

SPRAYTALK

PERTH DINGHY SAILING CLUB NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2011

COMMODORE'S COMMENT

Well, how time flies! Opening Day has come and gone and I'm into my second Spraytalk as Commodore.

First of all I must say that our thoughts are with Dennis Thompson who as you all know had a heart attack after the finish of his Sabre race at the Club a couple of weeks ago. As fate would have it for Dennis, the PDSC is now not a bad place to have such a heart attack. The Management Committee made a decision quite a while ago to purchase a defibrillator should the need ever arise that we should need it. As much as it was bad luck for Dennis that he had his heart attack, the time and place of it was good luck. The ladies had just been watching a video on the use of the defibrillator when the call for it went out. The level of expertise that was given to Dennis by the Vance girls, Mick Wear and a host of others surely saved his life. There are far too many names to mention here but can I say a big thank you to everyone involved. I will however also mention Michelle Everett who applied for the grant that enabled us to purchase the defibrillator.

The season has started in great style and a big thank you must also go to the people who attended the busy bee and also the Ladies for showcasing our wonderful Club in a fashion that is second-to-none. Opening Day was a wonderful event and it was great to see so many members both past and present.

The Flag Officers and a group of unfortunate members have put their reputations on the line again this year for the great cause that is MOVEMBER!!! The Lads have excelled not only in looking stupid but also raising a decent sum of money for men's health. A big congratulation to Clayton Irwin for raising over \$1000 himself.



PDSC Christmas Treat and Paella night

Saturday 17th December

What will Santa bring you?

Gifts to Santa (clearly labelled)
before 5pm

Kids games available from 12 noon

...and don't forget Paella night.
Please contact Les Devine to book your
tickets.

New Years Eve Party
Perth Dinghy Sailing Club
70's Theme
Live Entertainment!
\$20.00 Entry
Appertizers Available (BYO Supper)
Come dressed in your favourite 70's gear. Prizes for best dressed
NEW YEARS EVE
Please Contact Michelle Everett, Lyn or Les Devine for Tickets

The ISAF Regatta is now underway and the PDSC was well represented in the Sail-Past by a couple of 14s, a Cherub and a couple of Bics. Thank you to those sailors who represented the Club.

The first Meal Night of the season was the Prawn and Pizza Night. A big Thank You to Jan Kane and the ladies for a great meal and a very successful night.

Please remember that the Xmas Tree is coming up on the 17th of December. In conjunction with this will be a catered meal of Paella.

Over the Xmas break the Club will be hosting the I14, Javelin and B14 Australian Championships. I urge all members to come to the Club over this period and join the excitement of these regattas.

I would like to wish all members and their families a safe and happy Xmas and wish all those who are competing the very best for their event!

Brad Devine

Welcome to New Members

- Daniel Punch – Cherub
- Vanessa Furlong – Associate
- Ashley Hood – Sabre
- Clayton Erwin – Sabre
- David Luketina – Associate
- Bradley Luketina – Cherub
- Simon Wilder – i14
- Nolan Watts – Mudlark
- Niko Striega – Cherub
- Margit Striega – Associate
- Jeff Vance – Sabre
- Nathan Kerman – Mudlark
- Patrick Kerman – Mudlark
- Lachlan Kohlen- Mudlark
- Joshua Kohlen – Mudlark
- Michael McWilliams – Javelin
- David Townsend – Associate
- Caitlin Townsend – Mudlark
- Harry Townsend – Mudlark
- Lane Bauer – Sabre
- Nathan Steele – Javelin

