

SPRAYTALK

Perth Dinghy Sailing Club Newsletter October 2010

COMMODORE'S COMMENT

Members,

Well it is almost time to pull the covers off your boat and hang out your sailing gear in readiness for the beginning of our 108th sailing season.

The Annual General Meeting held in August was well attended. I would like to congratulate Rob Thomas and Graeme Everett for taking up the positions of Rear Commodore. I would also like to welcome Terry Allen and Andrew (Willo) Wilson onto the Management Committee. Thank you to Brad Devine, Jan Thomas, Hannah Moore and Rod McGregor for continuing their involvement on the Committee. I would also like to acknowledge outgoing Management Committee members; Jo-Anne McVee and Dale Oakley and extend my gratitude for their long term commitment to the Club.

The 2010/11 Management Committee is as follows:

Commodore: Drew Farrar (Sailing)

Vice Commodore: Brad Devine (Social)

Rear Commodore: Rob Thomas (House & Grounds)

Graeme Everett (Bar)

Hon. Secretary: Rod McGregor

Hon. Treasurer: Dan Bright

Committee Members:

Miss H. Moore (Registrar)

Mrs J. Thomas (Juniors/Coaching)



Terry Allen (Spraytalk Editor) with assistance from Vicki Allen

Andrew Wilson (Policy)

I would like to thank the members who helped out with the ongoing maintenance of the Club and boats during the off season. A Busy Bee is scheduled for Sunday, 10th October starting at 9.00am to ensure the Clubrooms are ready for the beginning of the season. We had a great turn out last year and I would encourage all members to make an effort to attend as there is no shortage of jobs to be done. (Please see the ad in Spraytalk as to what to bring on the day).

The coming season is shaping up to be busy both on and off the water. Although the Club is not hosting any National Championships this season, we are hosting a number of State Heats for most Classes. We are also running a number of Friday afternoon races be-

fore Christmas, so come down and join in. We have scheduled a number of catered meals after sailing and will also be looking for Class Association involvement in the Talent night near the end of the season. I would also encourage members, with their family and friends to stay down after sailing and use the bbqs facilities or just order in some food.

Once the season is underway, we will be relying on members and their partners to support the Club by getting involved behind the bar and in the shop. Management will be looking to Class Associations for support and help with this process. The support and involvement of all members and their families is vital and helps enable us to keep the running costs of the Club down.

Attached to this issue of Spraytalk is the Membership Form. Please have this filled out and fees paid to Dan Bright as soon as possible. All skippers and crews must be financial by the first Club Heat to be counted.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all good luck for the coming season and I hope to see you on Opening Day.

Drew Farrar

Commodore

SIGNET SIGNPOST

The Signets are looking forward to an exciting season ahead. There will be a good mix of experience and youthful enthusiasm in the fleet. We will be welcoming Roadrunner back to the club, sailed by Sean & Jesse. In A Pickle will be sailing with Brendon & Matt, welcome to the fleet. Chaos put in a late appearance last season and showed itself to be a contender. We hope to see more of Q7 and some of the other "Hanger Queens" on the water this season.

There will be opportunities in the fleet for those wishing to crew for the season. Anyone who is interested can contact John Glisson on 0407 553 723.

The Signets will be compiling a history of the Signets at PDSC over the years. Anyone with old results, records, photographs or general information that

could fill in the gaps can contact John Glisson to have the information included and preserved.

The away State Heats are great fun. Please note the provisional dates and venues below.

5th State Heat Sunday 13th February Port Bouvard Yacht Club

6th State Heat Sunday 6th March Labour Day Weekend Koombana Bay Sailing Club(need to book accommodation early)

Boatshed Clean Up

Many thanks to the Signet and Sabre members who attended the recent clean up of the Boatshed. It was a great turn out and a lot was achieved on the day considering we had a late start due to road closures for the Fun Run. A couple of members were so keen to attend they arrived via Canning Highway, Fremantle then along Stirling Highway. A great effort. The result is we have a well organised spick and span boatshed chockers with boats ready to go. The demand for berths is such that there are no more bays available and it will be necessary to give preference to boats sailing and have a waiting list for any further members seeking a bay. This is a good sign for the future, with the rapid growth of the Sabre class who along with Juniors and Signets are making increased use of the Boatshed.

