



2010 2.4mR Pittwater Regatta

Sailability NSW Pittwater Inc, 12-13 June 2010

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The Queen's Birthday weekend on 12 to 14 June turned out to be really good timing for the Midwinter Regatta – sunny, crisp days, competitive racing and traditional Sydney race support and hospitality.

Who were there: Greg Hyde and Keith Chidzey, both from Sydney and the refugees from Canberra cold, Colin Brown, Simon Dunstone, Michael Leydon and Peter Russell.

Who weren't there: 'Superkim' W (somewhere in WA/NT), Peter W (unwell), John H (boat in pieces), Peter R (new construction?).

We were certainly lucky with the weather. The winds were in the light to medium range, oscillating from the south. Racing was in the BYRA triangle area to the south of Scotland Island. Another factor was the usual weekend slop from all sorts of boating traffic.

The race support team set good courses with a tight starting line which added to the excitement. The racing seemed to get closer as the six race series progressed. The final outcome was Peter Russell, first, Michael Leydon (racing a borrowed boat), second, Greg Hyde, third, Colin Brown and Simon Dunstone, equal fourth, and Keith Chidzey, sixth.

As ever, the prizes were beyond avarice. The Sailability team provided outstanding shore assistance and race management, using the BYRA boats. And the launching and hardstand facilities provided by RPAYC were, as ever, in a class of their own.

Thanks to Allan Jones and crew for organising the event and also to Allan and Veronica for including us in their sesquicentennial birthday celebrations with music by race officer Bob Hamilton's Band.



Overall Results (drops = 1)

Pl	Sail Num	Boat Name	Skipper	1	2	3	4	5	6	Net Points
1	28	Jeelka	Peter Russell	2	1	1	(3)	2	1	7
2	11	Kookaburra	Michael Leydon	(3)	2	2	1	1	2	8
3	32	Windsurfer	Greg Hyde	1	5	4	(5)	3	3	16
5	29	Tumbleweed	Simon Dunstone	5	(6)	5	2	4	4	20
4	10	Lilla Babs	Colin Brown	4	3	3	(6)	5	5	20
6	5	Riff Raff	Keith Chidzey	(DNF)	4	6	4	6	6	26