

Line Placing	Skipper	Yacht	Finish Time	Correct Time
55	G. Trivett	Chrisdon	8.5658	12.1260
56	T. Maciver	Taurus	8.5801	12.1359
57	E. Smith	Port Cider	8.5818	12.1415
58	R.J. Coate	Nereid III	8.5831	12.1427
59	J. Hamilton	-	8.5853	12.1448
60	E.H. Weacott	Egret II	8.5906	12.1500
61	R.J. Claringbould	Saphire	8.5918	12.1512
62	P. Hubbard	-	8.5918	12.1512
63	P. Cooke	Wanderer	8.5942	12.1534
64	R. Martin	Swan	9.0313	12.1853
65	L.A. Williams	Rag Doll	9.0414	12.1951
66	A.J. Butterworth	Early Kooka	9.1500	12.3000
67	A.J. Vaughan	Fle	9.1958	12.3442
68	T.J. Rowman	Black Jack	9.2750	12.4217
69	A.F. Taylor	Hi Tone II	10.0250	13.1508
70	D. Straughton	Cathie Anne	10.1500	13.2620
71	B. Westwood	Spion Kopje	10.2720	13.3815
72	J.B. Bucknall	Taranga	10.2906	13.3955
73	R. Mason	Kamarie	10.2916	13.4004
DNF	P. Coffey	Seafever		

The Committee of L.W.Y.C. wish to thank, congratulate, or commiserate with all competitors. We have come to the conclusion that this was a good year - good conditions, record fleet, record times, and organisation that hung together reasonably well under stress.

There were a few dramatic happenings in Lake Wellington around midnight as Huey put in a final spurt before turning in. Estimates of the gusts range from 25 to 150 but the official word is fairly close to the former. Several masts were carried away, a couple of kites blew out, flares were fired, radios ran hot and crews were rescued from the water. Despite rumours, no boats sank, and no one was hurt - seriously, that is.

Jim Voyzey, whose prototype "Sonata 6m" was flattened by a combination of rogue gust and freak wave, has reported the incident to us as a graphic example of the value of safety harnesses. The crew were all thrown into the water by the force of the knockdown, but one unhooked himself to swim around the boat and was swept away. He was picked up by Don Hannington who stayed around until all was well. Once the "Sonata's" waterfilled kite was released, she stood up and sailed away, but was obliged to retire because of outside assistance.

The Division "B" result sheet is marked provisional, as these results cannot be made final pending the hearing of a couple of protests. A third protest was lodged - by Gosford skiff demon Merv. Howlett against the race committee for failure to mark a huge hole in the water. However, when his boat was later moved to one side the hole had disappeared and the protest was dismissed.

Many infringements of rules were observed by escort boats, but most had to be waived for want of identification beyond reasonable doubt - a keelboat was reported to be motoring in the straits, several boats missed the straits beacon - mostly because they did not seem to be totally under control at the time, and a yacht whose class rules forbid spinnakers was seen to be using a balloon shaped, multi-coloured jib.

For next year, the procedure for powerboats to report misdemeanors will be greatly improved, so be warned!!

Another notable feature of this years race was the number of family groups competing - we know of one yacht which had three generations aboard and another had an all girl crew.

We look forward to the company of Trophy winners at our Annual Presentation Night. To those other competitors, without whom there would be no trophy winners, we wish you good sailing, and we hope you will join us again next year.