

FOR BILL SHAND HIS FOURTH WIN IN FLYING FIFTEENS

FLYING Fifteen champion, Bill Shand, brilliantly handled 'Reliance' consistently to finish among the top three boats in seven of the eight races associated with the Flying Fifteen national championships held at Mornington Y.C.

By the end of the fourth heat he had taken a clear-cut lead and it was all over by the end of the sixth heat, giving him his fourth successive national title.

After a third in the invitation race, Shand started the series well, taking an early lead in the first heat. In the 10-15 mph southerlies, he steadily increased his advantage over 'Merle' (K. Willey, Vic), who sailed throughout in second place, finally to cross the line 1m 44s ahead.

In almost identical conditions, 'Flight III' (J. Calvert-Jones, Vic), led throughout Heat 2 to win comfortably from 'Frenzy' (J. Webber, Vic) with 'Snap' (N. Blumann, Vic) in third placing.

At this stage 'Flight III' posed as a real threat to 'Reliance' as she had won the invitation race and taken third place in Heat 1. 'Reliance' sailed her worst race in Heat 2, lying 10th at the end of the first triangle, improving to sixth after the windward and return, and eventually finishing fifth.

After the finish of Heat 3, it looked as though it might be 'Flight III's' series. Once again she led for the entire race, although pressed hard at the end of the first triangle by 'Snap', only 10s behind.

'Reliance', in eighth, was almost 2½m behind 'Flight III' but, by the end of the windward and return, had worked her way into third. Near the finish 'Reliance' had crept into second place, and crossed the line 1½s ahead of 'Snap'.

Much harder conditions prevailed for Heat 4, with 25 mph easterlies making the sea choppy.

Eleven boats of the fleet of 48 decided not to start and another nine failed to finish.

Relishing the heavy going, 'Goose' became the early leader, although 'Reliance' was only 38s behind at the end of the first lap.

Although still in front after two laps, the lead 'Goose' had over 'Reliance' was steadily chopped back until it was only 20s and at the finish 'Reliance' got through 'Goose' to take line honours by 12s.

'Anja' (C. Joosse) was almost 2m away in third. 'Flight III', sixth for most of the race, dropped a place on the way to the line, making this her worst race at this stage.

Conditions had moderated by Heat 5, and 'Rapid' (J. Handford) took the early lead with 'Reliance' fifth and 'Flight III' 33rd after a very bad start.

By mid-race positions had undergone extensive changes, with 'Anja' the new leader from 'Rapid', and 'Reliance' as usual was steadily picking up places to lie third.

'Flight III', sailing well, had improved to lie 21st, but though she continued to improve could still finish only 13th.

Over the last triangle, 'Reliance' continued to peg back the leader, getting through 'Rapid' to take second place and just failing to overtake 'Anja' who held on to win by 3s.

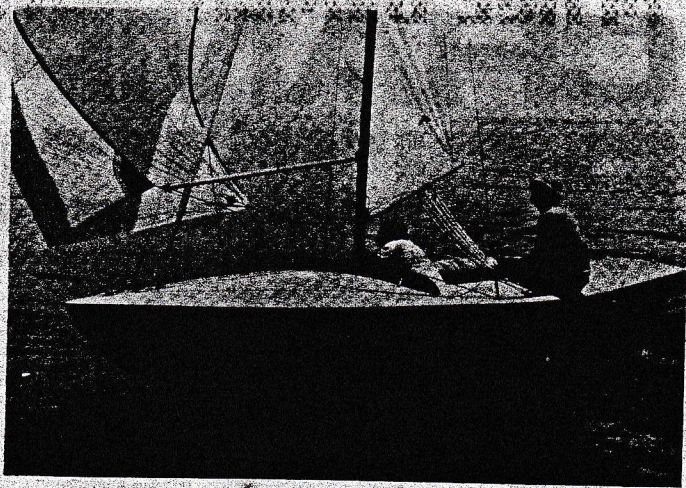
Heat 6 was an absolute drifter, with 'Reliance' leading all the way. 'Frenzy', who had been sailing consistently in mid-races, notched up another place only 13s behind 'Reliance', which brought her into overall second placing.

Once again consistent sailing had proved the secret of championship success.

'Frenzy' had sailed fifth or better in all heats but one, while 'Flight III', early championship leader, had crashed again in the sixth heat, finishing in only 10th place.

The final heat was another drifter. In this heat 'Recluse' (T. Coles, NSW) who had not sailed better than a sixth became the early leader and held on right to the finishing line.

'Reliance' lay 14th at the end of the first heat, but continued to edge her way through the fleet and finished third behind



Flying Fifteen Champion for the fourth time in a row, 'Reliance' skippered by Bill Shand, with his brother as crew

RESULTS

Final Placings: 1. 'Reliance' (W. Shand, Vic) 11.7; 2. 'Frenzy' (J. Webber, Vic) 45.0; 3. 'Flight III' (J. Calvert-Jones, Vic) 53.7; 4. 'Molly-O' (P. MacAuley, Vic) 72.7; 5. 'Rapid' (J. Handford, Vic) 75.7; 6. 'Recluse' (T. Coles, NSW) 85.7.

