



2022 2.4mR Australian Championship Hobart

Royal Brighton Yacht Club, Melbourne, Australia, 21-23 January 2022

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Neil Patterson tops the podium



Champion Neil Patterson first time on the podium after a commanding last day performance



Glenn Fergusson won most improved trophy in Vim with Lachlan Gilbert's flexible rig fast in all conditions

2.4mR Aus. Nationals – Day 1 – A keen fleet started with 3 OCSs in race 1 and Peter Coleman racing to the lead. Race 2 was a tight jumble after the championship favorites Neil Patterson and John Collingwood had been disqualified in race 1 – Peter Russell just squeezed out the fast Michael Leydon who was leaning to sail with limited vision. Race 3 saw John Collingwood bounce back with a comfortable win. So, after day 1 Peter Coleman was first on 8 points with Peter Russell and David Graney tied on 11 points.



Peter Coleman (AUS 1010) convincing winner in Race 1 in his new Super 3 boat

2.4mR Aus Nationals – Day 2 – An early start in the swinging breeze saw only two races completed and Glenn Norton getting a handle on Vim's rig with an encouraging 3, 2 result. Neil Patterson controlled the start of race 4 to win with nothing going wrong for David Graney in second place. Race 5 saw an unexpected wind shift to the left with Glenn Norton and Peter Russell drifting to the top leaving the rest of the fleet wallowing on the right on the favored shore side. Colin Brown enjoyed the challenging conditions with two fifth places. So, after day 2 Peter Russell and David Graney were again tied on 10 points with Neil Patterson third on 11 points.



John Collingwood (AUS 34) leaping around the top mark in Race 4

2.4mR Aus Nationals – Day 3 – So the Championship could be anyone's in a building seabreeze. Neil Patterson just jumped off the start line and controlled races 6 and 7 to win his first championship after having competed since 2014. John Collingwood showed he was still the master in race 8 but with 2 OCSs he couldn't repeat his win in Sail Melbourne.



David Graney (AUS 39) claimed second overall in Race 7

David Graney broke the tie with Peter Russell in race 7 to be 1 point ahead. In race 8 Peter Russell rounded the top mark in third but was run down by David Graney and Ray Smith excelling in his 007 role. Peter Russell entertained the fleet trying to cover David Graney but split tacks at the top forced by starboard Glenn Norton (Peter's old boat) saw David Graney finish a well-deserved second place overall.

A fleet of 12 boats with David Graney from Tasmania and Peter Warren, Colin Brown, Michael Leydon and Peter Russell from the ACT travelling to Melbourne to join the Victorian fleet the championship marked a welcome return to convivial sailing.

Congratulations to Neil Patterson finishing in first place, David Graney in second place and Peter Russell in third place.

Glenn Fergusson from RBYC won the regatta point score trophy for most improved over the series.

Thanks to the 2.4mR Team Captain Mark Seager, the RBYC race team and all volunteers for another great regatta.



Neil Patterson (AUS 878) in control at the top mark in Race 8 leading to his first Championship win

Overall Results (drops = 1)

Pl	Name	Boat	Sail Num	State	Club	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total Points	Net Points
1	Neil Patterson	Digger	878	VIC	RBYC	(13) OCS	4	2	1	4	1	1	2	28	15
2	David Graney	What Could Possibly Go Wrong	39	TAS	RYCT	2	(6)	3	2	3	4	2	5	27	21
3	Peter Russell	MornaVII	40	ACT	YMCA SC	4	1	6	4	1	3	4	(7)	30	23
4	Peter Coleman	AUSTRALIA II.IV	1010	VIC	RBYC	1	3	4	9	(11)	8	3	4	43	32
5	Glenn Ferguson	Vim	28	VIC	RBYC	6	7	5	3	2	6	5	(10)	44	34
6	John Collingwood	Joey	34	VIC	RBYC	(13) OCS	8	1	6	10	2	13 OCS	1	54	41
7	Mark Seager	Whitewash	14	VIC	RBYC	(13) OCS	5	7	8	8	5	6	6	58	45
8	Michael Leydon	Kurpitsa	46	NSW	YMCA SC	3	2	10	10	9	(12)	10	8	64	52
9	Colin Brown	Fab Babs	44	ACT	YMCA SC	7	9	9	5	5	(11)	9	9	64	53
10	Ray Smith	Rocky	41	VIC	RBYC	8	(12)	8	12	12	7	7	3	69	57
11	Glenn Norton	Southern Cross	12	VIC	RBYC	5	10	11	7	7	9	8	(12)	69	57
12	Peter Warren	Advance Australia	9	ACT	YMCA SC	9	11	(12)	11	6	10	11	11	81	69

Sail Melbourne was sailed the week before the Nationals with 6 enthusiastic sailors. John Collingwood's inspiring preparation just blew us away with 5 wins in perfect sailing conditions. Neil Patterson caught Peter Russell on the last day and with 3 wins finished second on countback despite missing the first day's competition due to work obligations.

Sail Melbourne 2022

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1	John Collingwood	joey	34	VIC	RBYC	1	1	2	1	3	(5)	3	1	5	1	23	18
2	Neil Patterson	Rocky	38	VIC	RBYC	(7) DNC	7 DNC	3	2	2	1	1	3	1	2	29	22
3	Peter Russell	Morna VII	40	ACT	YMCASC	(4)	2	1	4	1	3	2	2	4	3	26	22
4	David Graney	What Could Possibly Go Wrong	39	TAS	RYCT	2	4	4	3	5	2	4	(6)	3	5	38	32
5	Peter Coleman	AUSTRALIA II.IV	1010	VIC	RBYC	3	3	6	5	4	4	(7) DNC	4	2	7 DNS	45	38
6	Glenn Ferguson	Vim	28	VIC	RBYC	5	5	5	6	(7) DNC	7 DNC	7 DNC	5	6	4	57	50