

**P**ROVISIONAL series winners were Ron and Jillian Mason of Port Hacking by 7 of a point from the McAuleys of Victoria. The Masons, using Burke gear on a Speed Spar, had a great deal of boat-speed in the lighter conditions but were too light to hold the boat flat enough in the heavier going. The series was excellently run by the Canberra Yacht Club.

Heat 1, sailed in a freshening breeze, was close for the first half until the Shands drew away to lead comfortably from the McAuleys and the Masons, who fought each other throughout the race. A protest in this race was decided against the Shands.

Heat 2 was sailed in light, gusty conditions. The Masons gained the lead in the final lap after many boats had held the lead. Coles and Harris improved from 11th to 2nd. The Shands had a bad start and were unable to get clear air.

Heat 3. Coles and Harris battled Beare and Rowlings around the course for most of the race in flukey 5 to 10 knot breezes.

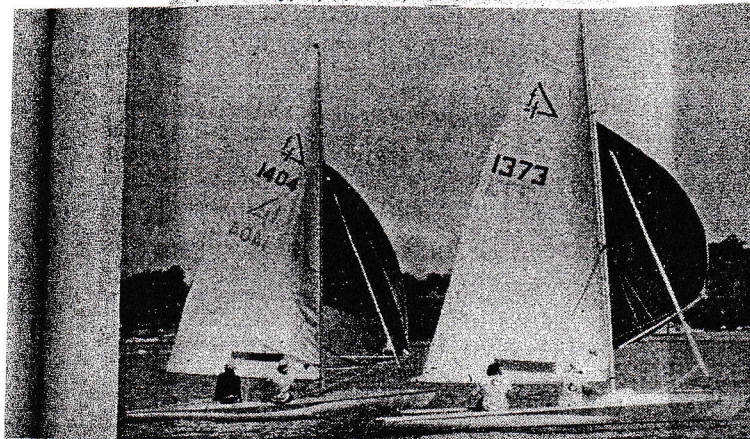
Heat 4, sailed in light conditions, was won by the Masons after they cleared out on the reaching leg by flying a parachute and holding higher than boats without kites. Richards and Vance sailed consistency to finish second. The Shands continued their string of bad starts and looked out of the running.

Heat 5, in fresh breeze and flat water, had Boynton's Evening Breeze well ahead until the gooseneck broke. The Shands worked their way through the fleet to win. The stronger breeze suited the Victorian contingent, who had five boats in the top 10.

Heat 6 started in a 20-knot westerly with the Shands taking an increasing lead and the Masons just leading the pack. A 50-knot front eliminated 30 of the 43 starters at the end of the second lap. Only Totterdel and Campbell were close enough to worry the Shands who were sailing magnificently. Rain and alternating light and heavy breezes allowed Reliance II and Kennedy in Waterbird to catch the leaders and make a race of it.

Heat 7 started in a light, precarious breeze with the Shands getting the best of the start and pulling away to win by a leg. The McAuleys and the Masons were boxed in at the start and fought all race to make positions amidst masses of boats congregating at the offwind marks. Coles and Harris sailed consistently as did Richards and Rimmington. The Krastins held third spot for most of the race until the crowd ran down onto them. Bennett and Dideson were always well up.

**RESULTS:** 1. *Taurus* (R. Mason) 2. 1, 4, 1, 7. DNF, 6—35.7; 2. *Innisfree* (P. McAuley) 1, 3, 8, 4, 2 DNF, 3—36.4; 3. *Bounty Hunter* (T. Coles) 5, 2, 1, 6, 9, 12, 2—42.7; 4. *Reliance III* (W. Shand) Disq, 9, 10, 8, 1, 1, 1—45; 5. *Reliance II* (S. Richards) 3, 5, 11, 2, 10, 4, 5—52.7; 6. *Lively Lady* (J. Beare) 6, 7, 2, 3, 12, DNF 12—69.4; 7. *Freya* (G. Totterdel) 8, DNF, 9, 12, 5, 2, 10—76; 8. *Mach Two* (D. Bennett) 12, 6, 3, 19, 4, DNF, 4—76.4; 9. *Simit II* (J. Carr) 7, 14, 21, 5, 15, DNF, 8—105; 10. *Domani* (K. Willey) 9, 8, DNF, 9, 8, DNF, 7—116.



