

NS14 ACT 2009-10 SEASON

The season

Overall a good season for sailing with just 2 weekends lost – one a gale; one no wind, being the last race of the season. January was particularly good with the afternoon easterly regularly arriving.

A total of 11 boats raced at some time over the season, with 7 regulars. We also had 2 boats join us at the end of the season and they are expected to be regulars next season.

The level of competition improved with most of the fleet upgrading to better boats this year.

Leo and Justin in Rum Tum Tugger (Aero 10) were the big improvers and would have been club champions had they not missed several races attending weddings (friends and family, not their's).

Mike and Di (at least before she broke her leg) in Battlestar (Force 5) slowly came to grips with a boat and rig that behaved completely differently to the Aero 8.

Bill and Danni in Big Daddy Potato (Aero 10) really got going when they put a new set of sails on the boat. Perhaps though the weight of being National President slowed Bill toward the end of the season.

James and Paddy in Crosstown Traffic (Aero 8) also showed what an upgrade in boat can do for performance, almost winning a heat of the ACT Titles after leading for most of the race.

Mary and Roe in Roma (Aero 8) were dangerous (literally and figuratively) all season, particularly with the MG rig on and that funny stick out the front. They may have done better if they sailed more races, but Year 12 exam and assignment preparations took priority – which paid off with Roe getting into the ANU.





Simon and Zoe in Tangled Up in Blue (Aero 6) were another to benefit from getting into a better boat from last season. The skippers' union needs to work a bit harder on Simon though as he allows his crew to give the instructions and decide who sits where in the boat!

Jim and a range of crew, in a variety of boats (mostly Cat N' Mouse Aero 7), with a kalidescope of NS/MG rigs entertained all season.

Otto took some of the sail training courses on offer at the Y – we hope to see more of him and his son in the Wicked NS next season.

Finally, at the end of the season we welcomed Paul and Janet and sons in Full-O-Wind (Aero 6) back from overseas, Dave O'Connor in Whistling Kite (Flight XXIV) and David in This Side Up (a Dribbly perhaps), who will no doubt be regulars next season.

We will miss Chris and Bruce in Shiraz (Aero 10) as Chris has gone to university in Sydney. No doubt the Connells Point crowd will welcome him.

Intrepid travellers

ACT boats travelled to a number of events in NSW during the year.

Crosstown Traffic and Battlestar had a terrific weekend at Jervis Bay on the October long-weekend. A bit wet, but you couldn't complain about the breeze.

Again in very good afternoon breezes, Rum Tum Tugger and Battlestar enjoyed the Twofold Bay regatta with Rum Tum Tugger taking out the Richard Morcom Memorial Trophy.

Big Daddy Potato and Battlestar took on the might of NSW at their State Titles in Gosford.

Cat'n'Mouse handled the big winds at MG State Titles on Sydney Harbour – but found the big swell harder to come to terms with!

Roma started the season travelling to Lake Macquarie for a training camp and finished it off going bush and took out the Wallagoot Lake regatta.

Who won what?

ACT NS14 Titles in November was the battle of the lakes – Canberra versus Chipping Norton. Peter and Kathy in Nomad (Tequila 99) showed no mercy to convincingly win. NSW sailors would have noticed Nomad prominent at Gosford in many of the heats. 2nd Rum Tum Tugger; 3rd Battlestar. Heavyweight: Big Daddy Potato Handicap: Jim Reeder's bitsa.

A Special Achievement YMCA Club Award went to Bill for the Christmas Crazy Sailing Day, and he also took out 3rd in the Club's Alternate Series.

2009-10 Championship

- 1st - Battlestar (Mike Hitchens and Di Lane)
- 2nd - Rum Tum Tugger (Leo and Justin O'Keefe)
- 3rd - Crosstown Traffic (James and Paddy Macken)

2009-10 Pointscore

- 1st - Battlestar (Mike Hitchens and Di Lane)
- 2nd - Rum Tum Tugger (Leo and Justin O'Keefe)

Richard Morcom Memorial Trophy was won by Rum Tum Tugger, and Leo was also awarded the Hans Haalebos Most Improved Skipper trophy.

Finally, congratulations to Bill Kerrigan for being elected National President – the first under the Constitution outside NSW.





