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2010 Etchells New South Wales Championship

Fifteen moves into the lead after day two of 2010 Etchells New South Wales Championship

Sydney (AUS) - Day two of racing at the 2010 Etchells New South Wales Championship on the Manly circle and the 47 boat fleet had picture perfect late summer sailing. After finishing day one in second place, David Clark's *Fifteen* moved into first overall with a scorecard of 22, 1, and 1 in the three races held today and has a one point lead over Peter McNeill's *Absolute Pearler* going into the final day of the regatta.

The forecasted Nor Easter was right on schedule as the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron race committee set the course and was able to get the first race of the day away on time in a 10 knot from a North North East direction.

The Pittwater Etchells fleet dominated the top three places in the first race of the day with Peter Merrington's *Odyssey* sailing a clean race to win race four of the series with fellow Pittwater fleet members Mark Richards *Are we there yet?* and Julian Plante's *North Star* taking the second and third respectively.

Merrington joined his team after a flying in from a training session in New Zealand with Team New Zealand, who are preparing for the Louis Vuitton Regatta in Auckland next month.

"We must be hiding some good sailors up at Pittwater, we (*Odyssey*) went from peacock to feather duster today after winning the first race then managing to get a black flag DSQ in the second race", said Merrington after racing.

After five general recalls and four teams being disqualified from the race under the black flag rule, race two for the day got underway in a 14 knot Nor Easter and there was a new team taking the gun with David Clark's *Fifteen* winning from Tom Slingsby's *Steampacket 7* and Plante's *North Star* taking consecutive third places.

Plante, who is sailing with four crew, commented after racing, "Day one was pretty tough so we are happy in our overall performance improvement today. Our sailing was relatively consistent which helped pull us up the scoreboard; we've got something to play with tomorrow which could be again tricky conditions like yesterday".

Race six of the series and the crew of *Fifteen* took their second gun for the day to move into the lead overall. There was another general recall for the start of this race which had the race committee instigated the black flag penalty for a second time.

Clarke who is sailing with Andrew Smith and Sean Leonard remarked, "We've been struggling to get into a rhythm at the start but our two wins today are from our better starts. We like the pressure and bump and are using this time out offshore as preparation for 2012 worlds, it's one of the main reasons we are here. Hopefully we will have a good day after we get our main halyard down (it's currently stuck at the top of the mast), and hopefully we get good steady breeze again tomorrow".

The final day of racing continues tomorrow with the race committee planning to run three races in tomorrow to complete the eight scheduled races.

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Provisional Results Day 2:

Place	Sail No	Bow No	Boat Name	Skipper	From	Series Score
1	876	7	FIFTEEN	David Clark	CYCA	33.0
2	832	4	ABSOLUTE PEARLER	Peter McNeill	BCC	34.0
3	1084	13	WHY BE FLAT	Kane Sinclair	LMYC	47.0
4	940	10	NORTH STAR	Julian Plante	RPAYC	48.0
5	924	8	BARRY	Damien King	SYC	48.0
6	925	9	IRON LOTUS	Tom King	RSYS	63.0
7	1088	14	SUN TZU	Roger Hickman	RSYS	63.0
8	1223	25	TANGO	Chris Hampton	RBVC	68.0
9	870	6	TBA	Mark Bradford	RQYS	70.0
10	1345	38	HUMPBACK	Peter Gardner	CYCA	81.0
11	1273	33	NORTH SYDNEY STATION	Robert Weir	CYC	83.0
12	1250	27	BUSHFIRE	Jervis Tilly	RSYS	85.0
13	1377	44	ROULETTE	Mark Johnson	RSYS	86.0
14	1374	43	STEAMPACKET 7	Tom Slingsby	RPAYC	87.0
15	1253	28	MIRAMAR	Mark Doyle	RPAYC	88.0
16	1290	35	GANESH	Glenn Nattras	RSYS	89.0
17	1254	29	ODYSSEY	Peter Merrington	RPAYC	91.0
18	1346	39	AVALON	Michael Bellingham	RSYS	92.0
19	1337	36	FATHOM	Rupert Henry	RSYS	94.0
20	1082	12	ALCHEMIST	Richard Hammond	RSYS	105.0
21	1219	24	CARABELLA IV	Matthew McCann	RSYS	113.0
22	1165	22	WOBBERGONG	Douglas Flynn	CYCA	115.0
23	947	11	MAGPIE	Graeme Taylor	MYC	117.0
24	1343	37	VINCERO	Nick Kingsmill	CYCA	120.0
25	1385	45	CONCUBINE	Jason Ward	RSAYS	124.0
26	1358	40	ARE WE THERE YET ?	Mark Richards	RPAYC	129.0
27	1134	18	DOT	David Seaton	RSYS	129.0
28	1386	46	JAZASA	Jan Muysken	RSYS	138.0
29	868	5	YANDOO XX	Jeanne-Claude Strong	RSYS	148.0
30	1286	34	HOOLIGANS	Michael Delaney	RSYS	150.0
31	1102	15	PANTHER	Stephen Orourke	CSC	150.0
32	1245	26	3 GONE MISSING	Todd Trevillion	RSYS	151.0
33	1058	47	FENG SHUI	Troy Tindill	NZYC	156.0
34	1272	32	FOOLHARDY	D Hardy B Northcote	RSYS	160.0
35	1256	30	THE BIZ	John Hopkins	RSYS	167.0
36	1161	20	WILDLIFE	Bruce Davis	MYC	167.0
37	1125	17	TONIC	Peter Alexander	RSYS	168.0
38	1186	23	TOUCH PAUSE ENGAGE	Michael Stovin-Bradford	RSYS	175.0
39	1370	42	SEAWINGS	Hendrik Visser	RPAYC	177.0
40	1360	41	MAGIC CARPET	Marcus Wait	CYCA	180.0
41	1135	19	QRS	Alastair Stone	RSYS	181.0
42	1128	48	SURPRISE	Adrian Fisk	RSYS	190.0
43	1124	16	ROUE	Michael Morris	RSYS	192.0
44	511	1	GRAND V	Gordon Hinds	RSYS	197.0
45	690	2	HAT TRICK	David Henry	CYCA	204.0
46	767	3	CHAMPAGNE CHARLIE	Mike Thackray	RSYS	238.0
47	1270	31	LA VIE DANSANTE	Chris Pratt	RSYS	245.0
47	1163	21	SPECIAL MENTION	D Griffith A Kongats	RSYS	245.0

For complete results go to <http://www.rsys.com.au/sailing/EtchellsNSW.php>

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