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## THE FF NATIONALS – OR HOW WE REALLY LEARNED TO LOVE LBG!

Looking back on the FF Nationals with the benefit of some weeks distance, I have to say that our feelings as we drove home from Melbourne have been basically confirmed. We had a great time. There was good fellowship, our hosts were impeccable, Port Phillip has not changed one jot from the last time, they have (definitely) not watered the beer even in these hard times, and I still think our boats are 'on the pace', even if it took some races before we worked out how to make our new G&R sails work.

Before leaving Canberra, the three of us that made the journey were aware there would be more than forty boats competing for the Cowslip Trophy. One did not have to be Einstein to work out that the competition would be fairly tough with numbers like that and this certainly proved to be the case.

So there were a few doubts as we drove to Frankston. Would the boats hold together in the Port Phillip chop? Would we be left behind by the proverbial country mile? Was Nigel's strict Guinness training regime enough to guarantee victory?

It was difficult to avoid something of a sinking feeling after arriving at Davey's Bay YC. All the class heavies were there – Alderson, Lillingston and Blumann from the West; Smith and Walker from Queensland; Thompson, Gale, Shand, Rainey and Meldrum from Victoria; and an overseas ring-in such as Cleaver from Scotland. Also, the very heavy Calvert-Jones was there, bringing Australian big boat fame with him. Without sounding defeatist, this left the best possible place for normal mortals as thirteenth! The message from very early on was that the racing would be very competitive and this is of course how it turned out.

Defeatism aside, the great thing about Nationals is that you very soon work out who your competition is. When you do this, the heavies (if you aren't racing against them) become something of a nuisance and definitely a problem if you should find yourself in the middle of a group of them on the starting line. By the time the last few races came up, we knew precisely who we were competing with, because we had effectively been racing against them for some time at that stage.

I have to say we were a little miffed by the weather. Those who hung on to Mark Rimington's every word when he visited Canberra might recall his comment that he thought Davey's Bay would be a quiet series. He turned out to be right. Aside from the Invitation Race and Heat 1, which would have been around 20 knots, and provided some thrilling sailing, the remainder of the series was in light to medium winds. In fact three (yes, three) races were abandoned for lack of wind and final results were based on a six race series, rather than the seven programmed. There was one memorable occasion when we started in a very light northerly. After 15 minutes of heavy racing we were glued to the start line, our forward speed being negated by the outgoing tide – at that stage the heavies were about 50 metres ahead, which looked like a huge distance to Nigel and I. Thank heavens for the race committee's decision to abandon that race!

