

Report on the 2008 states held at Bellerive Yacht Club

Seventeen Sabres turned up for what was a very tough weekend of sailing.

Representing Deviot were George and Murray with Murray sporting his new boat....said to be a bit faster than the old Runninamuck.

From far south at Dover were James and Martin who showed a good deal of grit to complete some of the races.

From the outset it was going to be a series of attrition. Lots of people in the rigging park weren't real keen to even set out for heat one. With over 100 dinghies from Optimists to foiling Moths some were keen and the sheep mentality kicked in meaning we took to the water.

25 knots of gusty turbulent wind greeted the sailors.

Jeremy and Pete tussled all the way around the course with Jeremy grabbing the win on the last mark.

Racing ended up being abandoned for the rest of the day as the wind hovered around the 30 knot mark.

Day 2 seemed to moderate initially, however the wind gods weren't done with us yet as the gusty westerly tried to flick south west. Going right was a loser most upwind legs. By the time heat 4 arrived the gods weren't happy seeing these plucky little Sabres sailing around long after most other classes had run for cover.

A good blast in the mid 30s flattened the fleet and gave everyone some capsizing practice. Matt needed to beat Jeremy in the last heat for a chance at the title on a count back. With both capsizing twice, it came down to who could recover quickest. Jeremy came out on top and was a worthy winner. Peter enjoyed the big breeze conditions and really pushed the leader for a third overall. Eric sailed brilliantly for fourth overall and 1st junior.

Martin had to deal with a leaking mast which as you might know is not good when trying to recover from a capsize.

The grudge match between ex 29 sailors John and Jim was won in John's favour who sailed consistently for a 5th overall.

The regatta is a great format which was dampened somewhat by the weather. Having other boats on the course didn't seem too much of a problem. People overlooked these small issues and generally enjoyed the atmosphere of a large group of sailors. It was also an excellent way to promote our class. The trapezoid course format was great as we had amazing fast reaches which never happen on triangular courses. Food for thought!

Next year's titles will most likely be held at Deviot. Will let you know when the AGM is to be called.

The overall results follow.

Series Results [Elapsed Time] for Sabre up to Race 4 (Drops = 1)									
Place	Ties	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score	Race 4	Race 3	Race 2	Race 1
1		1442	Zxsiv	Jeremy Fish	3.00	1.00	[3.00]	1.00	1.00
2		1747	Alchemy	Matt Westland	5.00	2.00	1.00	2.00	[3.00]
3		1691	Pirate Pete	Peter Cooke	7.00	3.00	2.00	[3.00]	2.00

4	1719	Itzaboat	Eric Szabo	13.00	4.00	5.00	4.00	[18.00F]
5	1444	Grasshopper	John Genderes	19.00	6.00	6.00	7.00	[18.00F]
6	928	Just a minute	James Hall	23.00	7.00	9.00	[9.00]	7.00
7	1443	Precious Pumpkin	George Fish	27.00	18.00C	4.00	5.00	[18.00F]
8	1280	Clewed Up	Jim Morgan	28.00	5.00	18.00C	[18.00F]	5.00
9	1753	Stil Runnamuck	Murray Willis	30.00	18.00C	[18.00C]	6.00	6.00
10	1370	Wet n Dry	Martin Wohlgemuth	33.00	18.00C	7.00	8.00	[18.00F]
11	1115	In the Red	Daniel Pritchard	40.00	18.00C	18.00C	[18.00F]	4.00
12	1720	Szabre	Phillipa Szabo	44.00	18.00C	8.00	18.00C	[18.00F]
13	1527	Cariade	Mike King	54.00	18.00C	18.00C	18.00C	[18.00F]
13	1688	Cool Bananas	Stuart Montgomery	54.00	18.00C	18.00C	18.00F	[18.00F]
13	1409	Eat My Bubbles	Caitlyn Druery	54.00	18.00C	18.00C	18.00C	[18.00F]
13	1697	Zahir	Frank Brunacci	54.00	18.00C	18.00C	18.00C	[18.00C]
13	1448	Chief	Jake King	54.00	18.00C	18.00C	18.00F	[18.00F]