

FLYING FIFTEEN NEWS

In the absence of the Reids I have been asked to supply some notes for the class. This pleases me greatly because it presents an opportunity to give Canberra FF sailors a few impressions of the National Championships which were held from 31 December till 9 January at Davey's Bay Yacht Club in Victoria.

About 54 boats from all States except Tasmania and South Australia raced in the series and from his position about half way down the fleet, your correspondent had ample opportunity (albeit brief) to drool at the boat speed of ELJAY, CERVANTES and CHEEKY CHICK and gloat at the antics of the crews in boats less speedy than his own!

The Championship left many impressions and I could go on for pages if writing time were available. Here are a few.

The series itself once again underlined to me that the FF is a dynamic racing class which attracts hot shot racing crews as well as normal mortals, young and old, male and female. The distances travelled and the money spent to take part in a few yacht races never fails to surprise!

Port Phillip Bay was at its tempestuous best for the races. Winds were up to 30 knots and more on a few occasions which gave some really great rides. Only one race was sailed in drifting conditions over the finishing line. But we know how to handle wind in Canberra! What caused problems were the Port Phillip waves which were up to two metres high in one race. There was no question of setting the sails flat and going as on Lake Burley Griffin. The reduced efficiency of the sails in a seaway demanded that they be powered up to a point which seemed unreal, relative to the wind velocity, by Canberra standards. However, it was the only way to keep the boat moving through the waves. A pity we didn't start to get the message until the last few races.

The waves also caused another problem which definitely did not help boat speed. Your correspondent marvelled at the quaint covers many boats had over their spinnaker chutes. Not for long - it is surprising how hard it is to hoist the kite with several litres of water involved in the system, and how quickly a FF can fill up via the chute. We resolved the problem by sitting back, but that didn't help pointing. Paul Cohen produced a device which worked with string, a net and a beachball which seemed to keep SHALOM drier than TORSTEN.

Full congratulations go to the Westralians who always seemed to be the front runners.

As a group, they are really well in front in terms of the state of the art. Normally it is possible to live with the fact that another boat has better upwind speed, but things get a little hard when he outpoints you as well!

Davey's Bay Yacht Club are to be congratulated for running such a well organized series on the basis of 100% volunteer labour - from cleaning the dressing rooms at 0700 each day right through to food and the launching and retrieval of more than 50 boats for each race. It all happened with a minimum of fuss, even to the point of humouring a slightly hysterical Canberra skipper watching his boat dangling for the first time on what seemed to be an entirely inadequate crane.

If the 1980 Championships were what FF sailing is all about, then roll on Brisbane, 1981!

COLIN BROWN

Top Yachtsmen in Flying 15

Top helmsmen from Western Australia, Queensland, New South Wales, A.C.T. and Victoria are competing in the 18th Flying Fifteen Championships which began at Davey's Bay Yacht Club on Monday.

Fifty-two entries were received for the championships which will be the qualifying series for the world title at Hayling Island in 1981.

Crews are competing for the coveted Coweslip Trophy presented by the Duke of Edinburgh, in 1962/63, when the Australian championships were inaugurated.

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Lakes yacht finishes 5th

Gippsland Lakes yachtsman, Bill Shand, with five "Flying Fifteen" national titles to his credit, finished fifth in the 1980 Flying Fifteen national titles at Davey's Bay, Frankston.

Bill Shand from Lindenow finished fourth in the final heat. The title was won by Graeme Lillingston, from Perth, who successfully defended the title he won last year. The championships were conducted under the authority of the Victorian Council for the Australian Flying Fifteen Association and began on January 1 with an invitation race, followed by the championship series of seven races.

