



SPRAYTALK

PERTH DINGHY SAILING CLUB NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2011

COMMODORE'S COMMENT

Dear Members

Opening Day is fast approaching so it's time to remove the cover and dust off the boat to meet the new season. As this is my first Spaytalk as Commodore I would like to thank our Immediate Past Commodore Drew Farrar and Lady Commodore Jo Dee Mansell for the wonderful effort they both put into the Perth Dinghy Sailing Club. Not only in the last two years, but for the many years also served on Management. Their shoes will be very hard to fill.

The Club AGM was held in August and was well attended by the Membership.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Rob Thomas for taking up the position as Vice Commodore, Graeme Everett for re-appointment as Rear Commodore and to welcome Andrew (Willow) Wilson also as Rear Commodore. A big welcome also to David Horn to Management.

I would also like to thank the Management Committee from last season for keeping the Club on an even keel.

The PDSC Management Committee for 2011/12 is:

Commodore: Brad Devine (Social, Strategic Planning)
Vice Commodore: Rob Thomas (House and Grounds)
Rear Commodore: Graeme Everett (Bar)
Rear Commodore: Andrew Wilson (Sailing)

Hon Secretary: Vacant
Hon Treasurer: Dan Bright
Committee: Hannah Wilson (Registrar)
Jan Thomas (Juniors/Coaching)
David Horn (Spraytalk/web)
Drew Farrar (Policy)

Opening Day - Saturday 15th October

PDSC 109th Season

11.00 am	Mudlark Race
12.00 noon	O'pen Bic Race
1.30 pm	Guest Welcome
2.00 pm	Opening Ceremony
2.10 pm	Patron's Address
2.20 pm	Lady Patron Christens new boats
2.30 pm	Commencement of Racing
3.00 pm	Afternoon Tea
6.00 pm	Presentations

PDSC Pre-Season Busy Bee

9.00 am Sunday 9th October

All welcome – there's a job for everyone
Bring along rakes, brooms, cleaning gear, painting gear, whipper-snippers, rotary mowers and anything else you think might be useful...

PDSC Membership 2011/12

Please find a copy of this season's PDSC Membership Form attached to this issue of Spraytalk.
Your early payment of this year's membership fees is appreciated!

A special Thank You also needs to go to Rod McGregor who has taken on the roll of Club Secretary for the last two seasons and has done an exceptional job. The position of Secretary is vacant at the moment and the committee would welcome, as would Rod, a keen member to step up to the plate and fill this roll.

Over the off-season the club still needs maintenance and up-keep as do the rescue craft. I would like to thank the members involved over this period for the work that they have done. This brings me to the all-important Busy Bee.

This is an annual event that gets a fantastic turn out from the Club Members. This year with Opening Day being on the 15th of October, the Busy Bee will be held on Sunday the 9th of October. Please bring rakes, shovels, trimmers, blowers and what ever you think we may need to get the Club ready for Opening Day and the rest of the Season. Rob Thomas will have a full list of work required on the day and we plan to kick the day off at 9.00am

The coming season promises to be as big as it has ever been. The Club will host the International 14 Australian Championships, Javelin Australian Championships, B14 Australian Championships and the B14 World Championships all over the Christmas period. The Management Team would greatly appreciate any assistance from Club members and Friends over this period. As you are no doubt aware the Club runs entirely on a voluntary basis and any assistance will be greatly appreciated.

The Ladies have already held several meetings regarding the running of shop and events over the Xmas period. I thank them for the work that they have already done and in advance for the great work that they will no doubt carry out over this period.

The Catered Meals will return this year as will the Xmas Tree and Talent Night. These events have been a great success in the past due once again to the efforts of members and I'm sure they will be again. A New Years Eve function will also be held at the Club this year in conjunction with the Regattas and all members are welcome to attend.

In this issue of Spraytalk you will find a Membership Form. I urge everyone to fill out the form and finalise their membership prior to Opening Day if possible to ease the burden on our Treasurer. Thank you in advance.

Lastly I would like to wish everyone the best of luck and fair sailing for the coming season and hope to see

you all on the Busy Bee and Opening Day.

Brad Devine
Commodore



Our Commodore in action.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

It is gratifying to see the full support members have given the Club by offering to join the management committee. For the first time in a decade, PDSC has a Full Flag to share the load.

