

Mirror

June 2012

Images



STATE TITLES

Inside this issue

STATE NATIONAL TITLES
TRAVELLERS CHAMPIONSHIP

Mirror Class Association of WA

MIRROR CLASS ASSOCIATION OF WA

Mirror Class Association Of Western Australia

President Rik Thornton
7 Kilkenny Rd
Floreat WA 6014

0419 912 475
rik@wastationary.com.au
Fax 08 9387 7351

Secretary Simon Barwood
c/- Upper Level
837 Wellington Street
West Perth WA 6005

0412 922 010

simon@rise.net.au

Treasurer Brad Stout
PO Box 977
West Perth

08 9370 1319
0417 188180
bstout@zoan.com.au

Training Coordinator
Liam Wilson

Measurer Geoff Wilson
31 Canna Place
Wanneroo 6065

08 9405 9657
0439 842 946
geoff.leanne@hotmail.com

Trophy Officer

**Vice President & Images Editor
& Travellers Series Co-ordinator**

Mark Pitt
8 Macbean Place
Duncraig 6023

08 9448 2241
markpitt@bigpond.com

MIRROR SAIL

Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 September
8.00 am to 5.00 pm

Location Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club

Date/Time 15 Sep 2012 08:00 AM - 5:00 PM
16 Sep 2012 08:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Mirror sail is a development camp and caters for Mirror sailors with skills ranging from those starting out in the Mirror class to those planning a crack at the Worlds

Contact Dean Caple
Yachting Western Australia
Phone 08 9386 2438
Email dean.caple@wa.yachting.org.au
Event website www.wa.yachting.org.au

mirror

images

MIRROR CLASS ASSOCIATION OF WA



**PHOTOS FROM THIS YEARS
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

**BIG BOATS;
LITTLE BOATS;
STRONG WINDS;
LIGHT WINDS;
STRONG CURRENTS
GOOD FUN**



MIRROR CLASS ASSOCIATION OF WA

46th INTERNATIONAL MIRROR CLASS AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2011 2012

This years Nationals were a great event for those that competed. It was a very small fleet with only twelve competitors however there was some strong competition on the beautiful Port Phillip Bay Melbourne.

The event was hosted by the Williamstown Sailing Club which is located near where the Yarra river flows into the top of the Bay. Williamstown Sailing Club was a lovely friendly venue and a great vantage point for watching the New Years Eve fireworks display.

After an easy drive across the Nullarbor Rob Cruse and the club members made the two Western Australian crews very welcome. Williamstown is on what is known as Hobsons Bay a place where the Clipper ships supplying the goldfields in the 1850s were dry docked for repairs. Often they anchored here while waiting for new crews to replace those that had deserted to try their luck on the fabulously rich Victoria diggings.

Williamstown has lots of interesting historic buildings, some fabulous old muzzle loading cannons from the pre-federation Victorian Navy and lots of places to eat drink and be merry.

Race one was held on the 29th of December and it set the scene for the rest of the Regatta. Home town favorites Anita Scott-Murphy and son Ben Cruse blitzed the fleet to win easily with Mark and Hugh

Phillips second and Tara Foster and Celia May third.

The race course was set on the north-east corner of the bay off the Port Melbourne beach. To reach the race area the Mirrors has to cross the busy shipping channel under close escort from club safety boats. Being able to pick the best part of the course for sailing was very important in the overall result. The wind was greatly effected by buildings on the shoreline and there was a very strong current from the Yarra River which had been flooded by heavy rain.

Race four was very interesting. The top mark had been set a little further to the west and was actually under the influence of the strong outflow from the Yarra. Boats that tried to sail close to the lay line when approaching this mark found themselves pushed down stream away from it. When they tacked to return they were trying to sail directly against the current making little progress. WA sailors Mick Mallawarachi and Mark Pitt sailed well past the lay-line prior to tacking to the mark and avoided the mayhem picking up their best result for the series while leading competitors battled it out.

The two Western Australian crews came home with trophies. Mick Malla won the Handicap trophy probably awarded as having an old bloke as crew was a big handicap. Andrew and Rex Henderson won the xxx trophy and were in sixth place overall.

