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Windrush Wavelengths

Newsletter of the Windrush Catamaran Assn of Western Australia

WEST AUSTRALIANS CLEAN UP 2006 NATIONALS AT CHELSEA

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greeting Fellow Sailors! Welcome back! I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable Christmas, New Year and ready for the sailing season.

Several Windrush sailors including yours truly travelled across the Nullarbor to Chelsea, Victoria for the National titles in January. This in itself was an adventure particularly for us with 2 small people in the back seat (one of whom spent the first day throwing up – after that he got his 'car legs'). Technology saved the day with a portable DVD player for entertainment.

The Strawberry Wave contingent also drove across picking up Mum along the way and arrived on New Years Eve at Chelsea while the Harcourt clan was there. Of course the first thing you have to do after driving across the country is "Put the kettle on Viki".

Although the fleet was not huge the West Aussies acquitted themselves very well with all participating sailors bringing back a trophy. The Chelsea sailors and club members were very welcoming and despite some erratic weather the racing was great fun. Some of the more entertaining 'highlights' of the series included: getting the rescue boat in and out with a minimum of 10 blokes to haul it across the sand; Viki being the best assistant and definitely the most devoted 'watcher' of races; speccy turtle by myself and Dylan:



For those who haven't been there, Chelsea is situated on picturesque Port Phillip Bay about 30 kms from Melbourne central, On the lay day we all did the tourist stuff – Luna park, the sales, etc. Some of us were also lucky enough to go to the Boxing Day Test.

Don't forget the state championships at Nedlands Yacht Club this Easter. We are still aiming to get 30 boats on the water.

Looking forward to your support
Andrew Harcourt

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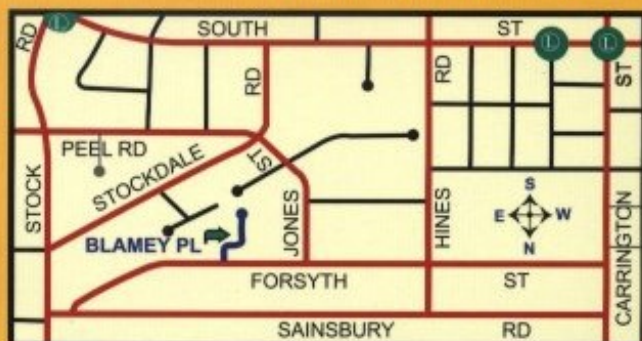
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COMING EVENTS

HMAS Perth Memorial Regatta - Nedlands YC - Entry fee \$10, registration by 13:00, race start approx 14:30

PORT BOUVARDE SAILING CLUB REGATTA

LABOUR DAY LONG WEEKEND

4TH, 5TH 6TH MARCH 2006

CANCELLED

OCEAN REEF SEA SPORTS CLUB REGATTA

Sunday 5th March

Pinnaroo Point 9:30a.m Briefing - *More information page 9*

KOOMBANA BAY SAILING CLUB

ANNUAL REGATTA

4th, 5th, 6th MARCH

All classes welcome (See below)

WINDRUSH STATE TITLES

NYC EASTER 2006

INVITATION RACE GOOD FRIDAY

CHAMPIONSHIP HEATS SATUDAY AND SUNDAY

CAMPING IS AVAILABLE AT NYC.

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KOOMBANA BAY SAILING CLUB ANNUAL REGATTA

4TH 5TH & 6TH March 2006

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NATIONALS 2006 CHELSEA

Had a good trip to Adelaide except for the cold wind each night, made for unpleasant camping. Had a short break in Adelaide stayed with my sister. Loaded Mum into the back seat of the Falcon and headed for Melbourne on the 30th. The day warmed up quickly with a hot Northerly blowing, pulled in to Stawell, near the Grampians mid afternoon. Thought the air conditioner was failing until we stepped out of the car, was like



Rob Thompson (Strawberry Wave)

standing in front of a furnace, 45°. Brought three ice creams that melted as we walked out of the shop. Pushed onto Ballarat where we stayed the night in a Motel at the site of the Eureka Stockade. Next day the 31st the Grampians and surrounding areas were on fire.

