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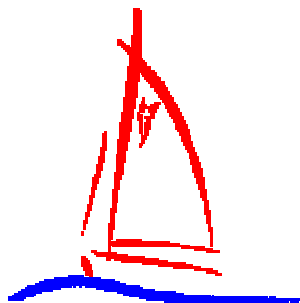
Welcome

What a busy season it has been for the Sabre class! With the main event being the National Championships held at Brighton & Seacliff Yacht Club over the Christmas period. Overall the titles were a great success with a well deserved, out right winner in John Gratton. This was John's first National Championship win and we are all very proud that he achieved this on home waters at Brighton.

The association would like to thank the numerous volunteers that contributed their time and expertise with the running and organization of the Nationals. Without their hard work and dedication the event would not have been as enjoyable for competitors and families alike.



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AGM & State Presentation

Brighton & Seacliff Yacht Club – 24th May 2008

The Annual General Meeting of the Sabre Association will be held on 25/05/2008 at Brighton & Seacliff Yacht Club commencing with a lunch (provided by the Assoc free of charge) at 12.30pm followed by the AGM and the presentation of the trophies from the State Championships.

This is always an enjoyable afternoon so we hope to see many of you there.

Boats for Sale

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State Championships 2007-2008

The last three heats of the 07-08 State Championships were held at Largs Bay Sailing Club on 9th and 10th February and once again close sailing was encountered on both days. Sean Hackett pushed John Gratton all the way with the final results again being decided on the last heat. In the Team Event the Pink Team (Ladies) showed the males a clean set of heels to win easily. Congratulations Ladies.

Congratulations also to the winners John Gratton (Open), Kylie Baker (Ladies) and Chris Juttner (Handicap).

Below are the overall results. Refer to website for division results. www.sabre.org.au

2007-2008 State Championship Results

Boat #	Boat Name	Sailor	Club	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total	Worst	Final Pts	Place
1698	Get Real	John Gratton	BSYC	1	6	9	1	2	1	1	21	9	12	1
1627	Almucantar	Sean Hackett	LBSC	2	12	1	6	1	4	2	28	12	16	2
1737	Day out with Dad	Francis Watson	BSYC	19	2	4	3	3	5	3	39	19	20	3
1571	Therapy	Kylie Baker	BSYC	6	1	5	5	12	2	9	40	12	28	4
1653	Eye of the Tiger	Dean Francis	BSYC	4	5	6	8	7	8	4	42	8	34	5
1726	Monkey Pants	Robert Gratton	BSYC	3	11	2	9	5	10	6	46	11	35	6
1047	Patricia	Lesley Roberts	LBSC	7	8	11	2	4	32	7	71	32	39	7
1649	Go Boat	Rebecca Gratton	BSYC	19	3	14	12	13	3	11	75	19	56	8
1601	Miss B Haven	Laura Averay	BSYC	19	16	7	14	5	6	10	77	19	58	9
1619	Lock N Load	Greg Warner	BSYC	32	19	10	15	9	7	5	97	32	65	10
1736	Spiky Jane	Chris Juttner	BSYC	11	18	13	16	10	12	8	88	18	70	11
1709	Kinetix	Frank Hackett	RPPYC	12	17	15	10	17	11	13	95	17	78	12
1626	Blue Streak	Bill Tucker	BSYC	8	7	18	4	11	32	32	112	32	80	13
1241	Chloe	Coline Wilson	BSYC	15	14	19	19	17	13	15	112	19	93	14
1722	Sally's Boat	Sally Downes	BSYC	9	9	3	11	32	32	32	128	32	96	15
1618	Pickles	Rob Gale	BSYC	10	4	17	13	32	32	32	140	32	108	16
1650	John's Boat	John Rumpff	BSYC	5	15	12	17	32	32	32	145	32	113	17
1267	Xstatic	Tom Vercoe	BSYC	32	10	8	7	32	32	32	153	32	121	18
1631	Funky Fossil	Ron Rickards	BSYC	13	13	16	18	32	32	32	156	32	124	19
1731	Bolina	Bob Wright	LBSC	32	32	32	32	8	9	12	157	32	125	20
1291	Splashdown	Graeme McLeay	BSYC	32	32	20	32	17	32	32	197	32	165	21
1181	Koluna	John MacPherson	BSYC	14	32	32	32	32	32	32	206	32	174	22
1635	Fantasy Flyer	Bill Anschutz	BSYC	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	224	32	192	23

Victor Harbour News

Hi Sabre Sailors,

Feeling somewhat jaded after the last sailing season and nationals?

