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A Perfect Score for the Association Cup

Sandringham Yacht Club teams sail a perfect score, winning the Association Cup for the first time in 10 years.

The VYRA Perpetual Challenge Cup was created by the Victorian Yacht Racing Association in 1907, to be known as the Association Cup, for competition between all yachts on club registers at the time. The deed of gift was rewritten in 1953 when the Victorian Yachting Council was formed and it was transferred to the VYC in trust by the Commodores of the three most senior clubs in the VYRA in that year, namely Port Melbourne, Hobson's Bay and Blackrock.

The deed of gift allows for a one on one boat challenge whereby a challenger may nominate a boat to race against a boat nominated by the holder of the trophy in a match race series. If more than one club challenges then there is provision for a sail off to decide the challenger. However the deed of gift is very flexible and we now have a very different format.

Royal Yacht Club of Victoria have held the cup since 1997 and prior victories, in recent times by SYC, were as follows: 1978, 1979, 1980, 1983, 1985, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1993, 1994, 1996.

We can now add 2006!

Saturday opened with a foreboding sky and very light winds. Our team was well balanced with the three boats in each division selected for their ability to perform well in light, medium or heavy air. Excellent sailing by all team members resulted in two boats in each division being in a winning position throughout the four race series and often the boat that was selected for heavy airs was the one that surprised with a top two placing.

At the close of business on Saturday night SYC had won both races in a convincing manner. The wind on Sunday increased a little with light rain and showers drifting across the course. The competition was close, but once again SYC won both races to take a clean sweep for the series.

The scoring system for this event is complicated. The top two boats for each club in each division and heat count and their score is given a place for the heat and division. The top 3 (out of 4) divisional results are then aggregated for all teams and the club with the lowest score is scored the winner of that heat. Based on this system the Association Cup rankings were as follows:

SYC	1
RYCV	2
ORCV	3
RBYC	4
RMYS	5
HBVC	6

John Duffin at Royals has been scoring the event for a decade or more and this was the most emphatic win by any club that he has seen. He prepared the following table of results for the past 5 years. In 2002 and 2003 SYC won only one division. We improved this to match Royals in 2004 and 2005 and this year SYC won all divisions and 11 of the 16 division races.

Year	Winner	Points	Races	Teams				Trophies Won	
	AC	Diff	Completed	IRC A	IRC B	AMS A	AMS B	RYCV	SYC
2006	SYC	10	4	SYC	SYC	SYC	SYC	1	7
2005	RYCV	2	4	SYC	RYCV	RYCV	SYC	5	3
2004	RYCV	3	2	SYC	RYCV	SYC	RYCV	5	3
2003	RYCV	11	3	RYCV		RYCV	SYC	6	1
2002	RYCV	13	4	SYC		RYCV	RYCV	6	1

It is difficult to single out any boat as performances were high across the entire team and all boats sailed well and contributed to the excellent result. However, the team on Sierra Bullet deserve a special mention as they worked hard with Lowa Paszko to lower their handicap to the maximum cut-off of 1.050 so that they could sail in Division B. On provisional results they have won the Robert Green trophy for the best IRC score for the regatta. In fact Sierra Bullet has the best score for any boat in the regatta across all races and both handicap systems.

Another boat that had to do a lot of work to make it to the start line was Shenandoah II. It has a long and highly respected history at SYC and was the top IMS boat on the bay for a decade. However, Shenandoah II had not raced for the past 6 years. To bring it out of retirement and to get it ready on short notice was a great effort. Thanks to Ron and Ralph White for their support. Ron sailed on the boat in the regatta which in itself may set a record.

Top-scoring boat in IRC A was XLR8 with two seconds and two thirds, strongly supported by Dekadance. Vapour Trail sailed an excellent series to win the AMS B Challenge Trophy from Watermark II in second place after a count back and one drop.

Congratulations also to Toecutter from Royals, which had a great series, and won the AMS-A Challenge trophy from Smooth Criminal in second place.

On behalf of SYC we wish to congratulate all those in the team, our selection panel and the office staff for a great result and we look forward to celebrating a long-awaited victory.

SUMMARY RESULTS

The following is a summary of the divisional winners (total points for each division for 4 races):

	All Races Total				All Races Total			
	IRC A	IRC B	AMS A	AMS B	IRC A	IRC B	AMS A	AMS B
	Boats Pointscore - 2 best scoring				Club Rankings			
SYC	22	17	21	17	1	1	1	1
RYCV	43	24	24	59	3	2	2	3
ORCV	38	104	44	50	2	5	3	2
RBYC	67	68	104	102	4	4	5	6
RMYS	98	61	75	87	5	3	4	5
HBYC	128	104	104	70	6	5	5	4

The following is a summary of the top 8 individual boat results by division:

IRC A							Place
Sail No	Boat Name	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Total	
Sm460	XLR8	2	2	3	3	10	1
Sm 47	Cougar	1	7	2	2	12	2
Sm46	Dekadence	4	3	1	4	12	3
Sm4321	Flirt	7	4	4	6	21	4
G4646	Shogun	9	6	6	1	22	5
R50	Living Doll	8	1	9	8	26	6
R33	Chutzpah	3	8	8	7	26	7
Sm602	Veloce	6	10	5	5	26	8

IRC B							Place
Sail No	Boat Name	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Total	
Sm9006	Sierra Bullet	3	1	3	1	8	1
Sm101	Shenandoah II	2	2	2	3	9	2
R363	Top Gun	1	5	1	4	11	3
R25	Surprise	4	3	4	2	13	4
S80	Jack Tar	8	4	8	5	25	5
Sm288	Intrusion	6	7	6	6	25	6
R298	Western Morning	5	6	7	8	26	7
B120	Under Capricorn	7	10	5	7	29	8

AMS A							Place
Sail No	Boat Name	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Total	
R111	Toecutter	2	3	2	1	8	1
Sm1100	Smooth Criminal	1	1	6	6	14	2
Sm2	Challenge	5	2	5	2	14	3
Sm880	Alien	3	5	4	5	17	4
R205	Wake	4	6	3	3	16	5
Sm 50	Horizon Sprint	6	10	1	4	21	6
Sm8880	Goldfinger	9	4	7	10	30	7
S16	Addiction	7	7	10	9	33	8

AMS B							Place
Sail No	Boat Name	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Total	
Sm748	Vapour Trail	1	3	1	4	9	1
Sm6142	Watermark II	2	11	2	1	16	2
Sm3929	Rhiannon	6	4	3	3	16	3
Sm1871	Revenge	4	2	6	10	22	4
R445	Serifa II	7	7	9	5	28	5
H72	Uncle Fester	8	5	7	6	26	7
Sm278	Galatea	10	8	5	7	30	6
S28	Silhoutte	5	1	15	13	34	8

All of the results are on the Royals website: www.rycv.asn.au/results/index.asp?group=assoc