Results Overall

1. 70662 Bob Anita Scott-Murphy and Ben Cruse
2. 70663 Sponge Bob Square Boat Mark Phillips and Hugh Phillips
3. 70595 Jazze Tara Foster and Celia May



Hosted by
**Williamstown Sailing
Club**



MIRROR CLASS ASSOCIATION OF WA

2011-2012 STATE TITLES KOOMBANA BAY SAILING CLUB

The 2012 Mirror State Championships at Koombana Bay Sailing Club in Bunbury were not decided until the final heat of the 8 heat series on 3rd and 4th March. With only one point separating them David Pilbeam and Liam Wilson jousted in the final heat to see David cross the line first and take the title by just 2 points.

David also set a remarkable record in regaining the title 29 years after he first won it. The series was sailed in light winds which suited David and his young son Timothy.

The trophy winners were (for full results see the Results section)

1st Overall - David Pilbeam and Timothy Pilbeam

2nd Overall - Liam Wilson and James Stout

Ladies Champion - Annaleise Bryant and Thomas Hume

Junior Champion - Daniel Judge and Michael Judge

Sub Junior Champion - Peter Paizes and Cameron McIntosh

Silver Fleet winner - Jahne Rees and Oscar Rees

Family Trophy - Simon Barwood and Sidonia Barwood

Veteran Trophy - Richard Rowell and Rosie Rowell

Grand Master Trophy - Brad Stout and Adam Bridge

Cruiser Trophy - Bill Osborne and Chelsea Osborne

MIRRORS AT ROYAL



FRESHWATER BAY



Royal Freshwater Bay Mirrors have had a rather hectic season. First with Mirror Sail then into the new season with many new member enquiries being received. The challenge has been to convert these into numbers and new Mirror members.

With the continued support from the existing members at RFBYC and the association we have been lucky to convert most of these.

Joining the club this season we have - Twixta, Lightning Strike, No Chance, Leading Edge 4, Hive Empire, Raine and Horn, Fully Sick, On the Wall, Maglia Rosa and chartered out Vigilante 9.

And it was great to see some of these new members competing at the states.

With the increase in numbers it became essential to have a dedicated club coach which our club was delighted in supplying. Alex Thornton is now our full time Mirror coach.

We had a club training day with 15 boats attending. Many thanks to the Club and the association for providing a coach each and Liam and Alex for making it happen. More of these days are planned leading up to this time next year when the states will be at RFBYC.

Club Capt. Mirrors RFBYC
Geoff Wilson



**JOHN COLLOVA
AWARDED
BILL JAFFRAY
TROPHY**



The Bill Jaffray Memorial Trophy is awarded by the International Mirror Class Association of Australia for outstanding service to the Mirror Class in Australia. Bill Jaffray was instrumental in setting up the New South Wales Mirror Class Association and was the commercial agent for the dinghy from 1966. The trophy is awarded annually past winners include Bob Cruse the western Australian Mirror dinghy builder.

This years recipient of the Bill Jaffray Memorial Trophy was John Collova.

We all know John Collova or Little John or the Angry Ant as he is affectionately known. John has now been recognized officially for his contribution to the modern Mirror and to Mirror sailing in Western Australia. For his years of hard development work his competition on the race course and general promotion of the modern Mirror he has been made a life member of the Mirror Class Association of Western Australia.

John became the first successful builder of fibreglass Mirrors in the early 1990s. John persevered with his development work which was not fully appreciated by the class traditionalists who wanted to preserve a gaff rigged wooden boat.

John is a professional boat builder working in wood, fibreglass and aluminium. He served an apprenticeship with Dillinghams Shipyards becoming one of Perth's few qualified shipwrights. He has built a wide range of boats but is best known for his Optimists and Mirrors. His early Mirrors were made of wood. The extremely fast wooden Mirror, Black Adder is one of the best known examples of John's fine craftsmanship.

But John is an innovator and a perfectionist. He saw the difficulty in obtaining excellent quality wood and the reluctance of modern sailors to do the rubbing, varnishing and painting required when you own wood. He experimented with fibreglass. It took him some time to convince the rules committee that his fibreglass boats were the way forward. His early boats had wooden gunnels but all the later Mirrors were all fibreglass.

Attempts by other builders to produce a fibreglass boat were beset with problems of too much weight or too little rigidity. John's boats were underweight requiring lead ballast and are quite stiff.

There was also a worry that his boats would not stand the rigours of hard competition. Your editors family bought two of John's early boats Leading Edge III and Taking off and they are still in great condition having sailed consistently for sixteen years.

