

Greetings fellow 2.4 Class sailors

Welcome to the year two thousand and two point four.

We were fortunate to start the year 202.4 off with a great Australian Championships held in Melbourne. It was the Matt and Neil show generally with Matt winning his 12<sup>th</sup> Australian title and Neil getting yet another second with the ever-consistent Peter Russell nipping at their heels to get another third place overall.

It was truly marvellous to see a fleet of 20 racing, quite the spectacle so well done to all who could make the event. For a great read below is a link to the article Ray Smith for us which went around the world. <a href="https://www.sail-world.com/news/271335/24mR-Australian-Championships-overall">https://www.sail-world.com/news/271335/24mR-Australian-Championships-overall</a>

OUR CLASS IS CONTINUING TO GROW, there is a lot of passion for our class with incredible people involved, we are so lucky. Please encourage people to join our class wherever you may sail. Western Australia is growing at a great rate thanks to the hard work put in by John Brodziak and Gippsland Lakes now have a fleet. We are fortunate to have Brian Carroll leading the charge in this area.

Our 202.4 calendar is a full one with NSW titles at easter, ACT Titles in early November, Vic titles end of November and January 2025 we have the Austrlaian titles at GLYC Paynseville. The year's calendar is going to be on this email and it would be very much appreciated if you can print it out and put on your clubs notice board, actually plaster it up anywhere you may feel appropriate or not. Any advert is a good advert.

We do have 2<sup>nd</sup> hand boats available and three home builds well underway in Victoria and Perth, it is an amazing thing to do and if I can do it anyone can, try it, so much fun.

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