

MAY 2009



Windrush Wavelengths

Newsletter of the Windrush Catamaran Assn of Western Australia

President's Report May 2009

A big thank you to the Windrush Catamaran Association and thank you to all the 2008/9 association VOLUNTEERS. The State Titles held at Geographe Bay Yacht Club was a wonderful success despite the disappointing lack of wind. What a wonderful venue with great sailing conditions once the wind arrives and salubrious camping facilities. Everyone appreciated the work that Geographe Bay Yacht Club put into the race organisation, rescue boats and catering. The camaraderie and sailing competition in extremely light conditions was excellent. Having three well supported fleets, Cats, Sloops and Super Sloops, was a big bonus and a highlight for this event.

Thank you also to the Windrush Catamaran Association committee all of whom have volunteered to stay on for another season. Paul Todd has also accepted the extra duty of Trophy Officer assisting Secretary Bob Lowther. Treasurer Malcolm Buzza has taken on the Registrar duties leaving Martin Hewitt the job of Handicapper. On the Monday after the State Titles the committee got together for a post mortem of the event and decided to streamline some of the committee positions and to record some changes that would help us in organising the next big commitment, the National Windrush Catamaran Titles at Albany. Organisation for this event is well underway with Tim Hodgson looking after our interests at Princess Royal Sailing Club.

The committee wants to make some changes to the sailing instructions to make them more flexible when we need to change the schedule of races and restart postponed races. We just have to get these changes ratified by YAWA before the Nationals. Another good thing coming from the recent State Titles is the re-emergence of the Dongara Yacht Club. There was great enthusiasm for the next State Titles to be held in Dongara at Easter 2010. There are a few issues to be solved and the committee is looking forward to working with Quin Plozza so that facilities can be organised for next Easter.

Coming from the AGM, Andrew Harcourt's idea for encouraging young sailors into the Windrush Fleet is worth promoting. Mudlark sailors at Shelly have shown an interest in becoming crew on a Windrush Sloop and it is hoped that the Windrush Association can help by providing yachts and skippers who would be willing to give these young people a taste of cat sailing.

Keith Saw.

"Emily Jean"



Coming events

BATAVIA REGATTA
GERALDTON YACHT CLUB
SATURDAY MAY 30th - SUNDAY 31st MAY
Phone Tony Marsh for more information
0417 178 727

NEDLANDS YACHT CLUB
WINTER SERIES
START TIME 1330
ALL SUNDAY RACES
3rd MAY
7th JUNE
2nd AUGUST
13th SEPTEMBER

WINDRUSH NATIONAL TITLES 2010
PRINCESS ROYAL YACHT CLUB
1ST WEEK JANUARY 2010
WATCH THIS SPACE

WINDRUSH STATE TITLES
EASTER 2010
PORT DENISON YACHT CLUB
(DONGARA)

WINDRUSH STATE TITLES 2009

GEOGRAPHE BAY YACHT CLUB

Congratulations to the winners

SUPER SLOOP: RYAN DUFFIELD on COOL CHANGE

SLOOP: ANDREW & DYLAN HARCOURT on RECON

CAT: MAL BUZZA on BUZZ BOX

INVITATION RACE 2009

NUMBER	YACHT	SKIPPER	HANDICAP TIME	POSITION
6303	BUZZ BOX	MALCOLM BUZZA	1:31:10	1
6322	CAT FISH	PETER HAWLEY	1:33:14	2
6338	EMILY JEAN	KEITH SAW	1:33:57	3
6331	COOL CHANGE	RYAN DUFFIELD	1:35:23	4
6302	BACK IN ACTION	BOB LOWTHER	1:37:11	5
6312	UNLEASHED	GREG MAIR	1:37:58	6
6145	PIXIE DUST EXPRESS	MARK COLECLIFFE	1:38:17	7
6336	FRISKY	RON EDWARDS	1:38:22	8
6323	STRAWBERRY WAVE	ROB THOMPSON	1:39:11	9
6292	BUZZ OFF	FRANK O'KEEFE	1:39:53	10
6281	MOMENT OF MAD- NESS	ALEX & CAMERON DUNCAN	1:40:01	11
6191	FOOTLOOSE	PAUL TODD	1:40:13	12
6293	WENDY B	ANTHONY SAW	1:42:29	13
6242	YEE- HA	MARTIN & KIRSTY HEWITT	1:42:33	14
6227	PTO	CLIFF ROLFE	1:43:46	15
6321	WHITE POINTER 11	BRENDON SMITH	1:45:19	16
6340	BAD BOY	QUIN & JARED PLOZZA	1:45:44	17
6271	WILD THING	TIM LOWTHER	1:46:48	18
6318	SPINDRIFT	IAN CULLING	1:49:56	19
6121	WHITE LIGHNING	JIM & LIAM PLOZZA	1:59:18	20
6167	FELIX	ABI PATERSON & RICHARD SEY- MOUR	2:15:28	21
6301	RAMSHACKLE	JUSTIN BELANGER	DNS	22
6299	RECON	ANDREW & DYLAN HARCOURT	DNS	23
6342	HALF MOON	PETER ROBINSON & DYLAN PLOZZA	DNS	24

