

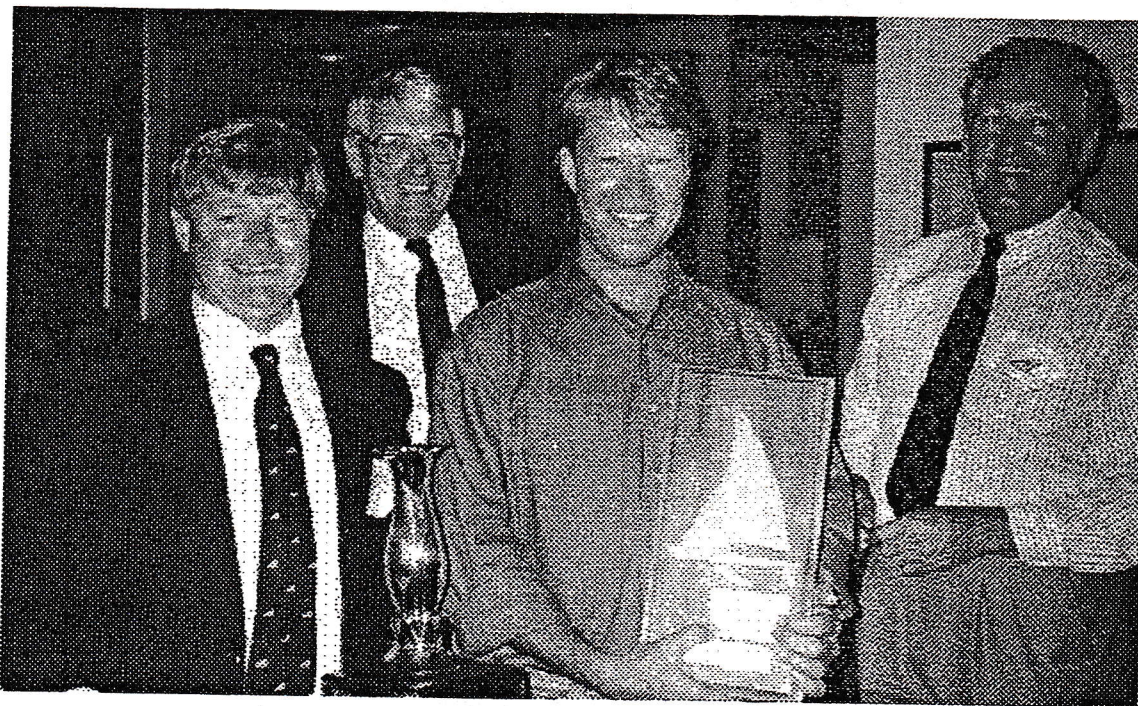
**INTERNATION FLYING FIFTEEN
34TH AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
CANBERRA 1995-1996**

Conducted by Canberra Yacht Club , the 34th Australian National Championship were sailed over 12 races with 2 drops on a mixture of short trapezoid and triangle courses. The wind was extremely light and fluky and required patience and a great degree of skilled to pick the wind shifts. The series commenced with the invitation race on Saturday, won by Robert Signorini and Drew Norgate in Miss Behavin, followed by alternate days of 2 and 3 races. The 3rd race being scheduled for late afternoon to take advantage of the afternoon breeze which never lived up to expectations.

It was T-shirt and short sailing for the most part, with the off the beach launch a blessing due to the hot conditions - a chance to cool down before and after racing!

The championship was a battle between the eventually 3 top place getter, Craig and Ian Rainey in Thing Big , Ian Cleaver and Ian Calder in Clapped out Toy Boy and Robert Signorini and Drew Norgate in Miss Behavin.

The results give a clear picture of the fortunes of the fleet which totalled 28 boats. 16 from Act, 7 from Victoria, 3 from NSW, 1 from Queensland and 1 International entrant from Great Britain.