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: Davey's Bay Yacht Club

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Class : FF : Flying Fifteen

Yacht Name	< Heat 1 >		< Heat 2 >		< Heat 3 >		< Heat 4 >		< Heat 5 >		< Heat 6 >		< Heat 7 >		< Progressive >		
	PL.	Pts	PL.	Pts	PL.	Pts	PL.	Pts	PL.	Pts	PL.	Pts	PL.	Pts	PL.	Pts	Drop
Glamour Puss	17	23	1	0	3	5.7	8	14	2	3			2	3	1	25.70	23.00
Ruffa Gruffa	5	10	3	5.7	DSQ	51	1	0	10	16			1	0	2	31.70	51.00
Anuffa Duffa	1	0	16	22	6	11.7	4	8	3	5.7			7	13	3	38.40	22.00
Ffiddle Dee Dee	18	24	2	3	1	0	9	15	5	10			6	11.7	4	39.70	24.00
Pegasus	4	8	11	17	9	15	3	5.7	1	0			9	15	5	43.70	17.00
Corangattack	14	20	13	19	13	19	2	3	6	11.7			3	5.7	6	58.40	20.00
Gunnadoo	3	5.7	7	13	8	14	16	22	4	8			13	19	7	59.70	22.00
Brilliant in Patches 3444	7	13	22	28	2	3	15	21	8	14			8	14	8	65.00	28.00
Clapped Out Toy Boy	8	14	4	8	10	16	PMS	51	9	15			11	17	9	70.00	51.00
Fifteen Carat	21	27	9	15	4	8	13	19	7	13			10	16	10	71.00	27.00
Fast Forward	11	17	DNF	51	11	17	6	11.7	15	21			4	8	11	74.70	51.00
Think Big	16	22	17	23	7	13	7	13	11	17			5	10	12	75.00	23.00
Firefox III	9	15	10	16	5	10	11	17	14	20			12	18	13	76.00	20.00
Relience 60 over 5 plus 1	2	3	6	11.7	20	26	10	16	22	28			14	20	14	76.70	28.00
Enthusiasm	6	11.7	14	20	DNF	51	12	18	13	19			19	25	15	93.70	51.00
Instant Replay	12	18	15	21	23	29	5	10	16	22			17	23	16	94.00	23.00
Ffidelity	13	19	18	24	12	18	23	29	12	18			27	33	17	108.00	23.00
Ffrantic	20	26	8	14	21	27	14	20	24	30			16	22	18	109.00	30.00
"Soggy Sox"	15	21	19	25	14	20	17	23	18	24			18	24	19	112.00	25.00
Feelings	10	16	23	29	18	24	20	26	20	26			15	21	20	113.00	29.00
Arffur Chance	DSQ	51	27	33	15	21	18	24	17	23			20	26	21	127.00	51.00
Ffoxy II. ♦♦	23	29	28	34	22	28	25	31	19	25			25	31	22	144.00	34.00
Ffoxy	29	35	5	10	19	25	19	25	DNC	51			DNC	51	23	146.00	51.00
City Lights	25	31	PMS	51	16	22	30	36	25	31			21	27	24	147.00	51.00
Snabb Fisk	22	28	26	32	PMS	51	24	30	23	29			23	29	25	148.00	51.00
Ffenomenal	27	33	12	18	24	30	31	37	26	32			31	37	26	150.00	37.00
Summertime IV	19	25	30	36	36	42	27	33	21	27			24	30	27	151.00	42.00
Cassandra III	24	30	25	31	28	34	22	28	29	35			22	28	28	151.00	35.00
Summit	32	38	24	30	27	33	21	27	34	40			32	38	29	166.00	40.00
Clockwork VII	DNF	51	21	27	17	23	29	35	DNC	51			26	32	30	168.00	51.00
Georgie Girl Too	30	36	20	26	26	32	26	32	38	44			36	42	31	168.00	44.00
Rustler	26	32	29	35	29	35	33	39	33	39			29	35	32	176.00	39.00
Luffa	28	34	DNF	51	25	31	37	43	32	38			28	34	33	180.00	51.00
Finnigan	31	37	PMS	51	33	39	28	34	30	36			30	36	34	182.00	51.00
Relience XI	39	45	33	39	31	37	32	38	27	33			33	39	35	186.00	45.00
Ffanciful	37	43	38	44	32	38	36	42	28	34			34	40	36	197.00	44.00
Fformidable	40	46	31	37	34	40	35	41	31	37			39	45	37	200.00	37.00
Noisy Welcomes & Farewells	DNS	51	32	38	35	41	34	40	35	41			37	43	38	203.00	51.00
Flying Boat	DSQ	51	34	40	30	36	PMS	51	36	42			35	41	39	210.00	51.00
Ffrenesi	34	40	35	41	39	45	41	47	40	46			42	48	40	219.00	48.00
Ruffenuff	36	42	DNC	51	38	44	38	44	39	45			38	44	41	219.00	51.00
Floating Pound	33	39	36	42	40	46	DNS	51	41	47			43	49	42	223.00	51.00
'Tis Irish Luck	38	44	37	43	37	43	40	46	42	48			41	47	43	223.00	48.00
Sea Mist II	35	41	DNF	51	DNS	51	39	45	37	43			40	46	44	226.00	51.00