FLYING 15s on Burley Griffin. That's series winner *Taurus* in the foreground (1373), with tenth placegetter *Domani* behind.

## Coweslip Trophy 1973/74

Canberra Yacht Club hosted the 12th annual Flying Fifteen Championships for H.R.H. Duke of Edinburgh's Coweslip Trophy, on Lake Burley Griffin between 29th December 1973 and 5th January 1974.

Twenty six boats made the trip to Canberra and were joined by 21 local boats in the Championships. Dr. Merv Aston was the Officer of the Day for the series.

The Invitation Race on Saturday was sailed in light and fluke winds. David Bennett from Sydney lead at the first mark and was never headed to win by 5 minutes. Peter McAuley (Vic), Stewart Richards and Cliff Pratt (ACT) contested hard before finishing in that order. Bob Boynton (Vic) got his own little breeze at the finish to pip Alan Stewart (ACT) for fifth place, with Ron Mason (current NSW State Champion) and Bill Shand (former four-time National Champion) just behind. Many boats did not finish, and the last boats home were 75 minutes behind the winner in the light conditions.

The first heat was sailed on Sunday afternoon in a 10 knot nor'wester with drizzle. The first leg to windward past Springbank Island sorted the fleet out early. The Shands were quickly into the lead and despite strong opposition from the McAuleys and the Masons, won by 30 seconds. The Masons had started poorly but quickly worked their way into third place, just behind the McAuleys, and just ahead of Stewart Richards who had always been well placed. However, the Shands were disqualified under protest, and this made the McAuleys the official winners. Lighter conditions prevailed for heat Two on Monday afternoon which saw four race leaders, one on each lap. The Masons worked their way up from the middle of the fleet to win by a minute from Terry Coles (ACT) with the McAuleys finishing third. The Shands finished 9th after a poor start. Again the first work in the nor'wester wind sorted out the fleet, with those going south of the island being better placed at the first mark.

Heat Three on Tuesday afternoon was fought out between two local boats. Jim Beare took the lead early and held it till the final leg, when he tacked to cover a boat, only to see Terry Coles pick and ride a windshift into the lead to win by 40 seconds. Jim finished second with David Bennett third, the Masons fourth and the McAuleys were 8th.

Heat Four on Wednesday morning was delayed a while due to windshifts, eventually starting into a nor'easter. The Masons took the lead shortly after the first mark and gradually drew away to win by four minutes. Stewart Richards managed to pass and stay ahead of Jim Beare for second place, while the McAuleys finished fourth after passing many boats on the penultimate leg. Terry Coles was beaten by less than a foot for fifth place by Jim Carr (Vic).

The wind strengthened during the lunch break, and was a solid 15 knots from the south-east for the fifth heat on Wednesday afternoon. Bob Boynton (Vic) took the lead early and held it till the final leg, when the failure of a gooseneck fitting forced him to retire. The Shands sneaked through to win narrowly from the McAuleys. Ron Mason and his relatively inexperienced crew (wife Jillian) seemed less able to handle the heavier conditions than the others and finished 7th. Visiting boats - notable the Victorians who filled 5 out of the first 8 places - revelled in the conditions.

The Queenslander also improved many places. Three boats lost their genoas during the race - two retired, but Tally Hobbs (WA), who lost his on the start line, sailed on into 29th place, beating 11 boats - a great effort.