34th Australian Championship winners Ian and Craig Rainey

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INTERNATIONAL FLYING FIFTEENS

The 34th Flying Fifteen Australian Championships were held in Canberra from 30th December 1995 to 6th January 1996 hosted by the Canberra Yacht Club. Twelve heats were contested, the idea being to have more but shorter races. Some heats were sailed using a modified form of the new Olympic trapezoid configuration. Despite the fact that it was possible to follow the race schedule without the need for any resails, the wind conditions throughout the week were, on the whole, rather uniform with no consistent strength above about 12-15 knots and most of the time the wind was within the range of 5-10 knots. Twenty-eight boats were entered for the championships with representation from Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and one overseas entrant from Scotland. The local fleet included 16 Canberra boats and two from nearby Lake Jindabyne.

The Invitation Race for the Uffa Fox Trophy was convincingly won by Robert Signorini and Drew Norgate sailing Miss Behavin (3055) from Peter & Phillip Russell in Rustler (2835) with Craig & Ian Rainey in Think Big (3257) third. Craig and Ian Rainey went on to win the championships and the Cowslip Trophy with placings of 2;3;1;1;2;2;3;1;1;10;2;2; = 20.7 points, from Ian Cleaver and Ian Calder (from Scotland) sailing Clapped Out Toy Boy (3312) with

3;1;8;5;14;1;1;3;2;1;3;1 = 30.1 and Robert Signorini and Drew Norgate with 1;2;5;4;4;5;2;8;12;5;6;3 = 68.7. Robert and Drew also won the Walbourn Trophy (for the first boat with a number 400 under the highest sail number competing). The only other heat winner (twice) was Bill Shand and David Parish in Reliance Fifteen (3542) who came 4th (88.4 points) followed by the leading Canberra boat (The Boat Comes First, 3100 with 94.7 points) sailed by Peter Forster and Mick Roche followed in 6th place by Rustler (with 124.7 points). Two other notable results were achieved by well known Canberra sailors in borrowed boats. Andrew Forster with Stuart Allan, who borrowed Eight Ball (3102) from Allen Fordham were placed in 7th and John Tracey with Chris Parkinson (9th), who borrowed Windsong (3240) from Ian Hawke. The Handicap series was won by John Tracey and Chris Parkinson in Windsong from John Kennedy with Mike Donelley in Rag Dolly (2971) and Paul Bryden with Ian McKay in Breeze (2671).

The pre-Christmas 'Sunsail' Pointscore series of the CYC 1995-96 Sunday racing program (from the 8 heats sailed) was won by Peter Fullagar and Ross Pover in Seamist (1395). John Kennedy sailing Rag Dolly (2971) was second and Laurie McGee sailing Wings (3492) came third. During this series the fleet size averaged

6 with 14 different boats competing.

The second 'Sunsail' Pointscore series sailed after Christmas was convincingly won by Laurie McGee from Colin Brown and Nigel Grimes sailing Snab Fisk (2905). Vladimir and Peter Chevchenko sailing Calypso 3 (1894) came third. A total of 17 boats competed during this half of the season with an average fleet size of 9.

In the Club Championship Series for the season the result was close with two boats producing consistent performances. In the end Peter and Phillip Russell sailing Rustler (2835) took first place by a small margin from Peter Forster and Mick Roche sailing The Boat Comes First (3100). John Kennedy was third. Nineteen different boats competed during this half of the average season with an average fleet size of 9 competitors.

Peter and Phillip went on to contest the Champion of Champions race in which they came second. Congratulations to Peter and Phillip for a consistent and successful season with their Flying Fifteen Rustler in club racing and at the National Championships. They had a great season also in their other Rustler (see elsewhere in this magazine), particularly at the Marley Point regatta.

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Number	Boat Name	Helmsman	State	Place
3257	Think Big	C. Rainey	VIC	1
3312	Clapped Out Toy Boy	I. Cleaver	GBR	2
3055	Miss Behavin	R. Signiorini	VIC	3
3542	Relience Ffixteen	W. Shand	VIC	4
3100	The Boat Comes First	P. Forster	ACT	5
3607	Rustler	P. Russell	ACT	6
	Eight Ball	A. Forster	ACT	7
2905	Snab Fisk	C. Brown	ACT	8
3240	Windsong	J. Tracey	ACT	9
3306	Ffenominal	R. Alsop	VIC	10