When his boats first competed with great success at the 2001 Worlds in Ireland there was a re-awakening in the class. The northern hemisphere sailors were making the Western Australians great offers for their boats but no-one could sell as we had brought the boats in for the event under bond and had to return them to Australia. In 2005 John demonstrated a one piece mast at the Swedish Worlds.

As a result of John's work the International Association has moved to the modern Mk3 Mirror. This boat has a one piece mast and central sheeting with the option of a gnav rather than a vang.

John has producing Mirrors but has numerous fittings and boats for sale at his Bibra Lake factory.

Well done John and thanks for your years of hard work.

TRAVELLERS HEAT FOUR MAYLANDS YACHT CLUB

We arrived at Maylands Yacht Club shortly after midday to 40 degrees in the shade temperature and a 0-4knts variable wind (shifting through 360 degrees), it did not bode well for an enjoyable afternoon's sailing.

Just Do It, Poseidon, Hive Empire and Bulletproof skippers risked sunburn, dehydration and heat exhaustion rigging. The Poseidon boys had the right idea, get the support crew to rig whilst swimming in the river, until a loud twang rung out as Peter tensioned the rig breaking the jib halyard. Luckily the break was near the end and sweaty rigging continued without further incident as crews sheltered in the shade.

Once assembled our small fleet were joined an assorted fleet of mainly Lasers, a Minnow, a Windrush 14 (sailed by MYC Commodore Andrew) and an interesting Pacer/125 hybrid. MYC's newly acquired training Mirror Quickstep II but didn't get on the water but an older gaff rigged Mirror was ready to go with a bit for help from Geoff Wilson. Aquaholic remained on the trailer. Vasco III's presence was sorely missed as Rex tended to injured son Andy, although as it wasn't life threatening he probably could have left him in the care of health professionals to come sailing.

Some training was undertaken for novice crews on Poseidon and Bulletproof with five year old Tyson enthusiastically backing up from his debut the previous Monday in the Koombana Bay 'Dash For Cash'. Tyson's 'special job' was to secure the spinnaker brace in the pole jaws, adding to his 'changing sides when tacking' skills developed last week.

Announcements before the briefing recognised the presence of MCAWA President Rik, MCAWA and World Measurer Geoff Wilson and MCAWA assistance in funding the purchase of Quickstep II by MYC, each to an appreciative round of applause. Laminated course cards, complete with a map (a godsend), were distributed amongst the visitors and once again we ventured into the full sun to go onto the water. To our delight a 4-8 knot WSW breeze appeared around the bend and reached us just as the sound signal was heard and the numbers started to fall from 25 on the start box.

Unlike our visit last year, when we sailed several short windward/leeward courses, today's program was for one long race on the mixed fleet course and a handicap start with Mirrors away at the fall of 15.

The line was heavily biased to the pin, a situation we had become very familiar with at the State Championship regatta on Koombana Bay the previous weekend. As 15 dropped from the start box all four Mirrors were on port tack, Just Do It (rad Stout and Adam Hill) crossed first near the middle of the line with 'Bulletproof' (Simon and Tyson Barwood) a few seconds later but well to windward at the pin.

Trying hard to recall Barry Newell's 'fast track' along this narrow and tricky stretch of river all boats tacked up the leeward shore before switching sides at the bend. Bulletproof rounded the top mark first about 5 boatlengths ahead of Just Do It with Hive Empire (Geoff and Monique Mather) a similar distance astern. With spinnakers up the small fleet ran back towards the club and then reached up river. Fortunately some Lasers had caught up and were showing us the next marks although the course maps were being consulted after every rounding.

Discussion in the clubrooms later revealed that MYC had produced several world champions on the basis that 'if they could win on this stretch of river they could win anywhere'. Conditions certainly were tricky with streaks of pressure, holes in the lee of the banks and remarkable 45 degree lifts off the shoreline that could be approached almost to touching distance. The wind channelling down the bend in the river, negotiating the current and staying within the channel markers added to the difficulty.

A familiar pattern emerged with Bulletproof making gains upwind and Just Do It closing the gap downwind, most markedly on the penultimate reach to Aerodrome when the boats rounded within a boatlength of each other. A few anxious moment were had when the next mark 'Maylands' couldn't be found, the skippers agreed on a likely target that turned out to be correct although the pole had been broken off. Rounding to stoboard on top of each other Bulletproof was inside and after the gybe luffed Just Do It towards the shore to prevent being

MIRROR CLASS ASSOCIATION OF WA

TRAVELLERS HEAT FOUR MAYLANDS YACHT CLUB

continued from previous page

being overtaken as spinnakers were frantically set.