The sixth heat on the Friday was delayed owing to The Great Sewerage Leak from across the border in Queanbeyan and eventually got underway about 3.45 p.m. A 15 knot nor'wester was blowing and the Shands were soon into the lead. At about 4.40 p.m. a 50 knot squall hit the fleet just as they were rounding the leeward mark in front of the clubhouse. Only 12 boats continued - most of the rest had filled up with water and retired. Geoff Totterdell chased hard but was unable to catch the Shands, while Stewart Richards who at one time looked like continuing on into Commonwealth Avenue bridge because of spinnaker troubles, recovered to finish fourth behind Dick Kennedy (NSW).

Heat Seven on Saturday morning was sailed in light winds which strengthened later in the morning. The Shands sailed into an early lead and kept on going to win by 11 minutes and 40 seconds (and also take the Handicap Prize) from Terry Coles with the McAuleys not far behind. The Masons finished sixth and this was just sufficient to give them the Championship.

The Shands lodged an appeal against their disqualification in Heat One. Had the appeal been successful, the Shands would have been winners of the Title ahead of the Masons and the McAuleys. However, the Y.A. of N.S.W. disallowed the appeal; the Masons were therefore the winners by 0.7 points from the McAuleys, with Terry Coles over six points further back.

### Memorable Happenings:

- the compliments from visitors about Merv Aston and his starting lines
- the number of female crews competing (10) and doing well - the top two skippers had their wives crewing for them
- the great time had by all at the barbecue and presentation dinner
- the excitement in the clubhouse as the 7th heat drew to a close - particularly with John Davies and Stan Moore (from Queensland, and being cheered on by a group of ladies in the clubhouse) who managed to finish well enough to take the Queensland Consolation Trophy by ONE point from Jack Lydon.

All in all, a memorable series. The winds ranged from "too much to too little", but certainly kept the issue in doubt till the last race. Very pleasing from the local point of view was the fact that FOUR out of the first SEVEN placegetters were local, and other local boats finished well up.

Andrew Stewart

CANBERRA: Fine. Maximum 24 degrees. Fire danger low.

LAKE: Moderate westerly.  
S. TABLELANDS: Showers or thunderstorms. Gusty.  
S. COAST: Showers or thunderstorms. Gusty.

Details. — Page 11.

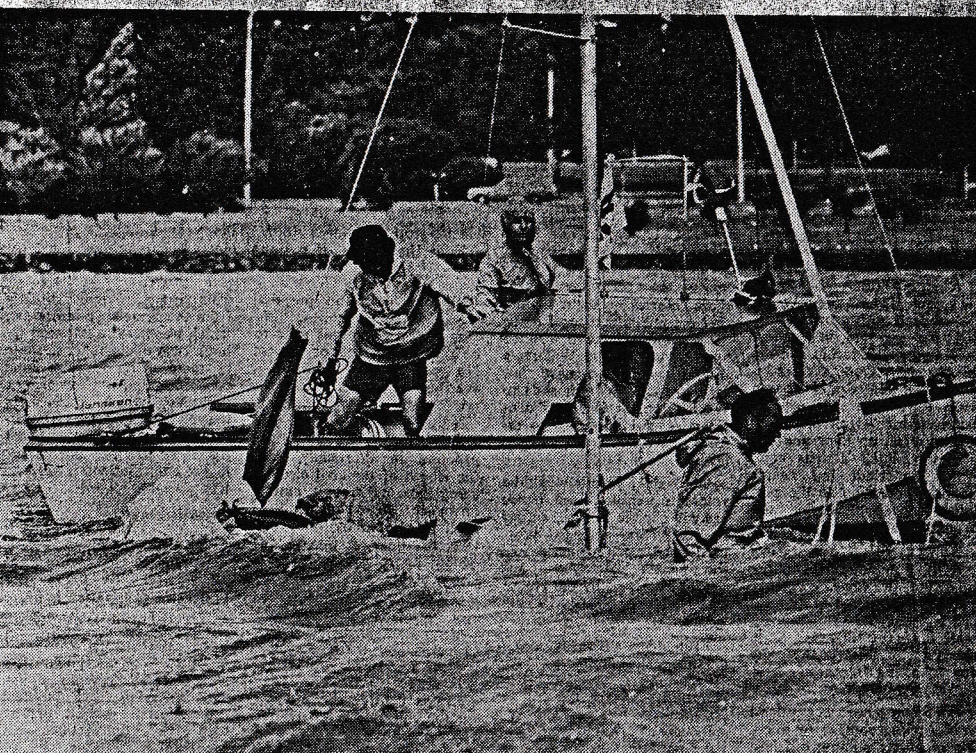
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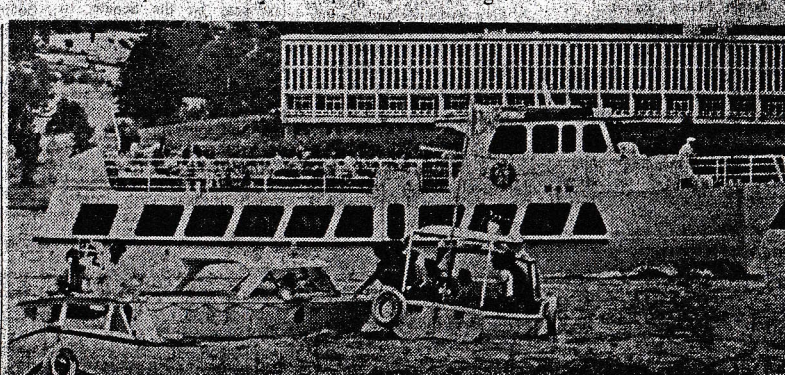
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An entrant in the Flying Fifteen championships on Lake Burley Griffin yesterday gets a helping hand after getting into difficulties in squally conditions which caused considerable disruption to the fleet. Report. — Back Page.

