

# **Far North Qld J24 Championship**

## **04 & 05 October 2008**

### **Report**

The final race determined the winner by the closest of margins, with second and third determined only on a count back. **Tinaroo Young Guns skipper, Peter MacGregor, ably assisted by his crew of Duncan MacGregor, Angus MacGregor, Keiran Mouldey and Dane Mouldey, took the Championship with seven points.** A very close second, calculated on a count back, went to Team Blind (CYC), John Jamieson, on eight points, from the Rough Necks (CYC), Troy Walker, also on eight points.

Fifty crew members travelled from various Far Northern centres such as Townsville, Port Douglas, Tinaroo, Mission Beach and of course Cairns, to contest this, the first, Far North Qld J24 Championship in fantastic weather conditions, set on the waters immediately to the north of Marlin Marina.

Many competitors commented on the excellent preparation of the six yachts, which were used in this event. These yachts are a one design class, which then relies on the skill of the crew to attain a place in any race. Fourteen heats were sailed over the two days of the Championship.

Commodore, Warner Furguson, along with race organiser, Rear Commodore, Gordo Raleigh, heartily thanked some thirty volunteers, who helped the organising committee make the event a great success.

This event will now be a feature on the Regional Sailing Calendar and has been hailed as a shot in the arm for NQ Sailing, the peak body in North Qld, who owns the six J24 keel boats used for the event. (NQ Sailing is the umbrella organisation for the eight clubs from Townsville to Port Douglas; all of which have contributed to the aquisition of the yachts, to foster the sport of sailing in the Far North.)

These Yachts are also used to introduce newcomers to sailing through the **"Introduction to Sailing Course"** run at regular intervals through the year, over a six week period. The next course begins on Saturday 11 October with a sign-on at 1800 on Thursday 09 October. **More information by phoning 4031 2750, 4039 1992 or 4036 2996.**

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