

2011 Hobie16 Nationals, Takapuna, 19-20 March

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Well we had the Hobie 16 nationals last weekend, **18 boats!** and as always it was an amazing weekend filled with challenges, excitement, a huge amount of learning and most of all great company!!

So good to see so many out of town people, Richmond from Wellington, and he brought 3 boats up!! What a legend!! Graham from Fiji, Even had a nice couple from Melbourne!! Awesome effort guys J

Saturday morning was a classic nationals 1st day scene, an impressive array of boats covered the grass reserve, 18 Hobies mixed in with 25 or so splashes. The water was like a mirror, and the air still as we all set up our boats. Nothing more impressive than the vibrant array of Hobie sails dominating the landscape!

The pre race meeting consisted of a few glances from the water to the club and back, then noticing half the boats had left the beach!!

Day 1

Day 1 consisted of 5 races, with winds from 2-3kn, slowly rising to around 8 knots. We tend to think Hobies are a handful in heavy wind, but it's a real mind battle in the light!!

Race 1 Heading upwind to the top mark, we set off on starboard, and then tacked onto port, heading up the coastline keeping out of the tide. Flicking back to starboard lining up the top mark we all got hammered by the tide and a wind drop. Some of us had to throw in 4 tacks to get "up tide" enough to make the mark!!

Race 3 had our Aussie friends breaking a bridal wire and losing their mast! The wind picked up just enough to have the odd hull fly! Even though the wind got up, it was still fickle, and at any stage it was anyone's race, based on when and where we tacked. Split second decisions could place you half a leg either way!!

Race 4 Well Malcolm and Zane decided to try one of Andrew's slick moves, charging the start line on port! It was all going so well, looked like the best start of the day!! The boat was powered up, and found a nice slot in the group to power through!! All excited about a good start they didn't notice the double gun recalling the whole fleet based on majority over the line until they were a good 500 m away!!

After a restart we headed for the top mark. A good run to the bottom gate with a tight grouping created some very heated action as five boats rounded the mark in what seemed like the best gust of the day, and felt like only mm between boats! It was a miracle no one got hit.

Race 5 was a great race, nice wind, testosterone really pumping (may be the cause of short term memory loss around the starboard rule??) and after the race Chris from pt Chev made the most of the wind and went for a sail, then we all sat back and enjoyed a cold beer and some good conversations.

Day two

Another calm one...

Race 1, once again lots of thinking, and strategy counted for everything. Some delicate moves and the odd "bump" due to lack of steering some boats tacking 4 or 5 times just to find the wind left a few skippers frustrated, but still some good little duels and a good race.

[Race 2](#), Proof hobie's still move in 1 knot of wind!! A few boats got stuck in the back eddie below the southern point, and for a moment I thought Daisy had run aground as he drifted into the reef! Top mark was almost impossible, I think Graham was the only one to get round!! So the race was called off.

After a few words to the race coordinator we decided to call it a day. I'm sure I even heard someone say they would rather take their wife shopping??!?!?? Obviously sun stroke! I think the paddle back was the most exciting moment of the day.

Congratulations to Andrew for taking the title this year, also to Harry who once again sailed like a legend, The Australians who came in 6th in Fee and Steph's boat, and Chris in the older boat who won a spade for his position!! I don't think Andrew was serious when he suggested using it to bury your boat!!

Thanks to Takapuna boat club for hosting the event, all our sponsors for the fantastic range of prizes, and Andrew for making it happen!

Lets go sailing!!

Never raced at the nationals or confronted about how serious it seems?

It's the best opportunity to learn from the best, sail with well set up boats and learn everything you want to know!! Don't be shy, Come next year !!

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2011 HOBIE 16 OPEN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

TAKAPUNA BOATING CLUB

Results as of 9:37 on March 21, 2011

Overall

Sailed: 6, Discards: 1, To count: 5, Entries: 17, Scoring system: Appendix A

Rank	Fleet	SailNo	Club	HelmName	CrewName	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Total	Nett
1st	Open	34	Takapuna / Murrays Bay	Andrew Springford	James Wilson	1	(4)	2	4	2	1	14	10
2nd	Open	107922	Pupuke	Harry Handley	Peter Evrard	3	1	(5)	1	5	2	17	12
3rd	Open	91003	Stillwater	Nigel Williams	Geoff Faulkner	(6)	2	1	3	4	5	21	15
4th	Open	112136	Port Melbourne	Fletcher Warren Myers	Georgia Warren Myers	2	3	(18 DNF)	18 DNS	1	3	45	27
5th	Open	107973	Takapuna	Crofton Umbers	Dave McGlashan	4	12	3	2	6	(15)	42	27
6th	Youth	108093	Murrays Bay / Wakatere	Tomer Simhony	Ellie Copeland	(8)	7	4	7	7	4	37	29
7th	Open	108045	Takapuna / Murrays Bay	Scott Constantine	Oscar Gunn	7	6	7	5	(10)	7	42	32
8th	Open	03	Royal Suva YC	Shayne Brodie	Torika Brodie	(18 dnf)	5	6	18 OCS	3	6	56	38
9th	Open	101580	Royal Suva YC/Murrays Bay	Grahame Southwick	Jack Rogers	5	10	(13)	11	8	9	56	43
10th	Open	108223	Takapuna	Steve Elder	Brent Henderson	12	8	8	8	(14)	11	61	47
11th	Open	20	Takapuna	Zane Blomfield	Malcolm Lambert	10	9	(14)	6	13	10	62	48
12th	Open	107961	Muritai Yacht Club	Richmond Atkinson	Morgan Sissons	9	11	(12)	10	11	12	65	53
13th	Youth	108020	Hong Kong	Jonathan Shue	Kenton Shue	11	(14)	9	12	12	14	72	58
14th	Youth	107986	Napier / Murrays Bay	Sam Mackay	Vicky Francis	(18 dnf)	16	15	13	9	8	79	61
15th	Open	101472	Takapuna / Pt Chev	Mike Burd	Joshua Wijohn	(18 DNF)	13	11	9	18 DNC	13	82	64
16th	Open	40590	Pt Chevalier	Chris Mitchell	Hugh McIntyre	13	15	10	(18 OCS)	15	16	87	69
17th	Open	107958	Varuna Yacht Club	Paul Renall	Jarrod Kingi	(18 DNF)	18 DNF	18 DNF	18 DNF	18 DNC	18 DNC	108	90

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