Rob Warner

Please check the link below for this seasons sailing schedule. We expect it to be updated soon.

<http://www.perthsailing.org.au/PDSC/Rosters - SprayTalk - Fixtures.html>

We will be looking at joining Mounts Bay for their opening on the 02nd October. Please contact myself or Jack for details if you wish to participate.

Our Juniors have been busy with technology that confounds those of us on the wrong side of 30. Their effort can be viewed at the link below. We hope to provide them with more material that will showcase the Signet Fleet.

<http://www.youtube.com/user/signetsailing>

John Glisson



SABRE SCENE

Hi Everyone, Yes it's that time again....Sailing!!! We would like to welcome new members Grant Thomas, Richard Blaquiere, Ian James and Louis Suriano to the Sabres and PDSC.

Sabres have been seen on the water practising over the last few weeks ready for the opening of PDSC and other clubs on the river. We will be attending quite a few other yacht club opening days in September/October to help promote the class.

Rob has built himself another new boat and has also helped and supervised Ian James's new boat. Fleet numbers should be great if we can get everyone on the river altogether.

Our Annual General Meeting held on Election Day in August was very successful with a 98% attendance rate.

Nationwide another 40 boats have been built. A large number of new sails have been purchased including Peter Wheatland's & Bill Gillham's from Hooper Sails. Graham Hill Sails have also got in on the action.

The Sabre Nationals are this year in Adelaide and some WA boats may be attending. This will be the first time WA will be represented at a Sabre Nationals event...GO WA!! Perth & PDSC have been confirmed as the venue for the 2014/2015 Nationals.

Also a big thank you to IGA Canning Vale and Brumby's Bakery Canning Vale for sponsoring our two sausage sizzles at the IGA Canning Vale store. The sausage sizzles were held in July and August and the money raised at these along with our other fundraising efforts will assist us greatly with upcoming National events.

We are looking forward to the start of the season. Good luck to all classes sailing at PDSC and let's get behind our Flag Officers and strive to succeed.

The Sabres were seen at the East Fremantle Yacht Club Opening Day. The class has now expanded to two clubs in WA as EFYC are starting a fleet this season. PDSC Sabre Sailors attended the opening day to show

support and promote the class. Thank you to everyone that attended.



Don't forget to check out the Sabre website for any further information www.sabre.org.au and click on Western Australia

Bring it on!!!!

Sabres WA



HERON HAPPENINGS

Well another season is just about to start and not a great deal has been happening in the heron ranks over the winter months.

The Heron numbers have been much the same for the last few years and so far no new prospects for the coming season.

Remember to talk up how good the Heron is to sail to all your friends, family, and workmates and to anyone who will listen, we need Heron sailors!

Just a few snippets of news from our sailors, firstly David Horn is retiring as skipper of "Little Red Hen" to take up the position of crew and handing over the role of skipper to daughter Emilia, Good luck to Emilia in her new role.

Anthony Dvorak is having a double decker trailer built for the Heron and Jye's "JD". Anthony also advised that a ex Heron sailor now living overseas has been in contact and offered to donate his Heron to the WA-HSA for club use and can be sold if required.

Brien Hennessy has made a few minor repairs to his heron "Sandstorm" including new floor supports plus a new set of "Brewer sails" which may or may not get here for opening day.

As for myself "Rockin Robin" has had a few changes for the coming season. The first item is a crew friendly jib pole launcher and retractor system which I have copied via the courtesy of Brien Hennessy, it seems to work OK at home on the driveway so I hope it has no bugs in it on the water. I have also ordered a new jib from "UK Halsey Sails in Fremantle.

Unfortunately, Peter and Sue Stickland and family will be heading back home to the east coast later in the year to live.

It is very sad to lose a Heron sailor but we are also losing a wonderful family. Best wishes to the Stickland family on this next stage of their life.

The Lock family are going to try to get some sailing in his season but with family education and study together with a very busy work commitment spare time is hard to find. We will look forward to catching up with them during the course of the season.

Just an early reminder about the Koombana Bay Regatta on the long weekend in March next year as you will have to book early for accommodation. Do not miss out it is a great weekend on and off the water.

Look forward to seeing everyone on opening day.