Invitation Race: 1. 'Flight III' (J. Calvert-Jones); 2. 'Frenzy' (J. Webber); 3. 'Reliance' (W. Shand). Heat 1: 1. 'Reliance'; 2. 'Merle' (K. Willey); 3. 'Flight III'. Heat 2: 1. 'Flight III'; 2. 'Frenzy'; 3. 'Snap' (N. Blumann). Heat 3: 1. 'Flight III'; 2. 'Reliance'; 3. 'Snap'. Heat 4: 1. 'Reliance'; 2. 'Goose' (A. Lidgett); 3. 'Anja' (C. Joosse). Heat 5: 1. 'Anja'; 2. 'Reliance'; 3. 'Rapid' (J. Handford). Heat 6: 1. 'Reliance'; 2. 'Frenzy'; 3. 'Smit II' (J. Carr). Heat 7: 1. 'Recluse' (T. Coles); 2. 'Molly-O' (P. MacAuley); 3. 'Reliance'.

'Molly-O' even though the course was shortened to finish at the end of the windward and return leg. 'Flight III' failed again for the third time in three races, finishing well back in 26th.

Full credit must go to Bill Shand. Seldom did he drop a place. Rather, if he wasn't leading in a race, he continued throughout the series to peg back the leading boats and finished up counting three firsts and two seconds; and a third to register his final score of 11.7 points.

'Flight III's' bad finish to the series cost her runner-up berth, and the second most consistent boat, 'Frenzy', claimed it.

Thursday, January 27, 1972.

ANOTHER WIN IN NATIONAL TITLE

—TO COMPETE IN N.Z.

Brothers Hal and Bill Shand, of Lindenow have won the Australian Flying Fifteen Championship for the fourth year in succession, this year from a fleet of 48 boats.

As a result of their win, they have accepted an invitation to compete in the New Zealand Flying Fifteen Championships.

The Shand brothers will fly to Auckland, N.Z. tomorrow, and on Saturday will compete in the Royal Auckland Yacht Club race.

On Sunday they will enter the Duke of Edinburgh race.

Reputed as the biggest one-day regatta in the world, the Anniversary Regatta next Monday, January 31, will have Hal and Bill on a Flying Fifteen included in the mixed fleet of large and small boats taking part.

The yachtsmen will have a few days of relaxation until Thursday, February 3, when they will attend a briefing for the Flying Fifteen championships.

Five heats will be held—two on the Friday, February 4, two on Saturday and one on Sunday morning.

Hal and Bill will not be taking their well-known Flying Fifteen "Reliance II" to New Zealand with them, as a boat has been offered for their use by the N.Z. Flying Fifteen Association.

EXCITEMENT ASSURED

Spectators at the New Zealand championships will be assured of some exciting racing. Hal and Bill Shand will be sailing against John Webber, the current N.Z. Flying Fifteen champion, who was second in the Australian championships.

To make the races more exciting, Hal and Bill will be sailing a strange boat while Webber will be

sailing his own craft. Webber sailed a Victorian boat in the Australian championships.

The Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club, of which Hal and Bill are members, and many other sailing enthusiasts will wish the brothers the best of sailing in their first racing event outside Australia.

LOCAL YACHTSMEN IN AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

This year's Australian Flying Fifteen Championships were held off the Mornington Peninsula, January 5-9.

An invitation race began the championships, followed by seven heats, with entrants selecting their best six results from the seven races.

"Reliance II" did extremely well against the 47 other boats. She sailed into 3rd place in the invitation race, 1st in the first heat,

5th in the second, 2nd in the third, 1st in the fourth, 2nd in the fifth, 1st in the sixth and 3rd in the seventh.

It was touch and go with John Webber, who sailed "Frenzy" to first place in two of the heats, but when all the heats were completed "Reliance II" was a clear winner.

Flying Fifteen "Flight" was third and "Molly-Ho", sailed by the holder of 1971 English and Irish Flying Fifteen titles, was fourth.

Fifth place was taken by the Australian Flying Fifteen Association president. (John Handsford) in "Rapid".

"Recluse", owned by G.L.Y.C. member John Pingree and sailed by Terry Coles from the A.C.T. was sixth.

Another Gippsland boat, "Erica", sailed by "Sandy" McLeod, of Bairnsdale, was in 22nd place.

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47 boats travelled to Mornington coming from Western Australia, Victoria, New South Wales, Tasmania and New Zealand.

Bill and Hal Shand continued their winning ways with their fourth championship in four years, they won three heats, had two seconds, a third and a fifth. John Webber from New Zealand borrowed a Victorian boat and finished second overall with two heat wins.

