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Entries Closed for the 50th Australian Championship being held at South of Perth YC from 6 -13 January 2012 on Friday 6th December, late entries will be accepted for an additional \$100 fee. The event is shaping to be a Golden Celebration with entries from the UK, etc. There will be special functions to commemorate the 50th anniversary. [Go to the special website here](#)

John Tracey & Tom Scully win the 2011 ACT State Championship from Peter Forster & Craig Murphy, John Baird & Phil Weber came third. [More details](#)

FFIQ has arranged a coaching weekend at Sandgate YC on 29 & 30 Oct. Robbie Lea will be the coach with both on & off water sessions, please RSVP to Ron W

At the recent Worlds presentation at Hayling Island Ray Sebo together with Brenda Lee , Tony Lee, Sarah Flower & Roger Palmer were presented with the Uffa outstanding contributions to the class. Sadly Tony Lee's award was posthumous as he passed away on July 12 just before the start of the UK Championships. Tony has been a member of the Australian Championships and as a member of the technical committee has helped guide the class forward for many years. FFIA's sympathies go to Brenda who has been a member for many years.

The Silver cut off for the year from 1st September 2011 will be 3342.

The 2011 British Nationals & Worlds were won by Graham Vials & Chris Turner of the UK, full results etc [here](#)

The 2012 National Championship will be the 50th Australian Championship, so it will be a very special event. South of Perth Yacht Club are the hosts and have done a great deal of preparation. There is a special web site for the event and you can sign up for the regular newsletters, etc. The NOR is already available. Plan your leave now and make the most of this special event. WA hosted the first Championship 50 years ago, lets hope they will host the 100th - but I will not be attending!!! [Check out the website NOW](#)

All Australians who entered by the 30 March cut off have gained entry to the 2011 World Championship at Haying Island [view the team](#)

Grant Alderson & Dean McAullay sailing "El Torro" won the 2011 WA State Championship at Esperance from 22nd to 24th April 2011 in a fleet of 45 boats. In difficult conditions for Esperance, the regatta was completed in only 6 races due to complete wind failure in the 7th race along with shipping movement in the harbour. The limit for the weekend at only 17 knots with an average of 5 to 6 knots which certainly challenged some. Abnormal winds conditions aside, the championship yielded no surprise Champions, Grant Alderson and Dean McAullay taking the State Championship in a very close top six result. The highlight of the event was the social programme with warm country hospitality. Commencing on Good Friday with a Seafood under the Stars Night generously hosted by Sally and Casper Castledine, the pace was set by the locals although not quite matching their style either, Saturday night saw the Perth Glamour Buoys put on an impromptu liquid soiree at their camp site. Esperance was the venue for the presentations on Sunday night when in-house Chef Stewart did everyone proud. ANZAC Day Monday was generously hosted by Jessica and Stewart Wallace at their home. An ANZAC Service was held with the observation of a Minutes Silence and a lowering of the flag before the group enjoyed sheep on the spit for lunch. The 'townies' who spent only time in their lives, also enjoyed the opportunity to shoot clays (skeet shooting). [more details](#)

"Aussie Falcon" sailed by Dale Collings & Glenn Scheen win the Victorian Championship [more](#)

"Fully Active Board" (FAB) wins the Queensland State Championship [full results](#) Winds started out light and built up over the weekend culminating in the last gusts of 43 - 47 knots at Double Point

"Fawkes" takes out the South Australian Championship, sailed by Ray Ellard & Ken Treharne [more](#) at [Christies Beach](#)

The Gate F15 Friday Night Regatta The South Perth Flying Fifteen Fleet held the evening regatta on 4th February, the format: 3 Sprint races just in front of the club party to follow. 18 Boats lined up for the series, 2 pulled out with the remains of the day's Fresh Sea breeze. As the evening progressed the breeze moderated giving the Class stalwart John Wilson sailed "Fast Lane" to victory with Nick Hancock. After a disappointing Nationals in Canberra, Former State Champions Hancock and Wilson consistently to take the series. Peter Rooke teamed up with local sailmaker Brad Sheriden to finish a close second. Rooke, stayed out of trouble on the water, however the bar afterwards. David and Deanna Tucker risked divorce by sailing together, however the light weight combination proved fast with the downhill finishes, winning by a count 8th after breaking the start in the second race. Peter and Travis Burtenshaw finished 4th, often getting to the top mark in the lead but struggling to stay there. Heimans and Alan Sharpe in "Crucial Moment" were the best of the Silver division, while John Midolo and Gordon Cook won the Classic division sailing "Gazelle". The Regatta was generously sponsored by The Gate Bar and Bistro, who provided bottles of Wine for the team of 10 volunteers for the regatta, as well as \$500 in prize money. Lammonby and Rita Nesdale won a \$100 Dinner voucher as the winners on Handicap. While the on water side of the event was a lot of fun, the after festivities made the people staying for Dinner and results, with several fines dished out for misdemeanours. The South Perth FF Committee would like to thank the Volunteers who ran the event, The Yacht Club and The Gate Bar and Bistro for their generous support. [Full results](#)

