



ETCHELLS 2015 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

TRIAD (16) WINS

The Labour Day long weekend saw RGYC host the 2015 Victorian Etchells State Championship. The three day event was fought out over six heats by twenty five Etchells, seven from the local fleet, the rest from Melbourne, Sydney and one from Brisbane.

The fleet contained a who's who of Etchells racers including previous State, National and World Championship winners. Among that company there is little to be gained in home ground advantage, however most of the local boats scored multiple top ten finishes. The highlights for RGYC competitors

were a second place by John Abikhair and crew on Jazasa in Heat 3 and a third by Voodoo Spirit, Guyon Wilson and crew, in Heat 6.

Best performed Geelong boat at the end of the regatta went to Jazasa, but the star RGYC member for the event was Jake Newman doing main and calling tactics for John Bertrand on his boat, Triad. They scored an impressive four firsts to take out the event.

Corio Bay provided perfect conditions for Etchells racing; flat water and shifting, tactical breezes.

The generous support of sponsors Wilsons Real Estate,

Rigid Scaffolding, Striproll, JAM Architects and Daronmont meant the competitors were treated to a daily BBQ and drinks. The sponsors all came from with the Geelong Etchells fleet and were all competing in the event.

RGYC once again turned on the hospitality and created a great regatta, with competitors and media exclaiming that the dockside events and club generosity took State Championships to a new level.

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