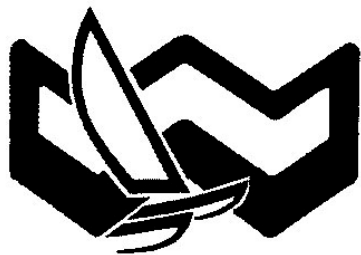


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# Windrush Wavelengths

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## 2004 Windrush Nationals Report

By Rob Thompson

Having the Nationals in our home state makes a huge difference to the fuel bill. We spent New Years Eve at Jan & Fraser Watson's and stayed in Perth, so we could have a leisurely drive to Bunbury the next morning. Viki decided she wanted a cooked breakfast on the way down at this roadhouse where we used to stop on our way to Walpole.

Anyway, almost to Australind, getting hungry and no sign of this particular roadhouse we were forced to pull into the next petrol station and had lunch, finally realized the place we were looking for was on the South West Highway. Wound our way in through Australind to Koombana Bay where the caravan park was almost opposite the Yacht Club and the Dolphin Discovery Centre.

As it turned out you didn't need to take a dolphin tour as they swam around and under the boats most days, putting on a real display of leaping and diving and occasionally landing with a huge belly wack.

We set up camp near the road, with only a fence separating us from the traffic. Glennis & Brian Norwood with two daughters and two grandkids in tow were just a few sites away from our new home. As they had been there for a couple of nights Glennis offered us earplugs for sleeping, we

Robin Holmes gallantly performed this manual procedure upon request.

Paul Todd arrived at Koombana Bay with a car full of hooded windcheaters, which were included with the registration fee. They were embroidered with

Koombana Bay Yacht Club and Windrush Nationals 2004. We all had a choice of colour as long as it was grey. Everyone was very impressed, as it was a nice change from the usual T-shirt.

Koombana Bay Yacht Club had a start boat and two rescue boats

on the water each day, so the courses were accurate and the starts on time except when they dropped the start flag in the shipping channel. A volunteer was needed to take a dive and retrieve the flag.

The invitation race got under way with most of us sailing sloop or cat and with four super sloops making up the fleet, off we sailed in a moderate sea breeze. Brett Bassett had XTC wound up and was 1st home by a couple of minutes, but had to wait until presentation night to see if he had done enough to win



*Peter Flemming - Victoria sailing Mr Bigglesworth*

thought she was having us on, but alas NO! the trucks never stopped carting to the bulk loading facility. Ear plugs, a couple of ports and a few days of sailing soon cured the sleeping problem.

The club house is built close to the water with a lawn in front a retaining wall, then a narrow sandy beach just wide enough to leave the boats on over night.

As usual Glennis worked tirelessly in the office sorting our registrations and fighting with the printer, which needed constant re-inking.

Next morning all was in readiness for the 1st Heat of the cats and sloops. The wind had swung around to the east during the night and there it stayed for the next three days, not a hint of a sea breeze in six races. Strong easterlies persisted in the mornings and dying easterlies in the afternoons. Brett Burvill was unbeatable in the cats, while Mal Buzza and myself fought out the minor places. In the sloops Benny Dei Giudici and his crew Justin Harper on Bluestone showed a clear pair of rudder blades to the fleet. While Cliff Rolfe and nephew Kiren Rolfe fought hard to hold off Brian Norwood and daughter Annette Deegan in some light tricky conditions.

Monday evening the 5th January was the Wine & Cheese tasting at the clubhouse, which was well attended, with a wide range of local red and white wines. The wine tasting became wine drinking as the evening progressed, with the last of the connoisseurs leaving around midnight.

Tuesday was the lay day, so most of us went off in different directions. The Flemings and their families arrived having flown into Perth, then hiring two vans at the airport. Bruce

Weidner and his wife Meg had driven across the Nullarbor with four boats in tow, so all this had to be unpacked and the boats rigged to be ready for Wednesday morning.

Wednesday morning was a flurry of activity with twenty super sloops getting ready for Heat 1. Guess what? The easterly was back, same pattern as the first series, until heats five and six when a 10-15 knot sea breeze filled in.

Heat seven started in a light easterly, which dropped out completely, with a triangle to complete, then the sea breeze started filling in behind us, it started to look like the whole fleet was going to swoop down onto the windward mark, luckily Cliff and I managed to hold our places and lead round the mark.

With the new breeze the old reach was a work To windward and back to the leeward mark was a tight reach, where the course was shortened.

After sailing each afternoon Cliff presented Windrush mugs to the heat winners while most of us sat around re-sailing the day's racing over a cup of tea or a couple of cold beers bought at the bar which was open every afternoon about 3pm.

