

National 125s WA

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Presidents Report

With the boats now put away for winter, for a little while anyway, and the footy back on it is time to look back at the season and reflect on how well it has gone.

It has been an important year for WA 125s, after hosting a Nationals last year, to continue the momentum gained from that event.

I am pleased to say that Esperance has gone from strength to strength, not only in their numbers but also the quality of their sailors as evidenced at Easter. East Fremantle continues along well with new boats and sailors popping up for next season. South of Perth continues to grow and successfully hosting this year's States will help them push the 125 message as fun for everyone. I suspect the club members were impressed by the numbers and sailing they witnessed....

We have some work to do to help Neddies get numbers back on the water and some thought has already gone into how we will do that for our founding club, and we need to re-engage with Geographe Bay and Geraldton to keep the 125 active in those areas. I am keen to hear from anyone who has some ideas in this area. We must not forget to sell our class to other clubs, and this will continue next season also.

We should be proud of the way all competitors and supporters conducted themselves over Easter as I have had many comments on what a wonderful environment it was and hopefully that continues.

Finally, my thanks to the hardworking WA committee. Many have been reappointed for another term and this will serve us well in 2012/13.

Enjoy your off season but remember that it goes all too quickly!
Regards
Andrew Tailor



Congratulations 2012 State Champions

Open & Masters

Andrew Tailor &
Nick Syme sailing
Flash...back

Juniors

Hugh Brotherton and
Hilton Andrews sailing
Blonde in Disguise

Congratulations 2012 National Junior Champions

Joel Barnden &
Thomas Patrick sailing
Kuno



Master wins but juniors also shine at the 2012 State Championships

The 'Rapid Crushing' WA 125 championships were conducted during the Easter weekend with 20 boats from around the State attending a light breeze event.

State President and long time 125er Andrew Tailor and crew Nick Syme of East Fremantle Yacht Club sailing Flashback won the series with a race to spare. Andrew's message to the younger sailors was one of "never saying never" and to keep on trying having taken 10 attempts over 25 years (from age 15) to finally win the title.

Esperance Yacht Club juniors Hugh Brotherton and Hilton Andrews on Blonde in Disguise were runners up and Junior Champions at their first attempt while the consistency award went to East Fremantle Yacht Club skipper and crew Zoe Shiner and Lucy Syme sailing Boogie Nights.

Junior sailors shone throughout the Regatta with four of them taking a heat win in a seven race series. A bullet a piece going to Boogie Nights, Green Out (Alex Thomson and Shannon Wright), Kracken Up (Ryan Donaldson and Alex McCallum) and Summerdaze (Jade Stewart and Claudia Verhaaren)

Timber hulled boats, some 25 years old also featured in the results which shows that good sailing can still beat healthy cheque accounts.

Well done to all – competitors and volunteers both on and off the water. This was a very successful Regatta superbly hosted by South of Perth Yacht Club

Boats for sale

A-Tomic 3143

\$5 400 with new sails and carbon centreboard
\$4 400 without

Blown Budget 3098

\$5 000

Sweet Shiraz 3079

\$5 000

Cliché Zoo 3096

\$5 500



Diary Dates 2012 Winter Series

East Fremantle Yacht Club – All 125 Sailors welcome

Sundays 1 pm start

April 29th
June 17th
July 22nd
August 19th
Sept 16th

Solo Series SoPYC – All 125 Sailors welcome

Sundays 1 pm start

May 27th
July 1st
July 29th
August 26th
Sept 23rd

Note: both EFYC & SoPYC winter series are open to all sailors



Congratulations to Andrew and Nick for winning the State Title, also to all place getters.

Congratulations to all competitors for having their boats measured prior to the series, also thanks to Club Measurers.

State & EFYC Measurer
Bob Tailor

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