

5th Skate National Championship – Nedlands WA – 1961-62 Season Entrants and “Prominent Personalities” to be Seen

The Championship was won by John Gettens and Ken Cole from NSW on O’Lay.
John and Ken also won the following season Championship at Yarra Bay.

<h1>Entrants</h1>			
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BOAT	STATE	SKIPPER	No.
GALE	N.S.W.	N. FROGLEY	1
VENTURE	N.S.W.	J. SORENSEN	6
WILDFIRE	N.S.W.	J. LACKEY	12
WASP	W.A.	L. ROCK	30
SURPRISE	W.A.	H. CHAPPLE	85
SPARKS	N.S.W.	A. HAYES	94
GLIMPSE	W.A.	R. G. WAKELIN	130
EPIC	W.A.	B. COURT	141
DYNAMIC	W.A.	G. COMPSON	142
PETREL	W.A.	B. ALLSOP	147
UPLIFT	W.A.	R. VAISEY	149
SOLO	W.A.	V. C. COURT	150
VELOCITY	W.A.	I. MacFARLAN	152
KILLARA	(CARNARVON)	D. HENFRY	166
SPINDRIFT	(CARNARVON)	B. SCOTT	170
HI JINKS TOO	(CARNARVON)	P. SNOOK	208
VENOM	W.A.	L. CHIVERS	232
TANTRUM	W.A.	N. HOWELLS	233
VIRGO	W.A.	A. BARTLETT	255
VALIANT	N.S.W.	K. McDOWALL	280
O-LAY	N.S.W.	J. GETTENS	358

<h2>RESULTS</h2>	
First Heat: >	Third Heat:
1 _____	1 _____
2 _____	2 _____
3 _____	3 _____
Second Heat:	Fourth Heat:
1 _____	1 _____
2 _____	2 _____
3 _____	3 _____
Fifth Heat:	
1 _____	
2 _____	
3 _____	

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Prominent Personalities
to be seen at the Championships

LAURIE CHIVERS – “VENOM” – W.A.

Has had a remarkable career in the Skate Class Yachts. After being a leading V.J. skipper for several years, he moved into the Skate Class in the 1957-58 season, and has the outstanding record after only two seasons in the class of winning the Australian, State and Nedlands Yacht Club Championships each season.

Together with forwardhand KEN COURT they have built up almost invincible teamwork and will be “hot favourites” to take off the title once again.

JOHN GETTENS – “O’LAY”

Sydney’s No. 1 rep. to these titles, John has been in Skates for two seasons. In his first season he won the N.S.W. State Championship and was runner-up in the Australian Championships for the 1960-61 season.

This skipper is expected to provide strong opposition to “Venom”.

Other New South Wales boats, “Sparks”, A. Hayes, and “Valiant”, Kent McDowall are little-known to the Western Australians, but have been prominent in Sydney races and are expected to give a good account of themselves in these title events.

NEVILLE HOWELLS – “TANTRUM” – W.A.

After being prominent in 14 ft. Dinghies Neville changed to the Skate Class in the 1960-61 season to finish third in the State Championship for that season.

TONY BARTLETT – “VIRGO” – W.A.

Graduated from the V.J. Class last season and did well to be runner-up in the State Championships at Geraldton last Easter.

**RAY WAKELAND – “GLIMPSE”; IAN MACFARLANE – “VELOCITY”
and VIC COURT – “SOLO” – W.A.**

Are all ex V.J. skippers, who have shown promise in the Skate Class.

BARRY COURT – “EPIC” – W.A.

After two seasons as forwardhand in the Skate Class, had a season with the Skiffs and returns this season with his own boat. Forwardhand brother, RICHARD COURT, only seven stone, came from the Pelican Training Class this season, and has shown promise in the bigger boat.

BARRY SCOTT – “SPINDRIFT” – CARNARVON

Won the first State Championship for Skate Class Yachts in the 1958-59 season and did well in the last Australian Championships held in Perth.