

Lincoln Week Day 1 & 2

Day 1

Monday, February 24

There were two short course races in Boston Bay.

Part of the Lincoln Week event this year is a large fleet of 24 multihulls, which have arrived at Lincoln Week for their national championships.

Races one and two were sailed in moderate conditions, and there were many good performers throughout the day.

The overall IRC honours were always going to be a tough battle, with many contenders hoping to kick their regatta off with a couple good races.

Adelaide boat Aikin had veteran yachtsman David Royle on the helm in the absence of Cailin Howard and he was happy to just be a part of the event.

"I'm blessed to be able to come aboard with a crew who know what they're doing and I just get on the boat and steer," Mr Royle said.

"We had a good start and were very happy to sail around the course in moderate conditions really well" Mr Royle said.

Aikin finished the day with a first and a third on IRC, however was not quite quick enough to finish the day on top, with interstate Sydney 38 Zen finishing the day's sailing with a second and a first.

Beneteau First 40 Wicked also had a good day with a third and a second on IRC to put them firmly in third place.

In division two, Doug Gladman & Paul Bull's Peer Gynt dominated in all divisions ahead of Enchantress skippered by John Muirhead and local boat Sextant skippered by Jonathan Newbury in second and third on IRC respectively.

Trevor Butcher's Alternative Therapy performed well on PHS and AMS with a second in each division as well as Paul McGeever's Splitter and Brenton Pegler's Another Planet who also performed well.

In the monohull cruising division, Happy Hookers skippered by John Hookings won the race ahead of David Smallacombe's Steeplejack in second and Paul Richards' Tanqueray in third

Day 2

DAY two of the 2014 Club Marine/Lexus Lincoln Regatta Week on Tuesday saw a long race south around Taylors Island then north around Boston Island before finishing in Boston Bay in front of the Port Lincoln Yacht Club.

Secret Men's Business skippered by Geoff Boettcher got out to an early lead but had a lot of time to gain over his competitors to ensure a victory on IRC.

Closely following was Fresh skippered by David Buckland, who sailed a great race, and Andrew Corletto's Shining Sea, which took out the IRC race win.

Buckland praised the traditional Lincoln Week long race elaborating on how local knowledge plays a strong role and how Fresh is planning on finishing the regatta strongly.

"We snuck around a few rocks a bit quicker than the other blokes because we know where they are and that helped a lot," he said.

"We're going to come home with a rush, we'll just get it together for the last two windward/leeward's on Thursday and smash it."

Mike Welsh's Wicked and Andrew Saies' Two True both had good races finishing second and third on IRC respectively.

In division two, Doug Gladman & Paul Bull's Peer Gynt was dominant again, with another IRC win, however struggled on AMS and PHS where the standings were a little more competitive.

In the cruising division Tanqueray, skippered by Paul Richards, took the race win just ahead of Richard Harries' Julia and David Smallacombe's Steeplejack who were second and third respectively.

Day 3

SOME people had a lot of fun at Megga's Barbecue on day three of the Lincoln Week Regatta on Wednesday, but no one had as much fun as the Aikin boys on the sail back.

Have a look at this crazy video from Down Under Sail to see what got them so excited!

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=YHksOXXfa3w