



## 2017 ARYA National Championships

### International Marblehead

16 February -18 February 2017

AUSTRALIAN RADIO YACHTING ASSOCIATION (Inc.)

Kogarah Bay Sailing Club, Kogarah Bay NSW

This is an ARYA Ranking Event

## 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, IOMs and 10R had been run and won in the previous ten days and now it was the turn of the Marbleheads. This regatta is in the ranking period for the 2018 World Championships so competition was bound to be fierce.

Sixteen skippers were entered, seven from NSW, five from Victoria, two from Queensland and two from South Australia. Everyone turned up to race, but unfortunately three boats pulled out during the first morning leaving thirteen very competitive boats to fight it out for the spoils.

Joint PROs running the event were three members of the KBRYC. Wayne Keavy ran the first morning and the remainder of the regatta was a combination of Owen Jarvis and Scott Condie. Scott PRO'ed all the last day and Owen with the assistance of Kevin Wingate looked after the results and scoring. Scott Backhouse drove the rescue boat on the first day and Matthew McAnna the last two days.

Racing got under way in a moderate northerly breeze using a windward and return race course with a gate at the leeward end. The breeze strengthened during the day and swung to the NE so there were many requests for rig changes. Day 2 was similar but racing was called off early due to a storm cell hanging about. A southerly change came through in the early morning of Day 3 to provide a very steady breeze all day, so there was plenty of racing to make up for the lost time on Day 2 and the regatta finished with 41 races completed.

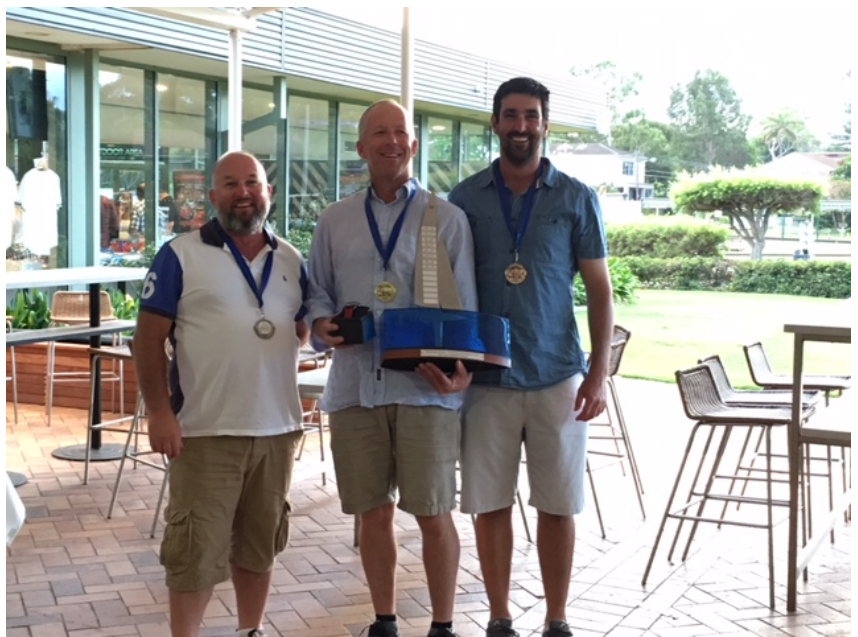
The Marblehead skippers were lucky, they had the best breezes of the Nationals.

After a slowish start Lincoln McDowell got his "F4" up to speed and proceeded to become the one to beat. Andy Reid, Scott Mitchell, Kirwan Robb, Greg Torpy and Dave Turton were always there nipping at Lincoln's stern and keeping him honest. However, Lincoln finished with an easy win 25 points ahead. Second and Third were all locked up after race 39 on 110 points and Andy ended up in second sailing his "Grunge" only one point ahead of Scott Mitchell with Kirwan 14 points further back in fourth.

Congratulations to Lincoln for his strong performance to defend his Australian Champion title and to everyone else who took the fight to him. Everyone who competed was a winner and everyone left with smiles on their faces after three days of very competitive racing.

The presentation dinner was held at Taren Point Bowling Club and Scott Condie presented the medals, trophy and prizes.

These events don't happen by themselves so thanks to the people who helped make the RM class regatta one of the best. Scott Condie, Owen Jarvis and Wayne



Keavy for running the event, Kevin Wingate for recording the results and observers Ron Moon, Maurice Fletcher and others that helped from time to time, and of course the rescue boat drivers. Thanks too to the KBSC members who catered for the event with the welcome BBQ and lunches each day. Thanks to Robert Hales and Scott Condie who carried out the registration and check measurement procedure with good humor and efficiency.

Thanks heaps to our sponsors, RMG Sailwinch, Radio Yacht Supplies, Hales Micro, BG Sails and Design, Ultralight and the Radio Sailing Shop. You all helped make the regatta a success.

The Corinthian prize was awarded to Paul Ziems. For his excellent manner and sportsmanship, he wins a suit of BG's finest Marblehead sails....Well done Paul!

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.

Position	Skipper	Sail #	State/Club	Hull	Score
Sort 16	Sort	Sort	Sort	Sor 16	S 16
1	Lincoln McDowell	97	VIC Albert Park MYC	F-4	84.5
2	Andrew Reid	74	VIC Albert Park MYC	Grunge	110.0
3	Scott Mitchell	2	SA Adelaide Radio Control Yacht RC	Indie	111.0
4	Kirwin Robb	94	VIC Albert Park MYC	Indie	125.0
5	Greg Torpy	25	QLD Wynnum Manly RYC	Quark	145.9
6	David Turton	9	QLD Club Kawana Radio Yacht Club	Mantra	156.0
7	David Thomas	88	VIC Albert Park MYC	F-4	218.0
8	Phil Page	50	NSW Northern Mariners	Prime Number	250.0
9	Paul Ziems	52	NSW Drummoyne Sailing club	Prime Number	275.0
10	Ian Dowsett	19	SA South Australian YC	F3	303.0
11	Robert O'Brien	28	VIC Patterson Lakes RMYC	Scalpel	354.0
12	Andy Sands	43	NSW Northern Mariners	Paradox	439.0
13	Patrick O'Donnell	89	NSW Drummoyne Sailing club	Prime Number	447.0
14	Phillip Page	3	NSW Drummoyne Sailing club	Prime Number	560.0
15	Garry Bromley	55	NSW Kogarah Bay RYC	Prime Number	570.0
16	Steve Crewes	8	NSW Drummoyne Sailing club	Scalpel	591.0

The full race results are available from the 2017 Nationals website <http://www.kogarahbay.com/Nationals-KBRYC/index.html>