



2019 2.4mR Australian Championship Melbourne

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Matt Bugg wins record ninth 2.4mR Nationals



Champion Matt Bugg who sailed an amazing regatta with 7 bullets and a 3rd (when he forgot how many laps there are in a race...lol)



Pointscore series first Ryan Ingram, second Peter Coleman, third Peter Warren

2.4mR Aus Nationals – Day 1: We had a perfect start to the regatta with 10-15kn Southerly for the 12-boat fleet. Up front it's the Para Sailors in good form with World Champion Matt Bugg (1,1,3) and Peter Thompson (2,2,1) on equal points for the lead. There are four new sailors to the 2.4mR making their debut at the nationals. John Collingwood in only his second time in a 2.4mR had a cracking day with a 11, 6,5 if he keeps improving at this rate, he will win the last race on Monday! Young Ryan Ingram who is helping bring down the average age of the competitors down (he is half the age of the 2nd youngest competitor) had a great start with an 8,8,DSQ, he is on equal points with another new comer Dr Mal. Standout of the debut sailors is Peter Coleman who sits 5th overall with a 6,5, 5.5. Very close racing and more to come over the next two days.

2.4mR Aus Nationals – Day 2: What a day! The breeze was out of the S, SE most of the day, shifty and below 10kn. The race committee did a great job to get 3 races done today. There was a bit of waiting around

2.4mR Aus Nationals – Day 3 (final day): What a great way to finish up the regatta. We were concerned that there would be no breeze with less than 3kn at St Kilda and Fawcner Beacon. But the gods where in our favour and we had a nice 4-8kn from South for race 7 and built for race 8. There was very close racing through the fleet. Matt Bugg took two more bullets to finish on an almost perfect score card. Honourable mention to Peter Coleman who managed a 2nd in race 8, proving that once the breeze is above 10kt he is a force to be reckoned with.

Massive thanks to the event sponsors Entire and Gill. The Gill watches, glass, hats and gloves where an amazing prize for the competitors. HUGE Thanks to @Royal Brighton Yacht Club, Race Officer Dom and all the volunteers.



A photograph showing a fleet of sailboats racing on a body of water. The sailboats have white sails with blue and red markings, including the letters 'AUS' and numbers. A motorboat is visible in the background. The water is blue and choppy, and the sky is clear.

Perfect racing on day 1 at Royal Brighton Yacht Club



Peter Coleman no hands!



Ryan Ingram young gun!



Close racing on Port Phillip Bay at Royal Brighton Yacht Club

Overall Results (drops = 1)

Pl	Name	Sail Num	Net Points	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Matt Bugg	AUS41	7	1	1	(3)	1	1	1	1	1
2	Michael Leydon	AUS46	24	3	3	4	5	(9)	3	2	4
3	Peter Russell	AUS40	30	5	4	(6)	4	3	4	4	6
4	Peter Thompson	AUS30	37	2	2	1	(13)	13	13	3	3
5	Neil Patterson	AUS38	39	4	(13)	2	3	4	7	6	13
6	Peter Coleman	AUS48	44.60	6	5	7.60	(11)	11	5	8	2
7	Ryan Ingram	AUS3	46	8	8	(12)	7	2	2	10	9
8	Mark Durnan	AUS47	46	7	7	8	6	(10)	6	7	5
9	John Collingwood	AUS38B	50	(12)	6	5	10	6	11	5	7
10	Peter Warren	AUS9	54	11	9	(13)	2	5	10	9	8
11	Peter Geeves	AUS31	62	9	(11)	7	9	7	9	11	10
12	Malcolm Ware	AUS25	64	10	10	9	8	8	8	(12)	11