## Increase in GIO insurance rates

SYDNEY, Friday. — The Government Insurance Office of NSW announced today that it will increase premiums on comprehensive car insurance by 14.7% in Sydney, Newcastle and Wollongong districts.



ACT water police warn officials of the sailing championships of the danger to competitors from sewage pollution. The lake cruiser, the Mimosa, is in the background.

# No answer yet on sewage in lake

By SUE VAN DEN HEUVEL

Engineers of the Queanbeyan City Council late last night had not rectified the fault which is causing raw sewage to flow into Lake Burley Griffin.

They worked late into the night before deciding to resume early today their attempts to fix a technical failure at the Queanbeyan sewerage pumping station which occurred on Thursday afternoon.

Sewage began leaking into the Queanbeyan River late on Thursday afternoon when pumps at the station in Morrison Street failed because of technical problems.

The Queanbeyan town clerk, Mr. R. Smith, said yesterday that the engineer and his staff had worked on the pumps throughout Thursday night without success.

When the pumps had broken down a large percentage of the city's sewage had flowed straight into the Queanbeyan River downstream from the weir near the cricket park and had by-passed the treatment works at Oaks Estate.

Although the fault at Queanbeyan

was detected on Thursday authorities were not advised Friday morning that raw sewage was flowing into the river and

Mr. Smith explained it had been very late and it had been thought that the pumps were not working. However, it was realised that it was longer. ACT authorities had the first thing yesterday.

Mr. Smith said the city was very anxious to get the pumps going again.

The problem had been beyond the control of regular maintenance carried out at the pump but the fault had been expected.

Mr. Smith was unable to say how much sewage had by-passed treatment works but it had amounted to half a million gallons. Other sewage links in East Canberra also feed raw sewage into the river.

Just how much of the sewage has poured into Lake Burley Griffin and the Molonglo River, known ACT Health Secretary, is testing the water for organic matter today but the results, which will not be known today.



## Australian National Championship Results

### 1973 - 1974 sailed the under the Burgee of Canberra Yacht Club

21 local boats were joined by 26 visitors for the first Nationals to be sailed in the Nation's Capital.

