



RAGING BULL - SSAA CHAMPION 2008

Mark Griffith's Bull 9000 "Raging Bull" was awarded the SSAA Champion trophy for 2008 at last Wednesday night's annual prize-giving held at Sydney Amateurs. Mark was a deserved winner having dominated the season's eight events with consistently excellent performances and good crewing.

The eight events combined a mix of short coastal races such as the Botany return race from Middle Harbour, to the 180 mile Two-Islands Race, which this year was sailed in testing conditions. Second overall for the season were Tim Montague-Jones and Chris Bowling on the Swarbrick 40 "Wide Load" with Lee Condell's Mount Gay 30 "Lik Lik" finishing 3rd, largely crewed by Peter Gregg.

Raging Bull also won the SSAA Winter Series handicap pointscore, again from Wide Load and Lik Lik.

The SSAA series takes part over the winter months so as not to conflict with the busy summer schedule and encourages two-handed short-handed sailing where autopilot is allowed. However, yachts can sail single-handed (with a handicap benefit), or have a third crew if autopilot is not used. The fleet varies widely from multihulls to specialised short-handed yachts such as Open 50, however there are many standard yachts such as Adam's 12s, X-yachts, Radfords and mainstream production yachts that take part.

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