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is at sail
Heat 2
Heat 1 3

Boat Number	Name	Skipper	Crew	Yacht Club
868	ffidelity	Adrian Jensen	Frazer Welch	D.B.Y.C.
878 <i>540</i>	Thunderpussy	Derek Walbourn	Michael Joyce	D.B.Y.C. <i>ALL</i>
972	Rapid	John Harvey	<i>STEVEN M. M. 24</i>	D.B.Y.C.
1104	Iff	Len Newman	Peter Newman	D.B.Y.C.
1125 <i>207</i>	Bajan Gal	Len Hoad	Graeme Dobson	R.Q.Y.C.
1129	Shalom	Paul D. Cohen	Paul S. Cohen	C.Y.C.
1171	Simit II	Stephen Grayley	Phillip Grayley	M.Y.C.
1205	Mirage Iv	Allan Brooke	Paul Clauson	R.Q.Y.C.
1361	Fraternité	Nicholas Diamond	Barrie Colbert	D.B.Y.C.
1362	Fortuna	Garry Hood	Alan Carson	M.Y.C.
1380	Philanderer	Laurie Bach	Judy Bach	B.Y.C.
1400	Tempo	Duncan D. Fraser-Smith	Duncan P. Fraser-Smith	D.B.Y.C.
1401	Blizzard	John Ralston	Brian Fallows	D.B.Y.C.
1403	Fflotsam	Anthony Sherwin	Gabrielle Edmonston	P.M.Y.C.
1407	Esperides	Ian Syme	Bob Swinton	D.B.Y.C.
1408	Loligo	John Dixon	Jenny Dixon	M.Y.C.
1409	Goose	Athol Lidgett	Richard Ranger	D.B.Y.C.
1410	<i>THE GABRIEL</i>	Hans Van Rosenvaal	<i>MICHAEL HARRIS</i>	M.Y.C.
1664	Diane III	Frank Harrison	Geoffrey M. Harrison	R.G.Y.C.
1665	Georgie Girl	Bob Beard	Wayne Bach	G.L.Y.C.
1677	Aim Sure	Colin Gotts	Jurie Gotts	R.Q.Y.C.
1678	Ballandra	Ian Wheatley	Geoff Kelley	D.B.Y.C.
1679	Muskrat Ramble	Nigel Peck	Geoff Butt	D.B.Y.C.
1682	Glass Slipper	Graham H. Carter	Harold C. Weber	M.Y.C.
1685	Fortune Cookie	John Trewin	John Bradford	P.M.Y.C.
1714	Eljay	Graeme Lillingston	Adrian Elliot	R.F.B.Y.C.
1774	Lei-Lani Too	Peter Williams	<i>PHILIP DODD</i>	P.M.Y.C.

<u>Boat Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Skipper</u>	<u>Crew</u>	<u>Yacht Club</u>
1900	Gazelle	Geoff Black	John Anderson	R.F.B.Y.C.
1941	Sunderland	Tom Stokes	Graham White	D.B.Y.C.
1942	Nereid	Ivan Brookfield	Ian Sheard	P.M.Y.C.
2101	Torsten	Colin Brown	David Rowe	C.Y.C.
2103	Cervantes	Tony Wood	Mike McKenzie	R.F.B.Y.C.
2105	Don Quixote	Dick Kernot	John Wilson	R.F.B.Y.C.
2107	Blackbeard	Paul van Rugge	Jim Quinn	L.N.Y.C.
2109	Hunky Dory	Noel Davies	Geoff Cummings	L.N.Y.C.
2115	Mull of Kintyre	Gary Cotterell	Peter Goode	R.F.B.Y.C.
2116	The White Lady	Nev Higgs	Donna Higgs	R.Q.Y.C.
2246	Free 'N' Easy	Don Russell	Richard Mears	R.F.B.Y.C.
2247	Scandel	Glenn Coulton	Mark Holmes	L.M.Y.C.
2248	Relience VII	Bill Shand	Hal Shand	G.L.Y.C.
2249	Fferriboat	Maurice Ferri	David Bell	R.F.B.Y.C.
2250	Shemozzle	Chris Villa	Mark Smith	L.M.Y.C.
2344	Emma III	Bob Armstrong	Bob Keeley	M.Y.C.
2345	Simit III	John Calvert Jones	Mark Calvert Jones	D.B.Y.C.
2348	Elffin	Paul Altmann	Tony Rowland	P.M.Y.C.
2354	Ffelice	John Harvey	Ken Edwards	E.Y.C.
2356	Ricochet	John Hilton-Wood	John Hilton-Wood	D.B.Y.C.
2369	Mattarelle III	Ray Downes	Fred Baker	P.Y.C.
2380	Molly O VII	Osborn McCutcheon	Andrew McCutcheon	D.B.Y.C.
2381	Ffangoolibird	Brendan Shand	Malcolm Shand	G.L.Y.C.
2382	Inishowen	Peter McAuley	Ann McAuley	D.B.Y.C.
2384	Ginger	Wally Hood	Michael Hood	R.F.B.Y.C.
2403	Cheeky Chic	Geoff Gadsden	Andrew Fairley	P.M.Y.C.