Breezes were light and variable on Lake Burley Griffin ranging from 5 to 15 knots. The sixth heat of the series maintained an average of 15 knots until a 50 knot squall hit the fleet as they were rounding the leeward mark. Only 12 boats completed the race, the rest filling up with water and retiring.

The first two boats in the series overall were husband and wife combinations.

#### 12th FLYING FIFTEEN CHAMPIONSHIPS CANBERRA 1973-4

Yacht Name	Skipper	Yacht No.	Invit. Race	Heat 1				Heat 2				Heat 3				Heat 4				Heat 5				Heat 6				Heat 7				Best 6/7	Place
ERICA	A.J. McLeod	Vic 551		24	30	22	28	29	35	DIS	57	6	11.7	10	16	27	33	153.7	20														
SANDGROPER	R.S. Thompson	ACT 576	23	39	45	41	47	39	45	34	40	40	46	6	11.7	33	39	226.7	35														
CHERI	R. Krastins	ACT 690	9	DIS	56	20	26	19	15	24	30	21	27	DNF	45	15	21	174	25														
BULSLIP	G.R. Hewson	ACT 691		DNS	53	35	41	31	37	DNF	52	39	45	DNS	53	DNS	53	281	=44														
MOONRAKER	R. Warner	ACT 743		27	33	31	37	34	40	32	38	30	36	DNF	45	DNS	53	229	36														
VELA DARE	C.J. Henry	Vic 765	20	13	19	16	22	5	10	10	16	31	37	DNF	45	9	15	119	11														
FFIDELITY	R. Watson	Vic 868	21	25	31	15	21	DNF	52	25	31	19	25	DNF	45	24	30	183	=27														
NICOLE	A. Edwards	ACT 891	17	DNF	51	37	43	DNF	52	30	36	37	43	DNS	53	DNS	53	278	43														
FITHEACH BAN.	R.J.T. Reid	ACT 959		23	29	30	36	16	22	31	37	33	39	DNF	45	16	22	185	29														
RELIENCE II	S. Richards	ACT 961	3	3	5.7	5	11	11	17	2	3	10	16	4	8	5	10	52.7	5														
VIRGINIA G.	I.D. Gillon	ACT 963		DNF	51	43	49	DNF	52	38	44	36	42	DNF	45	32	38	269	40														
IMPULSIVE	A. Dempster	Vic 964		32	38	DNF	52	27	33	35	41	32	38	9	15	DNF	42	207	32														
RAPID	J.B. Handford	Vic 972	16	11	17	13	19	13	19	18	24	16	22	DNF	45	21	27	128	15														
TIFFANY	J. Watch	ACT 1033		35	41	40	46	16	22	39	45	25	31	DNF	45	35	41	245	=37														
PATACHOU	M. Jinks	Vic 1045	13	30	36	11	17	28	34	23	29	24	30	DNF	45	31	37	183	=27														
TIMEO	P. Bell	ACT 1049		37	43	38	44	38	44	29	35	DNF	51	DNS	53	DNS	53	270	41														
RADIANCE	F. Thompson	ACT 1054		36	42	36	42	42	48	DNS	53	DNS	53	DNS	53	DNS	53	291	47														
INSTEAD	S.C. Pratt	ACT 1056	4	DNF	51	26	32	18	24	26	32	DNS	53	DNS	53	DNS	53	245	=37														
DUDINA	G.A. Stewart	ACT 1058	6	16	22	10	16	23	29	11	17	14	20	DNF	45	13	19	123	12														
REDHERRING	D.R. Lydon	Q 1128		20	26	21	27	22	28	17	23	17	23	DNF	45	17	23	150	19														
FIESTA II	P.D. Cohen	ACT 1129	24	28	34	27	33	25	31	7	13	34	40	8	14	29	35	160	22														
FIREFLY	M.N. Hopkins	ACT 1134		31	37	33	39	35	41	33	39	27	33	DNF	45	14	20	209	33														
WINDDRIFT	G. Snow	ACT 1137		DNS	53	DNS	53	DNS	53	21	27	DNF	51	DNS	53	DNS	53	290	46														
EVENING BREEZE	R.T. Boynton	Vic 1167	5	14	20	4	8	7	13	DNF	52	DNF	51	DNF	45	22	28	165	23														
FLYING BEDOUIN	C.W. Stephens	Q 1169		15	21	25	31	32	38	28	34	26	32	5	10	20	26	154	21														

