

Dynamic duo: Australian flying 15 champions Mark Thomas, left, and Grant Alderson celebrate their success yesterday. PICTURE: ROD

Mates share triumph

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GRANT ALDERSON and Mark Thomas went to the same school, they shared the same accommodation and after yesterday's final heat, they shared the spoils of winning the Summit flying 15 national championships off Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club.

The WA pair, sailing Crash Test Dummies, needed only a third in the 10th and final heat of the titles to beat Crucial Moment, skippered by ninetimes winner Graeme Lillingston and crewman Edmond Repsevicius, of WA, for the title.

It was 30-year-old Alderson's fourth national championship victory.

Victorians James Flower and Greg Wells on Dingo won the heat from Lillingston and Alderson but earlier results precluded them from the top placings and they finished eighth. Crash Test Dummies counted three wins, a second, two thirds, a fourth and a fifth after dropping its worst places, both 10thplace finishes, for a winning tally of 19.25 points.

Just two points adrift was Lillingston, who leapfrogged the overnight second placegetters WA's John Cassidy and Adam Parslow on Redshift with his good performance yesterday.

Lillingston also carried three wins through, then added two seconds, a third and fourth but included an eighth place from heat seven in his overall tally to finish on 21.25, still 2.75 points ahead of Redshift, which finished sixth in yesterday's heat.

Bondi Tram sailed by Ron Packer and Peter Mudford, of WA, had been up with the top three boats on the overnight tally but after finishing 21st yesterday had to carry a disastrous. 17 in their score

Bondi Tram finished fourth

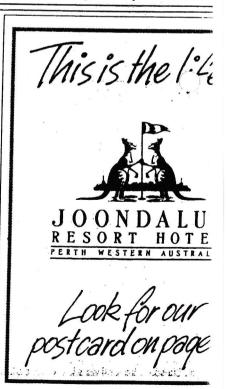
but, on 43.25 points, was well off the pace.

Despite a long-term friendship which started when Alderson and Thomas went to Christ Church Grammar School, none of Alderson's previous championship wins had been with his mate.

He won with Andrew Harry in 1994, with Wayne Miller in 1991, and Lillingston took a break from skippering in the 1990 titles to crew for the winning Alderson.

"Taking nothing away from Grant, it did not blow as hard as we would have liked," admitted Lillingston. "We seem to go better when the breeze is a bit stronger and we've had light breezes most of the time."

In Esperance, Mark Sebo and Dane Stead from the South of Perth Yacht Club and sailing Djanga won the fourth heat of the State pelican championships.



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CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS TO DATE HANGER OF RACES: 10 RACES TO COUNT: 8

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3057	FFOENIX	24.00	9.00	7.K	6.00	7.00	23.00	14.00	15.00	1.00	16.00	10	151.00	91.00	14
3494	CATCH HE IFF YOU CAN			20.00	17.00	15.00	3.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	4.00	10	134.00	92.00	15
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3527	NO FFOOLS			26.00	19.00	29.00	24.00	27.00	31.00	26.00	25.00	10	23.00	189.00	25
3531	ALTO CARD			19.00	21.00	30.00	21.00	18.00	29.00	21.6	28.30	10	240.00	181.00	26
3306	FFENOMENAL			27.60	21.00	26.00	28.00	28.00	19.00	22.00	29.00	13	239.00	182.00	27
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