

Tas Sabre News February 2011



Crown Series Report

A good roll up of 80 odd dinghies rolled up for a weekend of fun racing. Light winds and current confronted the fleet on Saturday morning. The PRO was itching to move to another part of the river for non existent breeze so we all spent some time chasing the start boat around.

Eventually sanity prevailed and we were sent ashore for lunch. A light NW breeze greeted the sailors in the afternoon. George Fish showed that age is no impediment in light and tricky conditions and managed to run down Jeremy in one heat and lead another to show the fleet how it's done. Matt just managed to hold off George in last heat that was thankfully shortened.

On Sunday it was similarly light with lots of waiting. Eventually a bunch of of spinnakers to the south heralded a welcome southerly breeze.

The outgoing current encouraged a tack onto port and out in the current to get upwind.

Jeremy was by far the best at getting away early. Bruce Rose(current Tiger National champ) who borrowed Alchemy for the weekend had flashes of form in the early heats but couldn't hold his spot till the finish.

One heat after another had Jeremy Fish receiving the hooter at the finish although he tried hard to give things away when he finished a heat on the wrong side of the boat.

Matt Pearce was stuck in second for many heats just waiting for Jeremy to make a mistake.

The wind slowly backed to the east as the day wore on with the current flipping and eventually coming in.

Owen from Kingston Beach was up against some stiff competition from LSC sailors but showed improving speed as the day wore on.

After repeatedly being told not to tack too aggressively Sally tacked with gusto to beat Owen and managed to capsize and ran out of energy trying to recover.

By the last heat, going east off the line looked better. Matt Westland was the first to realize this and crossed the fleet. Matt Pearce went even further east and managed to round top mark first with Matt Westland sandwiched in strife at the top mark. Jeremy eventually prevailed and won this heat as well to win the regatta convincingly.

Although we had a range of other classes on same course, smart work by organisers kept traffic jams to a minimum.

Superb prizes for heat winners on TCF as well as overall placings brought a smile to competitors. Thanks to Ronstan and many local sponsors along with volunteers from many clubs for helping make the weekend memorable.

Full results at

http://crown.belleriveyachtclub.com.au/topyacht?file=sites%2Fcrown.belleriveyachtclub.com.au%2Ffiles%2Ftopyacht%2Fresults%2Fdinghy_2011%2FBravo%2FSGrp5.htm

Upcoming Tas Sabre State titles March 19th and 20th.

The NOR and Sis have been finalized and attached with this newsletter. Get your entries in asap to make it easier for organisers.

Note that as in recent years, organisers have relaxed requirements to have all gear re-measured. Basically if your boat/sail/foils have been measured before – no problem. Any NEW boats,foils or sails that haven't been previously signed by the measurer WILL need measuring before the event.

Deviot has a good program in place for what will hopefully be a great weekend . Note there is easy camping available on the club grounds.

If you are having trouble getting your boat up to Deviot, contact editor and we may be able to help.

New boat launched

Rowan Clark has his new boat “Rock It” on the water .

Last weekend Rowan cleaned up showing a clean set of heels to many top sailors at LSC.

His recent experience in the Farr 40 worlds has certainly not slowed his boatspeed.

He sailed without error along with outstanding speed around the course to rattle the old guard.

Watch out for Rowan at the State Titles.

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Calling sailors from all the Sabre clubs around Tassie. Please send in some copy, news or pics so they can be included in the newsletter.

Vic States

An excellent fleet of 95 entries made for top racing at the Vic states. The level of enthusiasm in the class means we are sure to go over the magic 100 for the next Nationals at Blairgowrie.

Full results at <http://www.sabre.org.au/victoria/index.html>

Hope to see you all at Deviot.