

Otago Champs 2025 Regatta Report
22nd and 23rd February Vauxhall Yacht Club Dunedin

Firstly, thanks to Vauxhall Yacht Club for allowing us to use their venue for the regatta, truly a great spot to sail IOM's.

Secondly, thanks to Brett McCormick and his team for running the regatta, they did a great job.

Numbers were down (partly I suspect as the South Island Champs were being held the weekend after at the other end of the South Island), but a hardy group of 7 starters got underway on Saturday morning in B rig conditions, as the morning progressed, the wind increased and by lunchtime everyone who had a C rig was using it. Dave Dunn in his Ellipsis was doing it hard in the B rig, which was no small achievement in 35 knts!



Dave about to head downwind.

While the fleet was small, the racing was close in up-range conditions which made for some exciting sailing in a chop of around 0.5m at the bottom gate.

At the end of day one (12 races), Alex Bruce (31) had a healthy lead, followed by Colin Cashmore (17) and Steve Champion (87).

Day two dawned with a lighter breeze, top of A rig. We had excellent racing throughout the morning and the breeze faded to lower A rig by the close of the day as we completed race 24. Unfortunately for Alex Bruce (31) he was unable to start the last four races due to his winch not enjoying being rinsed when the pot lid wasn't put down properly earlier in the day.

So the final results were:

Colin Cashmore (17)	1 st
Alex Bruce (31)	2 nd
Steve Champion (87)	3 rd
Dave Dunn (147)	1 st Classic

Having attended this regatta three times now, I can say it is one you should attend. In all three years I have used my B rig and C rig (one year the A rig never came out of the box!). The venue is great, the atmosphere is friendly and the sailing is something you won't get in two many other events on the calendar.

Link to all photos below.

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Scoring: RRS Appendix A

Sail	Sailor	Club	Design	Hull	Rank	Tot	R 1	R 2	R 3	R 4	R 5	R 6	R 7	R 8	R 9	R 10	R 11	R 12	R 13	R 14	R 15	R 16	R 17	R 18	R 19	R 20	R 21	R 22	R 23	R 24
17	Colin Cashmore	KRYS	V12	1429	1	40	1	3	3	2	4	3	1	5	2	1	1	5	3	2	1	3	3	1	2	3	3	1	2	2
31	Alex Bruce	ORYS	V11		2	46	3	4	2	3	1	1	2	1	1	4	4	1	5	1	2	1	2	3	1	4	8	8	8	8
87	Stephen Champion	WRS	RnB Nitro	1367	3	54	4	6	1	1	2	8	3	2	4	5	3	4	2	5	3	6	1	5	3	5	2	2	1	1
19	Bruce Manning	ORSC	K2	1378	4	60	6	2	5	5	5	2	5	3	6	2	2	2	1	4	4	4	4	3	5	2	1	3	3	3
29	Chris Kostela	PRSC	K2	1411	5	64	2	1	4	6	3	8	4	4	3	3	5	3	4	3	5	2	5	2	4	1	4	4	4	4
180	Ross Gibb	ORYS	Britpop!	1380	6	111	5	5	6	4	7	8	6	6	5	8	8	8	6	6	6	5	6	6	6	6	5	5	5	5
147	Dave Dunn	ORYS	Ellipsis	1147	7	136	7	7	7	7	6	8	7	7	7	8	8	8	8	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	6	6	6	6

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