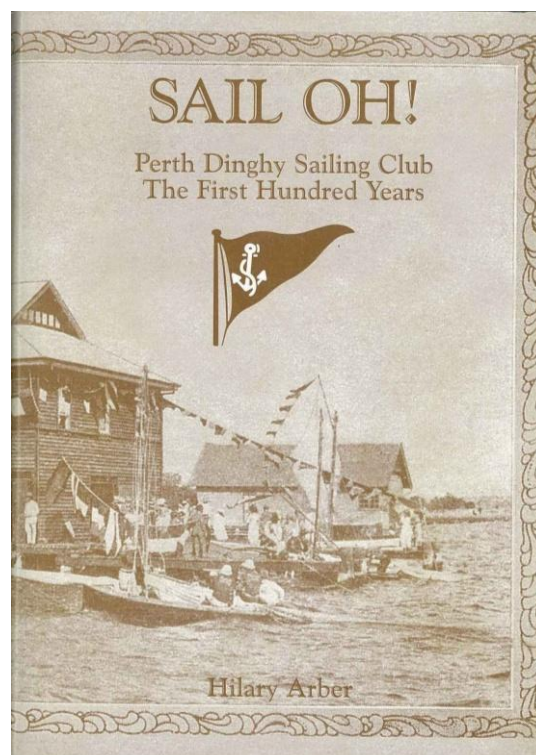


PDSC needs YOU
Shop Roster

If you can help in the shop next year
please contact Michelle
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Sail Ho!

For those who don't already have a copy of this wonderful history of the Perth Dinghy Sailing Club, there are still copies of *Sail Ho! Perth Dinghy Sailing Club – the First Hundred Years*. At only \$20, this is a unique opportunity to obtain a piece of our history. To secure your copy, just ask one of our Flag Officers.



Sail Ho! The perfect Christmas stocking filler!

INTERNATIONAL 14

The new season has started well for the 14s with up to fifteen 14s on the start line. Matt Harskamp (Rock N Rolla) has been keeping us all up to date on the website with full race reports. For those of you who haven't seen them yet, here is the website again:

<http://www.international14wa.com/>

look under the "News and Results" tab. I'm sure that you will enjoy Matt's humorous prose and little gem comments. His description of Saturday 19th November, for example. "The word of the day was CARNAGE!! There was incidents & accidents going on all over the place, from before the start of the race, through the middle and right up to the end on Saturday." The guy should write the lyrics of songs!

The 19th was an amazing day though, what with Luggy taking on an H28 (*Ed -see Pic of the Week*) and a 14 foot great walking home because he couldn't get back on his boat (*Ed - see Walk of Shame*), it was a day when new legends were made. The incredible Cougar fell off the back of his boat at least three times and the Vonnies were nipping at his heels all day. Dave VF got wacked in the head so hard he saw stars and will be real angry next time he races so watch out! (He was angry enough when C Love Mahar gave him some advise on how to two sail gybe).

The biggest story, though, is about another huge sailing legend, our very own Billy. He was seen rigging his new old boat on the 20th November, on the PDSC lawn with TWO BIKINI GIRLS! There are even photos to prove it (I hope the Spraytalk editor prints one in this edition)! Now we may all guess at Billy's age but he proves that with 14 feet of slick hardness he can still pull the girls. Even the young studs couldn't do that with the hospitality girls at the Saturday Spectacular night and I did see them trying. By the way, I suggest the new dream machine be called "Who Needs Viagra".



Next subject in descending order of excitement is that "cash winners are grinners". Two races of the Dash for Cash have been sailed and the lucky (I mean, skilful) winners have been Matt N Rolla and Steve Walters. Fred's handicap system is fascinating and we can't wait to see who the next grinner is on 26th November. There's \$200/race and you've gotta be in it to win it.

Opening Day at Perth Flying Squadron on 6th November was well attended by a half dozen boats despite the sultry skies and promise of rain. The International 14 fleet showed in spectacular fashion how to break the start and recover. The Commodore of PFS thanked us for supporting their club and displaying some spectacular racing. (They normally only get to see power boats going to and fro).

The State Selection series has been done and dusted; see the website for results. The top five boats will be deemed the WA State Team and receive special shirts at the Nationals.

Speaking of which. entries for the Nationals close on 30th November and late entries (another \$50) are open until 28th December. We WILL charge the fees if you are late because we really need the money! Running the regatta with all the traditional competitor perks is a LOT more expensive than it was a few years ago.

Keep in mind the Welcome Night on the 29th November. There will be a barbeque at the club with sausages and buns provided to both competitors and supporters free. Historic and hysteric video footage will be showing, the sun will melt into the western horizon with a numbing glow of colours and it should be a very laid back night. So please come down, enjoy the evening and make our visitors welcome.

Luggy's still building a boat and that's about it.

Nigel.



"The word of the day was CARNAGE!!..."

JAVELIN JIVE

The Javelin fleet is in a pretty good place at the moment, with strong numbers rolling up each week for a sail.

We can pretty much guarantee at least 12 boats on the park, and I might add the quality of the field is outstanding.

So far we have had two club heats, and the results are looking close.

