"FF Sake" sailed by Ashley Smith & Crew win the 2015 Australian Championship

Race 1 & 2

Honours split for Day 1 with Aussie Falcon winning the first race and Sake the second. The wind was blowing early today and racing started on time, the first race being a windward – leeward course, the work was quite uneventful, with the wind in the east blowing about 18 - 20 knots, however, when we turned the corner and started the run a squall came through blowing 30 - 35 knots, never been so fast in my life in a fifteen, several of us came to grief as the waves tried to control the direction of the boat. Fflashpoint broke her mast but will rig a spare one from one of the competitors. The wind then eased back to what it was at the start, with some strong gusts passing through from time to time.

The second race was a windward-leeward, triangle, windward leeward the wind settled around 18 - 20 knots but the Moreton Bay chop made it tricky, the first run had its moments, but the second reach of the triangle was glorious!

A day of excitement and good sailing.

Race 3 & 4

Ashley Smith had to change crews as Mathew Williams had crushed ribs so Adam Kingston stepped into the breach. Flashpoint managed to acquire a mast and was back on the water, although not quite as well tuned as they may have wished, they still managed a second in race 3. Both races had similar conditions, about 17 - 20 knots with the odd strong gust, also the occasional lull for good measure. The wind coming from the SSE made the waves more choppy, showers impaired visibility considerably.

Course 2 the Windward leeward, triangle, windward leeward was the selection for both races. Sake won both races quite convincingly to take the overall lead before the only drop comes into play. In the race 3 Fflashpoint was second and Ten Pound Note 3rd. In race 4 the order was Sake, Ffast Lane 4, and Aussie Falcon.

Race 5 & 6

Day 3 of the Championship proved fickle, everyone was refreshed after the lay day, but several wind shifts across the course caused much place changing.

Race 5 was sailed in about 10 - 15 knots but the wind had some =major shifts and if you were on the wrong side of these you were down the pan (me!). Ashley & Adam in FF Sake were on the right side to win the race followed by Ffast Lane 4 and Ten Pound Note third.

Race 6 was a windward-leeward course and the race was abandoned when the leaders were half way up the second work, after some mark realignment the race was re-started, Aussie Falcon came out on top with Ten Pound Note second and ff Sake third, third being good enough to win the title and have a rest day on Day 4.

Race 7

I am not sure if everyone wanted to win this race or pack up their boats early, but we had 2 general recalls before the dreaded black flag was aired. The black flag had an immediate impact with the whole fleet well behind the line

The wind was the lightest of the week but around the 10+ knots with the windward leeward course, again many shifts and it was a question of getting the right, the winner was Ten Pound Note, Bubbles second and Aussie Falcon third.

The Silvers were won by Karen & Russell Dawes in Eagle Eye, Secret Fifteen received the Classic Trophy.

The UFFA FOX TROPHY for the invitation race was won by AUSSIE FALCON sailed by Dale Collings and Glen Scheen.

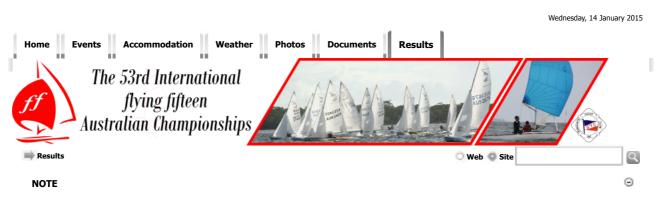
A very tough day at the office for the 18 boats competing in the Australian Championship at Sandgate Y C Queensland.

The start was scheduled for 1030am and so the fleet drifted out of Cabbage Tree Creek to wait an hour for the wind to fill in, meanwhile we were surrounded by rain clouds and some heavy showers. The wind filled in and the RO got the race underway in about 20 knots and teeming rain which made the course a white-out. The fleet could not see the marks and many thought the windward mark was the leeward mark, so several boats tacked away to search for the weather mark to see some boats round what many thought was the leeward mark! In fact it would have been possible to lay the weather mark on a single tack from the committee boat. Some exciting downwind sailing took place until the wind faded again, everyone kept moving but it was slow going, another rain storm brought back the 20 knots and we were off again, once the rain passed the wind died, changed direction causing the last work to be a run and the run a fetch. Due to the dying wind 5 boats failed to finish within 30 minutes of the winner.