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## 12th FLYING FIFTEEN CHAMPIONSHIPS CANBERRA 1973-4 (Continued)

Yacht Name	Skipper	Yacht No.	Invit. Race	Heat 1		Heat 2		Heat 3		Heat 4		Heat 5		Heat 6		Heat 7		Best 6/7	Place
LUCINDA	J. Snelling	Q 1170		29	35	23	29	24	30	DNF	52	23	29	DNF		28	34	202	31
SIMIT II	J.A.E. Carr	Vic 1171	14	7	13	14	20	21	27	5	10	15	21	DNF		8	14	105	9
LIVELY LADY	J. Beare	ACT 1177		6	12	7	13	2	3	3	5.7	12	18	DNF	45	12	18	69.4	6
CASSANDRA	S.F. Gooley	Vic 1179	22	17	23	18	24	20	26	16	22	20	26	7	13	11	17	125	13
FREYA	G.F. Totterdell	ACT 1192		8	14	DNF	52	9	15	12	18	5	10	2	3	10	16	76	7
SABAK	J.G. Henty	ACT 1198	25	38	44	42	48	37	43	DNF	52	35	41	DNS	53	DNS	53	281	=44
MACH II	D. Bennett	NSW 1201	1	12	18	6	11.7	3	5.7	19	25	4	8	DNF	45	4	8	76.4	8
WATERBIRD	R.E. Kennedy	NSW 1202	10	4	8	19	25	6	11.7	DNF	52	DNF	52	3	5.7	18	24	125.4	14
SOUTHERN COMFORT	J.A. Davis	Q 1206	15	21	27	29	35	12	18	15	21	13	19	DNF	45	23	29	149	18
FFORTUNA	G. Hood	Vic 1362	19	10	16	17	23	33	39	20	26	3	5.7	DNF	45	26	35	141.7	17
ZSA ZSA	V. Proudfoot	WA 1365		33	39	44	50	41	47	DNF	52	28	34	DNS	55	DNS	53	275	42
TAURUS	R. Mason	NSW 1373	7	2	3	1	0	4	8	1	0	7	13	DNF	45	6	11.7	35.7	1
LADY ESSEX	S. Cadman	ACT 1375	11	19	25	24	30	15	21	14	20	22	28	DNF	45	DNS	53	169	24
BOUNTY HUNTER	T. Cole	ACT 1377	12	5	11	2	3	1	0	6	11.7	9	15	12	18	2	3	42.7	3
PHILANDERER	L. Bach	Vic 1380		18	24	12	18	17	23	13	19	18	24	DNF	45	25	31	139	16
SONG	J.A.T. Hobbs	WA 1385		22	28	28	34	26	32	36	42	29	35	11	17	30	36	182	26
LORAINÉ	G. Dean	Q 1391		DNF	51	32	38	30	36	22	28	11	17	DNF	45	DNS	53	215	34
	D. Hogg	Q 1393		34	40	39	45	40	46	37	43	38	44	DNF	45	34	40	257	39
QUINDICI	P.J. Durham	Vic 1401		26	32	34	40	14	20	27	33	DNF	52	DNF	45	19	25	195	30
DOMANI	K. Willey	Vic 1404	18	9	15	8	14	DNF	52	9	15	8	14	DNF	45	7	13	116	10
INNISFREE	P. McAuley	Vic 1410	2	1	0	3	5.7	8	14	4	8	2	3	DNF	45	3	5.7	36.4	2
RELIENCE III	W.L. Shand	Vic 1663	8	DIS	56	9	15	10	16	8	14	1	0	1	0	1	0	45	4