Good News! Only two fifteeners have sustained any damage from the flooding one of whom is Bill Mathews who is a loss adjuster so I reckon no sailing for Bill for a while.

Message to Queensland from the President of BIFFA In light of the Queensland floods and the fact that we know a number of the FF sailors from Brisbane and the Gold Coast, I would like to send a message of support from BIFFA to anyone who has family, friends, property and livelihoods that have been affected.

We know that fifteeners are a hardy bunch and will cope with almost anything but clearly what you have there goes well beyond that, and is a test and challenge for a lifetime. Good luck in dealing with this catastrophe, our thoughts are with you.

Sue Bannister
As BIFFA President and on behalf of the UK fleet

I spoke with the Peter Rooke today who was in Ceduna on his way home from the Nationals, he is also concerned for the safety of our colleagues especially Ashley and Ian Cleaver who was returning Ashley's boat after the Nationals. I have emailed Ashley & Kym and when I get a response I will let you know the news - webmaster

Local sailors Matt Owen & Andrew Reed won the 49th Australian Championship in a silver boat.
The 2011 Over The Moon Promotions Championship for the Coweslip Trophy was hosted by the Canberra Yacht Club over the period of the 3rd to the 7th of January. The winds on Lake Burley Griffin the 42 entrants also competed for selection to join the Australian squad to sail in the 2011 World Championships which will be held in the UK. Grant Alderson from WA is the current World Champion, having won in Melbourne in 2009 and will defend his title in the waters of birthplace of

The contenders included a strong contingent from WA led by the defending National Champion of 2010 David Tucker and the class National President Peter Rooke. The team was headed by the very skilled helmsman Adam Hawkins and by the Rainey brothers. In very good recent form was the very competitive ACT combination of Matt Owen and Andrew Reed, as well as the experienced Canberran John Tracey. Class veteran Victorian Bill Shand and from Scotland, Ian Cleaver were also expected to finish high among the leaders.

Following the success of WA crews in the Invitation race, the breeze the next day enabled three races to be sailed. The 12 knot nor-easterly breeze in Race 1 suited the WA crew "Where the bloody hell are you", winning by a healthy four minutes. Owen in "Form 3020" and Hawkins with crew Ben Jones sailing "I'd swap this for a Bundy" finished 2nd. The Rainey brothers then dominated Race 2 and fellow Victorians Brian Carroll and crew Craig Gianivan led the local Owen Reed combination home by a mere 0.1 seconds.

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Stronger breezes in Race 3 included the sort of big shifts and place changes for which inland waters are well known. Mark roundings were vigorously contested and hearings for the protest committee. Despite a poor start Matt Owen and Andrew Reed found the lead and a victory ahead of Hawkins, the Raineys and local sailor John board after 3 races was now very congested.

A full days racing was lost in dead calm of Day 3. On Day 4 the morning race was unfortunately abandoned when the water glassed out while the defending champion on the finishing line. Racing finally recommenced in the afternoon and "Form 3020" cleared out to win Race 4 from the very competitive David Meldrum and crew. Tucker finished fourth in this resailed race behind Bill Shand and David Parish. Race 5 saw another clean start by Owen and Reed and leading throughout they were line by "Final Fling" helmed by ACT local Neil Garvey in his best ever performance in this class. Ian Cleaver had an improved result in gaining third place. The Queensland Tracey Maygar finished in a creditable fourth place.

