

FLYING FIFTEENS

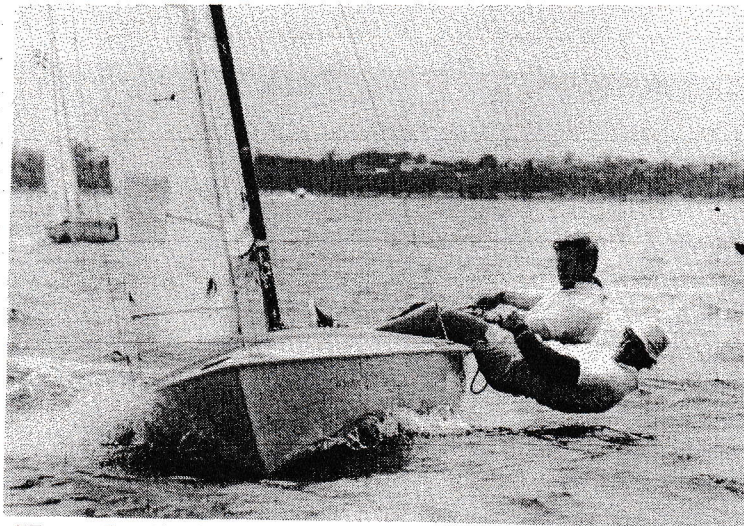
THE International Flying Fifteen Class had a very active season during 1981/82, which included the World Championship at Napier, New Zealand, during February.

Five WA boats took part, with only moderate success, as wind conditions were generally light. Best results were achieved by Geoff Black (RFBYC), who came 13th in the 50 boat fleet. A lot of experience was gained in what was a very well organised series.

Ireland are to host the next World Series in 1984. The National series, held in Canberra during January, saw one representative, Graeme Lillingston, compete. He was able to borrow "Free-n-Easy" from Don Russell and went on to win the Championship, narrowly, from 35 starters. Other top representative boats were on their way to New Zealand.

With most of the Flying Fifteen's being sailed in Perth and Esperance, it was decided to run our State Championship in Albany at Easter as a neutral venue, in anticipation of creating some interest in the Class within that area. It has been indicated that a fleet of Flying 15s may be racing from Princess Royal Sailing Club next season.

With only one or two F/15s being sailed at Geraldton for the past season, it is believed that a fleet will be racing there in the near future. The Country Clubs are becoming very popular venues for F/15 fleets,



"Free-n-Easy" skippered by G. Lillingston and crewed by G. Totterdell

as these keel boats are extremely easy to tow behind an average car.

The Flying Fifteen Association can look forward to another active year this coming season, with the National Championships to be conducted from the Esperance Bay Sailing Club in the New Year and the State Championships on Melville Water during November.

Introduced to WA in 1962, the Class has over 60 registered boats in the State and can look forward to a bright future, having received

International Status last year.

F/15s are a keel yacht and have the potential of giving the crew an exhilarating thrill similar to centre board sailing. It is not expensive, compared to other yachts of its size. Last season, a number of younger yachtsmen joined the Class and on present indications we can look forward to many more sailing in the Class this season. Further enquiries can be obtained from Graeme Lillingston, 450 5836 or Max Barcham, 328 9116.

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SAILING

Four to decide Flying 15 title

After six races of seven in the Longines International Flying 15 Australian Championship on Lake Burley Griffin, it is clear that the championship will be decided between four boats.

These are The Hulk, sailed by Peter Harvey, of Canberra, Free N' Easy, sailed by Graham Lillingston, of Perth, Ho-Hum, sailed by Rod Dalglish, of Canberra, and Toots Twin, sailed by Neville Higgs, of Brisbane.

The championship will be decided on the best six of seven races and, with the exception of Harvey, who has sailed consistently throughout the series, each of the contenders must perform well in the last race beginning at 1.30pm today.

Dalglish, who was leading until yesterday, has been forced to sail a borrowed boat because his own has now been shipped to New Zealand for the Flying 15 International World Titles in March. His chances for the final will depend on the borrowed boat.

Yesterday's, heat six, results are: Free N' Easy, G. Lillingston, Perth, 1; Toots Twin, N. Higgs, Brisbane, 2; The Hulk, P. Harvey, Canberra, 3; Scandel, C. Cohen, Lake Burley Griffin, 4; Ita, P. Cohen, Canberra, 5.

