

2017 ARYA National Championships

International 10 Rater

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AUSTRALIAN RADIO YACHTING ASSOCIATION (Inc.)
Kogarah Bay Sailing Club, Kogarah Bay NSW
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Official Regatta Report

Months of planning by the NSWRYA planning committee and background work for many weeks by KBRYC and KBSC members was paying off. The A Class and IOMs had been run and won in the previous week, now it was the turn of the 10Rs, arguably the fastest and most spectacular of the International RC yacht classes.

10R skippers entered from all over Australia, four from Queensland, eleven from NSW, four from WA and three each from the ACT and Mexi, oops, Victoria. We even had a welcome visitor from Switzerland in the form of Thomy Blatter sailing a borrowed boat. Unfortunately there were a couple of late withdrawals, but there was still a field of 23 very competitive boats to fight for their places in the championship.

KBRYC member Lindsay Walker was the PRO assisted by the newly crowned A Class champion Glenn Dawson and a team of observers. Scoring and fleet management was in the hands of the very capable Anne Walker and Koonawarra Bay SC members Jon Pinkerton and Barry Grant drove the rescue boat.

Racing got underway with an all-in practice race. A nice bottle of red was donated by Barbara Hayden as a prize for the winner in memory of her late husband lan, who was a great contributor to radio sailing and the 10R class. Scott Condie won the wine.

The seeding races were then held and racing proper got underway in two fleets in very hot humid conditions.

It soon became evident that the title would be fought out between two boats, the 2nd prototype of the BG Trance sailed by Scott Condie, and the Sanga, designed and built by Steve Sedgmen. The Trance was the same boat that won the world championship in Italy sailed by Brad Gibson and is now part of Andrew Reid's fleet. The Sanga is proving to be a very competitive boat indeed and had recently won the ACT Championships, the NSW Championships and the ranking event held in January at KBRYC.

Keeping Scott and Steve honest was Victorian Lincoln McDowell sailing his design, the Blade 4, and several Diamonds, the best of them being Sean Wallis from WA. Further down the fleet there were plenty of private battles (and frustrations) going on to keep everyone on their toes. The most important thing it was fun for everyone.

Varied wind conditions from light easterly breezes to strong C rig conditions were experienced over the three days, so every skipper had a chance to sail their boats in all conditions, just as it should be for an Australian Championship.

Congratulations go to Scott for his dominate performance to defend his Australian Championship title and to everyone else who took the fight to him. He has given all the skippers something to aim for, so Scott, watch out!

The presentation dinner was held at Taren Point Bowling Club and Allan Bicknell made the trip down to present the medals, trophy and prizes. Allan had already given a huge commitment as the PRO for the

IOMs in extreme heat, so he must have been feeling a bit jaded. Even so Allan was there and all the 10R sailors thank you.

These events don't happen by themselves so thanks to the people who helped make the 10R class regatta one of the best. Lindsay and Anne, Glenn, Kevin Wingate and the other observers and helpers too numerous to name individually, and Jon and Barry in the rescue boat. Thanks too to the KBSC members who catered for the event with the welcome BBQ and lunches each day. Thanks to Robert Hales, Mark Newman and Scott Condie who carried out the registration and check measurement procedure with good humor and efficiency.

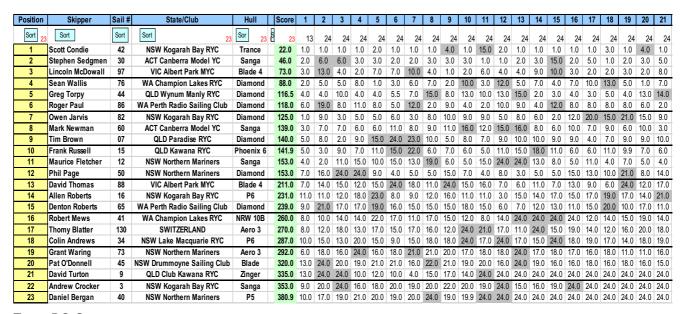
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In February 2018 the Australian Champs will be held in Hobart so we look forwards to the change of scene and cooler weather. See you there.



From L to R. Scorer and fleet manager Anne Walker, PRO Lindsay Walker, 2nd place Steve Sedgmen (ACT), 1st place Scott Condie (NSW) and 3rd place Lincoln McDowell (Vic)

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Team BG Guru,

Brad had won the 10 Rater worlds in Garda, Italy late last year.

Since then, the modified Trance has made its way to Australia, eventually, via the worst freight services in the world, ie TNT. If you don't want your goods delivered anytime soon, use them. They really are rubbish.

Brad had supplied the boat to his usual exacting standards prior to boxing it up for transport to Sydney but, ended up going to Sydney, Adelaide, Sydney and eventually, boat owner Andy Reid picked it up from Melbourne only to deliver it to me the next day!

What a relief it was to finally see the redesign genius and commitment for 6 months prior to the Worlds in Italy.

The anxiety of not knowing whether I could prepare myself mentally was probably worse than the racing side of things itself, having dedicated the previous 3 weeks to the organising side of things and having not sailed well for 3 days in the IOM's. (Well, he did come fourth. Ed)

Brad was on the email to help out any time I needed, whether it be moral support or tuning tips. Lucky to have BG in my corner some would say, I'd say yeah.... real lucky!

No bigger thanks go to Brad for his tireless strive for perfection. Anyone who was there, could admire her go nicely through the water. Turns out the 400 unpaid man hours Brad and Victoria put into it, has paid dividends.

Steve Sedgmen's Sanga who finished 2nd, is also a beautiful boat to sail. Sedgy does everything himself except make the masts! An accomplishment he and everyone else should be proud of. Well done mate!!

Linc finished 3rd in another Aussie designed and built boat.

In all, a great event with Aussie designed and built boats taking the top three. Something we should all be proud of.

Cheers

Scott Condie KBRYC