



2021 Tumlaren State Championships

Celebrating the 84th year of Tumlaren racing
at Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron.



ETTRICK 2021 State Champion

Classic yacht designs will always remain classic yacht designs.

After 84 years at Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron, the Tumlaren yacht design is a world class example of why this statement remain so true to this day. Be it a wind strength of 5 knots or 25 knots plus and more with no main sail reefing, the Tumlaren design has consistently shown the wisdom of the RMYS members who, eighty four years ago, selected it to be the boat for Port Phillip.

While classic yachts Tumlarens may be, this past weekend six of these Knud Reimers designed Tumlaren yachts weren't there for their good looks. They were there to win a Championship series.

Like the fairy sylps of the air, it was a glittering performance of championship racing by our world class Tumlaren fleet.

Running starts a championship feature

Running starts to the RMYS E mark for a hard beat to RMYS C Mark for was the order of the day for races one and two. **Ettrick** led the fleet around Mark E with **Avian** following. While the light winds and shortened courses weren't the order of the day they sure put the skippers and crews light wind sailing skill to the test.

Race One

The all clear for race one saw **Ettrick** put her practice running starts into action. A feature of this start was to see non spinnaker flying Tumlarens gain ground on the run to Mark E. **Ettrick** needed to keep her momentum to lead the fleet around to marks as **Avian** was closing in at the finish line. Boat for boat battles between **Dingo** and **Snow Goose** were a feature of the race.

Race two

Race two with the all clear call saw **Snow Goose** lead the fleet away under kite with **Ettrick** giving her a fast chase to be first at Mark E. Decision time at Mark E. Say no more here. As light to no wind hit the fleet it was once again time to show what the Tumlaren can do in light airs. As the slowly developing breeze came in from the west before going south it was **Ettrick** in the box seat. **Snow Goose** made up good time on the run but it was all **Ettrick** at the line. The race feature was the close finish between **Sirocco** and **Zephyr**.

Race Three

Race Three all clear was the tower call as the nano second start by **Snow Goose** was the championship feature event. Although soon overhauled by a brilliant kite flying **Avian**, the **Snow Goose** start was the talk of the tower. While **Ettrick** recovered from a stalled start, the dying breeze was bad news for **Sirocco**, **Zephyr** and **Dingo**. But we all got home.



Avian second to Ettrick around Mark E Photo



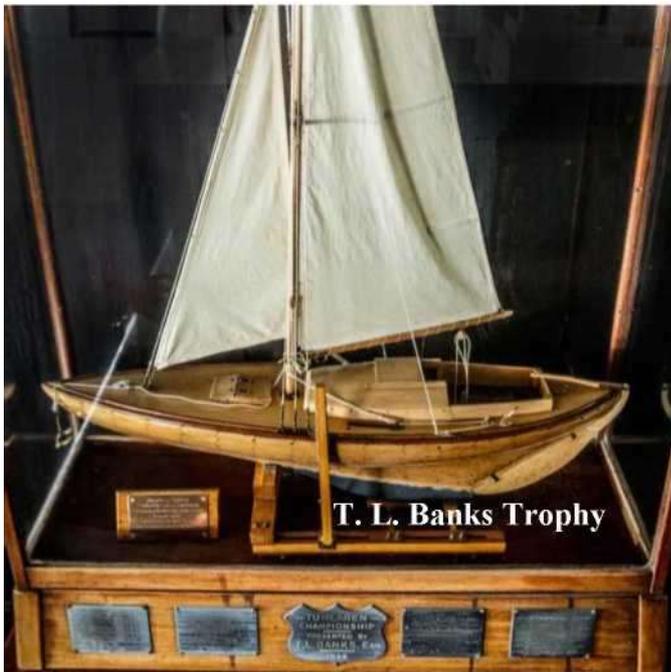
Race 2 fleet prepares to start Photo Greg Blackwood



Fleet prepares for Race 3 start Photo Greg Blackwood

Championship silver to Ettrick

Congratulations to **Ettrick** for her haul of silver. To her went the T.L. Banks trophy for best one design result and the Eric Hayden trophy for the best performance handicap result. **Ettrick** also took out the James Frecheville trophy for the best performing Tumblaren of the 2021 State Championship.



2021 State Champion
 Ettrick Skipper Gordon Tait and crewed by
 Dave Brodziak and Tony Hoppe
 Photo Greg Blackwood



Avian shows her Knud Reimers trophy winning style

The Knud Reimer trophy for best boat last race went to **Avian**.

To recognise the contribution of Bert Ferris towards sustaining the Tumblaren ethos at RMYS a special trophy for best crew was created. The restoration syndicate of **Yvonne**, the Tumblaren Bert Ferris crewed on, was awarded this trophy for their work to sustain the Tumblaren ethos at RMYS.

Photo: Left to right Roger Dundas Ferdi Darley, Ant Perri and Chris Clapp



All up another big day for the Tumlarens and their future at RMYS.

Recognition and thanks from the Tumlaren fleet for of the support from the RMYS administration team headed up by Matt Solly and in particular Colin Burgess and Jan for their strength patience with the CYAA handicapper. Special thanks goes to Greg Blackwood for his on water support and photos. To the RMYS support in the tower Tumlaren thanks go to Terry Hart, Sabina Rosser and Byron Jackson. To Janet Dean, thanks for the fast results workout.

Here's to 2023.

Peter Costolloe CYAA (Vic) Handicapper



Tumlaren Fleet in Victoria

Tarna	91	James Frecheville
Avian	96	Roger Dundas
Yvonne	97	Ant Perri
Zest	99	Dave Wilton
Zara	113	Mike Hurrel
Dingo	200	Jim Hutchinson
Vahine	201	Andrew Godwin/James Waters
Zea	308	Lindsay Holland
Snow Goose	309	George Low
Zephyr	318	Anne Batson
Ettrick	321	Gordon Tait
Sirocco	322	Charlie Salter