

2009/10 Australian 420 Championships

Largs Bay Sailing Club, South Australia



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Australian 420 President, Mark Soulsby reports:

Day 1 – 29/12/09

The first days racing was sailed in a beautiful Largs Sea Breeze of around 15 knots at direction of 190 degrees. Last years winner of this event, Justin Liu and Sherman Cheng from Singapore, showed that they would again be the boat to beat, by winning the first heat. Mat Jerwood and Patrick Vos, 3rd at last years event began with a 2nd place, followed by Ku Zamil/Mazelan (Malaysia) and Kwan/Lam (Hong Kong). Galloway/Gough, who were 7th the previous year, finished in 7th place. Youth Females from Perth, Carrie Smith/Ella Clark were the first females in 9th place.

2nd Heat in 15 knots, saw Jerwood/Vos streak to a good win from Victorians Davies/Hannah, with Liu/Cheng 3rd and Galloway/Gough 4th, and it was clear that these 4 boats would feature strongly in the regatta. Griselda Khng/Cecilia Low (Singapore) were the first females across the line in 5th place, with Smith/Clark not far behind in 7th.

3rd Heat for the day, also in 15 knots, again saw Jerwood/Voss streak to the lead and stay there to record their second win. Davies/Hannah again finished 2nd, with Liu/Cheng also in 3rd again. Khng/Low finished first female in 4th closely followed by the Malaysian Youth Females Mohd Afendy/Mohamad Sayed in 5th. Galloway was back in 10th place.

Day 2 – 30/12/09

2nd Days racing saw a lighter Sea Breeze of around 8 knots, from 180 degrees. Race 4 saw Galloway/ Gough streak to the lead and hold it to win this race. Liu/Cheng placed 2nd, with Davies/Hannah 3rd, and Jerwood/Voss 5th. Khng/Low were first females in 4th place, with Lucy Sheppard/Amelia Catt in 8th.

Race 5 saw the breeze drop to 5 knots from 180 degrees. Liu/Cheng had a good win in this race, followed by Galloway/Gough 2nd, with Kan/Yeo (Sin) 3rd and Khng/Low 4th as first female, just edging out Shephard/Catt in 5th. Davies/Hannah came 7th, whilst Jerwood/Vos were back in 14th.

Day 3 – 31/12/09

Race 6 on the third day, and after a length delay waiting for the breeze to come, racing finally got underway at 10 knots from 282 degrees. This race was dominated by the Asian and overseas boats, and only 3 Australian boats finished in the top ten places. Khng/Low dominated this race to win comfortably, with Liu/Cheng 2nd, Ko/Chan (Sin) 3rd, Tan/Lim (Sin) 4th and Mohd Affendy/Mohamad Sayed (Malaysia) 5th. Galloway/Gough were

first Australian boat in 6th place, with Wornal/Goodwin (NZ) 7th. Jerwood/Vos came 9th, Davies/Hannah 10th, and Shephard/Catt 11th. 7 Boats were Black Flagged in this race.

Race 7 on this 3rd day, saw the breeze increase to 15 knots from 200 degrees.

Liu/Cheng led the way again to chalk up another race win, followed by Davies/Hannah 2nd, Jerwood/Voss 3rd and Galloway/Gough 4th. Shephard/Catt were first females in 6th with their main rivals Khng/Low just behind in 7th place.

After a Lay Day on New Year's Day, racing commenced again on the 2nd January.

Day 4 – 2/01/2010

This was a typical strong Largs Bay Sea Breeze and building all day.

Race 8 started in 15 knots at 180 degrees, and WA crew Sam Gilmour/Adam Negri, showed great speed in this strength breeze for an easy all the way win. Liu/Cheng came in 2nd, Galloway/Gough 3rd, Jerwood/Vos 4th, and Davies/Hannah 6th. It was becoming clear that Liu/Cheng were just so consistent, and would be hard to catch. Elloise Brake/Ashley Warlow (Qld youth) were first females, with Shephard/Catt 11th and Khng/Low 22nd.

