

The NSW Finn State Championships concluded Monday 10th January after three days of successful racing in often tricky conditions on Sydney Harbour. There was a solid turnout of 15 boats including one interstate visitor from Victoria. Numbers would have been better if not for some late scratchings due to COVID.

Three races were completed on day 1 in light ENE breeze with the start line located west of Shark Island. Those that favoured the right hand side of the course often benefited from some nice orographic effects towards Steel Point – but of course it wasn't as easy as that! There were some mixed results out there and no more so than Matt Visser who bagged two wins and a last highlighting just how tricky it could be... Leading the way after day 1 was Anthony Nossiter from Commodore Jay Harrison and Rob McMillan.

Day 2 saw a change in racecourse area to 'The Sound' located between Sydney Heads. Three races were completed in generally light sometimes south – sometimes southeast breeze making for some interesting racing and another day of somewhat mixed results. A large rain cloud moved across the racecourse area just before the start of race 1. Those that went right led the way. After a course change races 2 and 3 got underway in more southerly breeze. This time those that favoured the left generally did better. Top performer for the day was Matt Visser with a first and third leaving us wondering just how fast his new Tokyo branded boat is...

Two races were completed on the final day in a light shifty NNE breeze. Race one for the day got away on time with the start line located just west of Shark Island and the top mark located near Sow and Pigs. Boats that favoured the left made nice gains with the Commodore's son Roy Harrison leading the way at the top mark. Race 2 got underway in similar breeze. The left looked good early on. Some of those on the right were heard seriously doubting earlier decisions - next thing they yahoing as they led to the top mark by 50m! It was another one of those kind of days...

Congratulations goes to Anthony Nossiter, Robert McMillan and Rockal Evans on a well sailed series. Thanks also goes to Woollahra Sailing Club, race committee and supporting staff for doing a great job