This enthusiasm, I believe, comes from the selection of sailing classes, from which members have to choose. There is plenty of competition, be it solo, family, or high performance dinghies.

The club's junior program has reaped the rewards with the last three Commodores, Gary Kerman, Drew Farrar and Brad Devine, coming from Mudlark sailors!

I encourage members to offer their support in the upcoming Nationals (International 14s, Javelins & B 14s) & Worlds (B14s), all being held during the Christmas & New Year period. This will be a very exciting time at OUR Club.

So be a part of it! Put your name down!!

Tom Burt

(If you want to help out at any of the regattas over Christmas, please contact Tom Burt or Brad Devine.)

INTERNATIONAL 14

The new sailing season is approaching and strange things have been occurring through the wet, cold winter. Some crews have been practising! In a way never experienced before, I14's have been caught sailing in the off-season. The prime culprit is Courtney (Love) Mahar and his new bit of Snatch. Also spied at various times have been DVG Woodwork (I mean carpentry), TT, the young V's (Vances) and Sydney Arbor. Rumours also say that Tony Carr has been out and actively sounding the sand banks of the Swan. His crew apparently received an injury whilst taking these vital measurements. What can that be about?

Notably absent from the training frenzy has been the old and mid-V's.

A training day is scheduled on 2nd October led by the indefatigable Ray Hancock. Ray hopes to start at 10:00 am in the morning with a group of 3-4 boats. Everybody is welcome to come down and glean a few tips.

An initiative to promote participation from all sectors of the fleet is a prize kitty of \$2000 for a handicap series of 10 races! Each week of the series, the winning crew will share \$200. These races will not be State or Club heats and the winner will be determined by a handicap system that rewards improvement and consistency. It is hoped that more new crews will join the fleet as all boats will have a chance at the cash. To be eligible for the series, boats and members MUST be financial before 22nd October. Registration forms have been emailed out to all I14 owners. Please let Footy or me know if you did not receive one.

The Nationals at PDSC are approaching. It should be the best I14 Nationals ever held at the club and we thank the PDSC members who have already contributed to make that so. We want all International 14 sailors to stand up and give willingly of your time to make it all happen. We need measurers, registration helpers, prize gatherers, NYE venue preparers, rubbish bin emptiers, barmen, etc. We also need sponsorship, so if you or a company you know or individual you know may be interested in helping sponsor the event. We send a big thank you to Bob and Lisa Von Felton of City Waters for their major sponsorship. Please support City Waters (city accommodation) when you can.

Thanks to all members who supported our "Saturday

Spectacular" on the 27th August. The event was held to raise money for the I14 Nationals. All who attended had a great time and thanks must go to Footy (Ian Furlong) for creating the event and for working so hard to prepare the club for it. All I14 sailors, please support these events in the future as they directly offset your entry fees.

You may be interested that Archie Massey and Dan Wilsdon won the I14 World Championships in Weymouth. This is Archie's 3rd straight win, which is a real champion effort. Check out the series website for some great video.

That's about it for now. Hopefully we'll see all crews and boats at the club on Opening Day on the 15th October.

And Luggy's still building a boat.

Nigel.

JAVELIN JIVE

Well the start of the season is upon us again, and I hope everyone is looking forward to it as much as I am.

There has been a fair bit of activity within the Jav camp over the recent few months; we also had our AGM recently.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank Rob Thomas, our out-going president. Rob has decided to step down, to concentrate on his Vice Commodore role for the club. Thanks must go to Rob for his outstanding efforts for the class; he has done an excellent job - well done.

With the changing of the guard, I am sure the wedge factor will shine through brightly, and I couldn't think of anyone else more passionate to fulfill the role.

Also, a new class captain is in place. This obviously being my first report for the class, I am gradually dipping my toes in the pond while drying off my hair and ringing out my tee shirt after being chucked in by the likes of....well you know who you are!

The class is looking strong again this season with a few boats changing hands and a few undergoing some transformations. Racing Red team has a new rig in the boat, and this will be very closely looked at. Good to see the wheel has been re-invented yet again. Kev is the proud

new owner of a yellow boat, and I understand that it is under going some surgery for the boys, Luke and Mat. Great to see these guys are as keen as ever. Gordon has been hitting the track early, and showing a promising pre-season.

I also hear a rumour of a few crew swaps going on. Is it Greg that can't make up his mind or is it Rowan? Or is it Ash? Who knows, but hopefully they will sort it out because I'm sure you can't stick three on the one boat and make it work - could almost go and do the 18-thing!