The Presentation dinner was held at the Yacht Club with local caterers supplying an excellent roast meal with sweets and coffee to finish off. Everybody with very impressed and totally satisfied.

Cliff started the evening off with a round of thanks to all the folk who had volunteered their time during the week. He also mentioned the sponsors, Windrush Yachts along with West Coast Sails who together had donated a Windrush Jib for the Association to raffle. Sail Power

Marine in Nedlands who generously helped with prizes and give aways in the form of stubby holders and sunny straps. Last but not least Bunbury City Forum, who donated cash and let the Association display a Windrush in their shopping centre.

I was called upon to do the MUG of the week prizes, hopefully we had some fun and as usual some names just kept coming up! The

Association made sure that everyone received a Windrush 2004 mug. The main part of the evening was to recognize all the winners, particularly the winners of the Consistency series.

There can only be one winner and the rest of us come along to enjoy our sailing and learn from 15 races in a week. So congratulations to the sailors who showed the most improvement during that week.

The championship winners were Benny Dei Giudici and Justin Harper from Carnarvon W.A.

Our sincere thanks to Calvin Carmichael rear commodore of the KBYC for his efforts in co-ordinating the nationals

who won the sloop series. In the cat and super sloop series Brett Burvill showed us how a Windrush should be sailed.



*Benny Dei Giudici Sloop National Champion with crew Justin Harper*



*Brett Burvill cat and super sloop national champ With Rear Commodore Calvin Carmichael*



*Rob Thompson second in the cat and super-sloop championship*



*Cliff Rolfe with KBYC Commodore at the presentations*

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A most important thanks and congratulations to the Victorians and the two families from Canberra who made the trip west, we all enjoyed their company.

Cliff and Robin Holmes were busy around 6.30 each morning cooking bacon and eggs for breakfast and as the aroma drifted through to our tent, Viki who never eats breakfast found it all a bit much.

So, for the following morning she arranged a wake up call and we enjoyed cooked breakfasts for the rest of our stay. Even the morning the heavens opened up and flooded some campers, we were still having bacon and eggs, ankle deep in water. Our thanks to the chefs!

I'm sure all that attended the 2004 Nationals, will agree that Bunbury was an excellent venue. From the hospitality of the yacht club members, to the great take away food shops that were within walking distance of the club, which were frequented on nights when there was no meal at the club.



Jaws supersloop in a strong easterly breeze, typical of the regatta

## Newspaper articles

We have been fortunate to have a write up and picture of the Nationals placed in the Saturday West Australian in a section called around the buoys at the back of the motoring liftout under Boats4wdscaravans and also a write up on the forthcoming Tom Williams memorial regatta at Dowerin at the end of the month. Some folks remarked that there were no nationals results in the West during the titles. They were there but look under the heading **Boating**, that is where most sailing results are placed these days,. But they did not place our final results despite Glennis's efforts.

## Nationals Consistency Winners

### Cat

- 1st Greg Jennings
- 2nd Andrew Harcourt
- 3rd Ian Culling

### Sloop

- 1st Robin Holmes
- 2nd Graham Rankine
- 3rd Brendan Smith

### Supersloop

- 1st Peter Flemming
- 2nd Greg Jennings
- 3rd Robin Holmes



Tony Smith - Supersloop

# State Championships Carnarvon - Easter



## 2004 WINDRUSH STATE TITLES

**Easter weekend 9th to 11th April 2004**

**Carnarvon Yacht Club**

**Camping available at the yacht club, Best**

**Western Motel next door**

**Contact Benny on 9941 2039**

**For further information**

The notice of race for the State titles to be held at Carnarvon this Easter has been sent out to all members , if you have not received one then please contact Glennis Norwood to get your copy. For motel accommodation you can contact the Hospitality Inn 08 99 411600 next to the YC. Camping is available at the yacht club.



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# InterClub Challenge

## HEAT FOUR Safety Bay Yacht Club

11am start to beat the sea breeze. Wrong! It came in at daylight and was blowing 20 knots from the south, with the forecast of increasing winds in the afternoon. When I arrived there was no action on the beach, everybody was huddled around the coffee pot peering out at the white caps. There was only a handful of visitors so the bulk of the fleet were the Safety Bay guys sailing cat rigged. Getting off the beach was a challenge, wind howling straight in, plus the thick seaweed, then to top it all off, not a lot of room to maneuver at the start. The flag dropped with the locals hairing off through the moored fishing boats, except for Jaws who was tangled on a mooring line and Robin Holmes who was facing in the wrong direction caught on seaweed. After the start I was going well, until I under laid the top mark, and then found myself in some kind of erratic washing machine. Finding it impossible to tack, I ended up having to jibe and by now most of the fleet had caught up. Mal Buzza crossed the finish first, Noel Hardy and Keith Saw enjoyed the conditions and sailed very well.

