

SKATES NSW STATE CHAMPIONSHIP ---2008/2009

St. George Sailing Club crew of John Grant and David Crawford sailing "Never Give N Inch" won their Second State Skate Title together, the first being in 05/06 season. The winning boat had a score sheet of 2-1-3-2-2 in the best 5 of 6 series.

The Series involved two heats at Toronto Sailing Club, two heats at South Lakes, one heat at St George and the final heat at Yarra Bay.

"Never Give N Inch" won only one Heat on Scratch that being in a moderate to fresh S.E. breeze in Heat 3 at South Lakes, "Grey Ghost" Keith Sinton won Heat 1 at Toronto, "Possessed" John Jefferson won Heat 2 at Toronto, Max Factor Max Sellars won Heat 4 at South Lakes and "Any Which Way" David Luck won Heats 5 & 6.

Second place overall went to "Grey Ghost" and third to "Max Factor". Overall Handicap went to "Natural Juices", Ken Davies and Lachlan Schroder representing Toronto A.S.C., second "Never Give N Inch", third "Grey Ghost" Keith Sinton and Chris Sinton from St. George.

Heat 1 was a Moderate S.E. breeze, Heat 2 a light N.E., Heat 3 Mod. -fresh S.E., Heat 4 a Light S.E., Heat 5 a Moderate N.E. and Heat 6 in a beautiful freshening N.E.

The best race was Heat 3 where the lead changed several times with Whisper, Natural Juices and the Welshie all having a turn out in front, with Never Give N Inch hitting the front on the final work before the reach to the Finish.

John Grant