

Ray Tilbrook Memorial Regatta



Year	Skipper	Sail No
2014	Matt Donnelly	99
2015	Glenn	93
2016	Sean Wallis	76
2017	Glenn	AUS 76
2018	Glenn	AUS 76
2019	Glenn	AUS 76
2020	Glenn	AUS 76
2021	Roger Paul	AUS 86

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2014 Ray Tilbrook Memorial Trophy Regatta

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2014 Western Australian Ten Rater State Championship and Ray Tilbrook Memorial Regatta

It was a big Ten Rater weekend in Perth this weekend. Perth Radio Sailing Club held the annual Ray Tilbrook Memorial regatta at Jackadder Lake on Saturday, and the State Championships were held at Austin Lakes on Sunday.

On Saturday, Mat Donnelly sailed brilliantly to take out the Ray Tilbrook event by one point from Jeff Green. The afternoon was marked by an unbelievable storm that hit at about 4.00pm.

As we were starting the last race, there was an almighty rumble which sounded like dozens of tanks rumbling along a freeway. Everyone was asking "what on earth is that noise?"

Fortunately, we recognized that whatever it was – it wasn't good, so we got the boats off the water just as the lake got pounded by a hail storm which lasted about 10 minutes. The accompanying rain storm was also fierce, so we all got drenched.

Written by Denton Roberts

The Ray Tilbrook memorial day and the 7th heat for the club championship. We shared to water with a fleet of six IOM boats, they decided it would be a good thing for the tens to have another race, # 9, well the race started and a loud noise drifting towards us and getting louder, abandon race, it is hail coming, (the IOM all safely away at that stage must have all had a premonition) fortunately all the 10 R were able to get off the water, pushed under cars for protection as the onslaught of hail and rain arrived, beating down strongly for some 10-12 minutes. Well done to Mat for well deserved win.

Results

Sailed: 8, Discards: 2, To count: 6, Entries: 7, Scoring system: Appendix A

Rank	Class	Sail No	HelmName	Total	Nett
1st	Diamond	99	Mat Donnelly	17	10
2nd	Diamond	1950	Roger Paul	20	11
3rd	Diamond	95	Jeff Green	24	14
4th	Blade	76	Glenn Dawson	26	17
5th	Diamond	85	Denton Roberts	35	25
6th	Phoenix 3	40	Len White	50	36
7th	Wing 2	58	Andrew Crocker	54	38

10R Ray Tilbrook Memorial Day 2015

Written by Denton Roberts

Winds in the wsw, Roger Paul acted as PRO for the day. We had Nine ten Raters and Nine IOM also sailing for their respective Ray Tilbrook Memorial Trophies.

Glenn sailing his Diamond for the first time had a tied result with Rosco and came down to Glenn's 4 in one race being one less than Rosco with a 5

Results

Sailed: 9, Discards: 2, To count: 7, Entries: 9, Scoring system: Appendix A

Rank	Class	Sail No	HelmName	Total	Nett
1st	Diamond	93	Glenn Dawson	18	10
2nd	Diamond	39	Rosco Bennett	22	10
3rd	Diamond	95	Jeff Green	32	20
4th	NRW	92	Rob Mews	35	25
5th	Prizm	695	Ian Sherriff	47	31
6th	Diamond	85	Denton Roberts	45	33
7th	Wing 2	8	Andrew Crocker	63	46
8th	Phoenix 3	40	Len White	74	55
9th	Blade	48	Allan Beer	77	57

Ray Tilbrook Memorial Regatta 2016

Written by Glenn Dawson

Perth Radio Sailing Club Jackadder Lake Woodlands 8 October 2016

This annual regatta is a memorial for one of the great blokes of radio sailing – Ray Tilbrook. Ray was a stalwart of the Perth Radio Sailing Club as well as radio sailing in Western Australia. He was responsible for bringing in the Jellybaby and Phase 2 Tern Raters as well as the Spider and Scorpion Marblehead yachts. Ray also provided a terrific service, stocking Pekabe fittings for all the WA guys.

Ray was also responsible for introducing us all to the incredible Janusz Walicki – and his magnificent boats. Ray bought the first Skalpel Marblehead into Australia. Apart from that, Ray was a fierce, but incredibly fair competitor. He loved to race hard – left over from his motorbike racing days – but was one of the fairest competitors you could wish to race against. If you beat Ray, you had worked for it and deserved the victory, because Ray wasn't going to give an inch. His mantra was – if it is slow, chrome it – at least it looks good.

We remember Ray each year with this important Ten Rater and IOM regatta.

This year, the racing was just as Ray would have liked it – hard and fast. Six of the best Diamonds turned up for the day, and it was on from race one. Early in the day, Sean Wallis took off and notched up some good heat wins. Jeff Green, Rosco Bennett and Roger Paul took turns to follow Sean home.