Rob Thompson

### Results Heat 4 (yardstick)

1st	Malcolm Buzza
2nd	Noel Hardy
3rd	Keith Saw
4th	Peter Hawley
5th	Rob Thompson
6th	Cliff Rolfe
7th	Ian Culling
DNF	Robin Holmes Brian Norwood

## HEAT FIVE Shelly Sailing Club

The Shelly sailing clubs heat of the interclub challenge was held on Sunday morning during the Shelly Australia day weekend convict bay regatta. It was dead calm and the racing was delayed 45 minutes while we waited for the sea breeze to arrive. It was a congested start line with over 20 windrush in cat sloop and super-sloop format and best to get away were Rob Thompson and Tony Smith. The wind was filling in at 5 to 8 knots and very shifty as if it hadn't quite decided where it wanted to be. There were some powerful wind gusts at times to give some excitement to the race. Peter Hawley after a slow start weaved some magic and plowered his way through the field for a fine win from Rob Thompson and Tony Smith.

*Jaws*

### Results Heat 5 (yardstick)

1st	Peter Hawley
2nd	Rob Thompson
3rd	Tony Smith
4th	Brian Norwood
5th	Ian Culling
6th	Brendan Smith
7th	Robin Holmes
8th	Andrew Harcourt
9th	Brett Bassett

A comment was made to me at the Nationals in Bunbury . **Do you run the Windrush Association!** I do not run the association although sometime I feel I do. I enjoy doing the nominations and results but we desperately need bodies on the committee, meetings will only be held every three months from now on as the association has no major events to organize until the States in 2005. If anyone is interested in being on the committee please contact one of the committee members, contact details on the next page.

Glennis Norwood



**REMINDER** If you are unfinancial and still wish to receive your newsletter please consider paying or this could be your last. All sailors must be financial to sail at the state titles so to make things easier at the states please pay now. Anyone sailing in the states must be financial.  
Treasurer



*The Sixth and final heat of the interclub challenge will be at the Tom Williams memorial regatta*



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## Windrush Nationals 2004 Supersloop Fleet

Sail No	Skipper	Boat Name	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Race 6	Race 7	Points	Place
6299	B.Burvill	Reconstituted	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	6	1st
6248	R.Thompson	Strawberry Wave	2	1	4	2	2	2	1	10	2nd
6279	R.Fleming	Summersalt	4	3	10	3	6	3	7	26	3rd
6232	C.Rolfe	Invented Reason	3	12	7	4	3	14	2	31	4th
6259	B.Norwood	Jaws	8	6	2	7	8	10	4	35	5th
6228	T.Smith	White Pointer 2	5	5	13	6	5	4	13	38	6th
6292	F.O'Keeffe	Buzz Off	6	9	3	8	9	9	14	44	7th
6227	B.Smith	P.T.O.	13	4	15	5	10	5	9	46	8th
6304	D.Fleming	Long Shot	7	13	5	11	14	8	12	56	9th
6134	P.Fleming	Mr Bigglesworth	14	14	6	10	11	6	16	61	10th
6247	B.Weidner	Pussy Power	dnf	7	14	12	4	7	18	62	11th
6287	B.Bassett	XTC	10	10	dnf	16	7	11	8	62	12th
6278	G.Jennings	Wildcard	9	11	12	9	12	12	10	63	13th
6276	P.Todd	Footloose	11	15	11	13	16	15	3	68	14th
6274	G.Cooke		15	8	16	15	15	dnf	5	74	15th
6273	R.Holmes	Push	17	16	8	18	13	13	15	82	16th
4529	P.Davis	Sirius	16	17	9	14	18	16	11	83	17th
6240	A.Harcourt	White Pointer	12	ret	17	17	17	17	17	97	18th
6238	G.Rankine	Hughie Too	dnf	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	124	19th
6246	P.Hawley	Cat-Fish	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	126	20th

## Windrush Nationals 2004 Sloop Fleet Results

Sail No	Skipper	Boat Name	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Race 6	Points	Place
6200	B.Dei Giudici	Bluestone	1	1	1	2	1	1	5	1st
6232	C.Rolfe	Invented Reason	2	2	3	1	2	2	9	2nd
6259	B.Norwood	Jaws	3	4	2	4	5	3	16	3rd
6227	B.Smith	P.T.O	4	3	6	3	3	5	18	4th
6273	R.Holmes	Push	5	7	5	6	4	4	24	5th
6217	J.Mc Kechnie	Stark Ravin Mad	7	6	4	5	7	7	29	6th
6238	G.Rankine	Hughie Too	6	5	7	7	6	6	30	7th

