

2008 SONATA TITLES RESULTS

CBH Corrected Times (hr:min:sec)

Boat	Entrant	Class	CBH	Time Heat 1	Time Heat 2	Time Heat 3
Adagio	Terry Sheppard	Son. 7	650	0:24:54	0:24:05	0:23:28
Catch22	John Snellgrove	Son. 7	650	0:26:44	0:24:10	0:23:24
Rhapsody	John Clayton	Son. 7	650	0:25:20	0:25:22	0:23:53
Cool Tempo	Rick Lloyd	Son. 7	650	0:25:32	0:25:44	0:24:11
Just a Minuet	Grahame Abbott	Son. 7	650	0:30:57	0:28:46	0:25:29
Happy Daze	Jurgen Maxa	7/NW23	650	0:30:52	0:29:59	dns
Breezin	Warren Dickens	Son., 7	650	0:31:05	dnf	0:24:56
Shikera	Ilton Stimson	Son. 8	725	0:28:24	0:27:13	0:31:55
Moonshadow	Graeme Crawford	Son. 6	630	0:31:00	0:38:53	dnf

Elapsed Times (hr:min:sec)

Boat	Sail No	Entrant	Class	Time Heat 1	Time Heat 2	Time Heat 3
Adagio	SA751	Terry Sheppard	Son. 7	0:38:18	0:37:03	0:36:06
Catch22	765	John Snellgrove	Son. 7	0:41:07	0:37:11	0:36:00
Rhapsody	7175	John Clayton	Son. 7	0:38:59	0:39:02	0:36:45
Cool Tempo	7190	Rick Lloyd	Son. 7	0:39:17	0:39:35	0:37:12
Just a Minuet	7130	Grahame Abbott	Son. 7	0:47:37	0:44:16	0:39:13
Happy Daze	137	Jurgen Maxa	7/NW23	0:47:30	0:46:07	dns
Breezin	98	Warren Dickens	Son. 7	0:47:49	dnf	0:38:21
Shikera	264	Ilton Stimson	Son. 8	0:39:11	0:37:33	0:44:01
Moonshadow	164	Graeme Crawford	Son. 6	0:49:12	1:01:43	dnf

Sonata Titles – Overall CBH Placings 2008

Boat	Entrant	Class	Heat 1	Heat 2	Heat 3	Total Points	Overall Placing
Adagio	Terry Sheppard	Son. 7	1	1	2	4	1
Catch22	John Snellgrove	Son. 7	4	2	1	7	2
Rhapsody	John Clayton	Son. 7	2	3	3	8	3
Cool Tempo	Rick Lloyd	Son. 7	3	4	4	11	4
Shikera	Ilton Stimson	Son. 8	5	5	7	17	5
Just a Minuet	Grahame Abbott	Son. 7	7	6	6	19	6
Happy Daze	Jurgen Maxa	7/NW23	6	7	10	23	7
Breezin	Warren Dickens	Son., 7	9	10	5	24	8
Moonshadow	Graeme Crawford	Son. 6	8	8	10	26	9

Racing With Your Feet Up

We tend to follow the policy that despite the forecast we still go on a cruise if we had planned for it because you just don't know for sure what the weather will be in spite of the forecast.. However as we are getting older that policy is getting a little flexible. So when the forecast for the race weekend was for ***gale force winds*** we began to question the wisdom of participating. Yet down we go to St. Helens, launched the boat and prepared for the race.

But as the wind started to build I was definite we weren't going out. Grahame coaxed and cajoled me into going out of the safety of St. Helens harbour "Just to see what its like," he says.

Though we have had our yacht for some 14 years we only race in the SYAV Titles. So once a year doesn't make a racer be. And as cruisers we try to avoid heavy weather.

"If you aren't in it, you're safe." To race in heavy weather with wind strengths a complete unknown, to me was a very bad idea.

Saxil and Peter Jones GTYC did everything they could to make the races happened by shortening the course, making them back to back and in-shore under the lee of the land to get them over before the afternoon when the winds would likely be stronger.

The compromise was reached on our yacht too. We would drastically down size sail to be able to cope with the wind. We called this "the scaredy cat approach". What the heck. We weren't likely to be 1st across the line in any case as several others who normally race with spinnakers were down in cruising because of the forecast.

So here we were with a reef and a number 4 up (it wasn't a storm jib) with all cruising gear still aboard (not like some.