

Michael Bell Memorial Regatta



Year	Skipper	Sail No
2014	Matt Donelly	99
2015	Glenn Dawson	AUS 76
2016	Roger Paul	AUS 86
2017	Glenn Dawson	AUS 76
2018	Rosco Bennett	AUS 39
2019	Glenn Dawson	AUS 76
2020	Glenn Dawson	AUS 76
2021	Glenn Dawson	AUS 76

This trophy is now managed by Maylands Radio Sailing and has been renamed Michael & Hub Bell Memorial Trophy

The following pages have detailed event reports taken from the newsletters over that period :

2014 Michael Bell Memorial Trophy

Written by Denton Roberts

Today's racing was for Heat 6 of the club championship, but more importantly the "Michael Bell Perpetual Trophy Regatta". In spite of the predicted stormy weather, a good fleet of twelve boats arrived. We had strong winds from the N/West to West and sailed from the Southern Car park with an Olympic course lay out. The three IOM started their races 1 minute after the Tens. Sadly Hub had the misfortune to slip when launching his boat prior the start of racing and needed to seek medical attention for the nasty cut to his right hand, thanks to Roger Paul taking him to St Johns.

We were all pleased to see him back for fellowship at the end of the days sailing, also that Angela was able to be there also to present the New Trophy to a well deserved winner, Matt Donelly.



Matt Donelly wins the inaugural Michael Bell Memorial trophy

Results

Sailed: 8, Discards: 2, To count: 6, Entries: 12, Scoring system: Appendix A

Posn	Hull	Sail #	Skipper	Total	Nett
1st	Diamond	99	Matt Donelly	16	9
2nd	Diamond	195	Graeme Howie	19	11
3rd	Diamond	95	Jeff Green	23	12
4th	Diamond	39	Rosco Bennett	21	12
5th	Blade	76	Glenn Dawson	32	13
6th	Diamond	85	Denton Roberts	34	22
7th	R 10 4	61	Rod Moss	48	32
8th	NRW	34	Rob Mews	68	42
9th	Blade	48	Allan Beer	72	46
10th	Phoenix 3	40	Len White	81	55
11th	Aero 3	27	John Goor	85	59
12th	Wing 2	58	Andrew Crocker	87	61

2015 Michael Bell Memorial Regatta

Written by Glenn Dawson

The second annual Michael Bell Memorial regatta was held at Jackadder Lake on Saturday September 12th. There were eleven Ten Raters present, as well as a small fleet of IOMs.

The afternoon was forecast to have some thunderstorms, small hail and inclement weather, but fortunately the showers mostly stayed away. Hub Bell acted as PRO for the afternoon and had the sailing underway soon after one pm.

Len tried his best to sabotage the afternoon! For a joke, he unlocked the rescue boat and left it near the water's edge. The plan was to tell Glenn that the boat had remained unlocked since Thursday. Unfortunately for Len, the gusty wind took hold of the boat, and pretty soon it was surfing across Jackadder Lake towards the island on the other side! Red faced, Lenny took off with a makeshift fishing pole to attempt to retrieve the boat from the place it got stuck, and eventually managed to pry it loose. Plenty of laughs about that little escapade!

Back to the sailing, and all the Tens had their B rigs up. The breeze was westerly at about 12 to 15 knots and the boats were moving pretty fast. Early in the afternoon, John Goor had his Aero flying. He had a first and second on the board right out of the blocks. Soon, Glenn got Mat Donelly's Diamond on the pace, and proceeded to rattle off some race victories. After a while, Glenn had control of the point score and was able to sail conservatively.



Rob Mews had a slow start, and then fizzled out all together, with some mystery boat ailment. Rosco Bennett gradually got his boat tweaked up, and sailed himself up into his usual bridesmaid position, just pipping John Goor into third.

Denton continues to improve and gradually is giving the leaders some curry. His boats are always really well prepared and he never seems to have any problems with reliability.

Both Chris Woods and Jeff Green managed heat wins at one point or another, showing the depth which is building within the fleet.

