



2013 2.4mR Pittwater Regatta

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Photos: Richard Scarr

Michael Leydon won the 2013 2.4mR Pittwater Regatta with a confidence boosting performance on the eve of leaving for racing in Europe. Challenging conditions again tested the seven competitors with coach Richard Scarr describing the light and variable conditions as a “gymkhana” on Saturday.

Race 1 saw Greg Hyde begin his title defense picking up a fast veer on the left to win. **Race 2** was won by Peter Thompson who picked up pressure on the right and ran away to win, Simon Dunstone used a private wind to sail through the fleet and finish second dumping Peter Russell and Matt Bugg in a hole. **Race 3** favored the middle approach with a fast Matt Bugg in control to win from Greg Hyde surfing home.

Race 4 was not fun – a drifter that picked up Michael Leydon on the right leaving the fleet to struggle for lottery points. **Race 5** was won by Greg Hyde who subsequently retired due to a port/starboard incident at the start, so Matt Bugg won and newcomer Mark Durnan sailed brilliantly to finish second just beating Peter Russell over the line. **Race 6** was starting to give rewarding racing with Michael Leydon fast into the top from the left to narrowly hold Matt Bugg and win the regatta.

The win gave Michael Leydon 10 points overall, a two point win over Matt Bugg on 12 points with Peter Russell third on 15 points.

After the regatta boats were packed for the trip to Europe with the Scarr-mobile a truly impressive engineering feat – two boats in a rib!

The race team led by Allan Jones provided challenging racing and unsurpassed hospitality for the weekend. The workers on Monday were looked after royally by Allan Jones with an afternoon tea of fresh scones and fig jam, a welcome delight!

Overall Results (drops = 1)

Pl	Sail Num	Boat Name	Skipper	1	2	3	4	5	6	Net Points
1	27	Octopod II	Michael Leydon	2	3	3	1	(4)	1	10
2	36	Moshi	Matt Bugg	4	(6)	1	4	1	2	12
3	28	Jeelka	Peter Russell	3	(5)	4	2	3	3	15
4	32	Windsurfer	Greg Hyde	1	4	2	7	(8) RTD	4	18
5	30	Morna V	Peter Thompson	5	1	5	(6)	5	5	21
6	29	Tumbleweed	Simon Dunstone	6	2	6	3	6	(7)	23
7	25	Patch	Mark Durnan	(7)	7	7	5	2	6	27



Challenging conditions on Saturday! Which way - left or right?



Windsurfer under the waves in a floatation test



first Michael Leydon, second Matt Bugg, third Peter Russell



AUS 25 Futs and Fugly reborn as Patch



with a new in-line rig and sparkling white paint finish



Richard Scarr with his new 2.4mR transport



rib and 4 2.4mRs in a 20ft container, who said it wouldn't fit!