From Ballarat it was an easy drive down the freeway, through Melbourne on the M1 got

off near Springvale Road and went straight to Chelsea. Had the kettle boiling at the yacht club by 9.30am.

Andrew and Gina Harcourt who were having a swim with their family spotted us. They had driven across before Christmas and were staying with Andrew's brother close by.

After lunch we booked into our cabin, then did some re-acquainting with the NSW contingent as they arrived, nine boats in all. Spent New Years Eve at the Dome restaurant, where we were to have more meals as the week progressed.

Robin Holmes flew in late on the 31st with his son Lawrence and a mate, they also had a cabin one up from us, with Ross Fyfe in between.

The 1st of January was weigh-in and invitation race, but it was a bit windy by lunch-time, so we had an easy afternoon and returned at 1800 for the welcome BBQ.

The big eye opener in the Sailing Instructions was the four different courses, which would be identified by Numeral pennants on the start boat. Andrew Harcourt not being short on ideas wrote the 4 courses on his sail. As the day wore on Andrew couldn't work out why he was so popular on the water. All the sailors with short memories were sailing by to check the course. I can't talk as I had the courses on both sides of the boom.

Day 2: We were confronted with a howling gale and mountainous seas, a number of boats stayed on the beach "smart sailors". I went out, sailed through the start line and quickly decided this was not for me. Only 3 Cats and 3 Sloops completed a shortened race with many capsizes. Sailing was aban-



Andrew and Dylan Harcourt—holding on tight!

done for the rest of the day.

Day3:- Was back to normal , no wind until late morning, then half and hour went by while the wind filled in .Then a pleasant sea



Robin Holmes—ditto

breeze all afternoon.

There were a number of people with digital cameras, so each night there was a slide show on the big screen upstairs at the Bar. So you

could sit and re-sail the day's races or maybe drown your sorrows.

Thursday the 5th was the lay day, fine and sunny; so the 3 of us Viki, Mum and myself were given a lift to the station by Robin in his 1988 rent-a-Magna, jumped on the train into the city did the underground loop before arriving at Flinders street station. Spent the whole day along the Yarra, had lunch at South Bank then walked along to the Casino what a mind blowing place that is, finally got Viki out and we walked up past the Maritime Museum, then decided to catch a tram up to Docklands. First tram went the wrong way so piled off that one, realised the old red trams were the free city rides, caught the next red one which took us past Telstra Dome and up to Victoria Harbour, jumped off the tram and walked around to where the Volvo Ocean Racing Yachts were due to arrive in a couple of weeks.

By now Mum was exhausted so she sat while Viki and I strolled up and down the dock. Nokia and ABN Amro had returned from the Sydney to Hobart and were moored at the new floating wharf. Those boats are hugh, the 45 metre mast on Nokia was awesome. Had an ice coffee in one of the many flash restaurants then caught the water taxi back to Federation Square. Sat and watched the multi national crowd of tourists at Fed Sq then crossed the road back to Flinders St station, finally found the right platform needed to get back to Chelsea where Robin kindly picked us up, all foot sore



from the big day out.

After tea we went down to the Yacht club and put the boat back into Super Sloop mode.

Sixteen Super Sloops lined up for the start of an interesting series.

The changeable Melbourne weather lived up to its reputation, giving us a bit of everything, when it was windy the swell was huge.

The race officer was consistent!!!!

Port courses all week, long start line mainly with port bias, except in the light shifty conditions when it paid to keep checking the start line.

One race I idled down the start line and tacked onto port at the pin and was gone, while the rest of the fleet carried out the same move after the gun had gone.

The race officer also used the 4 courses at



his disposal over the series, so you had to watch the numeral pennants as course 1 & 2 were similar as were 3 & 4 except for

the distance between marks and the number of legs sailed.

