

# *2.4 Metre International Class Association*



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## Secretary's Report

Hello Everyone!! As advertised, here is the next installment of what I hope will remain a regular occurrence. I will continue to act as a strong link between the individual National Class Associations and the International Class. Communication is vital to the future growth and development of our Class. The strength of our Class is only as strong as its membership. I will also continue to oversee the website and work with our webmaster to ensure that the website is up-to-date and that new information is quickly posted. I ask that all National Class Association Contacts send this Newsletter to its' members as I do not have everyone's Email address. One thing that I would like to ask is that you go to the website and click on "Email Directory." Please submit your information as requested. This will allow you to automatically receive this Newsletter and allow other Class members to contact you.

The website for the International Class continues to grow. I am happy that there has been a lot of cooperation from fellow sailors.

This project will continue to grow and develop with the ultimate priority of keeping the site up-to-date. If you are a supplier of 2.4mR equipment, an NCA Contact, or a Class Official and your contact information changes, please send me your updated information. I wish to thank our webmaster, Antero Karjalainen of Finland, for his





commitment to this project. If you have not been to the website recently, I encourage you to do so at least once a month. There is much activity at the International level. Major occurrences and developments will be posted at the top of the homepage.

I am please to announce that after much work by the Executive and Technical Committees, the measurement process for Appendix K, at the recently completed 2006 Alcoa IFDS World Championships, went very smooth. I wish to thank Gene Hinkel who was the event's International Measurer for his resourcefulness, efforts, and feedback. Gene Hinkel's work has provided the ICA will valuable information that will serve as a foundation for long term benefits to our Class.

As you know, the topic of going One Design is again being discussed. I ask that you use the Sailor's Forum located on the ICA website at <http://www.boatsit.com/discus/messages/393/393.html> , as a resource to express your views. The Executive Committee is now holding regular monthly teleconferences to address and solve the issues facing the ICA. There are several technical items that are currently being addressed by both committees. As these issues become resolved and information becomes available, it will be posted at the top of the ICA homepage. With the help of Peter Russell from Australia, the Technical Committee is working on finalizing the Appendix K CAD templates. The Technical Committee is also working on updating the ICA's Race Management Manual that will provide a better resource of expectations for organizing committees of future World and Continental Championships.

The 2006 2.4mR National Class Association subscriptions are due 1 March 2005. Your NCA voice within the Class is important and can be represented at the Annual General Meeting, but only if your NCA is a member of the International 2.4mR Class Association. As a member National 2.4mR Class Association, you have the right to nominate officers, propose changes to the Class Rules as well as proposing amendments to the Class Constitution. I send out requests and agendas a few months before the Annual Meeting. This is where your voice as a member National 2.4mR Class Association begins to be heard. I can only send an agenda and agenda related items to those National 2.4mR Class Associations whose dues are current. Please contact our Treasurer, Bo Hedensjö, at [Bo.Hedensjo@cthab.com](mailto:Bo.Hedensjo@cthab.com) if you are not sure how much to pay.

Finally, I ask that you help me to grow and build this publication into something special. You can do this by submitting me articles, regatta results, stories, or anything that is in good taste. Because our website is so big, new information is often missed. If you have important information about your Sailing Federation, NCA or changes to your regatta schedule, please pass it along and I will make sure it gets out. We are a big family with members worldwide and we all like to know what others are doing!!! I must confess that this was the hardest Newsletter to create as I am finding it more and more difficult to find people to submit material. If you like the Newsletter and wish it to continue on a regular basis, I need your help, support, and cooperation. If not, the Newsletter will die. I wish to thank all the people who made contributions to this Newsletter for without you, there would be no Newsletter. I specifically would like to thank Myron Prosser of Great Britain, Peter Russell of Australia, and Heiko Kroeger of Germany.

