

2017 FFIA Australian Championship - Esperance Bay Yacht Club

Uffa Fox Trophy

A stunning opening day's racing at the 2017 Gemmill Homes Flying Fifteen Australian Championship in Esperance with a moderate breeze of 12 - 15 knots.

After one general recall, race officer John Taylor (JT) raised a U flag which seemed to do the trick with a big sag in the middle of the start line for the second go. The course was a windward/leeward followed by a triangle and an upwind to the finish providing a range of sailing angles and a number of place changes throughout the fleet.

However Nick and Janet Jerwood sailing (Ineffable) got a good start and tacked into an early lead at the top mark. The South of Perth YC sailors extended their lead on every leg to lead by a country mile by the last leg to the finish. They finished just under a minute ahead of the chasing pack.

Philippa Packer and Dean McAullay sailing (Absolutely Ffabulous) worked their way into second place with Philippa letting out a (woop) of satisfaction as they crossed the line but the fight for third was only decided in the last few tacks. Places 3 - 6 were split by 10 seconds. The (Glamour Buoys) Greg Leaversuch and Peter Barblett crossed ahead of fourth placed Greg Tonnison and Mark Lovelady (Spot the Difference) with Ron Packer and Steve Ward (Affrodisiac) finishing fifth.

Championship Series for the Coweslip Trophy

A stunning opening day's racing at the 2017 Gemmill Homes Flying Fifteen Australian Championship in Esperance. Clear blue skies and a building E/SE breeze starting from 12 - 16 knots climbing to 22 - 28 knots later in the afternoon with some good wave sets.

A windward/leeward, triangle, windward/leeward and one final upwind course proved quite a testing day for the fleet of 40 boats resulting in some wild rides, some collisions and gear breakages. However one of the most disappointed of all was Esperance local David Swan & Matt Elliot who were judged to be by a nose over the start line in (Phar Lap) to be recorded OCS. The first upwind was quite an even split with Philippa Packer & Dean McAulley sailing an 'Absolutely Ffabulous' first lap to head the fleet from a very tight pack including an on fire John Wilson & Matt Summers (Fast Lane 4) and previous world champions, Alan Bax & Simon Childs (Fforever Young) from the UK.

At the second top mark rounding Wilson & Summers had worked up the beat showing superior boat speed and had a glimpse of an opening but alas too close and fouled the Jerwoods resulting in penalty turns. This dropped them down to the pack downwind but to their credit they battled back into contention on the third lap.

The triangle consisted of two very fast reaches with some incredible surfing down the ever increasing waves. Nick & Janet Jerwood (Ineffable), climbed through the leading pack and hunt down Philippa & Dean to nearly slip inside for the overlap, but a last big wave surge enabled the RFBYC boat to maintain the lead but not for long. Philippa admitted after racing that their gybe was a bit hurried and allowed the Jerwoods a window of opportunity to attack. Behind the lead two boats the places were changing on each leg with Alan Bax & Simon Childs and John Wilson & Matt Summers always in the mix.

One last upwind to the finish and by now the breeze was up to 20+ knots with a seascape of white caps. The Jerwood's once they got in front covered the fleet to the finish but Wilson & Summers chose to separate from the leading pack and go left gaining back lost ground to finish an excellent second. The British pairing of Bax & Childs held on for 3rd with Packer & McAullay slipping to 4th. David Yu & Chris Nelson (Tuffan Up) sailed an excellent third lap to grab 5th.

Day 2 a superb warm day with cloudless skies and breeze ranging from 10 - 15 knots all afternoon to allow for three races to bring the regatta back on schedule.

For Race 2 PRO John Taylor set a short course using a new combination of sausage, sausage and triangle to finish on a fast reach. The familiar site of the blue kite of Nick & Janet Jerwood (Ineffable) popped up for the first downwind with another blue kite just behind. This time it was Greg Tonnison & Mark Lovelady (Spot the Difference) who were the chasers with another new face in the front pack, Ashley Smith & Adam Kingston (Ffast Lane) from Queensland. On lap 3, the final triangle, the chance of an upset was on the cards, Tonnison & Lovelady snatched the lead but sure enough by the final reach the Jerwoods superior downwind speed took bullet number two of the championship. Tonnison & Lovelady settled for 2nd and John Wilson & Matt Summers (Ffast Lane 4) a solid 3rd. David Yu & Chris Nelson from RFBYC broke the SoPYC stranglehold with a creditable 4th.

