VICTORIAN NEWS

Craig Smith had a runaway win in defending his Victorian International One Metre title. Conditions for the event, held at Albert Park Lake on 27/28 May were atrocious, as Melbourne turned on its worst winter weather, cold, wet and with gale force winds.

Craig scored 24 points to win from Simon Owen on 69, M. Davidson, 83 points and Chris Ryan fourth on 139. Gary Cameron, who did not sail on day 2 was fifth followed by Eddie Kennedy, and Ric Hill. David Coode also missed day 2 having to leave to fly to the USA.

PATTERSON LAKES

Albert Park Radio Yacht Club won the Patterson Lakes Birthday Challenge for Marbleheads. This is a teams event with the best three scoring and Albert Park continued its mortgage on the event.

A CLASS REVIVAL

There is a resurgence of interest in 'A' boats at the moment with Keith Snow setting the pace, contacting boat owners to advise them of regular sailing on the Patterson River. Enthusiastic responses have been received from around 12 owners including former Australian Champion, Pat Cox, and designer, Adrian Brewer.

Report from Dave Birrell