*Thomas Franklin*

Thomas Franklin  
Secretary—2.4mR International Class Association



## Technical Committee Report

Sailors will be aware of that a new rule will be in force from the 1<sup>st</sup> of March 2006 concerning the main sails. A new definition is included about an Upper Leech Point placed 500 mm from the Head Point. From the Upper Leech point, an Upper Width is measured. The Upper Width is limited to  $0.19 \times E$ , which means 0.19 times the Outer Point Distance, which is the distance from the mast to the band on the boom.

This new rule was inserted to prevent sails with a very large roach. Older sails are normally not affected by this, but recent sails designed with roaches will perhaps be needed to be cut. This rule will be valid for all sails both new and old ones. All sailors will have to check their sails before racing in regattas. The individual 2006 Amendments to the Class Rules as well as a complete copy of the 2006 Class Rules are available for download, on the ICA website, at

[http://www.sailingsource.com/24metre/files/class\\_rules.htm](http://www.sailingsource.com/24metre/files/class_rules.htm) .



*Håkan Kellner*

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Chairman—Technical Committee

## 2006 Alcoa IFDS World Championships

Reprinted from ISAF News

### ***Wednesday, 18 January 2006, Practice Race***

*'I don't finish practice races, I'm superstitious,' commented Helena LUCAS (GBR) after yesterday's warm-up race for the Alcoa IFDS World Disabled Sailing Championships, on Perth's Swan River, Australia.*

LUCAS, sailing in the single-person keelboat 2.4 Metre elaborated a little on the day's race, *'It was a nightmare out there really, it's tough, very shift, one minute you're looking good, and the next minute..... maybe not,'* was her summary of the day.

The 2.4 Metre line up in Perth includes USA's 2.4 Metre Open World Champion Nick SCANDONE, and Paralympic and IFDS World Champion Damien SEGUIN of France - although SEGUIN has not had the best of fortune ahead of his title defence, as *Skandia Team GBR's* 2.4 Metre coach Adam MAY explained. *'We are still waiting to see if Damien the will make the regatta in time. The container ship his boat was on broke down and had to divert to Italy, so he collected it from there and flew the boat. It has now got lost in customs, and they are trying to find it...'*

The regatta is a legacy of the late Noel ROBINS (AUS), who was the only sailor to have skippered an America's Cup challenge, and won a Paralympic gold medal. After winning gold for Australia at the Sydney 2000 Paralympic Games, he set about luring the IFDS World Disabled Sailing Championships back



to his home town, where he had been the brains behind the organization of the 1987 America's Cup defence.



### **Thursday, 19 January 2006, Races 1 & 2**

**Image, Helena LUCAS is off to a flying start in Perth:**

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*Although the waves on Perth's Swan River are only small, Britannia definitely ruled them today on the opening day of the 2006 Alcoa IFDS World Disabled Sailing Championships, winning three of the four races sailed in Australia. Helena LUCAS (GBR) grabbed two victories in the 2.4 Metre, whilst defending champions in the Sonar John ROBERTSON, Hannah STODEL and Stephen THOMAS (GBR) scored a bullet and a second.*

LUCAS from the Royal Southampton Yacht Club, and a member of the Volvo for Life team, grabbed two bullets in the 2.4 Metre, the first by just seven seconds from Norway's Bjornar ERIKSTAD, and then by 19 seconds from German Heiko KRÖGER. LUCAS came ashore with a smile that told the story, 'Brilliant, really good conditions,' was her summary of the day that marks her as the sailor to beat. 'It was a bit easier than yesterday,' she elaborated, 'Because the seabreeze was a lot stronger, and it just helped to settle the wind down a bit more, which meant that the shifts were a bit more even and easier to play.'

It was a classic Swan River day, with the fabled Fremantle Doctor seabreeze sweeping in from the Indian Ocean at 20-25 knots, keeping the sailors busy, and the city cool.