The grey machine is also undergoing some maintenance and having a face lift (Dale, maintenance??? really?!), but with the rate we're going, hopefully the paint will be dry by Opening Day!!

The rest of the fleet looks like it is ticking along nicely and I am sure the quality of racing this year be even better than the last.

Don't forget the annual busy bee the weekend before Opening Day, it would be great to see a strong presence there to get the club looking good.

Looking forward to Opening Day, hope to see you all there.

Dan Moore

CHERUB CHATTER

A few changes are afoot in the Cherub fleet this season. The Vance cousins are moving on and Daniel Hackett has put his hand up to be the Class Captain. It will be great to see Renae back on the water after her knee operation. We're also pleased to welcome a new generation of sailors to the Cherub Fleet. Richard Thomas, Bek Morris, Russell Geisner and Virginia Horn are moving up from Jay Dees. Jesse De Roy is moving across from the Signets and we welcome two new members to PDSC, Brad Luketina and Niko Streiga. Looks like it's going to be a great season.

SABRE SCENE

The Sabres are ready and raring to go for the start of another season of competitive sailing. Over the past three weeks or so a number of Sabres have been seen tuning up on the Swan eagerly waiting for the season to begin.

It has been a big year off-season with a lot of activity in increasing our numbers. Four new wooden boats were built and we also have three new foam glass boats.

We would like to welcome the following new members:-

Clayton Erwin who a lot of members already know as a very good past 14ft sailor. Clayton has purchased Rob Depiazzi's previous boat.

Lane Bauer has built his own boat & is looking forward to getting on the water.

Jeff Vance - we welcome another Vance boy to PDSC he has purchased a boat from the East.

Scott Olsen, a Champion sailor in Tasars and other classes, has purchased a YMS hull and will give our current top sailors a run for their money this season.

Greg Omay another very credible sailor is currently building his boat.

Our new Class Captain, Ian James, and Brian Jones have both purchased brand new YMS foam boats.

Rob Depiazzi has built himself another hull with some tweaks to the previous shape, which he hopes will make him go even faster this season. He also has assisted in helping other people build their Sabres.



One of the new YMS Sabres arrives gift-wrapped...

The Association is growing very fast with East Fremantle Yacht Club having a fleet of around 10 boats this season, which is great for the Sabre Class here in Western Australia.

With the dramatic increase in our Association Membership our Annual General Meeting was held at PDSC. The meeting was very productive. It was decided we would hold our first State Championships this year, starting from early October until March 2012 sailing at various locations, which includes three heats at PDSC. With the calibre of sailors in our fleets this season we know the competition will be fierce on the water.

We also discussed our upcoming inaugural National Championships here in Perth at PDSC in 2013/14. Following the meeting we have now engaged our Race Officer, John McQueen, who has a wealth of experience in conducting National and International events.



Sabre AGM attracted record numbers...

Ian James is representing the Sabres at the Masters Games in Adelaide in October. We wish him best of luck over there.

The National Championships this season will be in Blairgowrie Victoria. Expected fleet numbers are 120, with representation from WA we are hoping our PDSC sailors will place in the top 10.

Good luck to all PDSC sailors for the coming season.

Sabres WA

SIGNET SIGNPOST

The days are getting longer, the sun is warmer, and it is that time of year again to be thinking of preparing for the new season. Find the dusters, paint brushes and organise the search parties to track down the stored items. Reports are coming in of frantic maintenance work oc-

curing at some locations. It will be great to see the Signets back on the water next month.

The off-season was fully utilised by some of our more fortunate members. Globetrotting seems to be activity of choice for Signet sailors in the off-season. Dennis and Jack stayed with the nautical theme with a cruise to Asia. John dropped in to Africa. Peter and Rob are in Europe and are enjoying it so much that they will miss the first couple of races. Gary dropped into the tropical paradise of Mauritius. An Irish Xmas was held at short notice but was well attended. The consensus being that it should become an annual event.

One new Signet is being built and should be completed for the beginning of a sailing season in the next few years.

We look forward to the opening day and the opportunity to get our mast tips muddy again.

John Glisson



Our new Signet taking shape...

