

The event formally known as the Raceboard Nationals took place in another form over the past 4 days at Saratoga Sailing Club in NSW. COVID-19 meant competitors couldn't plan to attend the event from interstate so the event morphed into the Raceboard and Techno Challenge with 28 competitors taking part.

The plan is for the Nationals to be a 3-day event around the weekend of the 17th and 18th April.

The Challenge comprised of 2 days of course racing, followed by an hilarious relay race using 2 Gemini tandem boards on day 3, and a marathon on day 4.

The course racing was won by Nathan Clift, with Jimmy Levy coming second ahead of Richie Reynolds on a countback. The tandem racing was a new experience for most, sailing a windsurfer with someone else was a great exercise in team-building. And the racing was really close as well. Thanks to Chief Fun Officers John Doolan and Lyndon Bauer who provided the idea and the equipment.

Day 4 was the Marathon, a tour all over Brisbane Water, taken out by local lad John Doolan in one hour and a half, with Matt Quick taking out the half marathon. The wind changes split the fleet with the lead group finishing nearly 20 minutes ahead of the rest.

Thanks to Saratoga for their usual warm welcome and their flexibility in allowing this event to go ahead.

Thanks to Lyndon Bauer for getting out with all his video gear and drone for the event. Stay tuned to the Seabreeze forum for more footage.

The next event in the NSW Raceboard Series is at Illawarra on 13th March, but before then we have the Kurnell Cup on February 14th. See you there.