For a 16-boat fleet the starts were competi-



Rob and Viki Thompson—enjoying the view

tive, followed by some good close racing throughout both series.

Sunday afternoon was pack up day, and the hottest day of the week, so the beach and car park was crowded. With some interesting manoeuvres in the car park

Presentation was held at the yacht club with the main prizes being framed photos of the winners boat. So a good night was had by all.

Thanks to the Victorian Windrush Association and Chelsea Yacht Club for a very enjoyable week.

Strawberry wave

Windrush National Championships 2006 - Chelsea, Vic

Series Results [Class ET] for Windrush14SuperSloop up to Race 7 (Drops = 1)

Place	Ties	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	From	Agg Score	Race 7	Race 6	Race 5	Race 4	Race 3	Race 2	Race 1
1		6248	Strawberry Ware	Rob Thompson		9.00	3.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	[3.00]	2.00	1.00
2		6177	Impact	Rob Fleming		21.00	1.00	4.00	3.00	5.00	1.00	[9.00]	7.00
3		6314	Hot Pepper	Warren Pfeiffer		24.00	5.00	3.00	9.00	4.00	[11.00C]	1.00	2.00
4		6316	Push	Grant Roe		25.00	2.00	5.00	2.00	6.00	5.00	[17.00F]	5.00
5		6279	Updraft	Paul Fleming		27.00	6.00	2.00	5.00	[8.00]	7.00	4.00	3.00
6		6264	Yabby	Ross Fyfe		45.00	7.00	7.00	8.00	2.00	17.00C	[17.00F]	4.00
7		6247	Pussy Power	Bruce Weldner		46.00	10.00	8.00	10.00	9.00	4.00	5.00	[12.00]
8		6304	Long Shot	Darrell Fleming		48.00	9.00	6.00	6.00	[13.00]	11.00F	6.00	10.00
9		6214	Little Bandicoot	Ryan Mayo		48.00	4.00	10.00	4.00	3.00	17.00C	[17.00F]	11.00
10		6270	Rush	John Van Meegen		53.50	11.00	9.00	12.00	[14.00]	2.00	10.50	9.00
11		6309	Push	Robyn Holmes		62.00	12.00	12.00	[14.00]	12.00	11.00F	7.00	8.00
12	7.0S	6289	Recon	Andrew Harcourt		67.00	8.00	14.00	7.00	7.00	17.00C	[17.00F]	14.00
13		6215	Frequent Flyer	Kurt Griffiths		67.00	13.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	[17.00C]	8.00	13.00
14		6307	Westwind	Darren Schmidt		67.50	15.00	13.00	13.00	10.00	6.00	10.50	[15.00]
15		6260	Fade To Grey	Michael Pfeiffer		77.00	17.00C	17.00C	17.00C	17.00C	[17.00C]	3.00	6.00
16		6296	Silver Fox	Keith Hamner		94.00	14.00	16.00F	15.00	15.00	17.00C	17.00F	[17.00F]

Series Results [Class ET] for Windrush14Cat up to Race 7 (Drops = 1)

Place	Ties	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Crew	From	Agg Score	Race 7	Race 6	Race 5	Race 4	Race 3	Race 2	Race 1
1		6248	Strawberry Ware	Rob Thompson			5.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	[6.00F]	1.00	ABN	1.00
2	1.0S	6270	Rush	John Van Meegen			13.00	3.00	4.00	[5.00]	1.00	3.00	ABN	2.00
3		6314	Hot Pepper	Warren Pfeiffer			13.00	[4.00]	3.00	2.00	3.00	2.00	ABN	3.00
4		6309	Push	Robyn Holmes			20.00	2.00	2.00	6.00	6.00F	[5.00]	ABN	4.00
5		6316	Updraft	Grant Roe			22.00	5.00	5.00	3.00	2.00	7.00	ABN	[9.00L]
6		6215	Frequent Flyer	Kurt Griffiths			31.00	6.00	9.00F	4.00	[9.00C]	4.00	ABN	8.00F
7		6295	Titan	Ross Abraham			35.00	8.00	7.00	7.00	[9.00C]	5.00	ABN	8.00F
8		6296	Silver Fox	Keith Hamner			37.00	7.00	6.00	8.00	[9.00C]	8.00	ABN	8.00F