### **Friday, 20 January 2006, Races 3 & 4**

**Image, Heiko KRÖGER had a great day in the 2.4 Metre:**

© ISAF, Perth, Australia, 20 January 2006

*Germany now heads the leaderboard in both events at the 2006 Alcoa IFDS World Disabled Sailing Championships, after a tough day on the Swan River in Perth, Australia. Heiko KRÖGER (GER) chalked up a bullet and an eighth place in the 2.4 Metre, whilst Jens KROKER, Holger SCHOENBERG and Tobias SCHUELZT scored first and second places in the Sonar.*

KRÖGER's position at the top is as much due to the mistakes of Helena LUCAS (GBR), who led overnight, as to his own good sailing. LUCAS had to take a penalty in the second race, which dropped her

down through the fleet.

'The first race was good,' said KRÖGER, but confessed, 'The second race was very difficult and I lost many boats because of big wind shifts, I didn't expect that. All the competition is very close at the moment.' It was a gutsy day on the water for the competitors in both fleets, with the breeze gusting to over 30 knots, when the Fremantle Doctor was given a helping hand by the fringe effect of a cyclone gathering off north Western Australia.





[LUCAS](#) finished just four seconds behind [KRÖGER](#) in the first race, but commenting on the second race she said, *'I was up near the front, but I ended up doing two turns, which was a bit stupid.'* It was another Brit who took the gun in the second 2.4 Metre race of the day, with Megan PASCOE (GBR) surprised at her success. *'I was a bit surprised to be up there,'* she admitted, *'Because I just seemed to tack, and tack, and tack, and there I was at the front.'*



Photographer: Kevin Lucas

### **Sunday, 22 January 2006, Race 5**

*With a pair of bullets in the two fleets contesting the 2006 Alcoa IFDS World Disabled Sailing Championships in Perth, Australia, the pendulum has swung back in Britain's favour in their tussle with Germany for top spot on the leaderboard. Helena LUCAS (GBR) in the 2.4 Metre and John ROBERTSON, Hannah STODEL and Stephen THOMAS (GBR) in the Sonar, both scored come from behind victories in today's only race, to regain the overall lead as they approach the halfway stage of the series.*

With a south easterly breeze of about 15 knots, all the crews agreed that the conditions were difficult, with big shifts, and fluctuation in strength. [LUCAS](#) had similar comments, *'Really tricky conditions, I think the seabreeze was trying to come in, and it all got a bit mad, one minute you were in a lull, and the next minute you were in a 20 knot gust, and 30 degree shifts happening as well.'*

Germany holds on to second place ..., with Heiko [KRÖGER](#) (GER) finishing fifth in the 2.4 Metre race, to trail by three points. Bjornar [ERIKSTAD](#) of Norway grabbed second place in the 2.4 Metre today, to put himself in third place on the leaderboard, with three second places and a third in his scoreline, the overall picture being spoilt because he failed to finish in race three.

Fortunes waxed and waned for [LUCAS](#), *'I was second at the top mark,'* she explained, *'And I dropped to third down the first run, then pulled it back on the second beat, and was leading at the top second time.'*



Photographer: Kevin Lucas

### **Monday, 23 January 2006, Races 6 & 7**

*Norway's .... Bjornar ERIKSTAD (NOR) ... had a good day in the 2.4 Metre, scoring third and second places, to move him into the Championship lead after the discard came into play.*

Britain's Helena [LUCAS](#)' tenancy on the top of the leaderboard looked to have continued in the 2.4 Metre fleet with a consistent day, in difficult conditions, to put fourth and second places in her scoreline. However a DSQ in race six sees her fall back to third place overall. She said the conditions were so difficult it made her head hurt, *'It was*

*tricky, specially the second one, it was really shifty, my head hurts now. It was really hard sailing, the first race wasn't too bad, that was a bit more settled, but second race the shifts were just massive.'*

With Perth's legendary seabreeze constantly fighting to overcome the incumbent easterly, it was a day for brains rather than brawn. This suited US SAILING Rolex Yachtsman of the Year, Nick [SCANDONE](#)



(USA) from California, in his first race of the day in the 2.4 Metre, where he led from start to finish, but it worked against him in the second race, when he bombed to 15th place.

