

Over the Moon Promotions 2011 Flying Fifteen Championship at the Canberra Yacht Club.

The 42 crews taking part in the championships on Lake Burley Griffin were welcomed for the first day of racing with a 5 to 12knot Nor easterly breeze. Three races were completed with a different winner in each race. Brothers Ian and Craig Rainey in "Where the bloody hell are you" showed the fleet their form with a one minute win from locals Matt Owen and Andrew Reed in "Form 3020" with Adam Hawkins fresh from his Sydney to Hobart on the TP52 Shogun and crew Ben Jones in "I'd swap this for a Bundy" sliding into third.

Race two belonged to Adam and Ben who seemed to be sailing another race with a huge five minute lead from the pack until the last leg when Adam and Ben got the gun from a very fast finishing Victorian sailmaker Brian Carroll and FD guru Craig Ginnivan in "Super Toy plays on," "Form 3020" and Canberra Yacht Club historian Peter Forster and Craig Murphy filling in the minor places.

Race three started in a stronger breeze with big shifts and big place changes, there was plenty of crashes at the first mark, which will kept the protest committee busy for a few hours. Matt Owen and Andrew Reeds pulled back from a very poor start to gain the lead from the Rainey's and Hawkins/Jones on the second windward leg and held on to win the shortened course finish. With "I'd swap this for a Bundy" coming in second and the Rainey's third.

This meant a very cosy leader board with the top three boats very close on points.

After a cancelled day due to no wind the fleet headed out for a big session to catchup on lost races. In the first race David Tucker and Matthew Summers where about to cross the finish line when the PRO abandoned the race due to the wind glassing out, and sent the fleet ashore. After lunch the fleet the wind came in and three races were conducted.

Race Four

Matt Owen and Andrew Reed bolted from the pack to count a win from very fast finishing Victorians David Meldrum and Super Crew Trevor Williams on "Ten Pound Note". Class stalwart Bill Shand and David Parish slid into third with Tucker in fourth.

Race Five

Matt Owen and Andrew Reed in "Form 3020" once again got a clean start and won from local's Neil Garvey and Finley Morrison in "Final Fling" sailing the race of their lives after spending most of the regatta in the mid 20's. Scottish traveller Ian Cleaver and Steve



Jobson in "Fully Active Board" relished in the local conditions and enjoying their escape from -20c temperatures back at home to side into their best finish on third.

Race Six

Series contenders Adam Hawkins and Ben Jones in "I'd swap this for a Bundy" had a blinder and led the fleet in very changing conditions winning from West Australian's Philippa Packer and Richard Whitaker in Absolutely Ffabulous sliding into second with fellow West Australians Fflashpoint Peter Rooke and Martin Arrowsmith continuing their solid form finishing third. Owen and Reed scored a 9th place setting the final day with one or two races to determine the series with second placed Hawkins and Jones. The Rainey's brothers on "Where the bloody hell are you" and current National Champion Tucker and Summers on "16" equal on points in third position.

In the 7th *Form 3020*, skippered by Matthew Owen and crewed by Andrew Reed from the ACT, secured the title with a race to spare after a solid race in which they lead at all marks. They didn't have the race all their own way with the fleet bunching at several points before *Form 3020* cleared out after a congested wing mark for a comfortable win.

Adam Hawkins and Ben Jones from Victoria, sailing *I'd swap this for a Bundy*, sailed a very consistent series to secure 2nd place from a fast finishing David Tucker and Matthew Summers, sailing *16* from WA who pipped Craig and Ian Rainey on *Where the bloody hell are we?* from Victoria for 3rd place. Brian Carroll and Craig Ginnivan sailing *Supertoy plays on* from Victoria finished in 5th place.

These titles were a selection series for the top 14 or so Australians hoping to compete in the Flying Fifteen world titles being held in Hayling Island in the United Kingdom in July 2011.

Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Crew	From	Bow No	Sers	Score	Race 8	Race 7	Race 6	Race 5	Race 4	Race 3	Race 2	Race 1
1	3311	Form 3020	Matt Owen	Andrew Reed	ACT	16	9.0	[42.0C]	1.0	[9.0]	1.0	1.0	1.0	3.0	2.0	
2	3881	ID SWAP THIS FOR A B	Adam Hawkins	Ben Jones	VIC	35	15.0	2.0	5.0	1.0	[21.0]	[5.0]	2.0	1.0	4.0	
3	3781	16	David Tucker	Matthew Summers	WA	23	23.0	1.0	[8.0]	5.0	[15.0]	4.0	5.0	5.0	3.0	
4	3880	Where the bloody hel	Craig Rainey	Ian Rainey	VIC	17	24.0	8.0	2.0	4.0	[8.0]	6.0	3.0	[12.0]	1.0	
5	3861	Supertoy Plays On	Brian Carroll	Craig Ginnivan	VIC	12	38.0	7.0	6.0	6.0	[26.0]	8.0	9.0	2.0	[16.0]	
6	3903	Fully Active Board	Ian Cleaver	Steve Jobson	UK	1	39.0	4.0	7.0	[11.0]	3.0	10.0	7.0	8.0	[17.0]	
7	3662	Wings	John Tracey	Tom Scully	ACT	11	42.0	6.0	4.0	8.0	[13.0]	11.0	4.0	9.0	[12.0]	
8	3855	Fflashpoint	Peter Rooke	Martin Arrowsmith	WA	19	47.0	10.0	[15.0]	3.0	6.0	13.0	10.0	[14.0]	5.0	
9	3775	Absolutely Ffabulous	Philippa Packer	Richard Whitaker	WA	42	50.0	3.0	[20.0]	2.0	14.0	[22.0]	8.0	10.0	13.0	
10	3611	Ten Pound Note	David Meldrum	Trevor Williams	VIC	29	55.5	[16.0]	10.5	[20.0]	10.0	2.0	6.0	13.0	14.0	