Need revitalisation and new scenery?

Come down to the South Coast where we can offer different and unique sailing environments.

Clayton Bay Rat Race Regatta on Sat April 26- who could resist such a picnic event!

Goolwa Regatta YC winter series on the last Sunday of each month. Yes, we still have plenty of water in the channel but you must learn to dodge the sandbars and assorted bird life.

And Victor Harbor YC summer sailing in the swells of the Southern Ocean.

For more info regarding these exciting opportunities contact:

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National Championships 2007-2008 – by Greg Warner

John Gratton wins his 1st Sabre Australian Title

John Gratton from Brighton and Seacliff Yacht Club has won the 30th Sabre Australian Championships by four points. John sealed the championship in the final heat with his first individual heat win in the 24 years that he has been sailing a Sabre.

A strong fleet of 73 competitors sailed at Brighton and Seacliff Yacht Club in Adelaide, South Australia. The regatta was held in a mixture of conditions providing competitors which at times trying conditions.

The regatta started out well for the Gratton family when John's daughter, Bek, won the invitation race in light conditions with John following in second place.

Heat 1 was a female trifecta won by Fiona Wilcox from Victoria, followed by Bek Gratton and Fiona's sister, Kylie Baker from South Australia.

Heat 2 became a repeat of the invitation race with Bek first, followed by John and the Alan Riley from Victoria.

Heat 3 and 4 were sailed back to back after racing had been postponed on New Years Eve due to extremely hot conditions and little to no wind. Heat 3 was sailed in variable conditions with a south easterly offshore breeze. The heat was won by previous National Champion Wayne Bates from Victoria, followed by Callum Burns and Christopher Keil.

Many competitors returned to the beach after heat 3 believing that the wind was increasing and that heat 4 would be postponed. The race committee believed that racing was possible and heat 4 started with 19 competitors. Wayne Bates again demonstrated his abilities in strong winds leading from start to finish followed by Callum and Tim Heaney from Victoria.

Heat 5 saw the emergence of another possible contender for the overall title. Alan Riley, a previous National Champion won ahead of Kylie Baker and Christopher Dance from Victoria.

Heat 6 was contested in 10-15 knots which saw Tim Heaney lead Wayne Bates and Callum Burns to the finish

John knew going into the last day that he had a mathematical chance of taking out the title. The winners had been shared among so many competitors that the title would go down to the last race. In conditions that saw multiple wind shifts and course adjustments, John Gratton won to Kylie Baker and Fiona Wilcox. John had never won an individual heat in the 24 years of sailing in National Championships. John didn't realise he had taken out the title until he returned to the beach when fellow competitors congratulated him on his win. Initially thinking he was being congratulated on winning the heat, it was not until he saw the final results posted that he realized he had finally achieved his goal of a National Title.

The close racing reflected in the top 4 boats separated by only 5 points. The final positions were: John Gratton (SA), Alan Riley (VIC), Tim Heaney (VIC), Wayne Bates (VIC). The great result is a reflection of the many hours that John had spent planning and training for this regatta.

