

Saturday

A fleet of 10 NS14's 7 B14's and 4 Sabres took to the water with the promise of more boats tomorrow.

After a dull gray start with a cool southerly the weather picked up to a near perfect day with bright sun and a reasonably steady SSE breeze of between 8 and 14 knots with gusts to 18 on occasions.

The racing was over a very short course ensuring lots of tight action and close finishes keeping the start finish crew on their toes with lots of 1 or 2 second margins.

The racing was great to watch with spectators on several vantage points.

Lauren Keil has a strong hold on the Sabre title with four bullets for a perfect score.

In the NS14's there is a great battle with *Fast Asleep* with a clear lead taking 3 bullets and a second clear of *Arctic* then *Spinifex* a point ahead of three boats tied for fourth in *Norwegian Blue*, *Pumpkin Eater* and *Sea Breeze*.

A tight battle in the B14's with *The Hitcher* two points clear of *Abandoned Ship* with a gap over *Phantom* a point ahead of *Smokin*.

Another four races are scheduled for tomorrow starting from 12:00.

Sunday

Wow what a weekend, after our run of bad weather we managed two fantastic days of sailing.

Sunday's fleet was swelled to 11 NS14's 9 B14's and 5 Sabres getting underway from 12:00 in a warm Northerly of 10 to 16 knots and gusts from 15 to 22 knots.

The course was lengthened from Saturday's and the fleet spread out more but the freshening breeze tested the crews who late in the day were feeling it as the 8th race approached.

Again close racing was a feature of the regatta with many boats only separated by a few seconds in every race.

The Sabres saw Lauren Keil in *Times Up* taking a clean sweep with eight wins second was Mick Emery in *Wetas* and Michael Verrier third in *LMG*.

The NS14's were taken out by *Fast Asleep* Katherine & Matthew Davis with four wins two seconds and a third after the drop, second was *Arctic* Greg Rowsell and Eli Cameron with two firsts three seconds a third and a fourth and third was *Spinifex* Peter & Karen Davis with two seconds a third a fourth and three sixths. Split on a count back from *Pumpkin Eater* Darren & Josh Eggins and *Norwegian Blue* Scott & Aiden Wilkie all three boats on 29 points.

In the B14's *Abandoned Boat* Adrian Beswick and Jono LeBis in their first race in the new boat had a great regatta winning all four races today to finish with six firsts and a third second was *The Hitcher* Robbie Hunt and David McAuly with two wins four seconds and a third and in third spot *Smokin* Col Dabner and Clare Cromarty who finished with three seconds two thirds and two fourths.

Thanks to Chris Keil and his crew for running a great regatta and lets make it bigger and better next year.