



SABRE SAILING ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA NEWSLETTER MARCH 2011

PDSC Report

The races at PDSC have been interesting with the weather being up and down with strong winds one week and no wind the following week. Bill, Ian and Ray have been consistently in the top few boats. Unfortunately Mr President hasn't had the same luck.

There have also been a few capsizes in the past couple of weeks....was that Bill Gilham capsized just after the finish line?? Did Ray Martin have his first capsize in a Sabre (although I think this too was after a race) but did we see 4 capsizes in a one race recently.....welcome to Sabre sailing Clayton!



Is that Bill in the water???

A couple of sailors have joined the PDSC Sabre fleet. We would like to welcome Peter Johnson and Katie Gill. We would also like to thank the Sabre sailors who have loaned their Sabre in the past couple of weeks to prospective sailors interested in trying out a Sabre. We have a number of new prospects who may acquire their own boat for next season.

Sabres WA are also glad Chris Blackburn and his family are safe and well. For those of you who don't know. Chris was relocated to Japan in the middle of February. Therefore they were in Japan at the time of the earthquake and subsequent tsunami. We welcome back Chris and his family to Perth.

EFYC Report

East Fremantle Yacht Club is hoping to have four boats by the start of the 2011/2012 season. Louis is heavily promoting the class and is sourcing a fibreglass mould as well as obtaining three fibreglass boats without decks from the Eastern States, to be finished locally.

National Championships Results & News from the Nationals

A total of 73 boats competed in the 33rd Sabre National Championships at Brighton Seacraft Yacht Club in Adelaide. Sabre Sailors from Tasmania, Victoria, Queensland, Northern Territory, Australian Capital Territory and South Australia attended as well as representation from WA for the first time.

Nine heats were conducted in winds ranging from 3 knots to 15 knots. WA Competitors Aero (Bill Gillham) and Double Trouble (Ian James) sailed exceptionally well. Congratulations to Ian and Bill who finished 21st and 25th overall.

Victoria's Chris Dance sailed outstandingly to win seven of the nine heats.

Series Results

- 1st Espresso, C Dance, VIC
- 2nd Basic Nightmare, C McPhee, SA
- 3rd Purple Patch, C Burns, VIC
- 4th Therapeutic, M Soulsby, SA
- 5th Serendipity, N Mouat, VIC



The Sabres on the beach in SA

SA National Report

– By Brian Jones

Myself and Jenny flew to Adelaide for the National Association Annual General Meeting and to support the WA guys. Attending was a fantastic way to meet the National Committee who has supported WA in the start-up of our Association. It also was great to see how a Sabre National Championship is managed, so we could gain tips for our upcoming Nationals.

Everyone we met were very friendly, as well as supportive and very keen to pass on tips & ideas willingly. They also loved our submission we presented during the AGM for the upcoming WA Nationals completed by Chelsea.

John Clifton well known sailor and sailmaker invited the WA Crew around to his loft one evening to refit Ian and Bill's sails. He also donated some giveaways to Sabres WA for future events.

We also met with Brett Young from YMS and had discussions regarding obtaining fibreglass boats. You will see a couple of new YMS boats on the water next season. Ian James and myself have boats on order



John Clifton & Ian James

Check out the Sabre Website www.sabre.org.au for information on all Sabre Sailing in other states. The Western Australian page also features more club news.

2011/2012 National Championships

The next National Championships in Dec/Jan 2011/2012 will be held in Victoria and will be hosted by Blairgowrie Yacht Club. Blairgowrie has twice held the nationals and is situated near the tip of the Mornington Peninsula south of Melbourne it features flat water, sandy beaches, beautiful coastline and one of Victoria's favourite holiday areas.

The Victorians don't like to do things by halves, and want to put on a regatta that pulls even more than the 100 boats last time. More information will be released soon by the Victorian Association, however start making plans and saving money to attend.

Update on WA National Championships

At the recent Sabre National Association AGM in January it was decided to bring the dates for the WA National Championship event forward one year to 2013/2014 instead of 2014/2015. Many expressions of interest to attend have already been received and everyone is looking forward to coming to WA for the first time. Preparations for the event are already underway.

Sabres on Facebook & You Tube

Sabres WA are now on Facebook. The page is open to anyone interested in what's happening with Sabre Sailing in WA, whether your in Perth or abroad. Search for Sabre Sailing Association of Western Australia within Facebook to find. The page features many great photos and is a great way to find out news quickly at a glance.

Susan Hextell from the QLD Sabre Association filmed an impromptu interview with Jenny Jones (Sabres WA Secretary) at the recent Sabre Nationals. Susan plans to use the video to promote coming to the National Championships in WA scheduled for 2013/2014. To view visit the Sabre WA website and click on Western Australia News.

First Female Sailor

Sabres WA have their first female sailor. We welcome Katie Gill to the class and PDSC. Katie has previously sailed 125s in the Eastern States.

Katie brought the boat in Mandurah the Sabre was stored in a backyard in Mandurah. The person the previous owner didn't realise until recently that the Sabre was being sailed in Perth. We wonder how many other Sabres are in storage in WA?



Katie Gill Sailing

Port Bouvard Race

Sunday 13th March the Sabres sailed down at Port Bouvard Yacht Club in Mandurah along with the Signets. It was a great day with great winds. The Flag Officers took a keen interest in the class. We are looking forward to attending next year.



Getting Ready to Race at Port Bouvard

Bunbury Weekend Regatta

The Labour Day Long Weekend the Sabres sailed down at Koombana Bay Yacht Club in Bunbury. Robert Depiazzi, Brian Jones., Glenn Lewis and Ray Martin competed. Sailing conditions weren't the best with strong winds and waves and ships but everyone still had a good time. It was also an excellent social weekend. P.S Also don't ask the Sabrettes how to open a can of beetroot.

Three of a Kind Regatta

Bill Gillham, Ian James and Robert Depiazzi competed in the Three of a Kind Race at Mounts Bay Sailing Club on the 13 March 2011. Unfortunately there was not a lot of breeze but it was still a good day and great promotion of the class to other sailors.

Last PDSC Race for 2010/2011 Season

The last race before PDSC closes for winter will be 16th April 2011. The PDSC will open for re open for season 2011/ 2012 in October. We invite all Sabre Sailors and their families to stay down after the race, bring a meal and enjoy the company.

Winter Sailing

We have received interest from Sabre Sailors to for a couple of winter fun races. We will arrange these over the off season. Weather permitting. We will advise more details soon.

Marketing News

Sabres WA has managed to get coverage in two Yachting WA Making Waves E-Newsletters in the past couple of months. We have also featured in the news sections of the following online websites www.seabreeze.com.au www.sail-world.com www.afloat.com.au

All articles were in relation to two media releases sent out regarding WA entering the National Championships for the first time and the National Championship results.

Sabres WA AGM

The Sabre Sailing Association of Western Australia Annual General Meeting this year will be held in early July instead of August. More information will be released soon.

Sabres For Sale

- Lite Sabre (Only 6 races old)
- Mum's the Word (Competitive Boat)
- Double Trouble (1 season old and on weight boat)
- Bare Hull (Ready to be fitted out)

Please contact Brian Jones for more information

Mobile: 0438 516 324

sabreswa1@iprimus.com.au