Series Results [Class ET] for Windrush14Sloop up to Race 7 (Drops = 1)

Place	Ties	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Crew	From	Agg Score	Race 7	Race 6	Race 5	Race 4	Race 3	Race 2	Race 1
1		6299	Recon	Andrew Harcourt	Dylan Harcourt		7.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	[5.00F]	1.00	ABN	2.00
2		6304	Long Shot	Darrell Fleming	Michael Cameron		8.00	1.00	2.00	[3.00]	2.00	2.00	ABN	1.00
3		6177	Impact	Rob Fleming	Meredith Fleming		13.00	4.00	3.00	2.00	1.00	3.00	ABN	[7.00F]
4		6260	Fade To Grey	Michael Pfeiffer	Jesse Higgin		21.00	3.00	5.00	4.00	5.00F	[5.00]	ABN	4.00
5		6247	Pussy Power	Phil Cameron	Bridget Cameron		24.00	6.00	4.00	7.00C	[7.00C]	4.00	ABN	3.00
6		6214	Little Bandicoot	Phil Mayo	Ryan Mayo		28.00	5.00	7.00C	5.00	[7.00C]	6.00	ABN	5.00

ORSSC Report

Due to lack of numbers, there was no racing from the Point in January.

Feb 4 was Heat 4 of our Summer Series, 5 Windrush and 1 Hobie 16. Set the course for the sea breeze, which by start time had dropped out and swung around to the South at about 5-8 knots. The race



Greg Jennings—Pinaroo Point

turned into a soldiers course with Robin Holmes showing good boat speed to lead the fleet home.

Feb 11 we ran 2 short races in varying conditions the sea breeze never filled in until the final leg of race 2,. Race 1 was a close tussle between Strawberry Wave and the Hobie 16; St.Wave got the points by nine seconds when the 16 blew the final tack.

Race 2 was much the same, except Greg Jennings found some extra boat speed to beat Robin into 3rd place.

Andrew Harcourt was a welcome visitor for the day, enjoyed the conditions sailing cat rigged, thought it was Chelsea revisited as we used their course 2 from the

Nedlands YC Windrush Report Feb 2006

A happy new year to you all, I hope you have had a nice Xmas break and are ready for more fair dinkum racing in 2006. It was great to see our Windrush Assn members who traveled to the nationals at Chelsea do so well, with Rob Thompson winning the cat and super sloop classes and Andrew Harcourt winning the sloop class.

We have 7 Windrush sailing at NYC now. Which is an improvement on last year. I (Jaws) am hopeful that I have mended enough to be back sailing by the time you read this newsletter, be it as a cat rigged boat as I don't think the trapeze harness will be helpful to my stomach repair. I had my operation to remove the stoma, a hernia and the chemo port on the 13th of December but it got infected and they had to remove some staples to drain the muck, and I ended up with a hole in my stomach, and only just got out of hospital the day before Xmas, the wound is still healing now.. I had to go into hospital for a few days in the new year and a cat scan revealed that the tumors in the liver had not grown since late October, so that has been the best news for a long time, the injection of the radioactive spheres at Mount Hospital in November last year really worked and I hope get many more years sailing yet.