HERON HAPPENINGS

Unlike most years there has been movement in the Heron camp over the winter break. Brien is getting a new boat (a stitch-and-glue ply Heron) which will be the first new boat since Iain, Kelvin and Tom got new ones just before the last Nationals were held in WA. (Could it be that there is another WA Heron nationals around the corner?) Four skippers were also spotted at PDSC during September talking to a sailmaker so it could be that there are some new sets of sails being purchased. Things must be getting serious! Yes, Little Red Hen will have a new set of sails for her new crew (welcome aboard Kay). Rockin' Robin is also getting a new set of sails and is changing to a Bermudan rig, making three Bermudans this season. Cheque Mate will have a new jib to go with the new crew (although Kelvin is not yet sure, or won't tell, who that will be).

As well as those changes there will be at least two newcomers. Tom has sold two of his boats and they will be sailed by the Cookes and the Gallaghers. Welcome to PDSC Heron fleet! So again there will be three green Herons at PDSC!

And Anthony? When contacted he said that he thought his boat was in the shed... somewhere... Which probably means he needs a break and a good sail!

We are all looking forward to opening day and hope that the wind will be kind to us.

Kelvin Taylor

JD JABBER

There will be some changes in the Jay Dee fleet in 2011-12. Although we are losing three teams to the Cherubs (Richard/Rebecca, Virginia/Jessika and Russell), we look forward to welcoming at least two new teams to the fleet (Emilia/Jye and Ben/Harry), so we expect to see at least five boats on the water each week.

Over the winter there has been growing interest in the Jay Dees from both KBSC and PBSC, with both clubs planning on re-establishing fleets in 2011-12. As a consequence, the Jay Dee Association will hold State Championship heats at both KBSC and PBSC and is reviving the Travellers' Shield for the club with the best result over selected races at each venue.

Congratulations to the two PDSC Jay Dees that attended this year's YWA Junior Sail camp at MBSC earlier in September. Luke and Amy borrowed Indi for the weekend while Flying Orange underwent a major refit and Ben and Harry had their first serious sail in their new Jay Dee (hey boys - what are you going to name her?). The sailors spent the weekend working hard under the guidance of coach Matt Jerwood, himself a former Jay Dee Sate Champion, PDSC sailor and previous owner of Indi.

Dan has agreed to continue as Jay Dee coach for 2011-12 season. With some new Jay Dee sailors and up to four new junior Cherub crews asking for coaching Dan will need all the support he can get from parents on safety boats – any volunteers?

There are still a few sailors thinking about joining the Jay Dee fleet but they are looking for a skipper, a crew or a boat. Chloe Wheatland is still looking for a crew for her Jay Dee Two Little Buggers. If you are (or know someone else who is) interested in sailing a Jay Dee this season but need pairing up, please contact me.

We have tracked down another Jay Dee on the market. Strong Medicine. Strong Medicine was a fast boat only a few years ago but hasn't been raced for a few seasons. Anybody interested, please contact Brian Christianson at brian.christianson@woodside.com.au or call him on 9383 3238.

...and does anybody know how we can contact the owners of Commander and Gone with the Wind? It would be great to see these boats on the water and we have interested buyers.

For those who haven't yet seen it, the August-September issue of Australian Sailing and Yachting included a two-page spread on the Jay Dees, acknowledging the role of the PDSC in designing and developing the class.

At the Jay Dee Association AGM in May, a sub-committee was formed to review the current Jay-Dee Design Rules with a view to modernizing the design and making the boats easier to rig (noting the original objectives of the design to be cheap and fun). Anyone interested in contributing to the design review, please contact Gordon Thomas or Dan Moore.

David Horn

O'PEN BICS

It is official the O'Pen Bics are now a fleet at the club and as such will have their own races.

We have four privately owned boats and three for lease. The Bics will train each Saturday under the watchful eye of Brien Hennessey. They will need to be ready and rigged no later than 9.30 am each morning.

That should be easy they only take a couple of minutes.

When will the Bics race? In order to accommodate those children who also sail in the senior fleet as part of a team, the Bics will race at midday. The finer details are still in the planning stage.

The Bics are certainly a fast growing fleet there were seven at Juniorsail and I know some will be at Westsail (a week long intensive coaching programme run by YA). It is exciting to hear that Emilia Horn has an invitation to attend. I know she will get a lot out of the week and do herself and the club proud.

The O'Pen Bic states will be held at Koombana Bay Yacht Club in Bunbury over the Labour Day Long Weekend 2012. (I know ages away but if you plan to go you will need to book accommodation quickly). It would be great to see our Bic fleet there.