Race 3 and second of the day shortly followed in similar conditions sailing the same course. The breeze did start swinging right causing a few worries for the PRO but held in strength. The Jerwoods rounded lap 1 in the lead but with a new challenger to hunt them in Greg Leaversuch & Peter Barblett (Glamour Buoys) and another new player Chris Paterson & Ed Repsevicius (Storyteller).

As per usual, places 3 - 6 saw a number of changes but Nick & Janet Jerwood were serving up a masterclass extending on every leg to take a third bullet. The bad boys, Levo & Barblett held on to second in a hope that their turbulent regatta form was changing and Paterson & Repsevicius finished on the podium for the first time.

The predicted increase in wind strength didn't materialise but a slightly longer course was set for the final race of the day. This time the octogenarian class stalwart Nils Blumann sailing with Gary Warman got snagged up with the luckless Glamour Buoys at the pin with both doing turns of shame. The rest got away cleanly at the top mark, a new leader David Yu & Chris Nelson sailing Tuffan Up from RFBYC were in front of the Jerwoods. Brits Alan Bax & Simon Childs (Fforever Young) were having a more consistent day in 3rd.

Bax & Childs got in front of the Jerwoods and then relinquished their 2nd place again but Yu & Nelson remained cool headed to keep a couple of boat lengths ahead on the triangle. At last we had a new race winner but second place was still undecided until the last tack. Bax & Childs came to the finish line of starboard forcing the Jerwoods to tack and snatched second on the line. Tim Walker & Alan Sharpe (Ffollow Us) finished an excellent 4th and the ever consistent Wilson & Summers combo 5th.

Day 3 Clear blue skies, warm temperatures and a superb day of steady breezes ranging from 15 - 20 knots and a 1m swell. Three more races using a variation of courses made for an exhausting but thoroughly enjoyable days racing.

Race 5 of the championship was called a general recall so a quick fix on the pin and away we went again. Clean this time with most of the fleet favouring the left hand side of the course. John Wilson & Matt Summers (Ffast Lane 4) pop the dayglow yellow kite in the lead followed by (Glamour Buoys) Greg Leaversuch & Peter Barblett and the familiar blue kite of Nick & Janet Jerwood (Ineffable) with another (Ffast Lane) Ashley Smith & Adam Kingston from Queensland in the mix.

On lap 2 these four boats arrive at the leeward gate in a row and two go left and two go right. The three leaders remain the same but Alan Bax & Simon Childs (Fforever Young) are rising through the ranks to challenge.

On the final triangle Wilson & Summers have around a 100m lead but its never enough with the Jerwoods in pursuit. Around the final wing mark and a fast reach to the finish. Wilson goes high to protect height whilst the Jerwoods sail fast and low, surging past to take the gun. Wilson & Summers settle for 2nd and a slightly fluffed gybe by the Glamour Buoys leaves the door open for Baxxy to slip past to snatch 3rd.

Race 6 another clean start. This time the Brits lead round lap 1 chased by the Jerwoods. The ever consistent Wilson / Summers combo from SoPYC fight for 3rd with the RFBYC pack. Although there were changes in the minor placings, the race was on to see if Bax & Childs could hold off the charging Jerwoods. On every hoist and every gybe they seem to be just a bit slicker than the rest of the fleet so the pressure was on in every manoeuvre. On the final gybe at the wing mark, spectators expected the usual scenario but the multi championship winners

from Hayling Island in the UK, used all their experience and skills to hold off the charge to finish the job and claim their first bullet of the regatta. Jerwoods second and Wilson / Summers 3rd. Yu & Nelson (Tuffan Up) finish 4th and Chris Paterson & Ed Repsevicius (Storyteller) and excellent 5th.

Race 7, the breeze was gradually getting a bit stronger with some big gusts but a third race of the day was irresistible so a weary fleet lined up one more time. There were a few left shifts this time necessitating a bit of shuffling of course marks and a slightly longer course with an upwind finish.