Series contenders Adam Hawkins and Ben Jones proved that local knowledge in the changing conditions was not a critical factor by winning Race 6. Experienced Western Packer in "Absolutely Fabulous" thought her second placing was quite so. WA completed the top placing with National President Peter Rooke in "Flashpoint" third. had his worst result at 9th place when caught out on the wrong side of a major wind shift and the Championship victory was still up for grabs with two races now remaining on the final day.

The winner of the Coweslip Trophy was decided in Race 7 when Matthew Owen and Andrew Reed in "Form 3020" won the race convincingly by almost three minutes. Rainey. Locals Glen Seeley and John Tracey completed the major placings in this Race by finishing in front of Adam Hawkins. Defending National Champion David Summers in "16" finally broke through for a win in the final race and in doing so finished overall in third place for the series behind Adam Hawkins and Ben Jones in "Bundy". Minor placings in this final race went to the Philippa Packer and Ian Cleaver ensuring their top ten final results.

The Classic Division prize for vintage Mark 1 Flying Fifteens was won by WA crew of John Midolo and Gordon Cook sailing Gazelle 111. The 2011 National Champion were also awarded the trophy for the Silver Division, gaining their well deserved dual awards sailing in a 19 year old yacht.

Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Crew	From	Sers	Score	Race 8	Race 7	Race 6	Race 5	Race 4	Race 3	Race 2	Race 1
1	3311	Form 3020	Matt Owen	Andrew Reed	ACT	9.0	[42.0C]	1.0	[9.0]	1.0	1.0	1.0	3.0	2.0	
2	3881	I'D SWAP THIS FOR A B	Adam Hawkins	Ben Jones	VIC	15.0		2.0	5.0	1.0	[21.0]	[5.0]	2.0	1.0	4.0
3	3781	16	David Tucker	Matthew Summers	WA	23.0	1.0 [8.0]	5.0	[15.0]	4.0	5.0	5.0	3.0		
4	3880	Where the bloody hel	Craig Rainey	Ian Rainey	VIC	24.0	8.0 2.0	2.0	4.0	[8.0]	6.0	3.0	[12.0]	1.0	
5	3861	Supertoy Plays On	Brian Carroll	Craig Ginnivan	VIC	38.0	7.0	6.0	6.0	[26.0]	8.0	9.0	2.0	[16.0]	
6	3903	Fully Active Board	Ian Cleaver	Steve Jobson	UK	39.0	4.0 7.0	7.0	[11.0]	3.0	10.0	7.0	8.0	[17.0]	
7	3662	Wings	John Tracey	Tom Scully	ACT	42.0	6.0 4.0 8.0	[13.0]	11.0	4.0	9.0	[12.0]			
8	3855	Fflashpoint	Peter Rooke	Martin Arrowsmith	WA	47.0	10.0 [15.0]	3.0	6.0	13.0	10.0	[14.0]	5.0		
9	3775	Absolutely Ffabulous	Philippa Packer	Richard Whitaker	WA	50.0	3.0 [20.0]	2.0	14.0	[22.0]	8.0	10.0	13.0		
10	3611	Ten Pound Note	David Meldrum	Trevor Williams	VIC	55.5	[16.0]	10.5	[20.0]	10.0	2.0	6.0	13.0	14.0	



Tight Fleet Racing on Lake Burley Griffin
(Photo Courtesy Pristine Sledge of EPS Photography)

Invitation Race - Uffa Fox Trophy

Current National Champion "16" David Tucker & Mathew Summers won the Uffa Fox Trophy in the Invitation Race at Canberra Yacht Club

FFIA qualifying criteria for FFI World Championship

18th World Championship at Hayling Island. As a result of FFI's ballot last year the FFI Championship Regulations have been amended which means the selection criteria for Australian boats to compete in World Championships needed to be modified. As you will see, for World Championships held outside Australia, FFIA have retained our National Championship as the primary qualification criteria, however there is now the option for boats who did not attend the Australian National Championship to obtain a place at the pre-worlds if any Australian places are still available. In addition, there remains the option of entry via the pre-worlds of up to 6 places reserved for overseas competitors. The pre-worlds regatta (in 2011 this is the British National Championship) is an open regatta with unlimited entry, as for the Melbourne Worlds, FFI's upper cut-off for the silver fleet in the International Regatta remains at 3200. Whilst the final Australian base entitlement number for the Hayling Island Worlds will not be known until 31 March 2011, we anticipate that at least 14 places will be available, based on previous fleet numbers