Results of the afternoon:

Pos	Skipper	Sail #	Club	Hull	Nett
1	Glenn Dawson	99	PRSC	Diamond	13.0
2	Ross Bennett	39	HWSC	Diamond	28.0
3	John Goor	27	PRSC	Aero 2	35.0
4	Chris Woods	84	PRSC	Diamond	38.0
5	Jeff Green	95	PRSC	Diamond	40.0
6	Denton Roberts	85	PRSC	Diamond	49.0
7	Alan Beer	48	PRSC	Blade	65.0
8	Phil Brown	90	PRSC	Phenix 3	93.0
9	Len White	40	PRSC	Phenix 3	100.0
10	Robert Mews	92	CLSC	NRW	105.0
11	Andrew Crocker	8	PRSC	Wing	115.0

2016 Michael Bell Memorial Regatta

Written by Glenn Dawson

Saturday September 10th was the 3rd Michael Bell Memorial regatta for Ten Raters. A small but highly competitive fleet fronted up to Jackadder Lake with hopes of great wind and lots of sunshine. Well, it didn't quite work out that way, especially in the morning, when the wind was very light and shifty. Race Officer Rod Moss and his Assistants, Richard Fielder and Bob Paton did all they could to set courses and keep the racing moving.

The best laid plans unfortunately come unstuck from time to time, through no fault of the Organizers. The wind just would not co-operate and we chased our tails around for quite a while. There were a few races completed, but it was challenging.

Hub Bell was racing the Diamond of Richard Fielder and was enjoying the shifty winds. Hub understands the lake better than anybody, and it showed in some of his early results. Rosco Bennett was also fast out of the blocks as was Rob Mews and Roger Paul.

The fleet consisted mostly of Diamonds, with Robs NRW making up the fleet. The NRW is a light wind flyer, and Rob was making the most of his advantage. It soon became clear that the results of the day were going to be extremely close. Nobody was able to take the regatta by the scruff of the neck and put a choke hold on it.



Hub and Richard preparing the Diamond



Roger Paul wins the Michael Bell Memorial 2016

We stopped for an early lunch to try and give the breeze a chance to come to the party. Fortunately, soon after lunch, the wind swung to the south west and built into a nice sailing wind. There were still plenty of shifts and holes to find, but the day turned out quite nicely. The forecast rain stayed away too.

Consistency was going to be the key again. Skippers could not afford to rack up too many lower placings if they wanted to stay in touch with the leaders. Soon after lunch, Glenn Dawson had made his way to the top of the leaderboard, but the margins between the top 5 boats were minimal.

Unfortunately, Hub suffered some damage to the fin, which was not able to be fixed, even with the good Captain Blackwire in attendance. Not for want of trying mind you.

One thing about racing Ten Raters - you never ever give up. The speed with which these boats travel, and the large differences in speed which can be experienced, means that even though you might be a fair way back in the fleet, there are opportunities to catch up and recover. The skipper who seemed to be making the best of his opportunities on the afternoon was Roger Paul. Roger came from behind in many races, but kept on plugging away. His score card started to look pretty good coming into the last two races.

So in the end, Roger Paul took out the event by two points from Glenn Dawson. Just a further two points back, Rob Mews held off Rosco Bennett in a countback - that's right folks, Rosco let Captain Blackwire beat him in a countback!

Final scores: Roger Paul 24, Glenn Dawson 26, Rob Mews 28, Rosco Bennett 28, Jeff Green 35, Hub Bell 49 and Denton Roberts on 58.

We would all like to thank Rod Moss, Bob Paton, Richard Fielder for looking after the on water race management and Andree Bennett and Ian Ritchie for looking after the scoring.

The afternoon concluded with the club's traditional after sailing drinks. Hub kindly donated the trophies and made a touching speech in memory of Michael.

Sailed: 12, Discards: 2, To count: 10, Entries: 7, Scoring system: Appendix A

Pos	Class	Sail #	Helm Name	Total	Nett
1st	Diamond	86	Roger Paul	40	24
2nd	Diamond	76	Glenn Dawson	40	26
3rd	NRW	41	Rob Mews	41	28
4th	Diamond	39	Rosco Bennett	40	28
5th	Diamond	95	Jeff Green	45	35
6th	Diamond	89	Hub Bell	65	49
7th	Diamond	65	Denton Roberts	72	58

2017 Michael Bell Memorial

Written by Denton Roberts

Today heat was taken from the Michael Bell memorial Trophy results, Hub Sailed Chriss Woods Diamond.

Winds were light and varied from the NW-W-SW

Well done to Glenn, Rob and Hub.

Results

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4th	Diamond	86	Roger Paul	31	20
5th	Diamond	95	Jeff Green	38	23
6th	Diamond	65	Denton Roberts	35	24
7th	Gaffito	50	Phillip Brown	57	41

2018 Michael Bell Memorial

Written by Denton Roberts

The Michael Bell Memorial Trophy Was sailed today and the results making heat 4 of the club Championship. Chris Woods Gave his Diamond to Hub to sail and Chris carried out the PRO duties with great aplumb. Weed plagued all sailors, some more than others.

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