



Skipjack the new S80 Victorian Champion

HBYC's Skipjack, skippered by Bill Feore, has emerged victorious at the highly competitive S80 Victorian Championships, beating long-time champion Intrusion skippered by Sandringham's Luke Reinher. Intrusion was the boat to beat having won the State title 10 of the 17 times they've contested it.

HBYC was represented by four S80s including Moonraker (Paul Neilson, Rod Langham), Recycled Reputation (Tim Campbell) and Outlaw (Outlaw Gang) in the 18-strong fleet at the RYCV on the 13th, 14th and 15th of January. The yachts were competing for both the one-design and handicap trophies.

Seven races were held across the three days including six windward-leewards and one long distance race. Conditions ranged from a complete glass-out to a consistent 27 knots gusting to 30 knots. The extremely fresh conditions on Saturday saw boats achieving downwind speeds in excess of 15 knots. There were very sore bodies at RYCV on both Friday and Saturday, including one sheepish sailor who fell overboard. The RYCV reported a new record with three ambulances called to the club in one day. The conditions on Sunday were thankfully lighter but just as tricky with different boats topping the leader board.

The team of Bill Feore, Tim Feore, Kirwan Robb, Kelly Cavanaugh, and Andrew Colliver performed well in the testing conditions, also winning the coveted long distance race trophy for the first time. Skipjack also came third on handicap which was the highest placed HBYC boat, followed closely by Outlaw in fourth, Moonraker in fifth, then Recycled Reputation in 11th.

Moonraker also placed well in the one-design ranking, taking fourth place. There were only five points separating 6th through to 11th place. Recycled Reputation came in 7th on 44 points and Outlaw placed 10th on 47 points.

Thank you to the RYCV for a very well-run regatta and to the sponsors for supporting the class: Ronstan, North Sails, Club Marine, and Wilderness Wear (thanks Tim!).

One design: Skipjack, HBYC (10: 1, 2, 2, 1, 1, 3, 3), Intrusion, SYC (12: 6, 1, 1, 2, 3, 4, 1), Good question, SYC (28: 3, 3, 6, 5, 5, 6, 10), Moonraker, HBYC (31: 2, 7, 8, 3, 2, 15, 9).

For full results please click [here](#).

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