Team Harken lead the way, closely followed by Russ an' Wedge and the Commodores on equal points, and hot on our heels Kim and Katie scaring the hell out of all of us!!!

Hopefully there will be no more swimming at the top mark.....

Things are really moving along nicely too for our upcoming nationals to be held at the club. There is a great team organizing this, and I am sure it will run like clockwork. Looking forward to seeing those major prize draw trophies....

Please don't forget the Christmas Tree do on the 17th....would be great to see all the kids, big and small, to have a beer with Santa!!

Dan Moore

CHERUB CHATTER

Well the 2011/2012 sailing season is truly underway now! It's been a really great start to the Cherub season with a semi-decent fleet of seven to eight boats each week on the start line! The new generation of cherub sailors has been training hard on Saturday mornings. You can really see this in the racing, the improvement these guys are making under the watchful eye of experienced javelin sailor Dan Moore!

Saturday afternoons have been fairly tight racing so far, with the first few races everybody crossing the line within minutes of each other. Note to myself - do cover the boat who's behind you when your coming into the finish after you have been leading the race all day....let's just say that day didn't end too well for me!!

Also in news recently, we have just had the 2011/2012 WA Cherub State Championships held out of Mounts Bay Sailing Club on the weekend of the 19th/20th of November. This regatta was also conducted by the Perth ISAF team as a practice run for this year's event, which helped make this a very professional series!

Congratulations to the podium winners:

- WA Cherub State Champion – 1st - Cunning Linguist (MBSC), Cam Rule, Cain McVee (9.5)
- 2nd - Back in Black (PDSC), Todd McVee, Steve Fryer (13.0)
- 3rd & Handicap - Dark Horse (MBSC), Tom Batt, Chris Jahn (17.5)
- Junior Champion - Serenity Now (PDSC), Virginia Horn, Blake Vance
- Cadet Champion - Green Apple Splatter (PDSC), Russell Geisner, Jess de Roy

Finally I would like to wish everybody a very merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year! ☺

Mclovín (Daniel Hacket)

SABRE SCENE

Well it's Xmas time again and sailing has been well underway. Sailing numbers have been consistent although we have had a loss of a few members, with new members joining, our numbers are on the upside.



New Sabres at PDSC on Opening Day

Racing has been very tight at the top with the leading yachts changing positions throughout the race. But it's the new gun Scott Olsen coming out on top, followed by the old fellows Bill (Master) Gillham and Ian (Grumpy) James and with Rob (Mr Fixit) Depiazzi

chipping in. Ray (Travelling) Martin and Peter (Inet) Wheatland doing well also.

Two State Heats have been completed with a strong fleet of 18 boats at EFYC and PDSC. Scott Olsen has won both heats, Bill Gillham has two second places and Ray Martin is in third position.

Scott Olsen's new boat has arrived from South Australia followed by new member Ashley Hood's new boat arriving next week from Victoria.

Ian James and Scott Olsen will be representing PDSC at the nationals in Victoria. Good luck and good winds will be needed in an expected fleet of around 120 Sabres.

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.



The recent Sabre BBQ - the single-handed Sabres are proving themselves to be a very social fleet

The Association will be holding a training day at PDSC on Sunday 11th December from 10.00am conducted by World Championship sailor and Sabre Boat Builder Brett Young from Young Marine Services in South Australia. We urge all Sabre sailors to attend.

Wishing PDSC and all its members a Merry Xmas and a very successful two weeks of carnivals over the New Year.

Sabres WA



MEMBERS *CASH* DRAW

DRAWN AT 6.45PM EACH SATURDAY

OPENING POOL

\$100

JACKPOTS \$20/WEEK

IF WINNER NOT PRESENT TO CLAIM PRIZE

OPEN TO ALL FINANCIAL MEMBERS OVER
THE AGE OF 18 YEARS

SIGNET SIGNPOST

Firstly, a very big thanks to all the members who assisted Dennis. He is recovering very well and will probably be seen around the club soon. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

The close racing continues to provide entertaining finishes. This is one of the reasons that the class has survived all these years. The boat that makes the least mistakes usually wins. This ensures that the honours are evenly spread across the fleet. Last week's big wind proved to be more than we could handle. Fortunately the wise heads at the start line allowed us to go home early. Some exciting rides were available for those who went to have a look at the start line.



