

St George Sailing Club - Skate Class Report 21/22 Season

After the Covid late start to the season , the first race a NPS on October 23rd was sailed on our terrific Logs Easterly Course and the race turned out to be the best day of the season, after that a Weird season followed with flooding , big southerly blow outs , drifters , a rare SW breeze and only one NE breeze on a race day during the season. The Skates had 4 abandoned races in the 21/22 season , usually one or two !

Thank you to all the volunteers for allowing us to enjoy our sport ! Thanks to the boat crews John Andrews, Glenn York, Keith and Bob Fleming and for the great photos and videos that are posted soon after each race .

Thanks also to the Starters boat crew , Lorraine, Darryl and John Hall for starting and finishing all of last season's races . Until you have helped out on the boat you don't realise what a challenging job that they do and how well they achieve it!

Well done to Jack for all his organisation and keeping the sailing going under difficult circumstances. To Greg Halliday, Skate Secretary , for his preparing programmes , running the State Titles , The 14ft Challenge , liaising with all the other clubs and putting season results together . Excellent work guys !!

In the Skates our fleet was affected by medical operations and we lost Mick Winney , Ray Simpson and Norm Ryan to significant operations during the season. It is good to report Ray and Mick will be sailing again this season but Norm has sold "Whisper " and retired from sailing Skates , Norm has a 60 year sailing career starting in VJs and moving on to Skates, 16s and yachts.

That left a fleet of six with usually 4 to 5 starters each week.

Greg & Yianni sailing "What Now " won all but one heat of the Club Championship in our shortened program of championship heats . Greg put a new set of North Sails on and their speed was most impressive, helping them to win their second consecutive Club Championship . They also won three pointscore trophy races on Handicap.

John and Glenn on Never Give N Inch were there every race and managed to sail consistently to also win a second consecutive Pointscore , winning the most pointscore trophy races with 4 wins.

David Luck and Greg Dixon had a great season , uniquely sailing two boats , Cho Kon It in interclub events and Any Which Way in Club racing . They won the State Championship on Cho Kon It after regattas at St. George , Kurnell , South Lakes, Illawarra and Toronto. On Any Which Way they won the JFA Knockout Trophy and two pointscore trophies.

Fish Lolly - Geoff Hughes and Sean Leonard - were a fast, Consistent and competitive crew all season and were on the podium for the State Championship, Club Championship and Pointscore , also winning two pointscore trophies.

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Several Skipper's pointscore results were affected by Covid isolations and Keith and Chris on Atomic Rat had two isolation disruptions. They raced keenly in both club and interclub and won one pointscore Trophy.

We look to have 8 boats sailing this 22/23 season and several are keen to get to a National Championship after the last two were cancelled due to Covid . As Skates only race in WA and NSW a midway series has been organised for Ceduna , SA and the following season at St.George.

This new season will be awesome in the new club with wonderful amenities after being a carpark club for the past three seasons , no more showers under a cold hose, no more trailering ,and no more wandering up to the trees for ablutions, Thanks to Rolf and his team for delivering an impressive new club that on a high tide and at night looks like a boat floating on the water.

Cheers and enjoy the new Season, and the new Club.

John Grant , Skate Class Organiser.