

Eric Fisher A Class Memorial Trophy



2015	Jeff Green	AUS 95	Sword
2016	Glenn Dawson	AUS 76	Sword
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2018	Roger Paul	AUS 86	Venom
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2020	Graeme Howie	AUS 35	Wombat
2021	Graeme Howie	AUS 35	Wombat

The following pages have detailed event reports taken from the newsletters over that period :

A Class Club Championship and Jackadder Trophy 13th June 2015

The A Class fielded a strong fleet of 10 boats with four boats fronting for the first time this year, all had been involved with travel, and helping Glenn to prepare for his world IOM regatta.

The winds were light , from the SW around to the ESE so several course changes were made. Thanks to the IOM fleet for PRO duties when the A fleet was sailing.

This afternoons event was for heat 4 of the A Class club championship and also, a ranking event of the Jackadder A Class trophy.

After sailing it was resolved that the event be renamed to **"Eric Fisher A Class Memorial Trophy"**, as a fitting tribute to his club membership over the years.

Posn	Model	Sail #	Skipper	Points
1st	Sword	95	Jeff Green	3
2nd	Sword	91	Denton Roberts	8
3rd	A1	71	Hub Bell	10
4th	Venom	89	Richard Fielder	13
5th	Hi-Ho	30	Len White	17
6th	Trolleyjack	75	Rodney Moss	18
7th	Sidewinder	72	Mark Shepherd	21
8th	Wombat	35	Graeme Howie	25
9th	Venom	86	Roger Paul	26
10th	Sword	76	Glenn Dawson	28
11th	Venom	24	Alan Beer	33

Eric Fisher A Class Memorial Trophy 11th June 2016

Welcome to the Eric Fisher A Class Trophy sailing day, this is the second time for the event, unfortunately Eric passed away earlier this year, we also made this event into the third heat of the A class club championship

Winds from the NNE we were able to have two courses set IOM Fleet inshore and to the North of steps and the A Class set well out and almost to the southern bank.

Thanks go to Lloyd and Bob for acting as race officers for the A class fleet, it enabled to A Class fleet to have 12 races this afternoon, all of us reflecting at the end of sailing to our long stewart of the club Eric Fisher.

Posn	Model	Sail #	Skipper	Points
1st	Sword	76	Glenn Dawson	16
2nd	Sword	95	Jeff Green	27
3rd	Venom	86	Roger Paul	34
4th	Venom	89	Rob Mews	37
5th	Sword	65	Denton Roberts	39
6th	Venom	24	Ray Bassett	42
7th	A1	71	Hub Bell	57
8th	Hi-Ho	30	Len White	76
9th	A1	81	Richard Fielder	78

Eric Fisher A Class Memorial Trophy 10th June 2017

Saturday 10 June 2017 was the day for this year's Eric Fisher Memorial Regatta. It was a brisk morning, but the sun was shining and the wind was blowing gently from the north east.

9 A Class yachts turned up for the day's sailing. We welcomed Simon Ellis who competed his first A Class regatta sailing the ex-Allan Beer / Ray Bassett Venom. It was expected that the light winds would play into the hands of the Venoms and the Wombat.

Race Officer Warren Rock had us on the water soon after 10.00am. Straight out of the blocks, Glenn Dawson showed a clean pair of heels to the fleet and notched up a few race winds. Before long however, the Wombat started rolling along putting up a solid challenge to the Sword.

Hub Bell's A1 also showed glimpses of former glory with some great speed upwind. The A1 needs a bit of breeze to make her competitive with the larger sail areas of the Venoms and Swords, but the wind didn't cooperate today, only reaching 5 knots or so.

Around lunchtime, the IOM guys turned up to sail. The fleet of 11 boats started their races in between the A Class heats. It was TNT weather and both Edgar Vitte and Craig Taylor had some good results. Racing was tight, and a number of general recalls were had. The wind was gradually fading as the afternoon wore on, so the IOMs didn't get to sail as much as usual, allowing the A's to continue.

Back in the A Class event, the scores were tied with two races to go. Glenn and Graham were locked together and a match race ensued. Glenn managed to get his nose in front and the two A's were covering one another all round the course. At the end of the day, Glenn held off Graham by two points. Jeff Green rounded out the podium, follow by Denton.

