

Ronstan 2023 Victorian State Championships

Davey's Bay Yacht Club



The Master and his Apprentices. (L - R, Patrick Cummin, Jack Eickmeyer, Sam Ede, Anthony "Nocca" Nossiter, Lachie Weber)
Nocca donated one of his Finn sails to each of the U23 entrants

The Championships were held over the weekend of 25th - 26th March at the idyllic location of Davey's Bay on Port Phillip Bay, Melbourne. The event attracted 26 entrants including boats from Adelaide, Sydney and Brisbane.

Three races were programmed for Saturday and three for Sunday. Racing got under way Saturday in a light 10 knot breeze with Nocca stamping his authority on the series with first places in each of the three races. Phil Chadwick

commented “Nocca just sails perfectly all the time and sees the breeze far better than anybody else”.

The light shifty conditions certainly gave everyone the opportunity to show their skills, particularly the U23 sailors. In the first race young Jack Eickmeyer was placed 2nd. and unfortunately he had to retire from the other two races when his mast snapped below the gooseneck.

After Saturdays racing the results had Nocca on 3 points, James Bevis on 9 points and Dave Ellis on 12 Points.

On shore everyone enjoyed the great facilities at the Davey’s Bay Yacht Club. Volunteers along with the Victorian Finn fleet sailor cooked up a storm with fabulous steaks and sausages on the BBQ and complemented with beer and fine wine.

Sunday the weather Gods were not cooperating. After a short delay the 4th race got under way, however with the wind eventually fading the race was abandoned at the top mark. All other racing was abandoned for the day as the forecast was for very little wind. Three races constituted a series and therefore the results are as per Saturdays races.

The IFAA has set up a Silver Cup Fund to allow young U23 sailors to participate in the World Championships. This initiative has had terrific support



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James Bevis 2nd, Nocca 1st, Dave Ellis 3rd

financially and we will have Hayden Barney from RQYS, current U23 Australian Champion attend the Championship in Italy on Lake Como in July this year.

As a result of this initiative the Finn Class attracted four U23 sailors to the Victorian Championships and with the enthusiasm shown by other young sailors we expect 5 or 6 U23 sailors at the next Australian Championships at Davey's Bay in January 2024.

Thank you to Nocca for donating a Finn sail to each of the U23 sailors. Nocca you are a true champion.



A big thank you to the Davey's Bay Yacht Club and all the Volunteers who made this Championship weekend a most successful and enjoyable one. And thank you to all the interstate visitors for supporting the event.

Finally, thanks to Andrew Coutts and Leigh Cummin from DBYC for putting in so much work over the past months and reinvigorating and growing the Finn Fleet in Melbourne.

Cheers, Bully.

Video and Drone footage [HERE](#)

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Pos	Class	Sail No	Skipper	Club	Cat	Nett	3	2	1
							25 Mar 23	25 Mar 23	25 Mar 23
1	Finn	AUS 221	Anthony Nossiter		VIS	3	1	1	1
2	Finn	AUS 330	James Bevis			9	2	3	4
3	Finn	AUS 333	David Ellis		VIS	12	3	4	5
4	Finn	AUS 2	Rob McMillan		VIS	17	4	2	11
5	Finn	Aus 88	Andrew Coutts	DBYC		19	7	9	3
6	Finn	AUS 33	Stuart Skeggs			24	5	5	14
7	Finn	AUS 287	Tony Nash	DBYC		25	6	12	7
8	Finn	AUS 250 U23	Patrick Cummin	DBYC		26	9	11	6
9	Finn	AUS 255 U23	Lachie Weber	MYC		31	16	6	9
10	Finn	AUS 75	Phil Chadwick		VIS	34	17	7	10
11	Finn	AUS 94	Guy Maegraith		VIS	38	12	13	13
12	Finn	AUS 69	John Alexander		VIS	39	15	8	16
13	Finn	AUS 23	Dan Hickey	DBYC		42	11	16	15
14	Finn	Aus 7	Greg Clark	DBYC		45	20	17	8
15	Finn	AUS 28	Andrew Buick		VIS	45	19	14	12
16	Finn	AUS 280	Nick Carter			45.5	8	18	19.5
17	Finn	41	Tim Ede		VIS	48	21	10	17
18	Finn	AUS303	Darren McPherson			50	13	15	22
19	Finn	AUS 169	Jason Wilson		VIS	54.5	14	21	19.5
20	Finn	AUS 13	Craig Weaver			55	18	19	18
21	Finn	AUS 262 U23	Jack Eickmeyer		VIS	56	27 DNC	27 DNF	2
22	Finn	AUS 10	John Condie		VIS	64	10	27 DNC	27 DNC
23	Finn	AUS 9	John Shallvey			67	22	22	23
24	Finn	AUS31	David Clayton			68	27 NSC	20	21
25	Finn	AUS 271	Leigh Cummin	DBYC		70	23	23	24
26	Finn	NZL 21 U23	Sam Ede		U23 + VIS	81	27 DNC	27 DNC	27 DNC

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