



## 2013 2.4mR Australian Championship Hobart

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### Matt Bugg cruises to third 2.4mR National title

Tasmania's London 2012 Paralympic sailor Matt Bugg has cruised to a comfortable third consecutive win in the Australian championship for the International 2.4mR class, sailed from the Derwent Sailing Squadron over Easter. The victory is an important start to Bugg's campaign to again represent Australia at Rio de Janeiro 2016, which includes an extensive international campaign in Europe during the coming Northern Hemisphere summer.



*Matt Bugg, champion again in 2.4mR class*

The Australian championship was an open event, with able-bodied sailors forming the majority of the 15 competitors from NSW, Victoria, the ACT and Tasmania who contested the series over the Easter weekend.

Bugg won three races, gained two seconds, one being average points after being forced to retire following a collision which holed his boat, and had a third and fourth on the final day. He finished with a net 12 points, with fellow Tasmanian Lisa Blackwood on 19 points, including two wins, third place on 22 points going to Canberra veteran Peter Russell who won race seven yesterday.

Fourth overall on 29.5 points was another Tasmanian, 15-year-old Jock Calvert. Sailing a 2.4mR class for the first time, Calvert won two races but slipped back with an 10th and 7th place yesterday. Calvert will now return to training on the Bic Techno, the sailboard class in which he will represent Australia at the ISAF world youth championships in Cyprus in June.

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### Matt Bugg leads 2.4mR nationals despite boat being holed

Defending Australian champion Matt Bugg had his London Paralympic Games yacht Moshi holed in a collision in yesterday's race four of the national championships for the International 2.4mR class on Hobart's River Derwent yesterday.

Another yacht speared its bow through Bugg's boat, forcing the Tasmanian to retire from the race. Fortunately, he had replacement boat and he went on to win race six, also lodging a protest over the collision.



*Tasmanian competitors Lisa Blackwood (left) and Jock Calvert.*

Conditions today were ideal, with a 10-12 knot breeze and flat water resulting in close finishes in all races. The first race saw just two minutes between first and last, with just 48 seconds between the first seven boats. The conditions enabled Derwent Sailing Club ran four races to bring the championship back on line after strong winds caused havoc on Good Friday. Six races have now been completed for the 15 competitors from NSW, ACT, Victoria and Tasmania.

Tasmanians dominated yesterday's four races, with 15-year-old youth sailor Jock Calvert winning two races in Joey, Lisa Blackwood making a strong comeback to win one race in Addicted, and Matt Bugg taking out race six with the replacement Moshi. Lisa Blackwood won race four today from Matt Bugg and Jock Calvert, with young Calvert winning the next two races, but crashing to an eighth in race six. In race four Calvert won from Blackwood and Sydney 2000 Paralympic sailor Peter Thompson sailing Morna V, while in race five Bugg returned with the replacement boat to finish second to Calvert, third place going to Blackwood. Bugg was back to top form in race six, the final of the day, winning from veteran Canberra sailor Peter Russell in Jeelka, third place going to Thompson.

After six races, with one discard, Bugg heads the leader board with 7 points, Blackwood is on 13 points, Calvert 14.5, followed by Russell on 16 points and Thompson on 23 points.

Bugg won both races in a somewhat dramatic opening of the championship on Good Friday. Several of the small single-handed yachts swamped in lumpy seas and others suffered rigging damage in the 15-18 knot north-westerly breeze with damaging gusts of up to 27 knots. DSS race officer Gilbert Leitch abandoned racing after two races with five of the 15 boat fleet forced to retire during race two.

The experience of Bugg in handling the strong winds and choppy seas of the Derwent has given him an early break to win his third national championship over competitors from NSW, Victoria and the ACT.