Now, where did that Start Boat go?

At times the Signets looked more like submersibles than yachts. A Signet on the limit can be fairly intimidating as it writhes to escape the excess pressure. Great fun!

There are a number of boats for sale for anyone interested. Please contact any of the Signet committee for more information.

The social nights have been excellent, keep them coming.

John Glisson

HERON HAPPENINGS

Well, the season is up and running and Christmas is fast approaching. We've had a variety of wind directions and strengths which has made for interesting racing and a number of different fastest time winners. The racing has been close, especially in the lighter winds. The new skipper, Stephen Gallagher and Dawson Cook, are learning the courses. After a number of different crews, and one week with no crew (we should all try it once), Kelvin has been joined by Jonathon as permanent crew. Ian has had some time off sick, which was lucky for Anthony as his crew was off too so everyone was still able to sail. Ian is now recovered so will be back out on the water.

Just remember that we are hosting the Nationals over Christmas 2012 – 13 so please get involved in organising this so we make it a success. The AGM is on December 9 at 7:30 at Unit 1 125/127 Barrington Street Bibra Lake so please come along and get involved.

Kelvin Taylor

JD JABBER

We have had a great start to the Jay Dee season - the amount of new people is great. They are all doing well and are having a great time sailing in a boat with an asymmetric spinnaker! Jye displayed SUPER HUMAN strength ripping the spinnaker halyard cleat out of the deck.

While they were having fun Dad and I were giving Flying Orange a bit more zing in its stride... it has been fun learning how to rebuild a Jay Dee back to its former glory. As you can see when we ripped off the deck (thanks for the advice Brad Devine) it wasn't in good nick so we had to start from hull up. We put in foam sandwich ribs, cedar stringer and a foam deck. Once we got it back onto the water, it went wild! But I think they need to update those maps, the banks must have moved or something but other than that it's a joy to sail.



Flying Orange was in a sorry state, but is now back on the water and in winning form again!

Emilia and Jye have been giving me a good run for my money while I'm still getting my bearings on pointing higher in the breeze. Ben and Harry are doing well getting to know how BIG the river can be when they came from the Mudlarks and Chloe has found herself a new crew Kieran and they are doing well working together and we are looking for some great competitive sailing this season.

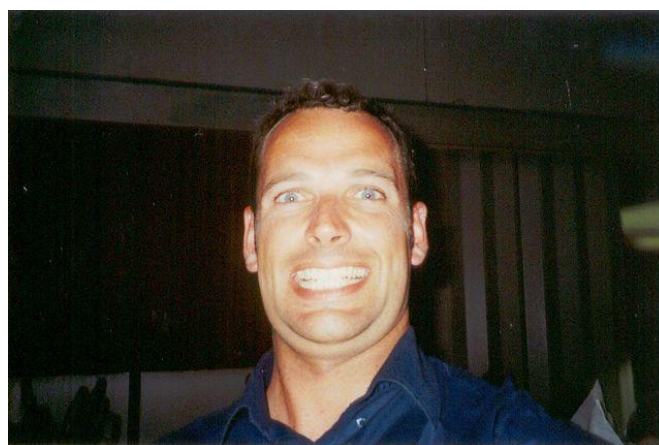
Luke Thomas

The walk of shame

A recent posting from the I14 website describes the events of 19th November...

The most interesting incident of the day, involved Cammy One Wire and legendary crew Rob Murdoch. I was standing on the shore watching bits and pieces of the 14 fleet head towards Matilda when Cam gets towed in with his sails on the deck and only him on the boat. So naturally people start yelling at Cam "where's Murdoch?". The first thing Cam says is "he had a heart attack", which, if you've been down the club in the last few weeks suddenly took on a very serious tone after a

previous weeks incident where a Sabre sailor had to be resuscitated with the club's newly purchased defibrillator machine and taken to hospital in an ambulance. Luckily the Sabre sailor survived thanks to the brilliant efforts of the volunteers at the club. So we're all worried about the health of Mr Murdoch, and then it turns out that he was fine, just doing the "walk of shame" along Mounts Bay Rd after not being able to pull himself back into the boat when the boat had capsized a second time. Needless to say, Rob was looking a little sheepish and will probably cop it from everyone else for a long time so I won't make too much of a deal about it here. Classic stuff!



Editor's pic of the week...



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