The Championship heat 3 Sunday Dec 11 was sailed in a strong 25 knot sea breeze with gusts up to 28 knots. The race turned out to be a tragic event when Anita Heath carrying out rescue boat duties went to the aid of her daughter, who had capsized her monohull sail boat and was caught up in the rigging and trapped underwater for some time. A swift rescue and resuscitation was undertaken but Anita never recovered and passed away in Charles Gardener hospital just before Xmas. The Windrush section extend their deepest sympathy to the family of Anita. During the race the wind speed increased

to the extent that all the Windrush that had started withdrew from the race, unable to carry on without risking damage to their boats.

Only two Windrush turned up for the handicap heat on the 15th of January with a number of sailors still on holidays, one being John McKechnie who after helping with the Hobie Nationals flew out on a family holiday to Britain and Europe. John was telling me how cheap it was to go and stay in Britain at the moment. I hope he watched the same TV news that we saw that week, with re-



Mike and Jasper Dean

cord snow falls and freezing temperatures shutting down airports and blocking motorways.

Handicap race 22nd of January 2006 was a numbered handicap start, the breeze was fluctuating from the east and swinging to the South east with holes everywhere and moderate wind gusts if you were lucky to be in the right spot at the time. A very frustrating days sailing for everybody. Just to make it more interesting the sea breeze came in on the final lap and caused the fleet to close up with Robin Holmes (Push) making the most of the wind shifts to cross the line first and

Simon Daddo (Half Moon) second, both these sailors sailed super sloop and had their jibs on today, but Glennis the handicapper in her cunning way hadn't imposed the full handicap for the start so finishing first didn't necessarily mean you had won, and Mike and Jasper Dean (Wind Warrior) sloop were close enough to the first two finishers to win the race on handicap. Doug Hodgson new boat name (Chardonnay) super sloop had a day to forget with a few capsizes during the race.

Championship heat 4 was held on the 29th January In the morning there was a strong south easterly wind, which was quite cold, and didn't let up all day, with strong gusts at regular intervals. After rigging up with my new six month old sail that hadn't seen the light of day till now I decided I needed to wait another week. Just before the start Simon Daddo broke his tiller extension and headed for the beach to replace it. Eventually Five Windrush started although at different times and Robin Holmes led the fleet around the course to a fine win from Simon Daddo and Mike and Jasper Dean. Jasper looked like a drowned rat as they dragged their boat onto the lawn after the race. The three boats that finished braved some rough water and gusty conditions. Until the next newsletter,

Happy sailing from.

Jaws

SHELLEY 16 boats sailing.
10 - 12 sailing each weekend

SAFETY BAY 6 boats on a good day—4 usually

JERVOISE BAY—No report

Club reports would be appreciated

GBYC Australia Day Regatta

Four Windrush put in an appearance at the Geographe Bay Yacht Club annual Australia Day Regatta to make a up a mixed fleet of catamarans including several Yvonne's, a couple of Hobie 16's, a Nacra 5.8, Formula 18 Nacra and a Tornado.

Friday evening saw a Dash for Cash in which all classes started together and racing for a total prize pool of \$1000. Two heats were sailed with the second not starting until 7.40 pm going into the dark and with blustery conditions. Ryan Duffield, sailing 'Absence of Mind' and Robin Holmes on 'Push' flew the Windrush flag and sailed well to finish up the front of the fleet, both over the line and on yardstick, with both taking a share of the prize money. The event was won by a well sailed Yvonne.

Greg Mair (Unleashed), Ryan Duffield, Robin Holmes (Push) and Paul Hollis (Tyro), a new Windrush sailor from Bunbury, fronted up for the Saturday morning race in a gentle morning easterly with occasional stronger gusts. 'Unleashed' returned to shore before the start to relock a main halyard that had let go and as a result missed the start, recording a DNS for that heat. Absence of Mind relished the light to moderate conditions and Ryan showed some of the form that had him pushing Rob Thompson along in the State Champs last year and giving a couple of the Yvonne's a hurry up. The race became a great duel between the Tornado and the Formula 18 with 'Absence of Mind' leading the Windrush in from Robin and Paul.