[ERIKSTAD](#) has climbed into first place on the leaderboard after his good results today and the race six DSQ of [LUCAS](#), 'I'm very satisfied,' he said. 'It was a little tricky today, it was quite shifty, and the wind was up and down, so you needed to trim a lot, and change the boat trim to get the speed.'

### **Tuesday, 24 January 2006, no racing**

*An impending storm in Perth, Australia forced the cancellation of racing at the 2006 Alcoa IFDS World Disabled Sailing Championships, and has changed the tactical situation for a number of competitors at the top of the leaderboard.*

Probably the most dramatically effected is Britain's Helena [LUCAS](#), in the 2.4 Metre, who as a consequence of being disqualified from race six - Monday's first race - has slipped from first to third place on the leaderboard. On the other hand, Norwegian skipper Bjornar [ERIKSTAD](#) now has a five point margin at the top of the 2.4 Metre leaderboard, so his tactics can be more conservative on Wednesday, the final day. Instead of the scheduled two races tomorrow - Wednesday - the Royal Perth Yacht Club, will try and run three races, to bring the event close to the eleven scheduled races.



Photographer: Kevin Lucas

### **Wednesday, 25 January 2006, Races 8, 9 & 10**

*Britain's John ROBERTSON, Hannah STODEL and Stephen THOMAS have defended their crown in the Sonar, whilst Germany's Heiko KRÖGER scored victory in the 2.4 Metre at the 2006 Alcoa IFDS World Disabled Sailing Championships, hosted by the Royal Perth Yacht Club in Australia. The two nations also took second places, British skipper Helena [LUCAS](#) finished runner up in the single-person keelboat 2.4 Metre. Norway was third in both events, with Bjornar [ERIKSTAD](#) slipping from first place overnight in the 2.4 Metres.*

For Heiko [KRÖGER](#), this was a return to the top spot, having won the Championship six times before, but only finishing second last year, 'So it's nice to be the Champion again,' he commented. Talking about the sailing on the Swan River he said, 'These conditions were very, very tricky, this is one of the most challenging places I've sailed, it was hard to get a pattern with the shifts, also the competition in the best we've ever had.'

In the 2.4 Metres it went down to the wire, with [LUCAS](#) just one point behind [KRÖGER](#) going into the last race of the day. For [LUCAS](#) to win, she had to finish in the top five, and be ahead of [KRÖGER](#), but the German made a great start, and sailed a steady race to take the gun, and the series in fitting style.

This Championship, is the first qualifying event for the 2008 Paralympic Sailing Competition, with the top seven nations qualifying, subject to IFDS and IPC approval.



Photographer: Andy Romano



This means in the 2.4 Metre, Germany, Great Britain, Norway, Canada, USA, Australia and New Zealand have secured spots for the Beijing 2008.

## 2.4 Metre Results (Rachael Cox and Maryanne Ireland sailed their first 2.4mR regatta)

Pos	Nation	Skipper	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	Pts
1	GER	Heiko KRÖGER	4	2	1	(7)	5	(6)	1	2	1	1	17
2	GBR	Helena LUCAS	1	1	2	(11)	1	(20) DSQ	4	6	2	3.5	20.5
3	NOR	Bjornar ERIKSTAD	2	3	(19)	2	2		2	9	7	(11)	30
4	CAN	Bruce MILLAR	6	(17) DNF	5	5	4	2	(13)	7	8	5	42
5	USA	Nick SCANDONE	9		8	(18)	6	1	(15)	1	10	2	46
6	GBR	Megan PASCOE	(13)	8	4		(10]	8	9	3	9	6	48
7	CAN	Paul TINGLEY	3	6	6	9	9	9	5	(11)	3	(10)	50
8	USA	Roger CLEWORTH	5	7	3	8	(13)	12	(14)	5	4	7	51
9	CAN	Danny MCCOY	8	(14)	10	6	3	4	10	8	5	(15)	54
10	AUS	Aaron HILL	10	4	7	(18) DSQ	11	(14)	12	4	6	3.5	57.5
16	AUS	Rachael Cox	16	15	16	18 DNF	15	16	8	(18)	17	(18)	122
19	AUS	Maryanne Ireland	18 DNF	20 DNC	20 DNC	20 DNC	20 DNC	17	19	19	(20) DNC	(20) DNC	153

