

# 2016 NSW State Trailable Yacht Championships



*NHTYA again hosted the NSW State Trailable Yacht Championships for 2016. Whilst the number of participants was down on last year we did have a spinnaker division and continued to have entry from outside the club. As usual, the weather over the October long weekend generated some exciting race moments.*

*Some eager racers decided to chance rigging on the Friday. Hmmm did it blow or what !!! Straight up the ramp. Styles, a normally sheltered spot, turned nasty. Everyone thought better of launching and kept boats on the trailer overnight with the expectation the wind was to abate in the morning.*



*Saturday morning the wind did abate-well a little. Pre-race included a session of sail comparison between the two Coles and the results reflect their racing was competitive.*

*Saturday's two round the bouy races were reduced to one due to some very gusty strong westerlies. Some entrants decided to sit this one out and take up prime viewing positions on the shore. This was fortuitous as I had left my*



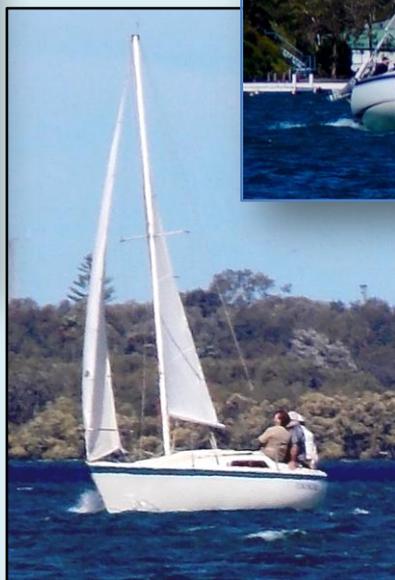
*camera home and the pictures from my phone were very ordinary. However Pam had her camera and wow did she score some spectacular shots.*

*Tom and Robyn were racing around the course on Grumblebum setting marks.*





*Saturday saw gusts of 30+ knots and everyone had their 'moments'. Consequently the yachts suffered as well as did very exhausted skippers and crew. DeJaVu blew a traveller, Sail Away blew all but 4 slugs on the main and Binnaway had their outhaul give way. Some frantic repairs were done and scampering off for hopeful purchases before Sunday's racing.*



*Sunday's races were Bay courses and the weather was perfect. Racing at its best and the stories and smiles on everyone's faces said everything. The Wangi boys got to use their kite on the longer legs. There was wind in the bay but some still found holes around Coal Point. The fleet was close and strategy was paramount. The two races were sailed and I heard some anchored and had a bit of a snooze in between races, ZZZZZZZ,ZZZZZZZZ.*



*Sunday night again was fantastic. This year we tried a different method for the live viewing of the NRL Grand Final on an open air mega screen. Batteries and inverter instead of a generator together with Warren's magic with sound and reception proved to be the best quality viewing we have ever had. Thanks Warren, Brian and Tom.*



*Relaxing after a hard days racing.*





*The dinner again was extraordinary. A special thank-you goes to Kim who stepped in at the last minute, due to some unforeseen events, to organise the dinner. I just came along for the shopping and assistance. Actually I'm not sure what we do without Kim- thank you.*



*The local birds, kookaburras and lorikeets (or were they parrots), decided they wanted to join in happy hour as well. Barbeque duty was nearly a war zone and as usual Warren's BBQ skills didn't disappoint. Thanks to everyone who helped make the night. We retired to our boats wondering just what Monday's weather was going to serve up. The forecast during Sunday was looking dubious for a start on Monday but late afternoon forecast was for good wind around 20knots, not too much to cancel. It was on, however many entrants had to retire.*

*Monday morning's forecast however had been upgraded and the race was cancelled. I recall 40 knots that day – not fun. With only 3 boats remaining the results were not published and the Presentation was postponed to the general meeting- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October. Full results will be available at the meeting and on the website the following day. November newsletter will also have the results published.*