A cracking start at the pin by the Queenslanders Smith & Kingston and the fleet working the offshore (left) side of the course. Rounding first was Bax & Childs with Greg Tonnison & Mark Lovelady (Spot the Difference) on their stern and the Jerwoods breathing down their necks. With their slick boat handling and turbo downwind speed the unstoppable Jerwoods surfed past into the lead. Tonnison & Lovelady also slip streaming past the Brits on the triangle. The last upwind work to the finish the mighty Jerwood machine extended away to take the gun and have one hand on the title. Tonnison & Lovelady just held off Bax & Childs and Philippa Packer & Dean McAullay recovered with a late surge to take 4th.

Day 4 -Race 8 was sailed in the morning in a building northerly breeze starting at 16 knots with gusts to 27 knots and temperatures ranging from 36 – 42 degrees. The UK team of Alan Bax and Simon Child's gave all their skill and energy into the final days racing to hold onto their well deserved and sailed second place. Third place wasn't without a battle and well sailed by 'Tuffan Up' David Yu and Chris Neslon finally settling for a fourth place overall.

Well done to 'Spot the Difference' Greg Tonnison with ring in crew Mark Lovelady finally winning race 8 in the series with 'Ineffable' showing calm, consistent form in second place and 'Tuffan Up' third. The final race of the series saw third place winner 'Ffast Lane 4' pushed down the fleet with a finish of eighth and 'Forever Young' in ninth.



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**Final Result for
Flying Fifteen
Championship
after 8 races with
6 races to count**

Pos'n	Boat No	Boat Name	Skipper/Crew	Total	Nett	02/01/17 1	03/01/17 2	03/01/17 3	03/01/17 4	04/01/17 5	04/01/17 6	04/01/17 7	05/01/17 8
1	3986	Ineffable	Nick Jerwood/Janet Jerwood(SoPYC)	12	7	1(1)	1(1)	1(1)	3	1(1)	2(2)	1(1)	2
2	4047	Fforever Young	Alan Bax/Simon Childs(UK)	38	16	3(3)	13	4(4)	2(2)	3(3)	1(1)	3(3)	9
3	3989	Ffast Lane 4	John Wilson/Matthew Summers(SoPYC)	36	21	2(2)	3(3)	6(6)	5(5)	2(2)	3(3)	7	8
4	3859	Tuffan Up	David Yu/Chris Nelson(RFBYC)	35	22	5(5)	4(4)	8	1(1)	5(5)	4(4)	5	3(3)
5	3743	Spot the Difference	Greg Tonnison/Mark Lovelady(SoPYC)	49	27	6(6)	2(2)	9	8(8)	8(8)	13	2(2)	1(1)
6	3775	Absolutely Ffabulous	Philippa Packer/Dean McAullay(RFBYC)	59	34	4(4)	8(8)	5(5)	15	6(6)	7(7)	4(4)	10
7	3992	Glamour Buoys	Greg Leaversuch/Peter Barblett(RFBYC)	68	38	13	17	2(2)	10(10)	4(4)	6(6)	11(11)	5(5)
8	3987	Ffollow Us	Tim Walker/Alan Sharpe(SoPYC)	68	42	8(8)	5(5)	10(10)	4(4)	14	12	9(9)	6(6)
9	4053	Phar Lap	David Swan/Matt Elliot(EBYC)	100	45	[42](OCS)	6(6)	7(7)	7(7)	10(10)	8(8)	13	7(7)
10	3972	Ffast Lane	Ashley Smith/Adam Kingston(QLD)	77	46	12	7(7)	19	9(9)	11(11)	9(9)	6(6)	4(4)
11	3982	Storyteller	Chris Paterson/Ed Repsevicius(SoPYC)	79	51	11(11)	16	3(3)	11(11)	12	5(5)	10(10)	11(11)
12	3619	Affrodisiac	Ron Packer/Steve Ward(RFBYC)	82	54	14	10(10)	14	6(6)	7(7)	10(10)	8(8)	13(13)
13	3717	All Torque	Peter Bowman/Ethan Prieto-Low(RFBYC)	134	77	10(10)	[42](OCS)	12(12)	13(13)	13(13)	15(15)	14(14)	15
14	3526	Fat RRRs Over the Side	Peter Jackson/Les Kearney(VIC)	131	89	15(15)	20	16(16)	12(12)	16(16)	18(18)	22	12(12)
15	3856	Feet and Fingers	John Wallace/Stewart Wallace(EBYC)	167	92	9(9)	21(21)	11(11)	14(14)	26(26)	11(11)	[42](DNF)	33
16	3879	Aussie Way	Kim Peaker/Neil White(SoPYC)	131	93	19	18(18)	13(13)	19	18(18)	16(16)	12(12)	16(16)
17	3935	She Who Must Be Obeyed	John Hassen/Gene Donraadt(SoPYC)	148	98	20(20)	9(9)	17(17)	21	15(15)	29	18(18)	19(19)
18	3822	A-Squared	Andrew Knowles/Anne Knowles(SoPYC)	184	100	7(7)	12(12)	42(DNF)	[42](DNC)	9(9)	14(14)	16(16)	[42](DSQ)
19	3855	Fflashpoint	Peter Rooke/Martin Arrowsmith(SoPYC)	147	100	18(18)	15(15)	15(15)	26	19(19)	21	19(19)	14(14)
20	3494	Catch Me If You Can	Chris Wells/Gordon McWilliam(EBYC)	150	105	16(16)	23	18(18)	16(16)	22	17(17)	17(17)	21(21)
21	3800	Saltheart	Mark Gooding/Michael Gooding(SoPYC)	159	110	17(17)	24	20(20)	25	21(21)	19(19)	15(15)	18(18)
22	3984	Faffin	Carl Pettersson/Kristine Pettersson(SoPYC)	185	122	31	11(11)	32	17(17)	23(23)	25(25)	26(26)	20(20)
23	3964	Fforeigner	Simon Lucas/Aileen Lucas(PRSC)	173	122	21(21)	14(14)	23(23)	18(18)	25	23(23)	23(23)	26