Silver boat Eagle Eye sailed by Karen & Russell Dawes came second with Bubbles – Ken & Lee Bubb third.

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Overall Results

Series Place	Sail No	Boat	Type of Boat	Prize	Owner	Crew	Club	Series Points	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Race <u>6</u>	Race 7
1	3972	Sake	Open	М	Ashley Smith	Adam Kingston	Sandgate YC	10	3	1	1	1	1	3	17
2	3930	Aussie Falcon	Open	м	Dale Collings	Glenn Scheen	Mordialloc SC	16	1	2	6	3	7	1	3
3	3611	Ten Pound Note	Open	м	Trevor Williamson	Damian Anderson	Gippsland Lakes YC	18	5	17	3	4	3	2	1
4	4006	4KNL	Open	М	Mark Daly	Nicole Magyar	Davey's Bay YC	24	2	3	5	6	5	4	5
5	3989	Ffast Lane 4	Open	м	John Wilson	Deanna Wilson	Royal Freshwater YC	26	4	5	9	2	2	10	4
6	3767	Bubbles	Open	M/S	Ken Bubb	Lee Bubb	Tin Can Bay YC	31	7	6	4	7	6	6	2
7	3259	Eagle Eye	Silver	M/W	Karen Dawes	Russell Dawes	South of Perth	36	6	4	7	9	4	7	8
8	3855	Fflashpoint	Open	M/S	Peter Rooke	Martin Arrowsmith	South of Perth	47	17	17	2	5	11	5	7
9	3709	Ghost Magic	Open	M/S	Eelke Wouda	Bruce Wales	Sandgate YC	49	12	7	8	11	8	9	6
10	3710	Stiff Uffa Lip	Open		Chris Howell	Paul Young	Sandgate YC	57	13	9	11	8	12	8	9
11	3931	Wow!	Open	M/S	Michael Clark	Guy Anderson	Gippsland Lake YC	64	9	8	10	10	16	16	11
12	3890	Iff Only	Open	M/S	Greg Gleason	Doug Bell	Mordialloc SC	68	8	17	12	12	13	13	10
13	2825	Happy Days	Silver	M/W	Ariane Ritchie	Duncan Ritchie	Mooloolaba YC	69	10	11	16	14	10	12	12
14	3526	Slyghtly Ffirmer	Open	M/W	Les Kearney	Ashley Donovan	Mordialloc SC	75	11	12	15	15	9	14	14
15	3257	Think Big	Silver	M/W	Lindsay Gilbert	Robin Gilbert	Sandgate YC	76	14	10	13	13	15	11	15
16	1398	Secret Fifteen	Classic	M/W	Greg Williamson	lain Mitchell Hill	Sandgate YC	90	17	17	14	17	14	15	13

F15 Aus Champ Open es: 16 Races Sailed: 7 Discard: 1

Entries: 16

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Handicap

Series Place		Boat	Type of Boat	Prize	Owner	Crew	Club	Handicap	Series Points	Race	Race 5	Race 6	Race 7
1	3710	Stiff Uffa Lip	Open		Chris Howell	Paul Young	Sandgate YC	0.900	18	2	9	3	4
2	2825	Happy Days	Silver	M/W	Ariane Ritchie	Duncan Ritchie	Mooloolaba YC	0.871	20	15	2	2	1
3	3989	Ffast Lane 4	Open	м	John Wilson	Deanna Wilson	Royal Freshwater YC	0.930	21	1	3	12	5
4	3257	Think Big	Silver	M/W	Lindsay Gilbert	Robin Gilbert	Sandgate YC	0.878	22	3	5	1	13
5	3709	Ghost Magic	Open	M/S	Eelke Wouda	Bruce Wales	Sandgate YC	0.919	24	8	4	9	3
6	3611	Ten Pound Note	Open	м	Trevor Williamson	Damian Anderson	Gippsland Lakes YC	0.946	28	6	8	6	8
7	3526	Slyghtly Ffirmer	Open	M/W	Les Kearney	Ashley Donovan	Mordialloc SC	0.871	29	16	1	10	2
8	3259	Eagle Eye	Silver	M/W	Karen Dawes	Russell Dawes	South of Perth	0.933	33	11	7	5	10
9	3930	Aussie Falcon	Open	М	Dale Collings	Glenn Scheen	Mordialloc SC	0.950	34	4	14	4	12
10	3767	Bubbles	Open	M/S	Ken Bubb	Lee Bubb	Tin Can Bay YC	0.942	35	9	11	8	7
11	1398	Secret Fifteen	Classic	M/W	Greg Williamson	Iain Mitchell Hill	Sandgate YC	0.893	43	7	10	15	11
12	3931	Wow!	Open	M/S	Michael Clark	Guy Anderson	Gippsland Lake YC	0.909	45	5	15	16	9
13	3972	Sake	Open	м	Ashley Smith	Matthew Williams	Sandgate YC	0.984	46	10	6	13	17
14	3890	Iff Only	Open	M/S	Greg Gleason	Doug Bell	Mordialloc SC	0.904	46	14	12	14	6
15	4006	4KNL	Open	М	Mark Daly	Nicole Magyar	Davey's Bay YC	0.950	47	13	13	7	14
16	3855	Fflashpoint	Open	M/S	Peter Rooke	Martin Arrowsmith	South of Perth	0.954	54	12	16	11	15