SAILING

CYC sailors top 15s

Two Canberra sailors are beginning to stake strong claims for the Longines International Flying 15s Australian Championship being staged by Canberra Yacht Club on Lake Burley Griffin.

After heats three and four yesterday, Rod Dalglish is the overall leader in Ho-Hum from Peter Harvey in The Hulk. Both are from Canberra Yacht Club.

But there are three heats remaining, one today, one tomorrow and the other on Saturday and the chances of current national titleholder Graham Lillingston, of Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club in Perth, in Free 'N' Easy; Neville Higgs, of Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, in Toots Twin, and Sean Langman, of Sydney's Greenwich Sailing Club, in Kinky, cannot be discounted.

Bill Shand, of Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club, has won this title five times and must be a strong contender again.

Conditions for heat three were very light and variable with fortunes changing frequently throughout. It went to Dalglish from Langman and Harvey.

In heat four the light conditions prevailing at the start changed to a strong easterly which livened up the event and was finished in fast time. It was won by Higgs from Dalglish and Barcham.

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National

Lillingston aims for second title

By ROB VAISEY

Royal Freshwater Bay's Graeme Lillingston showed on Saturday that he is one of the WA yachtsmen most likely to win a national or world championship during the next eight weeks.

Lillingston, like most of the five race Southern Cross Cup teams race have to take their boats to the Eastern States, is now making arrangements to pack his Flying Fifteen for the long tow to the national series.

The Flying Fifteen series will be held in Canberra early next month and after this a team of Australian crews will be going to New Zealand to contest the world championship.

On Saturday Lillingston's yacht Esjay led for most of the club championship heat to finish a clear leader. Second placing went to Geoff Black sailing Gazelle.

Lillingston said after the race he was pleased with the way his new sails were setting and was hoping he could win the national title for the second successive season.

He was disappointed that cold weather in England last year had prevented him taking one of the first three placings in the world titles. However, he believed he could match the champion English and New Zealand crews at the coming series to be held at Napier.

Feast

Lloyd Lissiman of the Royal Perth club will be having a feast of championship sailing in the next few months.

A week ago he won the State Laser class championship adding this title to the winter title he won before the start of the season. On Saturday he skippered the Soling Lechorous and was fifth to finish in the very competitive fleet that sails on the river.

Yesterday he and his father left for Sydney by air.

Lloyd Lissiman, WA Yacht Club

Bond will be chartering a yacht in Sydney for the national series and is hoping this will not present problems for him and his crew.

Lissiman will miss the Hobart race as he is competing in the Windsurfer national series in Adelaide, which is held at the same time.

On his return he will go back to crewed yachts after the one-person Windsurfers. He will be crewing with Peter Gilmore aboard the Soling Lechorous and the pair will be trying hard to win a world title in the soling series to be held out from Fremantle in March.

Sharpies

Peter Chappell, who is dominating racing in the Sharpie class this season, took another fastest time on Saturday and class enthusiasts are hoping he will be the first West Australian to win the national title in this class. The series is to be held in Brisbane.

On Saturday Chappell won the fourth heat of the Mounts Bay Club championship.

Malcom Bond, who will be defending his national Endeavour 24 class title in Sydney, had to pass three yachts during the final leg of his class race on Saturday to take fastest time.

Andrew Crisp, sailing the 18 footer Parrys, won the fourth heat of the Mounts Bay Club championship yesterday and will be WA's best hope of gaining a place in the national and world 18 footer titles.

Parrys will be in Brisbane for the start of the national series on January 8 next year and then in Sydney for the world series which starts on February 22.

Other WA boats in these series are SGIO (Peter Burtenshaw) and Lysaght Colorbond (David Pike).

However, the Sydney crews in this class must rank as being amongst the best in the world and the WA crews will be hard put to match their skills.

Steven Harland, who has taken fastest time in the last four races for Manly Juniors at the Perth Flying Squadron, is one of this State's best prospects in his class. The Manly junior national series will be held out from Newport in Sydney.

The results of the ocean race held by the Royal Freshwater Bay Club on Saturday will be announced at the club at 6pm tonight.

Dalglish's lead looks in danger

A protest against competition leader Rod Dalglish and the resurgence of Graham Lillingston in Free 'N' Easy have opened up the Longines Australian International Flying 15 championships being conducted by Canberra Yacht Club on Lake Burley Griffin.

Lillingston was a clear winner in medium conditions yesterday, bringing him right back into contention for the title.