The wind was out of the WNW, so the sailing was moved over to the southern side of the lake, so that the course ran basically parallel to the shore line. We used the full length of the lake, making for long beats and runs. There were plenty of shifts in the wind, but that is typical for Jackadder Lake in a westerly.

By lunch, the leader board had Sean ahead and only a couple of points separating Roger and Rosco. Jeff Green was still right in the mix.

After a break for lunch, Rosco changed to his B+ rig showing a new turn of speed. He managed a couple of heat wins to close the gap. Sean and Chris Woods followed Rosco into the B+ rigs, but unfortunately for them, the wind lightened off and those with the A rigs had the advantage. Roger in particular took the bull by the horns, sailing really well with his A rig, and making a late surge up the point score.

Denton Roberts had a number of really good races in which he challenged the leaders. His sailing improved as the day progressed, with a few results just slipping away in the last few meters before the finish line. He was the big improver on the day. His boat speed was really good, and a few little tweaks to some aspects of his racing, his performance will continue to improve.

Thanks for the day go to Glenn Dawson and Bruce Robins for running the racing and to Hub Bell for scoring the regatta. Bob Paton also came along to assist with the running of the day – many thanks to all the volunteers who gave up their sailing to administer the day.

In the final wash-up, Sean took the chocolates in a very close finish with Roger – 24 point to Sean and 26 to Roger. Rosco was third on 36 points.

The day was a really good warm-up for the 10R State Championships which will be held at Champion Lakes next weekend.

Written by Denton Roberts

Heat 7 for the club championship was sailed in conjunction with the Ray Tilbrook memorial Day for the 10 Raters with winds from the NW ,WNW we sailed from the southern car park. The winds were there in time for proposed start time and racing was under way by 10 .30 am the IOM fleet joined in in the afternoon and the day concluded with prize for IOM Trophy going to Rob Mews, the Ten's to Sean Wallis .

More info on the day on home page articles

Thanks to Glenn Dawson, Bruce Robins and Hub Bell for their duties on the day.

Results

Sailed: 16, Discards: 3, To count: 13, Entries: 6, Scoring system: Appendix A

Rank	Class	Sail No	HelmName	Total	Nett
1st	Diamond	76	Sean Wallis	41	24
2nd	Diamond	86	Roger Paul	41	26
3rd	Diamond	39	Rosco Bennett	54	36
4th	Diamond	95	Jeff Green	56	41
5th	Diamond	65	Denton Roberts	73	55
6th	Diamond	84	Chris Woods	80	59

2017 Ray Tilbrook Memorial Regatta

Written by Glenn Dawson

Perth Radio Sailing Club hold the Ray Tilbrook Memorial regatta annually, remembering Ray who was one of our long time members. Always a gentleman, always a terrific competitor and someone the club misses greatly.

This year, the event was moved from Jackadder lake as the water level and weed made sailing Ten Raters problematic. We moved over to Maylands Yacht Club, and were rewarded with some terrific sailing conditions.

Saturday 7 October was an overcast cool day, with a few rain showers passing by. The breeze started out fairly light from the south or south-east. It dropped away in the last morning, but built gradually as the afternoon progressed. Everyone had A rigs on until the last 4 races, when a rig change to B rigs was needed.

This year, unfortunately, a number of our regulars were either away on holiday or unavailable for various reasons. A small, but quality fleet of 6 boats met Race Officer Hub Bell, who got racing underway.

There were a few problems with the outboard in the morning, but fortunately, the buoys which had been placed were in the right place for a decent course. At lunchtime, Denton managed to rectify the outboard, which was lucky, as the course needed to be shifted after the break.

Early in the day, Glenn Dawson took off to win the first 5 races and it looked as though the regatta was in the bag. However, Roger Paul soon got going, as did Graeme Howie, so Glenn did not have it all his own way. Jeff Green started to find his speed and was also sailing consistently.

Denton Roberts sailed really well, although the score doesn't really reflect it. Denton had some terrific speed and his boat was moving really well. Simon Ellis struggled a bit, but persevered throughout the day.

Consistency as always is the key, and whilst Roger was logging up some heat wins, Glenn was never too far behind. So at the end of the day, Glenn took out the regatta, from Roger and Jeff.

We all thanked Hub for officiating and scoring. The skippers were so well behaved, as everyone took their penalties, even if the only person who saw a contact was the skipper himself.

The State champs are programmed for next weekend, and the day at Maylands was a really good hit out in practice for that event.



Written by Denton Roberts

Sailed at Maylands and used the results from the Ray Tilbrook memorial Day for this heat. Thanks to Hub for the PRO duties and several other that came and helped.

