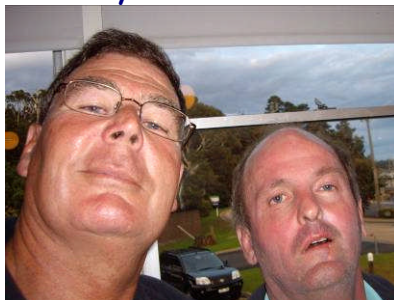




2009 2.4mR Metung Regatta

Metung Yacht Club, 14-15 March 2009

by Kim Williams



Kim Williams and Greg Hyde sharing a gentleman's view of sailing

Overall Results (drops = 6)

Pl	Sail Num	Boat Name	Skipper	1	2	3	4	5	6	Net Points
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The weekend was a **disaster** from a sailing point of view. Went out on Saturday with a strong wind warning on notice and just before the first flag went up the fleet (10 boats) got hit with forty knots (and building). We all headed for the lee of the land. The local guy got back to the jetty which by now was a lee shore, so very difficult to avoid boat damage. My mate Peter T had a ripped main and was nursing it back so I took the gamble and managed to get in too. I secured the boat as best I could and turned to get Peter and he had disappeared. Then as there was someone on shore the others started to dribble in. All OK eventually and only one with very mild hypothermia and one torn mainsail and bit of a crunch on one gunwale from hitting the wharf when a surge came through – ends day one!

Day two started with 5 knots and we bought the racing forward to 1000. All boats were rigged and we had started putting them in the water by 0915 when we heard the forecast was exactly as it had been the previous day. The starter was down the bay and at 0930 the breeze started to build rather quickly, although we should have noticed there was no big black front coming. When it hit 15 knots the race officer pulled the pin. There was a small patch where the five boats that were in had a sail which stretched to a couple of short mock races for about two hours while those on shore, packed boats. End day two and the regatta, without so much as one flag being raised.

We had a couple of nice dinners and some good chats and it is a beautiful driver's drive to Metung. Morna (Peter T's wife) believes there are three parts to sailing with "60% fiddling, 30% talking and 10% actually sailing" and now I think she is right.





Impromptu racing while waiting for the gale on Sunday – Matt Bugg leading the fleet



Morna paddling the calm waters



Peter paddling up the creek



Kim and Rachel engineered a side trip to Nowa Nowa

The Victorian Railways constructed the single railway track bridge over Stony Creek in 1916 on the Orbost-Bairnsdale Line east of Nowa Nowa. It is a dramatic 27 span, 276 metre long, 18.6 metre high timber trestle bridge.

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