Dalglish, of CYC, came second in Ho-Hum, but his placing is subject to a protest from several boats over an alleged failure to take the necessary action to compensate for a rule infringement.

If the protest is upheld, his second place would not be counted in the seven-heat series, in which each entrant is entitled to discount his worst result.

Third in yesterday's event was Peter Harvey in The Hulk, also of CYC.

Dalglish is still leading the competition, but his position would be less sound if the protest were upheld. Harvey, Lillingston and Sean Langman, in Kinky, of Greenwich Sailing Club in Sydney, are still well in the running, as is Toots Twin, sailed by Neville Higgs, of Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron. Toots Twin finished sixth yesterday.

SPORTSROUND

W. Australian wins on Burley Griffin

Western Australian Graham Lillingstone overcame flukey conditions on Lake Burley Griffin yesterday to win the Uffa Fox Memorial Trophy in the invitation race of the International Flying Fifteen championships.

He beat Rod Dalglish, of Canberra, into second place by more than four minutes, and they were followed by Mullet (M. Holmes, Lake Macquarie YC), Ita (Paul Cohen, Canberra YC) and The Hulk (P. Harvey, Canberra YC).

The Longines championships start in earnest today, with heats scheduled to start at 2pm.

SAILING

Lillingston winner

Graham Lillingston, in Free 'N' Easy, was a clear winner by about two minutes in heat three of the Longines international Flying 15s Australian Sailing Championship on Lake Burley Griffin yesterday.

The heat began in strong wind which lightened throughout the race, and Lillingston, of Western Australia's Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club, handled the conditions well.

Neville Higgs, of Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, was second in Toots Twin.

Canberra Yacht Club's Rod Dalglish, who was third in Ho-Hum, leads at present, having scored a win in the first heat and a third in the second.

There will be two races today, which should determine the placegetters.

Yachting roundup

FLYING 15's

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP, at Canberra—Heat 1: Ho-Hum (R. Dalglish, ACT) 1; Rustler (P. Russell, ACT) 2; Reliance (W. Smith, ACT) 3; Harvey (P. Harvey, ACT) 4; Ita (Paul Cohen, NSW) 5; Lillingstone (G. Lillingstone, WA) 6.

Information from Newspapers, etc

20th LONGINES FLYING 15 INTERNATIONAL AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

CANBERRA YACHT CLUB

10 - 17 JANUARY 1982

(The following information has been extracted from contemporary newspaper reports)

NB First Australian championship since Class accepted as International Class.

37 entries

Invitation race 10 Jan.

Flukey conditions. G Lillingston the winner by some 4 minutes from R Dalglish, followed by M Holmes (LMYC), P Cohen & P Harvey

Heat 1 11 Jan.

1. R Dalglish 2. P Russell *Russell* 3. W Shand *Reliance 7*

Heat 2 12 Jan.

1. G Lillingston by 2 mins. from N Higgs (RQYS) & R Dalglish
Race began in strong winds, lightened thru'out race

Heats 3 & 4 13 Jan.

Ht. 3: 1. R Dalglish 2. Sean Langman (Greenwich SC, Sydney) 3. P Harvey

Very light & variable with fortunes changing frequently

Ht. 4: 1. N Higgs 2. R Dalglish 3. G Coulton (LMYC)

Light at start, then strong easterly wind which 'livened up the event'.

Heat 5 14 Jan.

1. G Lillingston, a 'clear winner' 2. R Dalglish 3. P Harvey
Medium conditions. Dalglish subject to protest.

Heat 6 15 Jan.

1. G Lillingston 2. N Higgs 3. P Harvey 4. G Coulton 5. P Cohen *(91)*
Going in to final heat, victory open to 4 competitors - Dalglish, Harvey, Higgs & Lillingston

Heat 7 16 Jan.

1. Lillingston 2. G Coulton 3. N Higgs 4. P Russell 5. R Dalglish

Both Lillingston & Dalglish sailed last heat in borrowed boats because their own boats were ~~being~~ shipped to NZ for World titles

Overall results

1. G Lillingston	21 points
2. R Dalglish	34.7
3. N Higgs	41.7
4. G Coulton	44.4
5. P Harvey	46.4
6. S Langman	56.4

*Graham
Rory
Neville
Gary
Peter
Sean*

*Free 'N' Easy
Ho-Hum
Tasti Twin
Scandal
The Hulk
Kinhy*

*R. Freshwater Bay YC
CYC
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LMYC
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Greenwich SC*