



SABRE SAILING ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA
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Welcome to our first issue of the Sabres WA Newsletter. The aim of this newsletter is to let everyone know about upcoming events and share information relating to Sabres Sailing in WA.

PDSC Sailing News

We are over half way through the season and the racing is going well. Handicaps have been working well with most boats collecting one or two trophies. Competition is very intense with a number of boats receiving fastest times.



On the 9th January 2010 we had a fun race day for the sailors hanging out for a sail after Christmas and New Year. A good fleet of eight sailed and they were treated to a strong sea breeze. Everyone was rapt on the reaches and someone was heard to say "That was the fastest they had ever been."

Newbie Terry "Sugarbowl" finished his first race and our official starter Vicki did her best under trying conditions with water up to her neck, a crab latching on to her toe and after all that someone said "You were 20 seconds late"

Do you want a legal Sabre? Get it measured...its up to you to see Robert Depiazzi State Measurer.

2009/2010 Sabre National Results

The Sabre Nationals were held at Bellerive Yacht Club on the Derwent River in Hobart from 28 December to 3 January.

Final Results were as follows

- 1st Callum Burns - Blairgowrie VIC
 - 2nd Chris Dance - Black Rock VIC
 - 3rd Wayne Bates - Blairgowrie VIC
- Juniors: Rowan Clark - TAS

The following story is about one of the days at the National Titles in Tasmania. The story is courtesy of the Sabre website. www.sabre.org.au

2 Jan What a day.....

Much more typical Tassie weather - low 20's, and strong 20 - 25 knot westerly when we left the club and it just went downhill from there. They made us transit to what seemed like the mouth of the Derwent for our start, with very confused seas and a building breeze. We got away on time, and it was a hard slog up to the first mark and then we got slammed.

We could see the clouds descending off Mt Wellington, and before we knew it we were in 40 knot+ winds on the reach. Keelboats in the area recorded wind speeds of 47knots, and a nearby weather station peaked at 57 knots.

Boats went everywhere. Many capsized, some cart-wheeling for hundreds of metres as their skippers watched helplessly from the water. Others kept going - we downloaded Wayne Bates's GPS unit and saw he hit 15

knots at times as he flew down the reach. Others scurried for the beach. Sensible types went into survival mode and plodded on.

The N over A flag went up (no more racing) and we headed home. Fortunately no injuries, although quite a retrieval exercise as boats were recovered from beaches some distance from the travelling club. Interesting race management !

Check out the Sabre Website www.sabre.org.au for full National Results and Reports. The Western Australian page also features more club news, and social event information.

Sabre Valentines Day Barbeque
Sunday 14th February 2010
12.00pm PDSC



Come down on Valentines Day to the PDSC and enjoy a barbecue lunch on the yacht club balcony with million dollar views.

\$5.00 per person includes BBQ Lunch. The PDSC bar will be open to purchase beverages.

Watch the 14ft Skiff's from the balcony after lunch. Please see the Sabrettes by Saturday 6th February to RSVP and arrange payment.

Southwest Championships

Just a reminder on the Labour Day Long Weekend (27 – 29 February 2010) the Southwest Championships will be held at Koombana Bay Yacht Club Bunbury. Most classes at PDSC will be attending. Racing will be conducted on the Saturday (2 Races) Sunday, (2 Races) and Monday (1 Morning Race). Sailors book a cabin or campsite at Koombana Bay Holiday Resort Ph: 1800 003 367 across the road from the yacht club and join in on the fun.

SAVE THE DATE

Easter Racing

Sabres will be racing Saturday 3rd April 2010 during the Easter Weekend at PDSC. More details will be provided closer to the date.

Fundraising

The Association needs to fundraise for upcoming National Titles to be held in Perth and for earlier Nationals in other states to provide some assistance to sailors attending.

Donations are required to contribute to a hamper, which will be used as a prize for a raffle draw at a future PDSC Club event. Examples of items that can be donated are ladies and men's bath products and gourmet food items etc (please no chocolates). Please pass all donations to the Sabrettes who will be organising the raffle.

Terry & Vicki Allen have kindly donated their time to organise a Sabre Fundraising Market Day at a Perth Metropolitan Market. Assistance is required for donations of unwanted, bric a brac, tools, household items, plants, toys, baby items, clothing, linen etc.

Please see Terry or Vicki regarding collection of items. All items will be priced and hopefully sold at the market will all profits

being donated back to the Sabre Sailing Association of WA for use at upcoming Nationals Title events.

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