If you are interested in trying out a Bic (leasing or purchasing) come and speak to me. Especially if you definitely want one now as I am making a purchase for the club and the more boats we have the better deal we will get.

Just to recap - the O'pen Bics are now a fleet, which means their own races, no training on opening day, and training starts the following week RIGGED and READY BY 9.30 am. Remember you are all welcome to join us on opening day whether you plan to sail or not. It would be a great opportunity for the parents to see our club in a different way, dry and inside the main club.

Energise your sailing in a Bic!

Jan Thomas

MUDLARKS

The beginning of the season is fast approaching and it is time for us to check our sailing gear is clean and still fits. A look over the boats would also be useful. Several boats have been taken home over the winter and are sporting new paint jobs, sails and much needed repairs.

As always the YA have run their annual Juniorsail, which is held over a weekend early in September. Six Mudlark sailors and (two JDs crews) took the opportunity to refine their skills over the weekend.

On Opening Day (October 15) there will be Mudlark racing in the morning however there will be no training. Training will resume the following week. Please note that the sailors will need to be rigged and ready to go no later than 9.30 am. This will allow for training and a race to be completed before midday.



A strong contingent of PDSC Mudlarks attended this year's YWA's JuniorSail training camp

The coaching will be conducted once again by Tom and Renae, who will return after her knee surgery and wedding. This year we will be encouraging many of the sailors to move in to the 'racing' fleet. This does not necessarily mean they have to complete a race every week. However, they will train further out and develop the skills they need to successfully participate in racing. We hope also to have a gold and silver fleet operating as numbers strengthen.

This season will be an exciting and busy time for the club as we will be hosting three nationals and a world titles for some of our senior fleets over the Christmas period (I know Christmas seems ages away). If you can spare a day or two, or even a couple of hours over that time the regatta committee would love to have you on board.

However the most exciting news is that the club will host the Mudlark States over the Easter long weekend in 2012. (...even further away but will help with forward planning). Our club has a very strong grasp on the state trophy with Emilia Horn making it four PDSC sailors in a row.

I can't wait to see all the sailors' smiling faces again and catch up with what everyone has been up to over the off-season.

Just to recap - Mudlark race Opening Day but no training; training starts the following week RIGGED and READY BY 9.30 am.

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Become a champion on a Muddie.

Jan Thomas

JESS 2011



L-R: Scott Olsen (Coach), Richard Thomas, Virginia Horn, Brad Luketina, Austin Taylor, Niko Striega, Sienna Galante, Julie Olsen (Asst. Coach)

The JESS 2011 team arrived back in WA in July after six weeks of brilliant sailing, good and bad weather, amazing food, excitement and many great, unforgettable experiences.

Highlights from the trip include Wolfgang and Marianne's warm hospitality and Marianne's delicious food and warm hospitality, sailing in a 180 boat fleet in Kiel, chocolate and joking with the English in Belgium, exploring Paris in between regattas, excellent racing in Cherbourg, staying with German families in Berlin and the 30knots in Steinhuder Meer where we experimented with the new crewing partnerships.

Approaching the starting line with 60 other boats at our first regatta at Kiel was a daunting experience, especially when compared with the Jay Dee fleet at PDSC! At Flanders we had to battle tides and swarms of Opi sailors down the channel, before we even started racing. We all steadily improved over the campaign and by the time we arrived in Cherbourg for the French Nationals were really getting the hang of it. Of course, big fleet racing comes with some close calls but when you're not fluent in German or French it's difficult to understand what the fuss is all about! Thank goodness the Protest Committee spoke perfect English (as well as half a dozen other languages!). It was fun meeting sailors from other countries, especially those that spoke English. We all now appreciate the value of learning a second language.

Fortunately we didn't encounter any of the alleged people eating eels while sailing in Steinhuder Meer and some of us enjoyed the smoked variety for dinner after the racing.

While we didn't always threaten the leaders, we all steadily improved over the tour. Richard finished first and Virginia second in racing at Cherbourg. At the end of the tour the coaches mixed up the crews and the girls beat the boys!

We would like to thank everyone at the Dinghy Club for their support - without it we would have never had such an amazing experience.

This season four members of the team will be sailing Cherubs at the Dinghy club (Virginia Horn, Richard Thomas, Brad Luketina and Niko Striega).

Virginia Horn

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