

## **TRANS TASMAN SERIES**

### **REGATTA REPORT 2018**

**10/11/18**

Our first international event after an absence of many years occurred on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of November. Seven New Zealand sailors competed against a group of nine local sailors.

After registration and boat weigh in on Saturday morning racing started in a fading westerly breeze. Unfortunately after four races the breeze died out and a postponement was called. Racing resumed after a light south easterly kicked in mid afternoon and nine races were completed in session 2. At the completion of the days racing Brad Quiggan and Richard Guy were neck and neck for first with Mark Holmes running third.

Sunday was a perfect day for racing with a light south easter in the morning and a freshening north easter developing in the afternoon. Session 3 in the morning saw the emergence of two new faces at the front end of the fleet. Dave Anstey had a dominant performance after an average first day with Brad Davies second. Nine races were completed.

After lunch session 4 commenced. An outstanding performance by Richard Guy with five straight wins from eight races followed by Dave Anstey and Brad Davies. Going into the final session it was obvious the title would be taken by one of the four leading competitors Richard Guy, Dave Anstey, Brad Quiggan and Brad Davies. Aptly the top two Aussies versus the top two Kiwis.

The eight races of session 5 were sailed in a freshening north easter. Brad Quiggan won this session with Dave Anstey second and Terry Farrell third. After a total of thirty eight races completed seven discards were applied (one for every five races completed) and the results were Dave Anstey 1<sup>st</sup>, Brad Quiggan 2<sup>nd</sup>, Richard Guy 3<sup>rd</sup> and Brad Davies 4<sup>th</sup>. The team trophy was won by Australia.

At the presentation trophies for the top three competitors and the team trophy were presented by Rear Commodore Geoff Edman. Medallions were given to each competitor. Special prizes were also awarded, the most coveted for Best Presented and Most Attractive Boat won by Brendan van Dam.

Thanks to the Lake Macquarie Yacht Club for the use of the club facilities especially the marquee on Sunday. A big thanks to our Kiwi competitors who initiated the idea of having the regatta and travelling a considerable distance to compete. Looks likely to be more competitions in the future with the first possibility being next April in Victoria.

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