Results

Sailed: 16, Discards: 3, To count: 13, Entries: 6, Scoring system: Appendix A

Rank	Class	Sail No	HelmName	Total	Nett
1st	Sanga	76	Glenn Dawson	30	17
2nd	Diamond	86	Roger Paul	40	26
3rd	Diamond	95	Jeff Green	51	36
4th	Aero 3	30	Graeme Howie	53	39
5th	Diamond	65	Denton Roberts	66	51
6th	Blade	26	Simon Ellis	98	78

2018 Ray Tilbrook Memorial Regatta

Austin Lakes was the venue for the 2018 Western Australian Ten Rater Championships held on 27 October 2018. The lake is still the best radio sailing venue we have in WA and it turned on a beauty today. The sun was shining, the wind blowing, the water level was high and it was crystal clear... all was well in the world.

Fortunately (some might say otherwise), the trees that were planted a couple of years ago are struggling! They have not grown at all well, and are not looking all that healthy. Whether this is a good thing or not depends on your perspective. When we first saw all these trees being planted, predictions of the doom of Austin Lakes as a radio sailing venue abounded. At the moment, we are planning to visit the lake more frequently, as it provides a wonderful place to race.

There were 9 boats in the fleet, slightly down on previous years, as a few of the regulars were unable to attend.

Hub Bell took control of the day, setting good long courses and keeping the racing moving at a nice pace. Andree Bennett took the finishing positions and kept the scores. Rob Mews came down to assist, as he was not able to sail all day. Thank you, Hub, Andree and Rob for making the day go so smoothly. Roger Paul provided the boat, buoys and motor from Champion Lakes – thank you too Roger.

The day started with winds in the south-east, at about 6 to 9 knots. There were plenty of shifts, as is typical in an easterly in Perth. Racing got underway on time with Glenn Dawson taking his Sanga to three race wins in the first three races. Rosco Bennett and Roger Paul had a slow start to the day, with both having some of their worst races of the day in the first few races.

As the day unfolded, it became clear that these three would be at the front of the fleet. From time to time, Jeff Green and Chris Woods pushed hard and had some good finishes. However, consistency is the name of the game, and you can't afford to have slip-ups. Some lower placed finishes pushed Jeff and Chris's scores up.

The Lincoln McDowell designed Blade 5 was showing some really good signs of speed in Ian Sherriff's hands. The boat looks really well behaved, and typical of Lincoln's boats – flies downwind. Denton Roberts and Ray Bassett had their moments with some good showings. Phil Brown's home-built wooden Graffito looks superb on the water, and he is to be commended for persevering, learning and certainly improving as time goes on.

Rosco's morning wasn't going too well, until the Mr. Whippy van came cruising by. One choc top soft serve ice cream later, and Rosco was ready to go. All of a sudden, things clicked on the #39 boat, and the race was on. As the day unfolded, Rosco kept chipping away at Glenn's lead, until the two of them were neck and neck on the score board. Luckily for Glenn, the Mr. Whippy van stayed away in the afternoon, and the effects of the ice cream wore off, bringing Rosco back to being a mere mortal again.

After lunch, the breeze swung around towards the south and increased to about 10 to 12 knots. Those with B+ rigs were quick to change, and those with B rigs were left wondering why they had not built a B+. The B rig boats just didn't quite have the pressure to make the B rig work well, but it was just over the A rig limit.

In the last two races, the wind built just a bit more, and the B rigs were in their element. These last two races were won by Glenn, to retain his title from last year. Rosco finished in second place, just a couple of points in front of Roger Paul. Jeff Green and Chris Woods were level on points after 18 races, so they had to be separated by countback.

Thank you again to Hub Bell, Andree Bennett and Rob Mews for donating your time so that we could all sail. Well sailed to all the competitors, who participated on the day with great sportsmanship.

Written by Denton Roberts

The State 10 Rater were held today at Austin Lakes, no weed, what joy! Thanks to our very good PRO Hub Bell and those that assisted with the day.

The day was also being recorded for our club Championship heat 5 as the Ray Tillbrook Memorial Trophy. Well done to Glenn, Rosco and Roger

Results

Sailed: 18, Discards: 3, To count: 15, Entries: 9, Scoring system: Appendix A

Rank	Class	SailNo	HelmName	Total	Nett
1st	Sanga	76	Glenn Dawson	42	27
2nd	Diamond	39	Rosco Bennett	53	33
3rd	Diamond	86	Roger Paul	53	35
4th	Diamond	95	Jeff Green	83	62
5th	Diamond	24	Chris Woods	82	62
6th	Blade	57	Ian Sheriff	89	67
7th	Diamond	65	Denton Roberts	120	96
8th	Sanga	31	Ray Bassett	139	109
9th	Gafito	50	Phillip Brown	157	12