

# TOP OF THEIR CLASS

## FLYING FIFTEENS

**V**ICTORIA retained The Duke of Edinburgh's Coweslip Trophy, the symbol of supremacy in Australian Flying Fifteen class racing. This year on the demanding Waterloo Bay (Brisbane) course, John Calvert-Jones and Mike Gibson crewed Flight III to an impressive overall win.

This crew from the Daveys Bay YC ended the amazing run of four national title wins in a row for fellow Victorian Bill Shand in Reliance II. With a record such as this Reliance II was expected to defend her title with a fight, but she showed her championship form in only heat three when she finished second to Flight III.

Flight III, third in last year's national in Melbourne, was the oldest boat in the fleet, but this did not prevent her from scoring a most outstanding win. Her scorecard was 5-1-1-1-1-1, but she lost heat two on a protest following a marathon hearing.

The mechanics of Flight III are basically simple, certainly the simplest of the top ten boats. Her Noel Brooke sails, coupled with outstanding crew work, were the main features behind this win. The rig was fairly upright and was twitched with an even fore and aft bend in the fresher wind strengths. Calvert-Jones canted the main and played the traveller, saving a lot of gut-busting in the heavier heats in which Flight III easily proved herself the fastest boat on all angles of sailing.

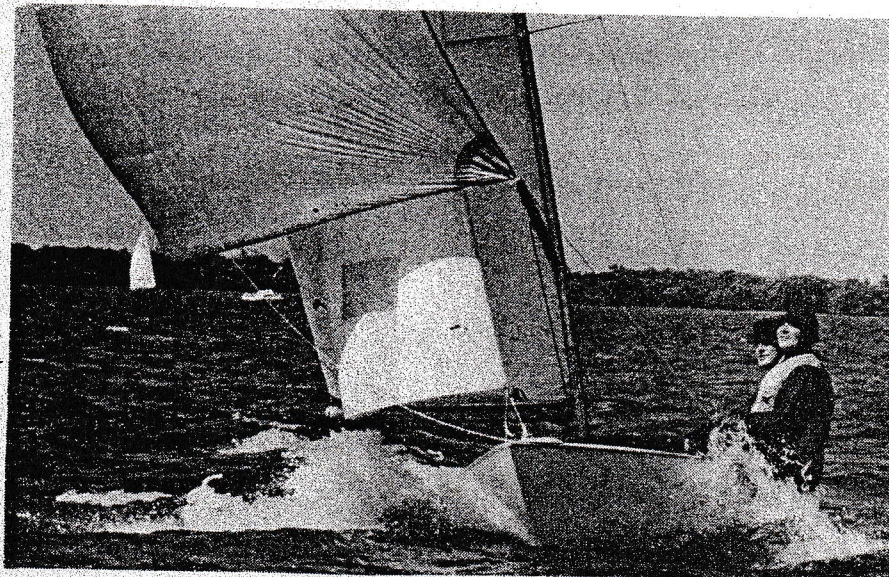
Crew weight failed to bother the Flight III combination who, with 26 stone, were obviously suited for light-to-moderate wind strengths, but they sailed their best in the

moderate to fresh winds which were accompanied by a typical "Waterloo slop" and noticeably slowed all the other inter-state boats. Gibson, a former top FD operator, backed his skipper with clever, safe handling. His gybes rarely slowed the boat and this was important because it gave Calvert-Jones the opportunity to play the upper hand in tactics on rounding the marks.

This was the first FF national decided on Queensland waters and the 25 boats representing Victoria, ACT, NSW and Queensland, provided some interesting racing in this pretty keelboat from the drawing boards of the late Uffa Fox. Racing was very keen with some most interesting tactical dogfights. Flight III was involved in most of these but wore her rivals down with unmatched boatspeed.

The class, racing competitively for only the second year in Queensland, is the state's fastest-growing keelboat class.

**RESULTS:** 1, Flight 111 (J. Calvert-Jones, Vic) 5, DSQ, 1, 1, 1, 1 — 10.0 points; 2, Mach 11 (R. Dickson, NSW) 2, 2, 4, 2, 2, 11, 11 — 37; 3, Secret Fifteen (K. Jenyns, Qld) 1, 8, 3, 8, 9, 3, 3 — 45.1; 4, Reliance 11 (W. Shand, Vic) 8, 6, 2, 6, 4, 5, 6 — 56.1; 5, Cathy B (R. Boswell, Qld) 10, 3, 7, 3, 8, 4, RET — 62.4; 6, Blue Peta (K. Mathie, Qld) 6, 1, 5, 9, 7, 10, 8 — 63.7; 7, Flying Fish (H. Mitchell, Qld) 3, 7, 12, DNF, 18, 2, 4 — 71.7; 8, Hatchet Man (T. Coles, Act) 9, 4, 10, 5, 11, 9, 10 — 80; 9, Red Herring (D. Lydon, Qld) 7, RET, 6, 12, 12, 7, 5 — 83.7; 10, Fip (P. Hurley, NSW) 11, 12, 13, 14, 3, 8, 9 — 88.7.



THIRD placegetter in the Flying Fifteen series was Secret Fifteen, sailed by Ken Jenyns of Queensland, brother of Finn expert Ron.