Iain Kane

JD JABBER

Training has already begun for the JD sailors. We have kicked this season off with a good start, welcoming several new sailors into the team: Luke Thomas, the proud new skipper of *Firebolt*, and his crew Amy Cook; Jye Dvorak who will be sailing his new JD *Armed and Dangerous* with new PDSC member Russell Geisner. We hear rumours that the fleet will be joined by the Wheatlands in *Two Little Buggers* and we hope to see Tate Kunsli sailing his new boat *Citric Acid*. We also welcome back Dirk Stickland, who is moving to Victoria at Christmas but is putting his hand up as a reserve crew and to help the newbies until he leaves.

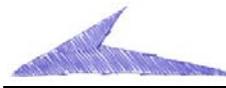
Preseason training on the 5th of September was a great learning experience with ideal conditions. Juniorsail was also a lot of fun the following weekend with three PDSC JDs participating: Richard and Bek in *Fleur-de-Lis*, Virginia and Jess in *Indi* and Luke and Russell in *Firebolt*. There was very little wind on the Saturday but an exciting 20 knots on the Sunday. It also included a late night, an early morning and a lot of exercise, but the chance to get out on the water made it all worthwhile.

We intend to have one more training session before the season begins to give the newbies a chance to learn the ropes. We are looking forward to the coming season and can't wait to begin competing!

Virginia Horn

Colin and Bradley





JAVELIN JIVE

With the new season just around the corner there has been a fair bit happening over the winter break.

There is one new boat to hit the water this season built by Ben Laurie of Complete Composites in Perth, it is the Kelly design and Ben has done a fantastic job in finishing the boat on time and under budget so please if you are thinking of a new craft see Wedge for all the details on how we can get you into a new boat for a good price.

We have worked on a budget model with a Ronstan fit out and Irwin Sails, sailing for not much more than a top second hand boat.

Rob Devenish has taken delivery of the 09 model "Racing Red" and has done a great job in fitting her out with a new rig Rob is keen and ready to go.

The coming season is a big milestone for the Javelin being its 50th year of the class with the nationals and south pacific championships will be held in Melbourne at McRae sailing club on the mornington peninsular from the 28th December through to the 4th of January, this will be held in conjunction with the B14 fleet so it should be a great time for all. At this point there is a fleet making the trip from New Zealand and a strong fleet from Perth already committed to go.

Sailing at McRae is fairly similar to Perth with plenty to do around the area for those who are not on the water.

The Victorians have put a lot of effort into this regatta already and it would be great to see as many of us making the trip to try and return the two titles back where they belong.

Accommodation is plenty and the cost of getting the boats there is very minimal so please consider this and let's make this year's nationals one to remember. The monthly meetings will again be underway on the second Monday in October at the club starting at 7.30 pm so we would expect a good turnout for this to get our new season underway.

Looking forward to seeing you all on opening day.

Chris Woodward



Ravings from the Juniors

Several of the mudlark and JD sailors participated in Juniorsail which is run by YWA at Mounts Bay early in September. The event allows for the

continued development of their skills. Some of the participants were successful in getting their Getting Into Small Boat Sailing 2 or Better sailing certificates so well done to those guys.

The JDs have had a few sailing sessions during winter, the next being October 3 to coincide with a busy bee to clean and paint the railings ready for the start of the season. JD parents are required so if you can get down there contact David Horn for the details.

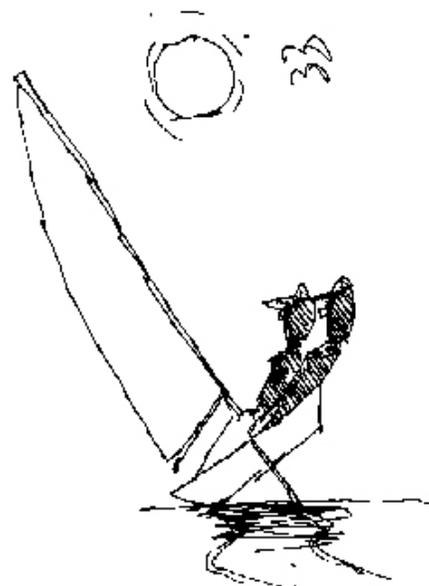
Dan Moore has undertaken a coaching course which will allow him to assess our juniors and keep them moving through the YA boat handling courses. Thanks Dan for giving up his time and putting in the effort for the juniors I know they all really appreciate it. They are all looking forward to seeing Renae and Tom again too.