Race 9 saw the breeze start at 20 knots from 180 degrees, with sea building. Again Gilmour/Negri darted to the lead and looked set for another all the way win, only to not cover Jerwood/Vos on the beat to the finish and to get pipped at the finish line. Jerwood/Voss 1st, Gilmour/Negri 2nd, Galloway/Gough 3rd and the ever reliable Liu/Cheng in 4th. Davies/Hannah finished 10th, whilst first females were Sasha Ryan/Jaime Ryan (Qld Youth) in 11th. Shephard/Catt finished 13th, just ahead of Khng/Low in 14th. The strong winds and seas were taking their toll with only 37 of the 54 boats finishing.

Race 10 and the breeze had built to 23-23 knots from 180 degrees and increasing seas. Again Gilmour/Negri streaked to the lead, and this time stayed there for the entire race to record another great win. The 80kg's on trapeze was paying off in these sort of winds!

Galloway/Gough finished 2nd, Stephens/Flaherty (SA) 3rd, Jerwood/Vos 4th, Davie/Hannah in 8th. Brake/Warlow were first females in 9th, closely followed by Shephard/Catt 10th and Ryan/Ryan 11th. Some notable retirees were Liu/Cheng, and Khng/Low. Only 34 boats finished the race.

Day 5 – 3/01/2010

Race 11, and another building Sea Breeze, at 16 knots from 180 degrees. Jerwood/Vos sailed a great race to claim 1st, with Liu/Cheng in 2nd and thus securing them first place with no need to sail the last race. Another dominant display by this Singapore pair, although much closer than last year. Davies/Hannah 3rd, Galloway/Gough 4th. Shephard/Catt were first females in 5th, with Ryan/Ryan 12th and Khng/Low 21st.

Last race 12 and the breeze had built to around 20-22 knots from 190 degrees, and Gilmour/Negri bolted to the lead again, to clearly demonstrate that they liked this heavy going. Again they streaked away for another win, with Jerwood/Vos 2nd, Galloway/Gough 3rd, Lindsay/Jones (NSW), and with Davies/Hannah 5th.

Shephard/Catt finished 14th which was enough to seal the Female Open title with Khng/Low 21st. Smith/Clark (WA) won the Female Youth Division on a countback from the Ryan Sisters (Qld). Jerwood/Voss sealed 2nd spot overall, and the Australian Open Championship Trophy.

Other results:

Mixed Division Winners

3rd Overall Mixed: James Neeson & Caroline Neeson Vic

2nd Overall Mixed: Michele Lane & Stuart Ball SA

1st Overall Mixed: Morgan Skinner & Jordan Fee WA

Female Youth Division Winners

3rd Overall: Carrie Smith & Ella Clark (WA) and **Aust Female Youth Champions.**

2nd Overall: Mohd Afendy & Mahomad Sayed Malaysia

1st Overall: Rachel Lee & Benita Chua Singapore

Male Youth Division Winners

3rd Overall: George Davies & Tim Hannah Vic

2nd Overall: Angus Galloway & Alex Gough Qld

1st Overall: Mathew Jerwood & Patrick Vos WA

Champion Australian State – Peter Loft Trophy

6 th	NSW	1757
5 th	TAS	1627
4 th	VIC	1204
3 rd	Qld	1171
2 nd	SA	881
1 st	WA	744

Female Open Championship Winners

5th Overall: Carrie Smith & Ella Clark WA

4th Overall: Mohd Afendy & Mahomad Sayed Malaysia

3rd Overall: Rachel Lee & Benita Chua Singapore

2nd Overall: Griselda Khng & Cecilia Rui Singapore

1st Overall: Lucy Shephard & Amelia Catt Tas

Australian 420 Open Championship Winners

5th Overall: Sam Gilmour & Adam Negri WA

4th Overall: George Davies & Tim Hannah Vic

3rd Overall: Angus Galloway & Alex Gough Qld

2nd Overall: Mathew Jerwood & Patrick Vos WA

Australian 420 Open Champion – Sardine Perpetual Trophy to first Aust. Boat.

1st Overall: Justin Liu & Sherman Cheng Singapore

***Visitors Trophy – 1st placed boat by a non Australian residents.**