FLYING 15s

THIRTY boats from five States contested the 1968 Flying 15 championship series, hosted by the Mornington Yacht Club, which was among the best yet conducted. A friendly atmosphere prevailed throughout the series and fair sailing has never been at such a high standard. No protests were lodged and the winner was not determined until the last race.

The weather varied considerably. The first two heats were sailed in heavy seas with west to southwest winds to 20 knots. The next two were in light southwest winds to 10 knots and slight seas. The fifth heat provided a moderate southwest wind with choppy seas and the sixth heat started with a choppy sea and east winds to 25 knots but deteriorated to wild seas and gusts to 40 knots. This moderated in the last heat to slight seas and a 12 knot east wind.

Winner John Handford (*Wimoweh*) said after the series that it is essential to finish in all races to win a series. Retirement due to gear failure must be avoided at all cost. Sometimes this is unavoidable even when everything is checked regularly, as happened to John in the last race, when a toe strap broke and Chris Withers, his crew, fell overboard at the last mark. He had to go about to pick him up losing at least one place.

But John had tried to avoid these failures by a full winter refit, even though *Wimoweh* was only one season old. He also felt it is very important to know where your nearest competitor is and know what he is doing. Also he had his suit of sails especially cut by Bob Keeley so that he could adjust the fullness by altering the tension of the foot and luff.

RESULTS:

1, *Wimoweh* (John Handford, Vic) 29.1 points; 2, *Emma* (Peter Humble, Vic) 31.7; 3, *Flight* (R. Dickson, NSW, 53.4; 4, *Ffidelity* (Bob Boynton, Vic) 53.8; 5, *Relience* (Bill Shand, Vic), 59.0; 6, *Samantha* (Stan Brown, Tas), 83.7.

Ray Laird

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL FLYING FIFTEEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

MORNINGTON YACHT CLUB - VICTORIA. 1967 - 68.

FINAL RESULTS.

COWESLIP TROPHY.

1.	878	WIMOWEH.	J. Handford	C. Withers.	VIC.	29.1
2.	944	EMMA	P. Humble	A. Moreton	VIC.	31.7
3.	703	FLIGHT	R. Dickson	J. Dickson	N.S.W	53.4
4.	868	FFIDELITY.	R. Boynton	I. Syme	VIC	53.8
5.	761	RELIENCE	W. Shand	H. Shand.	VIC	59.
6.	886	SAMANTHA	S. Brown.	K. Brown	TAS	83.7
7.	867	MOLLY O V.	Sir O. McCulcheon	H. Proctor	VIC	87.
8.	585	MERLE I	K. Willey.	K. Vaughan.	VIC	89
9.	743	FRITH	R. Black	M. Bell	N.S.W	90
10.	772	SEA BISCUIT II	A. Anderson	S. Godley.	VIC.	96
11.	771	TEMPEST.	J. Johnston Jr.	M. Handbury.	VIC	96.7
12.	640	SIMIT	A. J. Locke	I. Parker	W.A.	108.
13.	661	PEGASUS	M.S. Brown	M. Rainier.	TAS	109
14	572	MOLLY O IV.	A.R. Tyson	M. Howitt	N.S.W	110
15	942	OPTIMIST	R. Neunhoffer	R. Rogers.	VIC	111
16	941	MERLE II	E. Maizey	C. Wood	VIC	127.7
17	875	FFINK	B, Stonier	K. Gilfillan	VIC	128
18	945	FRENZY.	N. Williamson	G. Coleman	VIC	132
19	943	CABARITA	A. Lidgett	G. Arnall	VIC	135
20	745	MAGGIE G.	C. Joosse.	A. Bates.	N.S.W	141.7
21	766	GALATEA III.	W. Wunderlich	T. Lansell.	VIC	147.
22	871	SIROCCO	G. Strange.	G. Kaufman.	VIC	148
23	767	SEQUOIA	A. Duncan	N. Duncan	VIC	154
24	764	MIRAGE	T. Stokes.	J. Alsop.	VIC	165
25	938	PENOLA.	B. Dickinson	P. Barnett.	VIC	170
26	769	RIJO	J. Dekever	F. Dekever	VIC	173
27	937	FRANCESCA	A. Waite	G. Wade	VIC	177
28	770	FLYING FALCON	D. Collings.	J. Collings	VIC	179
29	952	DIHOLAINA	T. Brealey.	I. Tilley.	VIC	181
30	765	VELA DARE	V. Vorrath.	K. Strukland	VIC	196

INVITATION RACE.

1.	944	EMMA.	P. Humble.	A. Moreton	VIC.

HANDICAP RACE..