By Saturday afternoon the wind was blowing at about 20 knots and gusting harder. 'Tyro' decided that discretion was the better part of valor and headed for the shore while 'Absence of Mind', 'Unleashed' and 'Push' toughed it out for an exciting afternoons sailing. Ryan showed the fleet the under side of his hulls on the start line but fortunately not in the starting sequence – he must have enjoyed the dip as he took another one later in the race with a downwind dive. Robin had a great first leg, sailing confidently in the breezy conditions to hold off a fast finishing 'Unleashed' and Ryan recovering to get his way around the course. Over the line victory in the big cats went to the Nacra 5.8 which relished the windy conditions and set the scene for the rest of the Regatta.

Sunday morning saw the wind dropping only marginally (so much for traditional Sunday morning recovery race!) with the Windrush fleet back to three with Robin returning to Perth as he only planned to sail the Saturday. 'Unleashed' missed the start by the proverbial mile as Greg thought that his hat adjustment was more important. 'Absence of Mind' led the Windrush brigade but was caught by 'Unleashed' at the top of the second windward leg and then Greg picked some good lines downwind to lead at the bottom mark. 'Unleashed' and 'Absence of Mind' then had a great tussle for the remainder of the race, crossing tacks regularly until 'Absence of Mind' laid the final mark and 'Unleashed' needed another tack, allowing Ryan to take the place ahead of Greg. Paul Hollis on 'Tyro' sailed a very good race in the windy conditions giving his confidence a great boost. Paul has shifted from sailing a small cruiser to the Windrush so he now has excitement back into his sailing.

By the afternoon the wind was SSE gusting to 27 knots and then built further as the race progressed. 'Tyro' took comfort from the morning race and stayed on the beach while 'Absence of Mind' and 'Unleashed' went out to battle (the elements more than each other!). They were never far apart in the early stages of the race with Unleashed getting through again on the downwind leg and then sailed away to lead for the rest of the race. Ryan took another swim in this race and to even things up Greg put it in at the top mark on the last beat to the finish but still managed to recover and finish in front of Ryan.

While the breezes were strong for the series they were offshore which meant that the water was reasonably flat however the conditions provided for some exciting moments as the yachts closed the shore with many good bullets coming off the land and testing the mainsheet reflexes.

Final Windrush placings were 'Absence of Mind', 'Unleashed', 'Push' and 'Tyro'. It was a great regatta with some tired and sore sailors at the end. Next year with a long weekend more Windrush sailors should be able to make the trip to sail on Geographe Bay for the Australia Day Regatta.

Unleashed

WINDRUSH STATE TITLES 2006

The Windrush Association has to run the Galley at NYC during the State Titles . In order to do this we need volunteers on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Help is also needed to prepare salads for the welcome BBQ that is to be held on the Friday night.

Please phone Glennis by the 7th April on 934 32546 if you can help.

Unfortunately if the assistance is not there NO galley will be available for the competitors.

Also the Caterers require numbers no later than the 8th April for the Presentation dinner. So please phone Glennis on 934 32546 or better still nominate early for the State Titles and fill in details of seats required.

CREW TRAPEZING ON SLOOP

There has been some discussion as to whether we should allow the crew in the Sloop rigged class to use a trapeze. The set-up has been tried at NYC and Shelley. There was favourable discussion during the National Association AGM at Chelsea for the move.

We feel the move brings the Windrush in line with the small mono's that use a trapeze for the crew.

There will be further discussion at the AGM during the forth-coming State

OCEAN REEF SEA SPORTS CLUB REGATTA

OFF PINNAROO POINT, HILLARYS SUNDAY 5TH MARCH

Three race Series followed by a sausage sizzle on the lawns next to car park.



Briefing on the beach at 9.30.
1st Race not before 10 a.m.
Other start times to be advised

All Races to Count.

Nomination fee of \$10.00 Includes the Sausage Sizzle.

B.Y.O own lunch, as the nearest food is Hillarys Marina.

Cold drinks will be on sale.

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