

NS14 Victoria Report

The NS14 Fleet in Vic had a rather flat year with all owners pre-occupied or content to only sail in local club events. Chelsea and Black Rock still have a couple of 6's and 7's racing and with the in flux of water, Cairn Curran is full again allowing a couple of older boats to get wet.

After pleading and cajoling the "bay" sailors up to Sugarloaf Sailing club for a spot of winter racing with very limited success, I have taken a leaf out of Bill's book and am currently going into year 4 of running the junior squad program with the view to home-grow a couple of families into NS14's. In the last three years we have gone from 13, to 17 to 40 kids (having water also helps) and have been taking the more advanced kids as crew as an introduction to get them into racing.

With regard to the previous minutes and discussion points,

1. The video's are fantastic and excellent especially for me where I do not get to see NS14's sailing live. Also see these of benefit to new owners getting a good start in the boats.
2. I will still continue to push the association and currently trying to organise a sail with Chelsea for later this year in a Four of a Kind regatta.
3. The Geelong Race Week would be a good opportunity for promotion as the place does go off! If we do not go with the GRW one suggestion for the Vic Nats maybe a border sailing venue such as Lake Hume.
4. Finally, offer my sincere thanks to Bill for his leadership as the Association President. I have certainly appreciated your help.