The club will have a few O'pen Bics available to be used by older and/ or bigger juniors to learn on and refine their skills. These will be on a lease arrangement which is still to be finalised.

Season starts on the 16th of October, Opening Day, and it would be great to see all the junior sailors down at the club to show our numbers. This year to ensure we maximise our training time in the morning we need every one down early to be fully rigged and dressed so we can be on the water by 10.

See you all on the 16th

Jan



WAY BACK WHEN

The Perth Dinghy Sailing Club will begin its one hundred and eighth season this year, the fact the club is still going strong is a tribute to all those who have gone before.

So in recognition of past members and the events and happenings of seasons gone, we will be in each edition of Spraytalk, publishing stories from sailing days gone by.

We kick off in a fitting manner by remembering two members who recently passed away, the following recollections have been written by Sabre identity Brian Jones.

FAREWELL GRAHAM COPPIN

Graham was a member of PDSC for many years and sailed quite a few different boats in his time at the club. My strongest memory of Graham is when in his later life he bought a Signet called Triple C and took it to Busselton for a regatta. Lesley his wife was to be his crew but opted to stay onshore due to a strong wind. I was asked to crew.

We sailed out to the start line in a strong sea breeze, two miles out to sea and all hell broke loose, the mast just dropped into the boat, and as we're wrestling with the resulting mess, Graham who stuttered when excited blabbers "w-w-what d-do we d-do now"? My reaction was "Crikey! I hope we get rescued or next stop South Africa.

Two hours later we *were* rescued and I don't think Graham sailed again.

FAREWELL DON ALBERT

I was sailing with Don Albert one Saturday afternoon on his Signet called Topsy. Our next mark was Brewery which we scooted past and kept going. Like a good crew I said nothing because "skippers" know everything.

We got to the Narrows and Don said "Brewery must be here somewhere". We passed it fifteen minutes ago uttered the crew quietly. "I knew that" says Don and we sailed on into last place.

Don Albert was tragically killed in a car accident in the north of the state in late July.

Graham Coppin passed away from illness in early August.

Both wonderful people and will be missed by all at PDSC.

Brian Jones.

Thank you Brian for contributing to the first WAY BACK WHEN

The aim of this series is to collect as many stories from the clubs past as possible, who did what, where, when and how. All this goes to telling the story so far.

So all of you out there who have long memories and a story to tell we'd love to hear from you.

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PDSC NOTICEBOARD



Busy Bee

Sunday 10th October 2010

Perth Dinghy Sailing Club

Help make our club look it's best for the beginning of the season, handy things to bring along with you would be rakes, brooms, window cleanings equipment, ladders, lawnmowers, whipper snippers, blower vacs, anything you think would be handy, all help appreciated. Fun starts at 8.00am

WANTED

Volunteers for the canteen this coming season, morning and afternoon spots available.



PDSC MEMBERSHIP 2010/2011

In this edition you will find a copy of this seasons' PDSC membership form. Payment ASAP would be appreciated thank you, also the membership form gives you the opportunity to supply your current email address for our records.

Trailer Wanted

To buy , rent or borrow – (short term) to suit Javelin on a beach trolley. Please call Kym Pearce on 0423 913 907

LADIES MEETING

Thursday 7th October at PDSC

Everyone is welcome, young and old. Items to discuss include: Opening Day – Shop Roster – Shop Ordering – Receiving Food – Restocking Shop – Catered Meals - Fundraising. Meeting starts at 7.00pm

PDSC WEBSITE PHOTOS

Kym Pearce is going to be uploading photos onto the PDSC website. If you'd like your photos featured, or videos, bring them along to the club. For further information contact Kym on 0423 913 907



Perth Dinghy Sailing Club
7TH November 2010, 9.00am

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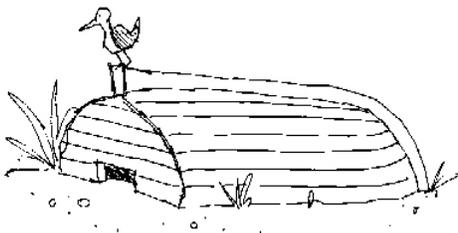
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