F15 Aus Champ Handicap Fixed rating Entries: 16 Races Sailed: 4

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Silver

F15 Aus Champ Silver Entries: 3 Races Sailed: 7 Discard: 1

Series Place		Boat	Type of Boat	Prize	Owner	Crew	Club	Series Points	Race	Race 2	Race 3	Race	Race 5	Race 6	Race 7
1	3259	Eagle Eye	Silver		Karen Dawes		South of Perth	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	3257	Think Big	Silver		Lindsay Gilbert	Robin Gilbert	Sandgate YC	14	3	2	2	2	3	2	3
3	2825	Happy Days	Silver		Ariane Ritchie		Mooloolaba YC	15	2	3	3	3	2	3	2

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Classic

F15 Aus Champ Classic

Entries: 1 Races Sailed: 4

Series Place			Type of Boat	Prize	Owner	Crew	Club	Series Points	Race 3	Race 5	Race 6	Race 7
1	1398	Secret Fifteen	Classic			Iain Mitchell Hill	Sandgate YC	4	1	1	1	1

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Invitation Race

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Series Place		Boat	Type of Boat	Prize	Owner	Crew	Club	Series Points	Race
1	3930	Aussie Falcon	Open	М	Dale Collings	Glenn Scheen	Mordialloc SC	1	1
2	3259	Eagle Eye	Silver	M/W	Karen Dawes	Russell Dawes	South of Perth	2	2
3	3767	Bubbles	Open	M/S	Ken Bubb	Lee Bubb	Tin Can Bay YC	3	3
4	3972	Sake	Open	м	Ashley Smith	Matthew Williams	Sandgate YC	4	4
5	3855	Fflashpoint	Open	M/S	Peter Rooke	Martin Arrowsmith	South of Perth	5	5
6	4006	4KNL	Open	М	Mark Daly	Nicole Magyar	Davey's Bay YC	6	6
7	3611	Ten Pound Note	Open	м	Trevor Williamson	Damian Anderson	Gippsland Lakes YC	7	7
8	3710	Stiff Uffa Lip	Open		Chris Howell	Paul Young	Sandgate YC	8	8
9	3890	Iff Only	Open	M/S	Greg Gleason	Doug Bell	Mordialloc SC	9	9
10	3931	Wow!	Open	M/S	Michael Clark	Guy Anderson	Gippsland Lake YC	10	10
11	3709	Ghost Magic	Open	M/S	Eelke Wouda	Bruce Wales	Sandgate YC	11	11
12	1398	Secret Fifteen	Classic	M/W	Greg Williamson	lain Mitchell Hill	Sandgate YC	17	17
12	2725	Happy Days	Silver	M/W	Ariane Ritchie	Duncan Ritchie	Mooloolaba YC	17	17
12	3257	Think Big	Silver	M/W	Lindsay Gilbert	Robin Gilbert	Sandgate YC	17	17
12	3526	Slyghtly Ffirmer	Open	M/W	Les Kearney	Ashley Donovan	Mordialloc SC	17	17
12	3989	Ffast Lane 4	Open	м	John Wilson	Deanna Wilson	Royal Freshwater YC	17	17

F15 Aus Champ Invitation Race Entries: 16 Races Sailed: 1

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