Duke of Edinburgh, in
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<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Skipper</u>	<u>Crew</u>	<u>Yacht Club</u>
4 7664	Scallywag II	George McKay	Georgia McKay	D.B.Y.C.
16 946	FLIGHT 3	GARY MORGAN	GENEVIEVE MORGAN	D.B.Y.C.
70 1370	BLUE BELLE	MARK HOLMES	ROBERT WYLIE	L.M.Y.C.
67 1667	SPECTRUM	RICHARD STREET	BARBARA STREET	L.L.Y.C.

18th AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL FLYING FIFTEEN CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS

18th Aust. National FF Results					HEAT	HEAT	HEAT	HEAT	HEAT	HEAT	HEAT	TOTAL	2nd	FINAL
PLACE	NUMBER	BOAT	STATE	INV	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	PTS		POINTS
1	1714	ELTAY	W.A.	1	1	9	1	3	2	2	0NF	72 1/2	56	16 1/2
2	2403	CHERRY CHIC	VIC	3	2	23	7	4	3	1	1	40 1/2	23	17 1/2
3	2103	CAVANTAGE	W.A.	5	3	3	13	5	2	3	3	32	13	19
4	2109	HUNNY DORY	NSW	DNS	8	24	2	9	8	4	5	60	24	36
5	2248	RELIANCE VII	VIC	12	9	7	12	8	6	5	4	51	12	39
6	1900	SARALLUS	W.A.	2	4	13	11	2	4	12	7	53	13	40
7	2105	DON QUOTE	W.A.	7	5	4	16	6	0NF	6	6	99	56	43
8	2115	MULL OF KINTYRE	W.A.	8	7	14	32	7	12	9	9	90	32	68
9	2342	ANNA III	VIC	6	13	11	9	17	10	8	8	76	17	59
10	2382	INISHOWEN	VIC	11	18	22	3	11	5	19	12	90	22	68
11	1685	FORTUNE COALIE	VIC	9	11	10	8	19	11	13	14	72	19	73
12	2230	SARMOZEL	NSW	16	17	8	22	14	21	17	10	109	22	87
13	2345	SIMIT III	VIC	20	14	18	15	12	19	12	16	112	19	93
14	2384	SINGHA	W.A.	10	29	19	24	10	9	25	13	129	29	100
14	1380	PHILANDRA	VIC	21	21	5	17	28	15	15	27	128	28	100
16	1409	GOOSE	VIC	15	23	20	33	16	27	7	17	143	33	110
17	2369	MATTARILLI II	VIC	23	20	0NF	23	18	11	14	25	167	56	111
18	1370	BLUNDALE	NSW	0NF	31	28	6	23	16	0NF	11	171	56	115
18	1129	SARLOM	NSW	38	19	12	37	25	20	20	19	152	37	115
20	2354	FELICH	W.A.	4	6	30	21	1	0NF	0NF	2	171 1/2	56	115 3/4
21	2249	FRABOAT	W.A.	25	24	32	14	13	7	0NF	32	178	56	122
22	1679	MUSKAT RAMBL	VIC	26	27	21	20	21	35	16	18	158	35	123
23	1941	SUNDERLAND	VIC	14	30	25	26	22	31	11	15	159	31	128