**FLYING FIFTEENS CONSISTENTLY DOES THE TRICK**  
**THE EVER-CONSISTENT** Victorian crew of John Calvert-Jones and Mike Gibson, Flight III, ran out clear winners in the Australian Flying Fifteen championship at Manly.

The combination lost only 10 points over the series to defeat father and son team of Ross Dickson and John Dickson from New South Wales in Mach III, and Queenslanders Ken Jenyns and Rae Reynolds in Secret Fifteen.

The Dicksons lost 37 points and the Queensland crew were well behind the leader with a loss of 45.1 points.

Both Contenders and Flying Fifteens were sailed on the same day at Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron Headquarters at Manly with choppy seas stirred up by a 20-25 knot south-easterly.

In the final, the championship winners recorded another win followed by Canberra's Stan Cadman in Lively Lady in second place and the Queensland champion Jenyns third.

Prospects of Queensland winning the Flying Fifteen title looked very good when Queensland boats filled eight of the first 10 placings in the invitation race on Waterloo Bay prior to the championships.

Herb Mitchell and Graham Lane in Flying Fish, beat John Calvert-Jones by 1 minute 36 seconds with a further 36 seconds to the New South Wales, Dickson combination.



## Australian National Championship Results

### 1972 - 1973 sailed under the Burgee of Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron

This was the first Nationals to be held in Queensland.

The oldest boat in the fleet won with 6 wins and a 5th, but she was subsequently disqualified from heat 2 following a protest.

Sail No.	Boat Name	Skipper	HEAT 1		HEAT 2		HEAT 3		HEAT 4		HEAT 5		HEAT 6		HEAT 7		TOTAL	
			Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points
946	FLIGHT III	J. CALVERT-JONES, VIC.	5	10	DSQ	32	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	10
961	RELIANCE II	W. SHAND, VIC.	8	14	6	11.7	2	3	6	11.7	4	8	5	10	6	11.7	4	56.1
964	IMPULSIVE	A. DEMPSTER, VIC.	20	26	15	21	17	23	17	23	20	26	19	25	21	27	22	144
1011	BLUE PETA	K. MATHIE, QLD.	6	11.7	1	0	5	10	9	15	7	13	10	16	8	14	6	63.7
1038	CHICA	K. DOWN, QLD.	13	19	9	15	DNF	29	7	13	16	22	12	18	7	13	12	100
1049	FIP	P.R. HUXLEY, NSW.	11	17	12	18	13	19	14	20	3	5.7	8	14	9	15	10	88.7
1058	DUDINA	G.A. STEWART, ACT.	N.D.	31	16	22	15	21	18	24	17	23	20	26	15	21	20	137
1125	FFLYING FOX	G.V. LEIXNER, QLD.	21	27	21	27	DNS	31	DNS	31	25	31	DNS	31	DNS	31	25	178
1128	RED HERRING	D. LYDON, QLD.	7	13	DNF	30	6	11.7	12	18	12	18	7	13	5	10	9	83.7
1133	COOMBELL	D. STANAWAY, QLD.	19	25	18	24	11	17	15	21	24	30	22	28	14	20	19	135
1169	FLYING BEDOUIN	C. STEPHENS, QLD.	DNS	31	DNS	31	18	24	20	26	21	27	23	29	18	24	23	161
1170	LUCINDA	J. SNEILING, QLD.	22	28	19	25	19	25	21	27	19	25	DNS	31	DNS	31	23	161
1177	LIVELY LADY	S. CADMAN, ACT.	17	23	20	26	DNF	29	19	25	6	11.7	16	22	2	3	14	110.7
1179	CASSANDRA	S. GOOLEY, VIC.	16	22	11	17	8	14	11	17	13	19	17	23	17	23	15	112
1183	RECLUSE	J. PINGREE, VIC.	18	24	DNF	30	DNS	31	16	22	14	20	13	19	13	19	18	134
1199	BLACK POWER	J. BLACK, NSW.	14	20	10	16	14	20	4	8	10	16	14	20	12	18	11	98
1200	PETER PAN	D. HELSHAM, NSW.	23	29	14	20	N.D.	29	DNF	30	5	10	21	27	20	26	21	141
1201	MACH II	R. DICKSON, NSW.	2	3	2	3	4	8	2	3	2	3	11	17	11	17	2	37
1205	HATCHET MAN	T. COLES, ACT.	9	15	4	8	10	16	5	10	11	17	9	15	10	16	8	80
1362	FFORTUNA	G. HOOD, VIC.	15	21	17	23	DNF	29	10	16	15	21	18	24	16	22	17	127
1395	FLYING FISH	H. MITCHELL, QLD.	3	5.7	7	13	12	18	DNF	30	18	24	2	3	4	8	7	71.7
1396	SPOONFED	J. RUDDY, QLD.	12	18	13	19	9	15	13	19	23	29	15	21	DNF	29	16	121
1397	CATHY B	R. BOSWELL, QLD.	10	16	3	5.7	7	13	3	5.7	8	14	4	8	DNF	29	5	62.4
1398	SECRET FIFTEEN	K. JENYNS, QLD.	1	0	8	14	3	5.7	8	14	9	15	3	5.7	3	5.7	3	45.1
1399	PEGASUS IX	E. AMOS, QLD.	4	8	5	10	16	22	DSQ	33	22	28	6	11.7	19	25	13	104.7