## 2006 Alcoa IFDS World Championships—An Athlete's Perspective

by Heiko Kroeger, GER 1

I was very excited about coming back to Australia. At the Paralympic Games in Sydney, I was very impressed about the great interest in disabled sport and sailing. Although Perth is more than 4.000 km away from Sydney, I met the same friendly people.

After arrival in Perth we walked down to the Royal Perth Yacht Club to see if the container has arrived without damage and to have a first look around at the club. Unfortunately, our coach has misunderstood the friendly lady at the reception at our hotel—it was not 2 km to walk to the club but 7 km. We found the container undamaged but also locked. Because the British container had some more leaves imported than the customs were willing to accept, we had to wait another two days to open it. This was enough time to visit Fremantle at the seaside and to get the first impression of the Fremantle Doctor (the regular daily sea breeze) and, of course, the first sunburn.

The wind (and sun) were impressing and I was able to understand the reason why the event was held on the Swan River—blue sunny skies over a white rough sea.





Two days later I learned that the Swan River has nothing in common with rivers we know. First, the water is salty, lots of jellyfish and some dolphins were in this river. After three days of sailing in these waters, I grounded on a sandbank and together with my coach managed to pull the boat back in deeper areas. Thank God that there are no sharks in this river!?! Two days later, I found an article of the local newspaper at the blackboard “Bullsharks on the Swan” – a cold fear ran through my veins and I made the decision not to ground anymore!!!

The Royal Perth Yacht Club with lots of helping hands worked very hard for this event and I think I can say on behalf of all competitors, that we all felt warmly welcomed at this place. If somewhere there was a problem, it lasts not very long until it was solved. Lunch and diner was served every day.

Racing on the Swan was very tricky. While the Sonars sailed on Melville Water (which was less covered by the shoreline), we had our racecourse just a stones throw away from the club. Lots of wind shifts and short rough waves made it very difficult to find the best way to the upwind mark. Because of a big storm in the north the regular wind system (less wind in the morning and a developing sea breeze in the afternoon) was disturbed and we had very strange wind directions. As you can see in the results, the competition was very close and every small mistake was hardly penalized.

The day before the final racing day we started with AP. The sky was grey and cloudy. Around 1230, racing was postponed to the next day as a thunderstorm with 50 knots and hard rain was expected to arrive at the racecourse in the early afternoon. I took the opportunity to visit the maritime museum at Fremantle to see the 12mR “Australia II” and the gold medal of Noel Robins.

The next day was one of the most exciting days in my sailing career. Everything was possible where three races were scheduled. If we sail all three races we have two races to discard if not only one. The rain was gone and the sky was blue with some clouds. At half past 11, we left the harbor and went to the racecourse. After one hour with shifty winds, the wind died. The latest possibility to start a race was 1700 in the evening. After 2 1/2 hours, the RC decided to prepare for a race. There was still no wind but they told us that the sea breeze is developing and runs up the river. Fifteen minutes later the wind arrived.

The first race was won by Nick Scandone (USA), I became 2<sup>nd</sup>, Helena 6<sup>th</sup> and Björnär 9<sup>th</sup>. I was able to win the 2<sup>nd</sup> race, Helena was 2<sup>nd</sup> and Björnär was 7<sup>th</sup>. While crossing the finishing line I saw that they want to sail another one. At this time, I was leading by one point, with Helena second. With a safe start, I was able to climb to the lead after a while and defend it until the end. I really like those days when my sailing fits my tactical plan.

The price giving ceremony was scheduled for the next day: Australia Day! During and after the ceremony, hundreds of club-members arrived and we all learned how to celebrate the Australia Day in Perth. Everybody told us that RPYC has the best view over the bay and the fireworks. Well, the club has as well as a fantastic great red wine... We all had a great night with lots of fun, dancing and a few drinks.

