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Race Secretary report Season 2021-22

After a disrupted and delayed start this season caused by Covid 19, we managed to run competitions for most of our association trophies. Unfortunately, the Nationals Invitation race could not be scheduled – hopefully it makes a return soon. It was a fun event and always popular in its many guises.

All the other association series were conducted albeit some in different formats to the norm. For example, the national title series was made up of the results from each regatta rather than the traditional week of racing after Christmas. With the effects of Covid casting a doubt if any sailing would be possible, it was agreed that any series was better than none, even if that series was to start just hours after the AGM!

To recap the series formats were:

- Nationals – Two races from Teralba, Sunshine, Hawkesbury & Port Hunter regattas to count. Two drops.
- States – The Saturday race from the above regattas to be scored. One drop.
- Travellers Trophy – All regatta race results to be scored on corrected time. No drops.

The attendance at regattas varied, possibly due to covid and weather conditions. For example, Saturday at Teralba would have had a good fleet of around 8 boats but the racing was postponed due to strong winds. Sunday only saw 4 boats contest the racing as numerous crews had other commitments. For the record the number of boats attending each regatta were:

- Teralba – 4
- Sunshine – 7
- Hawkesbury – 8
- Port Hunter – 2

But as always, the racing was fun, hotly contested, there were some great results, and there were some unforgettable experiences. Craig and his crew on The Green Boat showed their potential at Teralba, leading the fleet and easily taking the corrected time win. Likewise, Jock and his team on Measurement Solutions took the trip to Sunshine and showed they can sail well away from the river, beating some more fancied rivals. And then there was THAT tide at the Hawkesbury regatta, where there were plenty of swims, collisions with the start boat and VS's seen riding the tide to Lion Island.

Summarising the season results:

Travellers Trophy – 1st Troy Botting Shipwright (TBS) 28pts; 2nd Incognito 38pts; 3rd Firestorm 39pts.

State championship scratch – 1st Firestorm 4pts; 2nd Runaway 6 pts; 3rd TBS 7 pts.

State championship handicap – 1st Incognito 8 pts; 2nd Firestorm 8pts; 3rd Runaway 10pts.

Australian championship scratch – 1st Firestorm 5pts; 2nd TBS 11pts; 3rd Runaway 12pts.

Australian championship handicap – 1st Runaway 16 pts; 2nd Incognito 16pts; 3rd Firestorm 16pts; 4th TBS 16pts.

Coal Board Shield – Runaway

Congratulations to all. If I had one piece of advice to pass on, I'd suggest sailing in as many association races as you can. Dropped scores will help you stay in contention if you have missed a race or two in a series, but by far the best way to be competitive is to sail them all. Not only will you score well (eg at Teralba last place scored 4pts, DNS 13) you will gain experience that will come in handy sometime in the future.

Sail well.

Cheers

John