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Windamere Endurance Regatta – Boat Delivery Report

30th Sept – 4th Oct, 2011 - Labour Day Long Weekend

On Friday 30th September, the final two self-draining MJ's, 2511 'Olympic' and 2669 'Seaking', purchased with funding provided by NSW Communities, made their way from their home in Cronulla to Windamere Dam.

Arriving around 10.00pm, the campfire was still burning and a warm welcome greeted us. The night air was fresh and the forecast for the weekend was grim.

Saturday saw torrential rain keep everyone under cover as the temperature struggled to reach 10°. With the overnight rainfall of 16ml, the highest in the region for the month, it seemed unlikely that there would be any sailing any time soon.

The sun tried to break through on Sunday morning but with the temperature still at 10° and only 5knots of breeze at 9.00am, we had to wait. By mid-morning the breeze had increased to about 10knots and all five self-draining MJ's were rigged, with four of the five venturing into the icy waters. A few mishaps for some of the uninitiated but a great race between Speedy Gonzales and Defying Gravity saw Speedy take line honours.

The weekend forecast had an impact on the number of contenders for the 2011 'Endurance Regatta' with only two hobbies and two trailer sailers on the start line. At 3.00pm the car horn sounded and the race from 'Cudgegong to Windamere Dam' was underway. Three hours later the first boat crossed the finish line.



With an overnight temperature of 1.8° the two bar radiator worked overtime in our humble lodgings. With clearing skies and tops of 18° for Monday, a morning sail in 5knots of SSE would then see the MJ's packed away onto their custom trailer and head to their new homes.



The regatta would not be over until a final race was held between the two hobies and Bill Hoarder in his trailer sailor. With Bill taking line honours and a photo finish between the cats it was a lovely way to finish off the weekend.



Thank you again to the Wallerawang/Windamere 'crowd' for making us feel so welcome. We look forward to seeing the 'mighty fleet' at Pt. Wolstoncroft in February.

This was another 'in-kind' contribution to the funding grant.