

## **SKATE 50<sup>th</sup> AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP – KANGAROO ISLAND**

St. George Sailing Club Crew David Luck and Glenn Crichton sailing their boat (Any Which Way) won the 50<sup>th</sup> Australian Skate Title At Kangaroo Island Yacht Club, South Australia. Their score sheet consisted of 1 win, 1 second and 4 x thirds from seven races.

Runner Up was a Western Australian boat (Pilbara Meta Meya) 5.3 points behind.

This is the fourth title won by David and Glenn since pairing together six years ago.

Conditions were five fresh breezes with two days of light /moderate conditions.

Heats 6 and 7 were both sailed in windy conditions on the last day of the championships as strong winds to 35 knots caused a postponement to racing the previous day.

Other St George Boats in the first ten placings, included Fourth place to Max Factor (Max Sellars and Christian Dunn) winner of Heat 5. Fifth was Double Decker Dog (Tim Sellars & Ben Sinton) winner of Heat 3. Seventh Place went to Never Give N Inch (John Grant & David Crawford) Eight Place to Take It Easy (Michael Winney & Emma Sills ) who also won the Invitation Race.

The Championship included a reunion of sailors who sailed the boats over the past five decades and many ex-sailors particularly from Western Australia made the trip to Kangaroo Island including Laurie Chivers.

N.S.W. was keenly represented by Sutherland Shire residents John Gettens and Keith Cole who were Championship winners in 1961-62 and 1962-63 seasons.