24	4040	Forty Forty	Bill Shand/David Parish(VIC)	181	126	25(25)	28	22(22)	27	17(17)	24(24)	21(21)	17(17)
25	3878	Fast Lane II	Rob Donaldson/Ryan Norris(EBYC)	215	145	22(22)	33	24(24)	24(24)	27(27)	37	20(20)	28(28)
26	3259	Eagle Eye	Karen Dawes/Russell Dawes(SoPYC)	216	151	23(23)	25(25)	33	22(22)	32	31(31)	27(27)	23(23)
27	4010	Mr Fox	Mark Millman/Max Dobie(GYC)	215	151	27(27)	27(27)	27(27)	23(23)	28	36	25(25)	22(22)
28	3909	Tuffa Nuff	Ashley Reichstein/Tim Buckman(EBYC)	236	152	24(24)	35(35)	21(21)	20(20)	30(30)	22(22)	[42](DNF)	[42](DNC)
29	3814	Committed to Confusion	JJ Wallace/Sam Gardiner(EBYC)	239	155	26(26)	30(30)	28(28)	31(31)	20(20)	20(20)	[42](DNF)	[42](DNC)
30	3767	Bubbles	Ken Bubb/Lee Bubb(QLD)	227	157	28(28)	26(26)	25(25)	28(28)	24(24)	26(26)	28	[42](DNC)
31	3833	No Bull	Tim Bussemaker/Kevin Griffiths(SoPYC)	231	163	36	32	26(26)	30(30)	29(29)	30(30)	24(24)	24(24)
32	3928	Swift	Peter Emby/David Sutcliffe(SoPYC)	239	167	29(29)	19(19)	35	32(32)	37	28(28)	32(32)	27(27)
33	3658	Hippo	David Dwyer/Brittany Nicolas(EBYC)	256	177	35(35)	22(22)	30(30)	37	[42](DNF)	32(32)	29(29)	29(29)
34	3475	Enuff Rope	Greg Howell/Leanne Howell(SoPYC)	263	183	30(30)	38	34(34)	33(33)	31(31)	[42](DNS)	30(30)	25(25)
35	3057	Ffoenix	John Lyus/Rita Nesdale(SoPYC)	266	189	32(32)	34(34)	31(31)	35(35)	35	27(27)	[42](DNF)	30(30)
36	3991	Ffancy Classique	John Midolo/Gordon Roe(SoPYC)	264	193	33(33)	31(31)	37	34(34)	33(33)	34	31(31)	31(31)
37	3659	Endorffine	Wim Speelman/David Hall(EBYC)	289	210	37(37)	37	36(36)	36(36)	34(34)	35(35)	[42](DNS)	32(32)
38	3766	The Last Won	Nils Blumann/Gary Warman(EBYC)	296	212	34(34)	36(36)	29(29)	29(29)	42(DNC)	42(DNC)	[42](DNC)	[42](DNS)
39	3931	WOW!	Michael Clark/Neil Smith(VIC)	296	212	38(38)	29(29)	42(OCS)	[42](DNS)	36(36)	33(33)	[42](DNF)	34(34)
40=	3910	Oui Non Peut-etre	Jennifer Sims/Deanna Wilson(SoPYC)	336	252	42(DNC)	42(DNC)	42(DNC)	42(DNC)	42(DNC)	42(DNC)	[42](DNC)	[42](DNC)
40=	3761	ROffL	Sandy Dunn/Tim Barling(SoPYC)	336	252	42(DNF)	42(DNC)	42(DNC)	42(DNC)	42(DNC)	42(DNC)	[42](DNC)	[42](DNC)