The next day I left Perth. After 3 weeks of summer, sun and sailing it was strange to return to Germany...no sun, no summer and no “g’day mate”.



## Regatta Reports

### Sail Melbourne 2006

**5 wins wasn't enough under the new Olympic Medal Race scoring system for Peter Russell to record his first win in a 2.4mR regatta.**



**Michael Leydon the gold, Peter Russell the silver**



**Alison in the pink, no it's safety pink!**

The week after facing her **“Biggest Challenge: Exponential learning curve 2.4mR regatta in Sail Melbourne”** Alison was on the water again competing in the Access Class Australian and International Championships where she was second by one point in the 2.3 experienced division.

**The Medal Race** was a light sloppy 30 minute affair. Michael Leydon was ahead off the line, forcing Michael McLean to tack right, but allowing Peter Russell to come from leeward to force him to also tack right. Michael Leydon picked up some pressure as he does so often, tacked back to the favoured left and the rest is history. Peter closed to two boat lengths tacking up the last beat under close cover but couldn't effectively shadow Michael with slatting sails in the shortened run to the finish.

**So with double points in the Medal Race Michael Leydon won again beating Peter Russell by one point with Michael McLean third. Mick Lemon jumped up the fleet with a commanding win in Race 5. Masakazu Suto who joined us from Japan said he “would like to Sail Melbourne every year”!**

**Race 1** - Peter Russell jumped off at the port end in the light sloppy conditions that prevailed for most of the regatta and stretched his lead as the wind swung around the compass to win by over three minutes. Alison Weatherly looked good up the first beat but Masakazu Suto, who was left becalmed at the top mark, rolled over the fleet with a following breeze to finish fourth.



**Race 2** - The course was re-set for a moderate northerly that closed the fleet to a blanket finish. Peter Russell led the first round but missed a right shift up the second beat allowing Michael Leydon and Michael McLean to jump to the lead with Michael Leydon winning after a crazy run to the finish.

**Race 3** – Michael McLean led around the course playing the right shift after a perfect boat start. After being in a McLean sandwich on the run Peter Russell challenged briefly at the second top mark, but after lifting away from Michael, he tacked to the middle leaving Michael to regain the lead on a left shift to the mark. Michael Leydon was late with a port end start and held back to fifth by Mick Lemon.

**Race 4** – A repeat of race 3 but with Peter Russell leading around the course to share the day's honours with Michael McLean. Michael Leydon was late again with the starting order being juggled by the race committee but recovered to third.

**Race 5** – Pam Murray's steering broke and she missed the start after a quick repair dash to the club but this was the Mick Lemon show. With the building seabreeze oscillating Mick was perfectly in phase with a port start to cross the fleet stranded at the boat end. With Peter Russell and Michael McLean working the right and Michael Leydon covering in the middle, Mick took the left and after a few seconds doubt was lifted to the mark with a lead the fast finishing Michael couldn't break. **Well done Mick!**

**Race 6** – Peter Russell played the right to win with Kathy McLean entertaining Michael Leydon to the finish.

**Race 7** – A difficult race with the wind dying around the compass. This was Michael Leydon's day – he led from a port end start - the wind died on the second run with Michael crossing the line leaving the fleet wallowing in no wind. Michael McLean and Peter Russell were joined by Kathy McLean in nervously counting down the twenty minute time limit as sails slatted in the slop. Kathy broke the spell taking a ride to the finish with Peter and Michael following. Alison Weatherly was fourth but was overrun on the line and Masakazu Suto was left stranded.

**Race 8** – With Peter Russell asleep (at the pedal) Michael Leydon completed a perfect day. Another port end start, sail about 100 metres, tack and lift to the mark was the simple recipe. Peter Russell followed next left with Pam Murray sailing well to finish third.

