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Wireless winners at Skandia Geelong Week



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Tacktick's wireless instruments were the electronics choice of overall winner of Round 1 of the 2009 Audi IRC Australian Championships, *Surprise* owned and skippered by David Ellis.

And in Division 2 another Tacktick fitted boat, *Reverie*, a Beneteau First 45 came 2nd in IRC, 1st in AMS and 1st on performance.

Both winning boats were fitted with Tacktick's latest range of high performance Maxi racing instruments which comprise of super-large (50mm) Maxi wireless displays at the mast with high contrast LCD, wide angle screens. The solar powered displays can be quickly and easily fitted without the need for any wiring and they talk wirelessly to the wind transmitter, speed and depth transmitters and any on-board hand held Remote Displays.

The Tacktick Maxi range of electronics offer a unique start line feature which tells the helm whether to speed up or slow down at the start line ensuring optimum starts for each race. In addition the instruments provide sailors with all the data needed to improve their race performance including wind trends, speed trends, VMG to wind and waypoint, SOG and COG together with performance graphing.

David Ellis, Skipper/owner of *Surprise*, noted "When I was looking for a new instrument system the first priority was to have mast mounted displays; research showed me that there were only two systems available in Australia with mast displays; Tacktick and B&G. But the B&G system was three times the price so Tacktick was the obvious choice. The Tacktick system was essential to our performance in the Geelong regatta, the depart function, start line bias and true wind direction are all invaluable."

To find out more about Tacktick's full range of wireless electronics visit www.tacktick.com

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Tacktick are world leaders in wireless, solar powered electronics for the marine industry. Formed in 1996 by joint managing directors Clive and Mark Johnson, Tacktick was the first company in the world to launch Micronet, a range of wireless, solar powered, navigation instruments with full GPS interface for cruising and racing boats. Tacktick's range of solar powered tactical compasses have been dominating the world of dinghy and sports boat racing for the past ten years. Tacktick won the prestigious Queen Award for Innovation in April 2007 making them one of an elite group of the UK's most successful businesses.

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