Approaching the corner spit post a header saw both spinnakers dropped and Bulletproof opened up a five boatlength lead on the tight two sail reach to find the final mark, 'St Anne's'. Bulletproof overstood, in the late afternoon glare mistaking 'Suicide' for the correct mark, before being alerted to her error by an extremely generous call from Brad on Just Do It. Both boats made the starboard rounding on top of each other and gybed for the short downwind leg to the finish line in about 10 knots of breeze, the strongest gust of the day. Just Do It got their spinnaker up and drawing first and pulled alongside. Bulletproof tried hard to maintain an overlap and carry the leading boat above the finish line but Just Do It was in the fast lane and had the speed to bear away clear ahead and cross the finish line first, less that two seconds ahead of Bulletproof.

On shore the locals were rapt at the exciting finish

under three sails, something not often seen in a fleet of mostly Lasers. Such a close margin after a race of almost 2 hours duration (I suspect the shorten course flag had been lost) was a great advertisement for the excitement of close racing in the Mirror fleet. Hive Empire finished third and Poseidon (Michael and Daniel Judge) retired.

A nice dinner and results ceremony followed, unfortunately delayed by a computer glitch in preparing the results. The planets were aligned for Brad Stout who not only won first place and fastest time but also scooped first prize in the raffle.

An enjoyable and exciting afternoon's sailing although the long time on the water and late finish were bit testing for Tyson who was happy to get to bed that evening

Regards,
Simon

TRAVELLERS HEAT MOFSC EASTER REGATTA

Mandurah Offshore fishing and Sailing club again hosted a great Easter regatta With 199 sailors in 145 sailing dinghies from seventeen classes. This year only two Mirror crews competed but they sailed well and had a very enjoyable regatta.

With calmer winds than past years and even a fog session on Monday morning, Race Officers had no problem completing the 10 races with enough time to enjoy the beautiful weather and dozens of pods of visiting dolphins...or was it the sailors visiting the dolphins?

On the Friday there was coaching available to all classes. The coaches included Olympic gold medalists and professional coaches from the WAIS

In the Mirrors first place went to DBYC sailors Kieran Daly and Rosie Rowell, sailing Lollyhead ahead of Richard Rowell and Matilda Rowell Gold Seeker.

Mandurah is a great regatta and it is hoped that we see a few more Mirrors on the water this coming season



MEASURERS REPORT

Compared to the run up to the Worlds the state side of measuring has been almost non existent with little new activity.

No new boats or sails measured.

One replacement Main and one Mast remeasured after adjustments were made to it.

On the National scene we have seen some ideas being put forward for sail development with an Asymmetric spinnaker being trialled in Victoria.

The idea (not the Mirrors but the Heron's) to have a larger jib to be used for the 130kg crew combinations was received locally as a good idea but the UK, Ireland, S.Africa and these countries were asked to suggest measurements. Unfortunately it did not happen.

There was a lack of interest in the UK mainly as they rarely sail Mirrors with 130kg crews. This now means we in Australia will have to trial and then promote if we decide to move forward.

Latest development proposal again from Australia is a new style main to try and attract more youth sailors coming up from Oppy, bic, flying 11's.

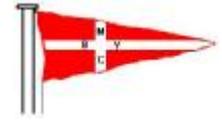
After further exposure in Australia and other countries has been achieved the new main idea will be put to the development committee along with the jib for 130kg crews.

Measurer - Geoff Wilson





PRELIMINARY NOTICE FOR



47th INTERNATIONAL MIRROR CLASS AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Fancy a trip to Tasmania "the Apple Isle"? Well here is your chance to have a sailing holiday at one of Australias top tourist spots.

Located close to Hobart it is fun to join in both the Mirror sailing and the festivities of the Classic Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race.

The Montrose Bay Yacht club will host the 2012-2013 Mirror Class Australian Championship The Organizing Authority for this Regatta is a joint committee of Montrose Bay Yacht Club (MBYC) and the International Mirror Class Association of Tasmania (IMCAT) on behalf of the International Mirror Class Association of Australia (IMCAA). This series will be the selection for the Australian Team for the 2013 World Championships to be held at Lough Derg, Ireland, in the last two weeks of July 2013.