The Tasmanian's two closest rivals in race one, Sydney 2000 Paralympic sailor Peter Thompson from Canberra and Tasmanian Lisa Blackwood, who finished second and third respectively, both, were forced to retire from race two. Blackwood's boat suffered mast rigging damage while Thompson's boat swamped in a spectacular out-of-control broach on a downwind run and filled with water. The boat went bow-down with its stern and rudder almost vertical, before leveling out, the deck awash but the in-built buoyancy keeping it afloat. The ACT sailor was unable to use his electric or manual pump and a heavy duty yacht club pump was needed to empty out the water. Bugg also had his problems in the rough water, forced to use his manual bilge pump but kept the lead to win from Canberra sailor Peter Russell, sailing Jeelka. Third place went to 15-year-old Jock Calvert, sailing a 2.4mR class yacht for the first time. "I gave him a 30 minute introduction to the class," commented Matt Bugg's coach, Richard Scarr, "and he took to it like a duck to water." However, Calvert is an accomplished sailor, chosen to represent Australian in the sailboard class at the ISAF world youth championships in Cyprus later this year.

Peter Campbell, March 31



## Overall Results (drops = 1)

Pl	Sail Num	Boat Name	Skipper	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Net Points
1	36	Moshi	Mathew Bugg	1	1	2	2G	2	1	3	(4)	12
2	14	Happy Days	Lisa Blackwood	3	(16F)	1	2	3	4	5	1	19
3	28	Jeelka	Peter Russell	4.5	2	3.5	4	(7)	2	1	5	22
4	1	Joey	Jock Calvert	6	3	3.5	1	1	8	(9)	7	29.5
5	30	Morna V	Peter Thompson	2	(16F)	5	3	10	3	7	2	32
6	27	Octopod II	Michael Leydon	(16F)	16F	9	5	4	5	2	3	44
7	31	Jitterbug	Ron Bugg	9	4	8	6	5	6	6	(11)	44
8	29	Tumbleweed	Simon Dunstone	4.5	5	(10)	7	9	7	10	6	48.5
9	9	Advance Australia	Peter Warren	10	9	7	9	(12)	12	4	10	61
10	10	Lilla Babs	Colin Brown	11	6	11	8	11	10	11	(13)	68
11	2	Dame Pattie	Ian Ross	8	8	13	10	(14)	13	8	8	68
12	32	Windsurfer	Greg Hyde	7	(16F)	6	16Q	6	9	16Q	9	69
13	25	Patch	Mark Durnan	(12)	10	12	12	8	11	12	12	77
14	42	The Meaning of Life	Peter Richards	(16F)	7	14	11	13	16F	16C	16C	93
15	18	Raglan	Ted Moule	(16F)	16F	16C	16C	16C	16C	13	16F	109

F=DNF, Q=DSQ, C=DNC, G=RDG

Pointscore - 1 Peter Warren (Advance Australia); 2 Ron Bugg (Jitterbug); 3 Michael Leydon (Octopod II)

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Tish mobile (Russell)



Race 1 (Warren) Michael Leydon swims



Race 1 (Edwards) Wellington Symphony



Close win by Matt Bugg from Peter Thompson

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*Race 2 (Edwards) Gilbert Leitch PRO*



*Lisa Blackwood stay-less as Peter Thompson leads*



*Race 3 (Edwards) Lisa leads the run home*



*Winners smile*



*Race 4 (Edwards) Matt Bugg tacks and*



*(Omay) Moshi mashed and reappears as Supermodel*



*Race 4 (Edwards) Jock Calvert wins*



*Not a sailboard but Jock is a winner!*





*Race 5 (Edwards) metre tangle abandons start*



*(Grubb) Michael Leydon leads but Jock wins again*



*Race 5 (Omay) top mark dancing*





*Race 6 (Edwards) Peter Russell leads but Matt wins*



*(Grubb) Matt takes the right road to win*



*Race 7 (Edwards) too keen- start again*



*Peter Warren blitzes the start*



*Race 7 (Edwards) Ian Ross leads the Dame*



*Lisa leads from Peter Thompson but goes for lap 3*



*Race 8 (Edwards) Peter Thompson and Lisa again*



*(Grubb) close action at the last mark*

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