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25	3909	Tuffa Nuff	Reichstein/Tim Buckman(EBYC)	192	109	18(18)	37(37)	12(12)	12.5(12)	23(23)	6.5(6)	[42](DNF)	[41](DNC)
26	3935	She Who Must Be Obeyed	John Hassen/Gene Donraadt(SoPYC)	173.5	110.5	28(28)	3(3)	22(22)	29	15.5(15)	34	19(19)	23(23)
27	3855	Fflashpoint	Peter Rooke/Martin Arrowsmith(SoPYC)	177	114	19(19)	17(17)	21(21)	36	26(26)	27	21(21)	10(10)
28	3743	Spot the Difference	Greg Tonnison/Mark Lovelady(SoPYC)	187	115	30(30)	2(2)	36	35(35)	35(35)	36	5(5)	8(8)
29	3991	Ffancy Classique	John Midolo/Gordon Roe(SoPYC)	187.5	115.5	37	26(26)	35	18.5(18)	11(11)	18(18)	28(28)	14(14)
30	3775	Absolutely Ffabulous	Philippa Packer/Dean McAullay(RFBYC)	187.5	119.5	25(25)	16(16)	20(20)	37	27(27)	22.5(22)	9(9)	31
31	3931	WOW!	Michael Clark/Neil Smith(VIC)	210	126	33(33)	15(15)	42(OCS)	[42](DNS)	9(9)	5(5)	[42](DNF)	22(22)
32	3766	The Last Won	Nils Blumann/Gary Warman(EBYC)	220	136	23.5(23)	23.5(23)	4(4)	2(2)	42(DNC)	[42](DNC)	[42](DNC)	41(DNS)
33	3822	A-Squared	Andrew Knowles/Anne Knowles(SoPYC)	220.5	136.5	5(5)	14(14)	[42](DNF)	[42](DNC)	20.5(20)	30(30)	26(26)	41(DSQ)
34	3800	Saltheart	Mark Gooding/Michael Gooding(SoPYC)	205.5	136.5	17(17)	35	31(31)	34	30(30)	24(24)	10(10)	24.5(24)
35	3856	Feet and Fingers	John Wallace/Stewart Wallace(EBYC)	216	138	6(6)	34(34)	17(17)	31(31)	36	17(17)	[42](DNF)	33(33)
36	3928	Swift	Peter Emby/David Sutcliffe(SoPYC)	222	150	[35](34)	13(13)	34(34)	26(26)	37	25(25)	32(32)	20(20)
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39=	3761	ROffL	Sandy Dunn/Tim Barling(SoPYC)	335	251	42(DNF)	42(DNC)	42(DNC)	42(DNC)	42(DNC)	[42](DNC)	[42](DNC)	41(DNC)

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1	3259	Eagle Eye	Karen Dawes/Russell Dawes(SoPYC)	10	6	1(1)	1(1)	2	1(1)	1(1)	2	1(1)	1(1)
2	3057	Ffoenix	John Lyus/Rita Nesdale(SoPYC)	15	10	2(2)	2(2)	1(1)	2(2)	2(2)	1(1)	[3](DNF)	2

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