Montrose Bay Yacht Club is located in the upper reaches of the River Derwent in Hobart's Northern Suburbs. The Club was established over fifty years ago, and is primarily a family orientated yacht club that sails dinghy classes.

Mirrors have been a strong Class at the Club since they were first introduced to the club in the 1960's. The Commodore of the Montrose Bay Yacht Club, Norm Deane is well known to many Mirror sailors through is involvement in the Class (Norm is also the International Secretary of the Mirror Class)

The sailing area at Montrose Bay is in an area of approximately 2.25 Kilometres across. As the waters are sheltered, tidal conditions are experienced, however there are no swells. Due to the relatively shallow depth of the bay, a short "chop" is generated by prevailing winds. Winds tend to be North Westerly in Direction at 15 - 20 knots. Afternoon sea breezes from a South, South Easterly direction of a similar strength are experienced in the afternoons.

The Club offers good facilities for competitors and spectators. Canteen and bar facilities will be available, while a spacious lawn will provide an ample rigging area for all competitors. Car parking at the Club is available, and the Club is also endeavouring

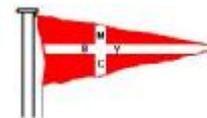
to provide boat storage facilities to competitors for the course of the series.

Montrose Bay Yacht Club is located just off the Brooker Highway and is approximately 8 Km from the Hobart CBD. The Brooker is part of the main route (National Highway 1) that connects Hobart, Launceston and Devonport to mainland Australia via the TT line Ferry Service. Alternatively, the Hobart Airport is located about 30 minutes drive away from the club. For more information refer to our "Getting There" Link. The Club is adjacent to the Montrose Foreshore Community Park. Further around the bay are the Moorilla Estate Winery, Cadbury Chocolate factory, and the Derwent Entertainment Centre.

A range of accommodation options are available in the surrounding area, many just minutes from the sailing venue.



MIRROR CLASS ASSOCIATION OF WA



PRELIMINARY NOTICE FOR 47th INTERNATIONAL MIRROR CLASS AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

EVENT SCHEDULE

28th December Registration & Measurement

29th December Registration & Measurement continued

Start of Championship Series ASAP after Invitation Race

8 races are scheduled for the Series over 5 Days. Races sailed back-to-back as required.

29th December	Invitation Race	not before 13:30
29th December	Heat 1	ASAP after Invitation Race
29th December	Welcome Night Food & Fun at Yacht Club after sailing	
30th December	Racing Day 2	not before 13:30
31st December	Racing Day 3	not before 13:30
1st January	NEW YEARS DAY - LAY DAY	
2nd January	Racing Day 4	not before 13:30
3rd January	Racing Day 5	not before 9:30
3rd January	Presentation Dinner – at Montrose Bay Yacht Club	

MIRROR WORLDS 2013

The next Mirror Worlds are to be held at Lough Derg in Ireland late July 2013. This will be an open event so start preparing now.

There will be a strong contingent from WA so now is the time to start making your travel plans

JESSIE ATHERTON AND KATHERINE MAHER WIN TASMANIAN TITLES FOR A SIXTH CONSECUTIVE TIME

A healthy fleet of 16 Mirror dinghies from across Tasmania competed in the Tasmanian Championships at the Montrose Bay Yacht Club on the 17th and 18th March in winds which varied widely in both strength and direction making a real challenge for both sailors and the race committee.

In first place were Jessie Atherton and Katherine Maher (“the girls”) in their trusty 21 year old Bermudan rigged Kamikaze finishing with four 1sts, three 2nds and a 3rd “The Girls” created a bit of Tasmanian Mirror history by claiming the Tasmanian Championship for the 6th consecutive time, a feat not previously achieved in almost five decades of the championships. Steve McElwee won five in a row in the early nineties with a variety of crews.

Second place went to Matt Schofield and Samuel

Asky-Doran in Pukeko who also sailed well taking podium positions in 4 of the 8 races. Montrose sailors Ken Barnes and Alex Kingsley sailing the GRP Mark III Bermudan rigged Mirror Storefresh finished third



TRAVELLERS CHAMPIONSHIP 2011-2012 SEASON

There was some strong competition in this years Travellers Championship with twenty Mirros competing in heats. However only one boat completed the required four heats. This gave Brad Stout an easy win.

Brad sailed with several crew including Anna Alvemalm and Adam Hill.

Travellers is a chance to visit other clubs and experience differing sailing conditions. This was the twenty first season of the Travellers Championship.