Place	Boat #	Boat Name	Helm	Crew	Home State
1	961	Relience II	Bill Shand	Hal Shand	Vic
2	945	Frenzy	John Webber	N. Williamson	NZL
3	946	Flight III	John Calvert-Jones	Geoff Handbury	Vic

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FINAL RACINGS

ENTRY LIST.

SAIL No.	BOAT NAME	SKIPPER	CREW	STATE	CLUB
551	ERICA	S. McLEOD	S. KARSCH	VIC	
585	MERLE	K. WILLEY	K. VAUGHAN	VIC	M.Y.C.
703	FLIGHT	L. WESTMAN	J. DICKSON	N.S.W. Avalon	
766	GALATEA III	T. LANSSELL	R. ARMSTRONG	VIC	M.Y.C.
770	FLYING FALCON	D. COLLINGS	J. COLLINGS	VIC	M.Y.C.
771	TEMPEST	G. BUTT	N. PECK	VIC	D.B.Y.C.
772	YANUKA	R. ALSOP	J. ALSOP	VIC	D.B.Y.C.
773	TALISMAN	B. SARGOOD	W. FANNING	VIC	D.B.Y.C.
867	HOLLY O	A. McCUTCHEON	D. JACKSON	VIC	D.B.Y.C.
868	FFIDELITY	R. WATSON	C. WITHERS	VIC	D.B.Y.C.
870	SAMANTHA	G. DIXON	T. DIXON	VIC	M.Y.C.
871	SIROCCO	K. STRICKLAND		VIC	M.Y.C.
875	PFINK	B. STONIER	S. GILFILLAN	VIC	D.B.Y.C.
878	KINGFISHER	T. STOKES	M. WILSON	VIC	D.B.Y.C.
937	FRANCESCA	A. WAITE		VIC	D.B.Y.C.
938	PENOLA	B. DICKINSON		VIC	M.Y.C.
941	MAID MARION	A. DUNCAN	I. RUTTLE	VIC	M.Y.C.
943	CABARITA	I. SYME	P. McAULEY	VIC	D.B.Y.C.
944	GOOSE	A. LIDGETT	R. RANGER	VIC	D.B.Y.C.
945	FRENZY	J. WEBBER	N. WILLIAMSON	VIC	D.B.Y.C.
946	FLIGHT III	J. CALVERT-JONES	G. HANDBURY	VIC	D.B.Y.
951	FILIBUSTER	V. MURRAY	R. MACTIER	VIC	
961	RELANCE II	W. SHAND	H. SHAND	VIC	G.L.Y.C.
962	APHRODITE II	G. CROWL	R. WEARNE	VIC	M.Y.C.
964	IMPULSIVE	A. DEMPSTER	R. MURPHY	VIC	M.Y.C.
965	POINCE DE TIGRE	A. TYSON	J. GRAY	N.S.W. Avalon	
969	MARLAH	W. HOOD	D. REICHERT	VIC	M.Y.C.
970	LIGHTNING	R. GADSDEN	I. GREEN	VIC	D.B.Y.C.
972	RAPID	J. HANDFORD	D. FRAZER-SMITH	VIC	D.B.Y.C.
1058	DUDINA	A. STEWART	R. STEWART	N.S.W. A.C.T.	
1121	ANJA	W. JOOSSE		VIC	M.Y.C.
1126	APHRODITE	A. WOODS	M. WOODS	N.S.W. Avalon	
1128	RED HERRING	D. LYDON	P. HEATHWOOD	QLD.	R.Q.Y.
1135	FORCEFUL	E. DENTON	R. DENTON	VIC	M.Y.C.
1138	SNAP	N. BLUMANN	K. EDWARDS	W.A.	E.B.Y.C.
1167	EVENING BREEZE	R. BOYNTON	W. CAPP	VIC	D.B.Y.
1168	DIABLO	C. WALLACE	J. MACHIN	VIC	M.Y.C.
1171	SINIT II	J. CARR	A. CARR	VIC	D.B.Y.
1175	GHOST	P. RUSSELL	P. MAYES	N.S.W.	
1177	LIVELY LADY	S. CADMAN	S. CADMAN	N.S.W. A.C.T.	
1179	CASSANDRA	S. GOOLEY	K. WOOD	VIC	M.Y.C.
1181	TYKONDEROGA	J. McLEAN		TAS	
1183	RECLUSE	T. COLES	D. HARRIS	N.S.W.	
1185	ASTERIX	V. GRAY	J. BACKWELL	VIC	R.G.Y.C.
1193	ORGY	W. NORMAN	G. SMITH	N.S.W.	Avalon
1200	PETER PAN	D. HELSHAM		N.S.W.	Avalon
1361	TOUCHE	J. HILTON-WOOD	R. GALBRAITH	VIC	D.B.Y.C.
1362	FFORTUNA	G. HOOD	A. GATES	VIC	M.Y.C.
1365	ZSA ZSA	V. PROUDFOOT		W.A.	E.B.Y.C.