National Championship - Results

Place	Ties	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	From	Sers Score
1		1698	Get Real	John Gratton	SA	28
2	5.0S	1754	Zap	Alan Riley	Vic	32
3		1739	Sabretage	Tim Heaney	Vic	32
4		1610	Outabaloo	Wayne Bates	Vic	33
5		1677	Espresso	Christopher Dance	Vic	61
6		1747	Alchemy	Matt Westlands	Tas	65
7		1743	Purple Patch	Callum Burns	Vic	70
8		1653	Eye of the Tiger	Dean Francis	SA	73
9	6.0S	1756	Scram	Andrew Little	Vic	82
10		1596	Sealed Section	Fiona McCulloch	Vic	82
11		1498	Pressure Drop	Daniel Kiel	Vic	99
12		1571	Therapy	Kylie Baker	SA	103
13		1625	Dilligaf	Tich Timmermans	SA	104
14		1686	W.O.O.F	Tony Turton	SA	105
15		1649	Go Boat	Bek Gratton	SA	106
16		1665	Miss D Meanor	Fiona Wilcox	Vic	111
17		1751	In a mild currysauce	Russell Rooney	Vic	115
18		1760	Loitering w Intent	Andrew Graham	Vic	116
19		1726	Monkey Pants	Robert Gratton	SA	124
20		1729	Aqua Holic	John Petschel	Vic	130
21	9.0S	1624	Southern Aurora	Robbie Graham	Vic	135
22		1626	Blue Streak	Bill Tucker	SA	135
23		1446	About Time	Christopher Keil	Tas	136
24		1601	Miss B Haven	Laura Averay	SA	137
25		1629	Drumbeat	Albert Riley	Vic	140
26		1655	Power of One	Trevor Naismith	Vic	141
27		1708	Tenacity	Arie Westland	Tas	149
28		1691	Pirate Pete	Peter Cook	Tas	156
29		1737	Day out with Dad	Francis Watson	SA	158
30		1009	Hun	Ron Fergusson	Vic	161
31		1660	Blue Marine	Richard Jackson	Vic	176
32		1644	Shearwater	Philip Johnson	Vic	182
33		1577	Still Smitten	Geoff Smith	Vic	190
34		1047	Patricia	Lesley Roberts	SA	191
35		1415	Winnie the Pooh	Susan Hextell	Qld	194
36		1618	Pickle	Robert Gale	SA	195
37		1445	Outtared	Andrew Bradshaw	Tas	201
38		1180	Control Zed	Angus Hughes	SA	205
39		1755	Leadlight	Dave Bacon	Vic	210
40		1619	Lock n Load	Greg Warner	SA	221
41		1731	Bolina	Bob Wright	SA	224
42	24.0S	1722	Sally's Boat	Sally Downes	SA	228
43		1741	Class Action	James Frecheville	Vic	228
44		1267	Xstatic	Tom Vercoe	SA	240
45		1584	Two Bob Each Way	Alex Hill	SA	250
46		1712	Cracker Jack	Peter Skinner	Qld	252
47		1115	In the Red	Daniel Pritchard	Tas	266
48	24.0S	1647	Sea Beat	Andrew Keil	Vic	268

49		1719	Itsaboat	Eric Szabo	Tas	268
50		1736	Spikey Jane	Chris Juttner	SA	281
51		1701	Go-Anna	Anne Musset	Qld	291
52		534	Xaloc	Roger Freney	NSW	304
53		1631	Funky Fossil	Ron Rickards	SA	316
54		1605	The Ran Tan	Frederick Ellis	Vic	321
55		1264	Grand Cru	Colin White	SA	337
56		1613	Never Say Never	Stephen Early	Vic	341
57		1291	Splashdown	Graeme McLeay	SA	342
58		1590	Stairway to Heaven	Ashley Parkinson	Vic	347
59		1632	Zen	Graham Small	SA	356
60		1720	Szabre	Philippa Szabo	Tas	358
61		1104	Bottoms Up	Sarah Naismith	Vic	362
62		1630	Belle	John Cobb	SA	364
63		1633	Toothless Tiger	David Belford	SA	368
64		1359	Careegal	Eric Warner	SA	377
65		82	Arzabout	Ron Bugg	Tas	382
66		1409	Eat My Bubbles	Caitlyn Druery	Tas	383
67		1556	Mystery Girl	Gary Loughhead	SA	387
68		1600	Bucket of Prawns	Eric Browne	SA	391
69		1241	Chloe	Colin Wilson	SA	406
70		1195	Yellow Peril	Robert Abercrombie	SA	416
71		1510	Aquilav	Kirsten Binns-Smith	Vic	424

The National Championships was a great success and enjoyed by all competitors and supporters. For full results please refer to the Sabre website www.sabre.org.au

We were lucky enough to receive great sponsorship for the regatta and the Association would again like to recognize the support received from the following companies.

