Folly	Kay Illman
1690	Flying Floozies	

For sale

Classic

2826	3 fives	Peter Fagan
2756	Fawkes	Ray Ellard
2690	D'Uffa	Bryan Lindsay
2351		Don Donovan
2348	Ffinale	Michael Fairnington
2345	Flying Squad	Brad Briggs
2339	Full Ffrottelle	P Doley ?
2251	Iffy	Clive Arnold
2249	Mexican Wave	Don Richardson
2101	Torsten	Peter Briton-Jones
1686	Mine not his	Ian Saunders ?
1678	Jumping Jack Flash	Arch Hill ?
1672	Fiasco	Peter James ?
1671	Catel XVII	Tony White
1176	Classic Wings	Randy Elksen
877	Flying Pirate II	Jim Cameron

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Adelaide boat show.

This year we put "Fawkes" on the YSA stand at the show. There was a lot of interest shown due to our unique positioning midway between dinghies and yachts. We learnt of a further fifteen in the state, being a Mouldcraft "woodie" number 877, and following a serious enquiry the following day I matched the two together, the boat has been sold, and the new owner will have the boat in the water at Port Vincent SC shortly as it is in excellent condition.



Measurer wanted.

With the steadily increasing number of boats the time will come when we need a measurer. Is there anyone out there with the appropriate accreditation? The task is “maintenance measuring”, that is spars (banding, size, position) sails, and equipment (safety requirements).

Alternatively is anyone up for learning the job? Please contact myself or Paul if interested.

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Next issue.

The spring issue will contain details of tuning days, country trip proposals, merchandise offers, and any other scuttlebutt of interest to fifteeners.

I will also welcome feedback on this issue and anything you would like to see included in future issues.

Ray E.