

This year the regatta was held on the beautiful waterway of Lake Garda in Northern Italy. The host yacht club, Fraglia Sailing at Riva Del Garda, has the honour of running more regattas than any other yacht club in a calendar year. As you can imagine, it is a very efficient organisation and the championships went off without a hitch.

The venue is well suited to sailing due to the frequency of the Ora wind which comes in each afternoon. It is not dissimilar to the Fremantle Doctor breeze in Western Australia. You can count on it and we were able to race in it each day, albeit a little lighter than usual, as happens late in their season. With this regularity of breeze direction the emphasis was more on work rate and boat speed rather than tactics.

The regatta was an outstanding success for Australia which won the title for the second consecutive year and had four boats of our seven boat team finish in the top ten. Sam Abel and Hugo Allison from Sandy Bay Sailing Club won in convincing style. The RGYC teams of Ollie Manton/ Ben Garner, Dominic Randall/ Ella Purnell and Allana and Cooper Field (promotional regatta) all had reasonable regattas and all scored well at some stage. The experience will stand them



in good stead looking ahead to future sailing. They were solid contributing members of the team and were very good ambassadors for Australia and the RGYC.

The next Worlds are scheduled for Buenos Aires, Argentina in December 2016. We will be working hard in the short term to try and get a strong representation from RGYC.

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