

52nd International Mirror Class Australian Championship Sailing Summary 31st December 2017

The final day's racing was held in extremely difficult conditions for the PRO particularly.

The wind was all over the compass with a prevailing nor-westerly. The start was postponed until 12 noon until the breeze moderated in strength, however the PRO only had until 2 pm to complete the two remaining races. Race 10 was shortened, and unfortunately the final race was not able to be started in spite of all the efforts of the PRO. The PRO, David Graney and his team of volunteers did a fantastic job over the whole regatta, running an extremely good series with great efficiency.

All racing was extremely tight, with the final results summarised below. Damian Carey and Lauren Armstrong from Henley Sailing Club in South Australia, sailing *Bob* **finished first** with 13 points, tied with *Waterborne at Last* from Balmoral Sailing Club in Sydney and sailed by Douglas Raftesath and Spencer McKay. Damian and Lauren **won on a count back** with 5 firsts, versus 4 firsts from Douglas and Spencer!

In third place was Stan Bland and Hugo Jones sailing *Eeezy Life* from Woollara Sailing Club in Sydney.

The **state teams trophy** was won by New South Wales from Tasmania, South Australia, Western Australia and Victoria.

The **Junior trophy** was won by *Storefresh*, Ella Konings and Emily Carey from Goolwa, SA.

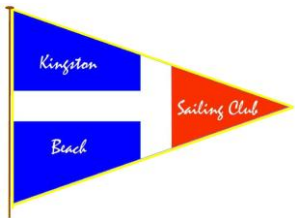
The **Youth trophy** was won by *Yenda Lee*, Charlotte Raftesath and Benedict McKay from Balmoral Sailing Club, NSW.

The **Ladies trophy** went to Jenny Graney and Zoe Cowles sailing *Carpe Diem* from Kingston Beach Sailing Club, Tas.

Waterborne at Last sailed by Douglas Raftesath and Douglas McKay from NSW won the **Veterans**, and Stan Bland (Woollara SC) and Hugo Jones (Kingston Beach SC) sailing *Eeezy Life*, won the **Norm Deane Masters**.

The **Buxton, Parent and Child Trophy** was taken out by Campbell and Stirling McKay from Royal Sydney YS, sailing *Wavecatcher*.





The Cruiserweight trophy went to Gavin and Oliver Cooke sailing *Firefly* from Balmoral SC, NSW, and the trophy for the **best performing Gunter** (gaff rigged) Mirror went to local boat *Cicarda V*, Preston and Phil Cowles (KBSC).

The Handicap trophy was won by Tony and Atlas Miller from Kingston Beach Sailing Club, sailing *Flying Flathead*, with second and third going to Ella Konings and Emily Carey (SA) and *Hunny*, Andrew and Caitlin Clippingdale from Deviot Sailing Club (Tas).

Dinghy Sports provided a special trophy in the form of a rudder for the **Most Improved Junior over the regatta**. This was awarded to *Fizz*, sailed by Loki and Pippa Bird from Kingston Beach Sailing Club (Tas).

And finally, Martin Grose (Tas) was presented with the **Bill Jaffray Memorial Trophy** for people who have made an outstanding contribution to Mirror sailing in Australia. Martin has had a long association with the Mirror Class, and is known to measure many a boat to ensure that they conform to the class rules (This 52nd National Title included).