## Windrush Nationals 2004 Cat Fleet results

Sail No	Skipper	Boat Name	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Race 6	Points	Place
6299	B.Burvill	Reconstituted	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	1st
6248	R.Thompson	Strawberry Wave	2	3	3	2	2	2	11	2nd
6303	M.Buzza	Buzz Box	5	2	2	3	3	3	13	3rd
6293	K.Saw	Wendy B	4	5	4	5	6	5	23	4th
6228	T.Smith	White Pointer 2	6	7	6	4	4	4	24	5th
6280	N.Hardie	Georgeous	8	8	7	8	8	7	38	6th
6245	I.Culling	Spindrift	9	11	9	7	5	9	39	7th
6274	G.Cook		10	12	10	6	7	8	41	8th
6246	P.Hawley	Cat-Fish	3	4	5	dnc	dnc	dnc	42	9th
6240	A.Harcourt	White Pointer	11	13	10	12	9	6	48	10th
6242	M.Hewitt	Yea Ha	13	10	8	10	12	10	50	11th
4529	P.Davis	Sirius	12	6	13	11	10	13	52	12th
6276	P.Todd	Footloose	7	9	14	13	13	11	53	13th
6278	G.Jennings	Wildcard	14	14	10	9	11	12	56	14th



*Frank O'keefes cobra*

## *Birthday Boy*

Geographe bay Yacht Club veteran Frank O'keefe from Bussleton had his 70th birthday while sailing supersloop at the nationals. Frank only just retired from bee keeping and lives life in the fast lane with cobra kit car he built recently. Frank can still sail super sloop with the best of them and we wish him many more years sailing his Windrush "Buzz off". For this special occasion we decorated his boat with toilet paper while he was having a nap. And to finish off the supersloop sailors acted like a barber shop quintet and surrounded his boat on the start line before sailing started and gave him a fine rendition of happy birthday, (in tune off course).

## **NATIONALS TROPHIES**

Our thanks go to Rob and Vicky Thompson for their work in selecting the prizes for the Windrush Nationals. Not only did they get them they also crammed them into their car and brought them down to the nationals. And also obtained sponsorship from Sail Power marine. Thanks guys. Rob was suitably rewarded when he won the jib in the raffle, donated by Max Dobra of West Coast Sails and Brett Burvill of Windrush Yachts.

## **Windrush Nationals Sponsors**

Bunbury City Forum shopping centre Sail Power marine, Nedlands, Windrush Yachts, West Coast Sails. Thank you for sponsoring our event

# Tom Williams Memorial Regatta

Dowerin Salt Lake Sailing Club Hagboon lake

February 28 and 29

The Dowerin salt lake sailors will be holding their annual regatta on Saturday the 28th and Sunday the 29th of February at the Salt lake sailing club on Hagboons lake, located on the farming property of the Hagboon family. This regatta has been held annually or over 18 years water level permitting, Held at Easter for many years before moving to the labour day long weekend in recent years.

This regatta will commemorate the memory of Commodore Tom Williams, who was heavily involved in the towns activities and to quote a town member "he was our treasure".



Hagboons lake is about 20 km out of Dowerin off the Meckering road, or take a short cut out of Northam and through the farms. This is an interesting venue, Jungle mark is so called because you have to sail around or through water logged trees, shrubs, rotten sticks and underwater snags. Strong easterly winds can whip up to 25 knots and allow for some high speed sailing.

Camping is allowed at the lake and basic services are provided. Thanks to Commodore Matt Couper for making sure this great event continues.

## Sailing program

Please note that there is no racing organised for the Saturday but there will be barbecue packs available for tea and entertainment will be provided in the evening. I'm sure we can organise a few round the sticks races on Saturday afternoon for the sailors who want to have a bit of fun.

The serious racing is on Sunday and there may be an early start to fit in as many races as possible. This could be at 9.00am or 9.30 am depending on the heat and winds available.

Sunday night there will be the usual webber tea and presentation of trophies.

## Late news — IMPORTANT NOTICE

The water level at the lake is very low and at normal times the sailing regatta would be cancelled. So be aware that it may be difficult for good sailing and we are praying for a thunderstorm to dump water into the lake. Lets hope things improve by the end of the month