**Race 9** – Michael Leydon and Peter Russell started the day OCS with Michael returning first and working the right to lead in perfect conditions on the bay. The second beat saw Michael work right but Peter Russell stayed in phase up the middle to win the second beat and the race. Masakazu Suto enjoyed the conditions and finished third. Kathy McLean was stranded at the club fixing her main halyard but made it for race 10.

**Race 10** – Michael McLean quickly recovered from OCS leaving Peter Russell to meet Masakazu Suto at the top. Masa crossed Peter but tacked slowly to let Peter through to regain the overall lead from Michael Leydon leading into the Medal Race.

***Congratulations to Michael Leydon – his ability to keep his boat going in difficult conditions was the difference in a close tussle with Peter Russell. Is the new Olympic Medal Race scoring system an answer to improving media opportunities for sailing – the analysis has been started with Sail Melbourne 2006?***



***Sail Melbourne continues to be an enjoyable regatta with all the Olympic champions together. This year Sandringham Yacht Club was a hive of activity with the J24 championships in addition to International Regatta. The race management under Kevin Wilson was again excellent and Sam Moffat continues to provide excellent support for the 2.4mR yachts.***



**Michael Leydon looking for angles**  
'Jeff Crow, Sport the Library at Sail Melbourne'



**Mick Lemon won Race 5 after a commanding start**  
'Jeff Crow, Sport the Library at Sail Melbourne'



**Sandwiched by J24's at Sandringham**



**The Aussies joined by Masakazu Suto from Japan**





## Sail Melbourne International Regatta

### 2.4M

Hosted By Sandringham Yacht Club

#### SERIES RESULTS

Place	Sail No	Skipper	Sers Score	Race 11	10	9				5	Race 4	Race 3	Race 2	Race 1
1	1	Michael Leydon	18.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	3.00	[5.00]	1.00	2.00
2	28	Peter Russell	19.00	4.00	1.00	1.00	2.00	3.00	1.00	3.00	1.00	2.00	[3.00]	1.00
3	10	Michael Mclean	33.00	6.00	3.00	4.00	[7.00]	4.00	4.00	4.00	2.00	1.00	2.00	3.00
4	101	Kathy Mclean	52.00	8.00	7.00	[9.00S]	4.00	2.00	3.00	5.00	7.00	3.00	6.00	7.00
5	18	Michael Lemon	52.00	12.00	4.00	5.00	5.00	6.00	5.00	1.00	5.00	4.00	5.00	[8.00]
6	JPN	Masakazu Suto	57.00	10.00	6.00	3.00	6.00	8.00	6.00	6.00	4.00	[8.00]	4.00	4.00
7	12	Pamela Murray	68.00	16.00	5.00	7.00	3.00	5.00	7.00	[9.00S]	6.00	6.00	7.00	6.00
8	24	Alison Weatherly	78.00	14.00	8.00	6.00	8.00	7.00	8.00	7.00	8.00	7.00	[8.00]	5.00

## Chief Minister's Australia Day Regatta 2006

The challenge was issued - the 2.4mR fleet was to sail against the fast dinghies again! The lake was fitful with light, tricky conditions giving the 2.4mR's a chance on yardstick. "Your yardstick isn't proper, it's too high", claimed the Lasers - but they are silent when the wind howls and they leave us in their spray.

The barging gaggle saw Kim Williams jump start and a slow Peter Russell enjoying a new year chat with the Commodore's wife in their flying fifteen. The 2.4mR's were in the thick of the fleet of flying fifteens, lasers, NS14's and sharpies with everyone following the leader on the dog-leg course. The tables were turned on leg two where following boats took advantage of a left shift which dumped Kim on the right and took Peter to first 2.4mR. The drag race proceeded with the top dinghies stretching their lead followed by Peter Russell and Masakazu Suto with Kim and Andy Hamilton fighting a draw and Richard Henderson in the action. New National Flying Fifteen Champion John Tracey finished on 56:58 with Peter Russell on 01:07:33, over 10 minutes behind the flying fifteen but that was good enough to win!

