



2017 2.4mR Australian Championship Pittwater

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Matt Bugg wins seventh 2.4mR Nationals



Stephen McCullum (Tas.), Matt Bugg (Tas.), Michael Leydon (NSW)

Sailability NSW Inc, Crystal Bay Branch as Organising Authority, hosted the 20th International 2.4 Metre Yacht Australian Championship 2016/17, sailed on the waters of Pittwater from the 14th to the 16th of April 2017. Allan Jones, a long-term volunteer with Sailability Pittwater and instrumental in the launch of Sailability Crystal Bay, stated all sailors remarked on the excellent facilities at Crystal Bay. "The N.S.W. Government grant, facilitated through Pittwater MP Rob Stokes, allowed all 12 boats to be in the water and accessible via the pontoon this grant has allowed us to install - the sailors just loved this."

A close result for the 2.4mR Nationals held at RPAYC over Easter. With Matt Bugg and Stephen McCullum both on a final score of 15points, but on countback the first place went to Matt Bugg, the recent silver medallist at the Rio Olympic games. Second was secured by Stephen and third place on 26 points was Mike Leydon. Congratulations to all sailors on a well contested series.

Pointscore winner was Bob Willis, with Peter Geeves second and Sailability Crystal Bay 2.4mR rep. Jill Connell third. The masters trophy was awarded to Colin Brown.

"We wish all those going to Holland for the 2.4mR Worlds, your boats were loaded yesterday for the voyage." Mr. Jones stated on Friday. " We'd like to thank all concerned who made the 2.4mR event such a success, the Sailability Volunteers, Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club Members and the club for its continued support of Sailability Crystal Bay, and the 12 great Competitors who showed sailing on Pittwater is great fun, especially when you have great sailing skills."



Overall Results (drops = 1)

Pl	Sail Num	Boat Name	Skipper	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Net Points
1	41	Digger	Matt Bugg	3	3	4	3	1	3	1	1	15
2	43	Lowlife	Stephen McCullum	2	1	2	1	2	5	3	4	15
3	46	Kurpitsa	Michael Leydon	4	7	5	2	6	1	6	2	26
4	38	Rocky	Neil Patterson	7	2	3	9	4	2	5	5	28
5	39	Smiley Face	Lisa Blackwood	5	4	7	7	3	8	2	3	31
6	40	Morna VII	Peter Russell	1	5	1	6	7	7	9	7	34
7	35	Speed Bump	Bob Willis	8	9	4	5	5	4	8	6	45
8	47	Blue	Mark Durnan	9	8	8	8	10	6	4	4	53
9	31	Cut Short	Peter Geeves	6	10	6	10	4	11	7	8	58
10	36	Odyssey	Jill Connell	11	11	11	4	9	4	10	4	60
11	44	Fab Babs	Colin Brown	10	6	9	4	8	9	11	9	62
12	27	Octopod II	Tish Leydon	12	12	12	4	12	12	12	10	82



RPAYC pontoon and ramp at Crystal Bay



Masters trophy winner Colin Brown (ACT)



Third Pointscore local sailor Jill Connell (NSW)



Second overall on countback after drifting by inches to fourth in Race 8 Stephen McCullum (Tas)



Preparing to launch. Bob Hamilton, Graham Irwin, Jill Connell, Howard Moxham(obs) Matt Bugg, Bob Willis



Committee Boat. Graham Irwin, David West RPYC Race Officer, Diana Wickins, Roger Wickins



Bob Hamilton and Stephen Piry Crystal Bay Sailability RIB.



Matt Bugg (TAS) at bottom mark in his Paralympic 2.4mR yacht from Rio games.