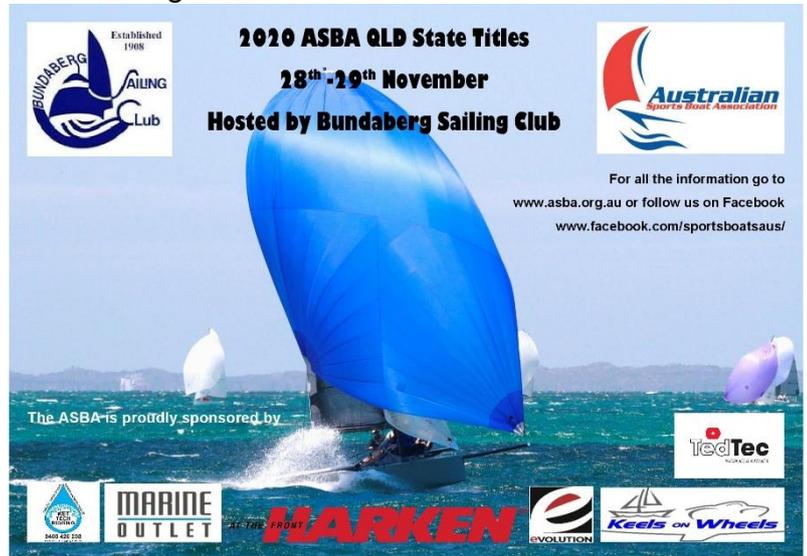


# 2020 Australian Sports Boat Association Queensland State Titles

The 2020 ASBA QLD state titles are shaping up to be hotly contested stand out regatta this year. 14 of Queensland's best and 1 New South Wales crew from Lake Macquarie, who are the current national champions and defending QLD champions will hit the waters off Burnett Heads in Bundaberg on the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> of November to battle it out over 8 races to see who will be crowned champion in the sports boat measurement system rating (SMS) and in the ASBA long term performance handicap system (ASBA LTP).

Bundaberg Sailing Club is a great club and platform to host the regatta and their 4 local Viper 640s will keep all the other teams on their toes. Will the regatta come down to local knowledge or will the teams that sailed the 2019 QLD State Titles in Bundaberg have

enough knowledge of the race area to shut the locals down? Or in classic sports boat style a new team could just send it and take it out. Only time will tell. The pace in this year's titles will go to another level with 2 8m sports boats in "Vivace" (Bethwaite 79er) and "Lambourndini" (Murray / Dovell 8m) to be dualling it out at the front of the fleet. The smaller 7m boat "Crank" (Egan 7) will also be up the front trying to claim the line off her 8m competitors. This will make the mid-fleet paced boats pick up their game to keep in touch on corrected time. Those mid-fleet boats contain of



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various 6.5m designs and 2 Elliott design boats. The mighty E7 and its talented crew coming off a ABRW win on another boat could cause an upset and take home the goods. The 6.5m fleet will be tightly contested with 3 Shaw 650s, 1 Leech 650 and



the 4 local Viper 640s. Malcolm Dean the defending champion in his Shaw 650 “the Stig” will have to watch his back because everyone will be after him. There is also state pride on the line because when Malcolm and his crew posed for the winning photos with the trophy last year a certain blue jersey was worn. Us Queenslanders cannot let the trophy go south of the boarder again. The E780 “BRE” from Brisbane has been sailing with the fleet at Sports Boat Saturdays before Covid hit and

could be a boat to watch. The big powerful rig of the original design sports boats could help it for a corrected time win. 2 boats re-joining the fleet and adding to the 7m boat range are “Guilty Pleasures 8” (Sayer 727) and “Scratch” (Boatspeed 23) both have a well equipped and seasoned sports boat crew. “Guilty Pleasures 8” comes from a long line of sports boats. One of them was a Stealth 7. The lads on “Scratch” have been sailing on “Crank” and 16ft skiffs but now have their new boat to play with. After a good performance at the St Helena Cup this could be a boat to watch.

With all those boats on the water the stage is set for some fast and fun sports boat racing and everyone is keen to get on the water after Covid-19. Bundaberg Sailing Club and its volunteers will be on hand over the weekend to make sure that the competitors are well catered for as they do in every regatta they host. I bet there will be a lot of “talk it up” going on after the days racing while a few Bundaberg rums are consumed. This year you can follow the racing on our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/sportsboatsaus](https://www.facebook.com/sportsboatsaus) or at our website [www.asba.org.au](http://www.asba.org.au) We will have live feeds and interviews and also hope to get out daily highlights. If your want to see what sports boat racing is all about check out this video [www.youtube.com/watch?v=w\\_hC3C2UwfY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w_hC3C2UwfY) and our boats for sale page [www.asba.org.au/for-sale/](http://www.asba.org.au/for-sale/) .

If you want to join the regatta entries are open up until 27/11/20. All the entry details are on the ASBA website [www.asba.org.au](http://www.asba.org.au)

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