24	2101	THORSTEN	NSW	34	22	15	28	29	25	21	22	162	29	133
25	2116	THE WHITE LADY	QLD	31	12	16	26	15	14	0NF	DNS	195	56	137
26	1665	SEBASTIAN GIRL	VIC	17	33	1	29	20	24	0NF	34	197	56	140 1/2
27	1774	LAI LAN TOO	VIC	13	0NF	2	5	30	24	0NF	20	203	56	147
28	1205	MIRAGE IV	QLD	29	25	0NF	35	27	13	22	26	204	56	148
29	1171	SIMIT II	VIC	0NF	40	6	10	37	23	0NF	36	207	56	151
30	1407	ASPIAIDES	VIC	27	15	0NF	19	32	39	28	24	213	56	157
31	2107	BLACKBIRD	NSW	28	28	27	41	33	32	10	28	195	41	158
32	2381	FRASERBIRD	VIC	22	35	17	4	31	0NF	0NF	31	230	56	174
33	868	FRIDOLITY	VIC	39	32	0NF	18	38	28	32	29	233	56	177
34	1664	DIANE II	VIC	36	26	0NF	36	26	18	0NF	21	239	56	183
35	390	THUNDERPUSSY	W.A.	42	37	26	39	34	33	24	33	226	39	187
36	1104	IPF	VIC	24	56	56	27	36	22	23	30	250	56	194
37	1169	FLYING BROOM	QLD	32	34	0NF	40	28	29	0NF	33	262	56	206
38	1408	LOLISO	VIC	0NF	47	35	43	43	36	26	38	268	47	221
39	2348	RIFIN	VIC	41	39	29	42	42	40	0NF	40	288	56	232
40	972	ARPIO	VIC	33	46	34	46	0NF	42	30	39	293	56	237
41	1401	BLIZZARD	VIC	40	44	0NF	48	40	30	27	0NF	301	56	245
41	1361	FRATERNITY	VIC	44	45	0NF	49	41	45	29	36	301	56	245
43	1678	BALLANTRAE	VIC	45	41	0NF	0NF	44	46	31	37	311	56	255
44	2380	MOLLY. O. VII	VIC	0NF	36	0NF	29	0NF	26	0NF	0NF	315	56	259
45	1400	TAMPO	VIC	47	38	31	0NF	39	41	0NF	0NF	317	56	261
46	1362	FORTUNA	VIC	18	10	0NF	38	0NF	0NF	0NF	0NF	328	56	272
47	1403	FLOTSPM.	VIC	35	43	33	45	0NF	44	0NF	0NF	333	56	277
48	1682	GLASS SWAPPA	VIC	0NF	0NF	0NF	31	35	0NF	0NF	0NF	346	56	290
49	1677	DIM SURF	QLD	37	0NF	0NF	34	0NF	37	0NF	0NF	351	56	295
50	2356	ARACUNT	VIC	19	16	0NF	0NF	0NF	0NF	0NF	0NF	352	56	296
51	764	SCALLYWAG II	VIC	43	42	0NF	44	0NF	43	0NF	0NF	353	56	297
52	946	FLIGHT III	VIC	30	0NF	0NF	0NF	0NF	38	0NF	0NF	374	56	318
53	1410	THE GRAMLIN	VIC	46	48	0NF	47	0NF	0NF	0NF	0NF	375	56	319
54	1667	SPECTRUM	VIC	0NF	0NF	0NF	0NF	0NF	0NF	0NF	0NF	392	56	336
55	1942	NAREID	VIC	0NF	0NF	0NF	0NF	0NF	0NF	0NF	0NF	392	56	336