



2018 2.4mR Australian Championship Hobart

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Matt Bugg wins record eighth 2.4mR Nationals



Stephen McCullum (Tas.), Matt Bugg (Tas.), Peter Thompson (ACT), photo Nick Hutton

World ranked Tasmanian sailor Matt Bugg has shown over the weekend he has lost none of his seamanship and tactical skills in the International 2.4mR yacht, the class in which he won a silver medal at the Rio Paralympics.

The 2017 Tasmanian Sailor of the Year Bugg today clinched a record eighth consecutive victory in the Australian open 2.4mR championships, without having to sail the final race on Hobart's River Derwent. After a spell from racing this summer, Bugg won four of the seven races in which he sailed, with a win and a second yesterday giving him overall first place. He finished with a net 11 points, four points clear of Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania vice-commodore Stephen ('Rowdy') McCullum who won three races to finish with a net 15 points, yesterday winning two of three last races.

Second place was well deserved by McCullum, better known as an ocean racing yachtsman with 23 Sydney Hobarts in his log book. He has been the driving force in encouraging an expanding local fleet of 2.4s, small keelboats likened to small-scale models of America's Cup twelve metre class yachts. Third overall with 19 points in this 21st annual championship for the 2.4mR class went to Canberra sailor Peter Thompson who represented Australia at the Sydney 2000 (and Athens 2004) Paralympics.

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Pointscore winner was Rob Pelley, with Mark Durnan second and Jon Holmes third. The masters trophy was awarded to Colin Brown.

What a great weekend!! To all those who couldn't make it, the Nationals were a great success.

Congratulations to Matt, Rowdy and Peter, and to the Grand Master, Colin. Well done and well deserved. To all the other competitors, some fine sailing with a variety of weather to suit all tastes. The standard of sailing in this class is so high and consistent. Especially thanks to those guys from the Big Isle that came to make it a true national series.

Many many thanks to the race committee and all the volunteers from RYCT - a really professional team who executed superbly, despite the, at times, frustrating weather.

Rob Pelley



Master Champion Colin Brown with RYCT Commodore Tracy Matthews

I concur with Robs comments entirely.

The standard was phenomenal, as I have now sailed in five Nationals and one state championship in the last month I can say with hand on heart this was the most intense and highest standard racing I have sailed in for many years.

I do hope we can keep the momentum going in this class on a local level and build towards another great Nationals next year at Royal Brighton.

Lisa Blackwood

Overall Results (drops = 1)

Place	Ties	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	From	Sers Score	Race 8	Race 7	Race 6	Race 5	Race 4	Race 3	Race 2	Race 1
1		41	SUPERMODEL	M Bugg	RYCT	11.0	[14.0S]	2.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	3.0	1.0	1.0
2		43	LOWLIFE	S McCullum	RYCT	15.0	1.0	1.0	[6.0]	1.0	2.0	5.0	3.0	2.0
3		30	MORNA V	P Thompson	YMCASC	19.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	3.0	4.0	1.0	2.0	[8.0]
4		39	SMILEY FACE	L Blackwood	RYCT	23.0	[10.0]	4.0	3.0	4.0	3.0	2.0	4.0	3.0
5		38	ROCKY	N Patterson	RBVC	43.0	6.0	5.0	2.0	6.0	14.0U	6.0	[14.0U]	4.0
6		40	MORNA 7	P Russell	YMCASC	47.0	9.0	7.0	5.0	7.0	5.0	9.0	[10.0]	5.0
7	4.0S	14	WHITE WASH	J Holmes	HYC	51.0	7.0	6.0	14.0F	5.0	[14.0U]	4.0	5.0	10.0
8		44	FAB BABS	C Brown	CYC	51.0	8.0	8.0	9.0	[12.0]	6.0	7.0	6.0	7.0
9		47	BLUE GUM	M Durnan	YMCASC	62.0	4.0	12.0	[12.0]	8.0	8.0	8.0	11.0	11.0
10		9	ADVANCE AUSTRALIA	P Warren	YMCASC	64.0	[12.0]	11.0	10.0	11.0	7.0	10.0	9.0	6.0
11		32	SQUEEZEBOX	R Pelley	DSS/RYCT	65.0	5.0	9.0	7.0	9.0	[14.0S]	11.0	12.0	12.0
12		35	LIK LIK PIONG BOKUNA	B Willis	RYCT	66.0	3.0	10.0	8.0	10.0	14.0U	[14.0U]	8.0	13.0
13		2	DAME PATTIE	R Bugg	DSS/RYCT	76.0	11.0	13.0	11.0	13.0	[14.0F]	12.0	7.0	9.0



Crossing tacks on the Derwent, photo Jane Austin



Runner-up Stephen McCullum, photo Jane Austin



National Champion Matt Bugg, photo Jane Austin