Posn	Model	Sail #	Skipper	Points
1st	Sword	76	Glenn Dawson	13
2nd	Wombat	35	Graeme Howie	15
3rd	Sword	95	Jeff Green	34
4th	Sword	65	Denton Roberts	48
5th	Venom	86	Roger Paul	55
6th	Venom	24	Simon Ellis	56
7th	A1	71	Hub Bell	60
8th	Venom	50	Richard Fielder	61
9th	Gun Boat	40	Ian Sherriff	63

Eric Fisher A Class Memorial Trophy 9th June 2018

Eric Fisher A Class Trophy and heat 2 for club Championship

Posn	Model	Sail #	Skipper	Points
1st	Venom	86	Roger Paul	18
2nd	Venom	24	Simon Ellis	22
3rd	Sword	95	Jeff Green	32
4th	Sword	65	Denton Roberts	38
5th	A1	71	Hub Bell	41
6th	Hi-Ho	30	Len White	61

Eric Fisher A Class Memorial Trophy 8th June 2019

The Eric Fisher A Class Trophy was sailed today at Austin Lakes, thanks to Warren Rock (PRO) and Rob Mews, Scorer and boat man.

Winds from the NNW, and towards the upper side of A Rigs for the Swords, Bruce sailing Glenn's boat chose to be more conservitive and went B Main A Jib , Ian sherriff sailed B rig suit all day, Graeme Howie change various combo until after lunch he found a Broken mast, Roger Paul was in B rig and down to C at the end of racing, Denton braved to A Rig combo until after lunch when he changed the main to a B rig. Most skippers had some gear failure, Denton had the bowsie on the jib luff snap on the start of the second race and a 36 Kg cord to the jib clew snap in the 4th race, both not helping his overall result. Well done to Bruce with Glenn's boat with a second. Well done to Roger Paul, taking out the trophy for the second year. Pity the last race had to count as it would have changed the placings for second and third, not sour grapes, well done Bruce!

Posn	Model	Sail #	Skipper	Points
1st	Venom	86	Roger Paul	13
2nd	Sword	76	Bruce Robins	15
3rd	Sword	65	Denton Roberts	16
4th	Wombat	35	Graeme Howie	26
5th	Gun Boat	40	Ian Sherriff	34
6th	Sword	95	Jeff Green	49



Eric Fisher A Class Memorial Trophy 8th June 2020

Having finally achieved the running of the Eric Fisher A Class Memorial Trophy last Sunday, we can now move on to the next significant events. The A Class sailors got a bit crafty and paid attention to the forecast by setting a course for a westerly breeze out of the southern car park and got stuck into racing early, before the inevitable lightening off of the wind. This strategy paid off so well that we were able to complete 12 races, have time off for lunch and still be home early.

As you can see from the photo (thanks Craig Taylor) there was enough breeze for the sparkle on the water to make viewing conditions a bit tricky but that was better than the drifting conditions we had in the first couple of races before the wind kicked in from the west.

As PRO, I can report that there were no start line breaks, only one DNF all day and only a couple of calls for mark contacts, so the entire fleet was well-behaved and able to get on with racing amicably throughout the day. A couple of times we thought about tweaking the course a bit but every time we did, the wind straightened up again and held true for long enough to complete the race fairly. As Jackadder conditions go, it was a good day to be racing.

In the end, and despite a momentary brain-fade in Race 10, Graeme Howie in his Wombat held off Jeff Green and Denton Roberts in their Swords, though it took until the last race to confirm the positions and the points, which you can see on our club website. We took the brain-fade as a sign that the sailors were tiring so we ended the event at 12 races before the sailors no longer had the strength to lift their boats out of the water.



After being delayed by a week a small fleet of the elegant A Class yachts hit the water at Jackadder in a light WNW breeze.

It was an overcast day with showers threatening and with just enough breeze to get through the water, racing commenced on time under the control of RO Bruce Robins.

Jeff Green's boat looked a million dollars sporting a nice new grey paint job and with his Sword design was definately a contender to win the trophy and was in it right til the end. While Jeff traded wins with both Denton Roberts and Graeme Howie, at the end of the day it was Howie sailing his Wombat design that claimed the Eric Fisher Memorial Trophy finishing on 16pts, three points ahead of Green with Roberts a further five points back

Pos	Name	Sail No.	Nett
1	HOWIE, Graeme	AUS 35	16
2	GREEN, Jeff	AUS 95	19
3	ROBERTS, Denton	AUS 65	24
4	ELLIS, Simon	AUS 24	33
5	FIELDER, Richard	AUS 50	46



Jeff Green & his Sword



L-R: Graeme Howie, Jeff Green, Simon Ellis



Jeff Green's Sword



Graeme Howie's Wombat

Eric Fisher A Class Memorial Trophy 03 Jul, 2021

Pos	Name	Sail No.	Nett	Total
1	Graeme Howie	AUS 35	9.0	17
2	Jeff Green	AUS 95	13.0	25
3	Glenn Dawson	AUS 76	13.0	22
4	Denton Roberts	AUS 65	16.0	24
5	Richard Fielder	AUS 50	25.0	38
6	Rod Moss	AUS 30	33.0	47

This was the last A Class race held by PRSC with all A Class boats now having been sold to ARYA members in the eastern states. The trophy will now be repurposed to become the Perth Classic Trophy.

