



**SABRE SAILING ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA
NEWSLETTER
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WELCOME

Welcome to our first newsletter for the 2011/2012 season.

It was quite an exciting time off-season with East Fremantle Yacht Club establishing a good sized fleet of around 10 boats and Perth Dinghy Sailing Club increasing its numbers to 20 boats. It is also good to see that the class is attracting quality sailors.

Welcome to our newest members East Fremantle Yacht Club's latest members are: Steve Knight, Greg Faulkner, Blair Mieklejohn, Stacey Arnold, Dave Kenny, Janet Hoskins, Graham Hill, Dave Kent, Mark Trupp

Perth Dinghy Sailing Club's latest members are: Clayton Erwin, Lane Bauer, Jeff Vance, Scott Olsen, Warren Pavey & Ashley Hood. We know we will all make these new members feel very welcome.

NEW BOATS

Three new YMS foam/glass boats have arrived and their new owners are very happy. There will also be two new foam/glass boats arriving from new Sabre boat builder Jim Scott in Victoria. They should arrive here this week for their new owners.

A building program instigated by Steve Knight has seen three wooden boats being built in his garage to add to the fleet at East Fremantle Yacht Club.

Rob Depiazzi has also built two boats in his garage, which makes nine boats built by him over 3 years and he has also been assisting Janet Hoskins build her own boat....well done Janet it just goes to show women can do anything they put their mind to.

Lane Bauer has also built his own boat in his garage, well done Lane.

The Association would also like to thank Clayton Erwin for all his help in transporting boats from the East to WA it is very much appreciated.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



At our 2011/12 Annual General Meeting held on 9th July 2011 at PDSC (the AGM is now too large for Alpresidento's House) Ian James and Louis Suriano were appointed Class Captains for Perth Dinghy Sailing Club and East Fremantle Yacht Club. Ian and Louis will be the people to liaise with for any business arising for the two Yacht Clubs. There was no change to other Office Bearer positions.

In discussions at the AGM it was decided that we would hold our first State Championship this year. Boating Hardware and Gill have kindly offered sponsorship. The Association wishes to thank them for their generous support.

It was decided to hold seven heats at various locations throughout the season commencing early October 2011 until March 2012, culminating with a Presentation Breakfast at East Fremantle Yacht Club on Sunday 25th March. If you will not be participating in the State Championships you are also very welcome to attend the Presentation Breakfast. To prebook your seat please see a Sabrette.

**EAST FREMANTLE YACHT CLUB
OPENING DAY**

East Fremantle Yacht Club opened on Sunday 2nd October 2011.

We had a number of PDSC Sabres attend to support EFYC's Sabre fleet. The winds were fairly light but I'm sure everyone enjoyed their first official race for the season. People showed a lot of interest in the Sabres on the day and it was good to meet all the new Sabre sailors.

EFYC member Blair Mieklejohn's daughter Hannah Katarski, a very accomplished photographer, took some great photos and has very kindly sent us copies. We have posted a couple here and we will also be posting more on our website page.



SABRE MERCHANDISE

The Association sells a number of Sabre merchandise items, such as caps, bucket hats and polo shirts. Please see a Sabrette for more information and prices

www.sabre.org.au

Website has been redesigned modern and easier to navigate.

www.facebook.com/SabreSailingWA

Don't forget we are also on Facebook

WA SETS A RECORD AT INAUGURAL STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The inaugural Boating Hardware State heat was held at East Fremantle Yacht Club on Saturday 8th October 2011. WA set a new record with 17 Sabres on the start line. The first time we have had this many Sabres sailing together in Perth. It was an exciting start and a great spectacle to see. We also had a special guest sailor with us Lea Foster from QLD. We hope you had a great time Lea.



The weather was not the best; it was very flukey at times making it hard going for the boats. Our top 5 finishers were Scott Olsen BITS 1st, Bill Gillham Aero 2nd, Ian James Wishful Thinking 3rd, Ray Martin Jam Side Down, 4th and Rob Depiazzi Mum's The Word IV 5th. Well done to all sailors, hopefully we have better winds for upcoming heats.

Congratulations to Scott Olsen who won the first State Heat

PERTH DINGHY SAILING CLUB OPENING DAY

PDSC opened on Saturday 15th October 2011. We invited fellow Qld Sabre sailor Lea Foster to join the Sabres, telling her that we usually had good wind at this time of the year and we wanted her to have a look first hand at where we will be holding the National Titles here in Perth in 2013/14. Lea commented on arriving at PDSC that the venue and water conditions were fantastic. Lea said she will go back to Qld and report that everyone should make plans to attend our upcoming Nationals.

We had another strong turn out of boats attending with 17 boats. The weather was warm and at the start of the race it appeared we would have good wind to sail in but cloud cover began to increase as the race progressed making the wind

drop away. Consequently only two boats Jeff Vance (who completed his first race) and Steve Knight followed crossed the finish line, maybe not sailing all the last marks but they got over the line.

It was really nice to have the wives of some of the EFYC sailors come and watch the race and enjoy the social side of the day.



