



2012 2.4mR Pittwater Regatta

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Photos: Steve Brajkovich

Greg Hyde won his first 2.4mR Regatta on the Queen's Birthday weekend with challenging racing in sun and rain for six intrepid competitors.

Race 1 was a lottery! Peter Thompson was first to the top but the wind died and the fleet rafted-up as the tide forced the leaders backwards. Simon Dunstone then Greg Hyde were first to the new breeze on the right leaving the rest of the fleet in their wake. The winner – a jubilant Simon Dunstone! **Race 2** saw good racing in close to Bayview. Greg Hyde took the early lead but Peter Russell picked up a right veer into the top on the second beat going on to win by 100m. **Race 3** was a repeat of race 2 but with Peter Thompson and Greg Hyde gaining the right veer into the top with Greg recording a close win.

Saturday was sailed in light winds but we enjoyed pleasing sun – Sunday was horrible as we sailed in cold rain – dry suits were the winners! Ian Thorpe swapped with Steve Brajkovich as skipper of Riff Raff.

Race 4 was delayed as the wind fought the rain. Simon Dunstone found a zephyr on the right to be first to the top – the wind swung south making the race a soldier's course and a fast reaching Peter Russell took the lead to win followed by Greg Hyde. **Race 5** the rain eased but a cold Colin Brown retreated to the dry shore. Greg Hyde went hard right off the line (how did he know?) into the new breeze that lifted him to the top. Greg held off Peter Russell's tacking duel at the top on the second beat and a "Pittwater Special" run with tide and wind fighting saw Greg home for his second win. **Race 6** resulted in Greg Hyde first and Peter Russell second again. Greg again picked the wind – the right shift then new wind from the left to establish a narrow lead with 4 boats following in his wake.

The win gave Greg Hyde 7 points overall, a two point win over Peter Russell on 9 points with Peter Thompson third on 15 points just one point ahead of an improved Simon Dunstone.

Overall Results (drops = 1)

| Pl | Sail Num | Boat Name | Skipper | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | Net Points |
|----|----------|------------|------------------|-----|-----|-------|-----|-----|-------|------------|
| 1 | 28 | Windsurfer | Greg Hyde | 2 | (3) | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| 2 | 30 | Jeelka | Peter Russell | 3 | 1 | (3) | 1 | 2 | 2 | 9 |
| 3 | 32 | Morna V | Peter Thompson | 4 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 3 | (4) | 15 |
| 4 | 29 | Tumbleweed | Simon Dunstone | 1 | 4 | (5) | 3 | 5 | 3 | 16 |
| 5 | 5 | Riff Raff | Steve Brajkovich | DNS | DNS | (DNS) | 5 | 4 | 5 | 28 |
| 6 | 10 | Lilla Babs | Colin Brown | 5 | 5 | 6 | 6 | DNS | (DNS) | 29 |
| 7 | 5 | Riff Raff | Ian Thorpe | 6 | 6 | 4 | DNS | DNS | (DNS) | 30 |



The race team led by Allan Jones provided challenging racing and unsurpassed hospitality for the weekend



Race 1 - start in challenging but sunny conditions



Race 1 - raft-up with 180° wind shift



Race 3 - hard right was right as Greg Hyde left the Peters stranded on the left!



Sun on Saturday – rain on Sunday!



Winners are grinners!