So the 2.4mR's won again with Peter Russell first and Masakazu Suto second with John Tracey third, Kim Williams and Andy Hamilton tied in seventh place and Richard Henderson finishing a creditable sixteenth overall. The YMCSAC and CYC ended up with three wins and three seconds each but the tie was broken and the CYC the overall club winner based on the number of third places - well done YMCASC!

Is the yardstick right - the 2.4mR's know it is when the wind is tricky!





## Reports From NCAs

### Australian National 2.4mR Class Association

January 2006

Peter Russell

#### Australian 2.4 Metre Yacht Association

The IFDS World's are over for another year, a bit more work on the section K templates and then back to AUS work! Kim and I have reviewed the constitution to ensure that the governance principles are in accordance with the new ICA constitution. We will send it to members for comment prior to Kim seeking incorporation. Thanks to Michael McLean for the "new website under construction" notice on the existing dated website. I am about to learn web-speak and setup the new website – but if there are any budding webmasters out there wishing to help please volunteer?

**Michael Leydon the gold, Peter Russell the silver**



#### Australian 2.4 Metre Yacht Events

The **Metung Regatta** will be held at the Metung Yacht Club with up to 6 races over two days from 2.00pm on Saturday 18 March 2006 and from 11.00am on Sunday 19 March 2006.

The **2.4mR Nationals in Canberra over Easter** will be at the YMCA Sailing Club with up to 8 races over three days from 1.00pm on Friday 14 April 2006 to Sunday 16 April 2006.

#### 2.4mR Sailing Calendar 2005/06

##### March 2006

18-19 **Metung Regatta**

Metung Yacht Club, Metung

##### April 2006

14-17 *Easter*

14-16 **Australian 2.4mR Championships**

YMCASC, Canberra

##### May 2006

##### June 2006

3-4 **Pittwater Regatta**

Sailability NSW Pittwater Inc  
Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club

**Australian 2.4mR Championships**, Tasmania (probably Easter 2007)



## IFDS World Championships 2006

Australia has qualified for the Beijing Paralympics in both the sailing classes, the three person Sonar, and the one person 2.4 Metre, with Jamie Dunross and his crew finishing 4<sup>th</sup> in the Sonars, and Aaron Hill 10<sup>th</sup> in the 2.4 Metres.

Well done also to Peter Thompson who finished a creditable 8<sup>th</sup> in his first Sonar campaign!

### British National 2.4mR Class Association

#### 2006 RYA Spring Regatta Series:

25–26 February  
18–19 March  
6–7 May  
27–29 May  
10–11 June  
15–16 July  
23 – 25 August

Weymouth  
Grafham  
Training Weekend, Queen Mary SC  
Poole Harbour Keelboat Regatta  
Aldeburgh  
Poole Dinghy Regatta  
Rutland Nationals

#### 2006 RYA Gold Series:

October 7–8  
October 13–15      Sail For Gold Regatta  
October 28-29

Weymouth  
Weymouth  
Weymouth

11 November

Frensham Pond

### German National 2.4mR Class Association

The 2.4mR will be part of Kieler Woche 2006. The regatta is scheduled for 17-25 June. Since the integration, of the 2.4mR into this event, our fleet size has always been below the minimum number of 25 boats required to be accepted as a Class. Our future participation beyond 2006 is at risk!! There are really only two opportunities for Olympic Classes and Paralympic Classes to share the same venue—US SAILING'S Rolex Miami Olympic Classes Regatta and Kieler Woche. Kieler Woche, because of its' camaraderie and close interaction, allows Paralympic 2.4mR sailors the possibility to showcase themselves as legitimate athletes on a world stage and demonstrate that Paralympic sailors deserve the same respect and opportunities as the Olympic sailors.

All Paralympic sailors and those aspiring to be one are invited to accept the challenge and share the responsibility to show that Paralympic and Olympic sailors are equals by participating in Kieler Woche 2006. Our future and growth depends upon it. The event website is <http://www.kieler-woche.de/eng/englishdefault.htm>

