



Championship Shootout on the Last Day

An engrossing day of sailing finished with the top three skippers neck and neck – Ross Bennett (WA), Paul Jones (NSW) and Scott Condie (NSW) all finishing on 45 points.

Sean Wallis (WA) is still in the hunt with 48 points, but Greg Torpy (Qld) is starting to lose touch on 75.2 points.

The day was sailed on mostly B Rigs, but strong winds accompanied a change in the late afternoon and skippers changed down to C Rigs as a result.

It was fascinating to see the tactics as skippers worked out how to best tackle the twin test of strong and variable winds, and a rising swell being blown in with them.

The New Zealand challenge, which started to pick up momentum on day two, faltered today. Paul Johnson, on 109 points, is in sixth place and Philip Pryde could not find any luck at all.

Lisa Blackwood still leads the Tasmanian skippers with Rod Jackman challenging her for local honours.

A fascinating day of sailing will round out the championships tomorrow, commencing 10.00 am. Spectators welcome.

The International One Metre (IOM) National Championships commenced on Thursday 15 February at Montrose in windy conditions.

The most popular class of radio sailing, the IOM championships have 52 entrants from every Australian State, as well as New Zealand and the United States.

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