2nd BOATING HARDWARE STATE HEAT

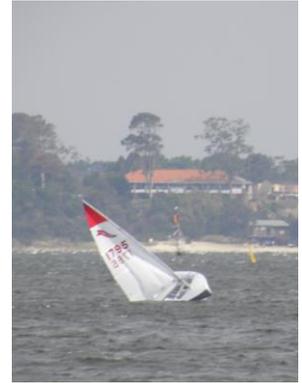
The 2nd state heat was held at Perth Dinghy Sailing Club and was also won by Scott Olsen, Well Done Scott. A successful get together BBQ was held at PDSC after the second State Heat. It was very well attended and well received. A big thank you to all the people who helped.

We also celebrated Ian James's 60th Birthday with 'rent a crowd'. Ian's partner Jane was even forced to stay for it, care of the Qantas strike.

3RD BOATING HARDWARE STATE HEAT

The third state heat was also held at PDSC and the weather was extreme with 20 – 30 knot winds. The Sabres were the only class to start with all other class races abandoned. There wasn't too many Sabres that stayed upright and there were a few Sabres damaged and had to be towed in. Scott Olsen mistakenly went around Quarry Mark instead of Brewery resulting in him resigning from the race which resulted in Bill Gillham winning the race. Rob Depiazzi and Ashley Hood also broke

the start line resulting in their disqualification. Therefore we only had three finishes.



UPCOMING STATE HEATS

The calendar for the following State Heats is as follows:

Heat 4: 5th February 2012 PBYC
Heat 5: 11th February 2012 EFYC
Heat 6: 4th March 2012 KBSC
Heat 7: 17th March 2012 PDSC
Presentation: 25th March 2012
EFYC

RACE OFFICER APPOINTMENT

Our State Association has appointed Mr John McQueen as our Race Officer for our National Championships here in 2013/14. John comes very qualified to conduct our first National Championship in Western Australia. He has a wealth of experience in conducting both national and international events and was the previous President of Yachting Western Australia.

SEEN....

A Sabre was seen causing major congestion over 4 lanes on the Kwinana Freeway after the 3rd State Heat. Did someone forget to tie the Sabre on correctly??

RUMOUR.....

Alpresidento, Jones wants to know who circulated a rumour that he was a great President but a crap sailor....???

YOUNG MARINE SERVICES TRAINING DAY

The Association has arranged for a Training Day with World Champion Sailor and Sabre Boat Builder Brett Young on Sunday 11th December starting at 10.00am. Entry is free, and on the water coaching will be provided so please bring your Sabre.

There will also be a sausage sizzle for lunch for \$2.50 with drinks available from the PDSC Shop and the Bar will be open later in the afternoon.

See Brian Jones for more information.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2011/12

The National Championships this year will be held at Blairgowrie Victoria. A big fleet is expected at Blairgowrie, possibly the largest fleet together at anytime. So everyone please consider joining the fleet, I know the Vic's would love to see us from WA. If you are entering the Championships can you please enter on the online entry form on the Sabre website.

Ian James, Scott Olsen and Chris Blackburn who is currently working in Japan will be representing WA at the nationals in Victoria. Good luck and good winds will be needed in an expected fleet of around 120 Sabres



For those not travelling at Christmas, Perth Dinghy Sailing Club is holding two National and one World Title Championships.

The B14's will be holding World and Australian Championships, the Javelins are holding a National Championship and International 14's are conducting a National Championship all over 2 weeks. They are expecting a total of 100 boats so any help will be greatly appreciated if you have any spare time.

FIBREGLASS MOULD NOW IN WA

Hills Sails have recently acquired the moulds for Haselgrove Fibreglass Sabre

Class Yacht and the mould has recently arrived from Adelaide.

The hulls will be built by Mr Ben Lawrie, Complete Composites in O'Connor. Mr Lawrie is an experienced composite boat builder and will produce a quality hull that will be stiff and down to weight. One hull will be ready by Christmas, Sabres may be ordered through either Graham Hill on 0417 963 844 or Ben on 0422 304 307

Hills Sails is also importing 4mm gaboony (Okoume) plywood manufactured by Joubert in Europe. Joubert is one of the world's leading marine plywood manufacturers, producing plywood of the highest quality.

Hills Sails is fully committed to further developing fast Sabre sails, boats and rigs that suit WA Conditions for all crew weights and sailing conditions.

CLUB MARINE MANDURAH BOAT SHOW

President Brian Jones and Secretary Jenny Jones attended the Boat Show at Mandurah wearing their Association polo shirts to help promote the class. A lot of interest was generated and they had discussions with quite a few people.

BUNBURY

Book now for the long weekend in March for Sabre sailing at Koombana Bay Yacht Club over two days. Holiday accommodation books out early so you need to get in now. There will be two regatta races on the Saturday and a State Heat and another regatta race on the Sunday. Everyone is welcome more details to follow at a later time.

MANDURAH EASTER REGATTA

Mandurah Offshore sailing Club are having an Easter Regatta 6th – 9th April 2012. It will be held in conjunction with the 505 National Championships and is open to most classes. Please see Brian for more information and a Flyer.

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We wish all Sabre Members and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year !!!