

DSC Annual Report, OK Dinghy Division 2017-18 Season

The 2017-18 season started with 14 OK Dinghies registered to race, and 15 boats by season's end. The running of the Australian Championship at the Club last season generated additional interest in the class with new owners and boats joining our ranks. The OKs contested 19 club races during the season with an average of 7 - 8 starters, on 3 occasions we had a maximum of 10 starters, with the elusive goal of all boats starting in one race yet to be attained. The standard of racing was always high and tightly contested.

Grant Wakefield capped off a busy season by winning the Season Pointscore and finishing runner-up in the Club Championship, in addition to competing in the NSW State and Australian Championship, as well as the Interdominion Championship in Auckland NZ. The minor places for the Season Pointscore were filled by Bob Chapman and Mark Rutherford.

The Club Championship was won by Peter Horne with Grant Wakefield and Bob Chapman taking the minor places after applying the countback when they finished on equal points. Peter Robinson was a clear winner of the Fastest Time Pointscore, winning every race that he contested, from Mark Rutherford and Peter Horne. Unfortunately, Peter missed a number of races during the season some of which were Club Championship races.

We had 8 boats compete at the Australian Championship at Southport QLD, with Peter Robinson the best placed at 7th and only boat to finish in the top 10 from a fleet of 42. We had 9 boats compete in the NSW State Championship at Wangi, with 4 boats in the top 10 from a fleet of 23 – Peter Robinson 3rd, Mark Rutherford 4th, Grant Wakefield 7th and Nick Gray 9th.

Peter Robinson, Nick Gray and Grant Wakefield travelled to Wakatere Boating Club, Auckland NZ for the OK Interdominion Championship finishing 21st, 39th and 40th respectively from a fleet of 46. The OK Dinghy World Championship will be held at this venue in February 2019. The NSW Association Teams Race was sailed at Wangi and won by the Drummoyne team of Grant Wakefield, Peter Horne, Mark Rutherford and Nick Gray.

Finally, I would like to extend a big thanks to the Junior Division and their dedicated team for their support of the OK Dinghy class. Also, our thanks to the Club, the Board of Directors, Office holders, members and staff for their support of our sailing activities and the Junior Division start boat crew headed-up by Alex Palmer for their specific assistance throughout the season.

Bob Chapman,
Secretary, OK Dinghy Division.

2017-18 Season Results Summary, Club events.

Boat	Skipper	Club C'ship Place	Club C'ship Points	Season P'score Place	Season P'score Points	Fastest Times Place	Fastest Times Points
ANOTHER CRACK	Peter Horne	1	12	5	1128	3	715
SPACE MONKEY	Grant Wakefield	2	17	1	2206	5	602
OCCASIONAL KUDOS	Bob Chapman	3	17	2	2183	4	697
TOTAL RECALL	Mark Rutherford	4	22	3	1509	2	809
ICE ICE BABY	Nick Gray	5	30	8	866	6	459
PHANTOM	Michael Walker	6	30	11	491	8	177
SMOKIN HOT	Peter Robinson	7	33	4	1326	1	1264
PALE RIDER	Jim Dwyer	8	39	9	550	11	126
JOKER	David Swales	9	41	7	925	9	153
SHAKEY	David Haseldine	10	46	6	1055	7	229
THE FOX	Andrew Thyrd	11	52	10	499	10	129
DOG BOX	Michael Bartley	12	56	13	214	14	43
VOODOO CHILD	Steve Wyatt	13	59	12	264	13	83
AJAX	Phil Barnett	14	75	14	83	12	84
BEAVER	James Bevis			15	16	15	33

Grant Wakefield sailing "Space Monkey" during an early season westerly (photo: Jo Dwyer).