CHAMPIONSHIP HEAT PLACINGS 2009***SUPER SLOOP***

6331	Cool change	Ryan Duffield	1	1	1
6312	Unleashed	Greg Mair	2	2	2
6145	Pixie Dust Express	Mark Colecliffe	5	6	2

SLOOP

6299	Recon	Andrew & Dylan Harcourt	2	1	1
6340	Bad Boy	Quin & Jared Plozza	3	2	4
6242	Yee-Ha	Martin & Kirsty Hewitt	4	3	2

CAT

6303	Buzz Box	Malcolm Buzza	1	1	2
6338	Emily Jean	Keith Saw	3	3	1
6322	Cat Fish	Peter Hawley	2	5	4

WINDRUSH STATE TITLES 2009

GEOGRAPHE BAY YACHT CLUB

Congratulations to the winners on HANDICAP

These sailors showed great improvement over the weekend

SUPER SLOOP

1st	Tim Lowther	Wild Thing
2nd	Justin Belanger	Ramshackle
3rd	Frank O' Keefe	Buzz Off

SLOOP

1st	Abi Paterson & Richard Seymour	Felix
2nd	Alex & Cameron Duncan	Moment of Madness
3rd	Jim & Liam Plozza	White Lightning

CAT

1st	Cliff Rolfe	PTO
2nd	Anthony Saw	Wendy B
3rd	Simon Middleton	Black Cat

THANK YOU GBYC STATE TITLES

A special thanks to Paula Plozza who spent three days out on a rescue boat taking photos and as much time on the beach, the camera was never out of her hands.

There are numerous people who gave up their Easter to help make our State Titles a well run regatta.

First and foremost was Gwyn Cracknell (Crackles) our Race Officer who spent most of the weekend tearing his hair out over the lack of wind. Otherwise he worked tirelessly the whole time.

Also to the ladies who helped out on the start boat, recording sail numbers and finishing times, Ruda Edwards, Sue Buzza and Viki Thompson.

The chef and his staff did a magnificent job of feeding us and all the Pelican sailors each day along with breakfast at 7am, of bacon & egg sandwiches.

All the guys who drove the rescue boats and set the courses, THANK YOU

I apologise if I've missed anybody .

Strawberry Wave



PORT DENISON YACHT CLUB STATE TITLE REPORT

Hi, We decided to go to the Windrush State Titles at Geographe Bay in Busselton over the Easter weekend. We bought the biggest tent we could find to fit the four boys and ourselves in and all the camping gear, gas cooker, gas light, bedding, esky's you name it we got it. It was the first time we had gone camping as a whole family so we were very excited. We left Dongara at 04:00am Thursday morning to beat the Easter traffic and it worked, we had a good run down to Busselton arriving at lunch time after stopping in Bunbury to pick up a few more supplies. We were one of the first to arrive so we got a good spot and we had a fantastic time and met lots of lovely people.

Two other guys came with me from the Dongara club to make up the numbers in the sloop class which was very good of them because as they said they were not ready for the competition.

The sailing was a mixed bag of no wind and lots of wind. The first few days were very calm with a few races being cancelled due to no wind. Jared and I had a paddle race with some other boats back to shore after a race was cancelled. It was so still that we could see the bottom of the bay clearly.

My wife Paula and our four year old Kaleb went out on the rescue boat the whole weekend and Paula took about 600 photos of the Windrush racing which turned out brilliant.

The last day of racing was the best. We woke up to a 15 to 18 knot wind that built up to 21 knots. I was buzzing with excitement and couldn't wait to get out there. A few boats tipped over going out to the start. There was short sizable chop to smash through which slowed the boat when hard into the wind but everywhere else it was the ride of your life.

The Windrush Association had a meeting and wants to hold next years state titles in Dongara which is very exciting and great for the new club.

Cheers!

Quin Plozza.

STATE TITLES 2009 OVERVIEW

As you can see by now the weather at Easter was more conjunctivae to camping and BBQ's than sailing.

A number of new faces were at the States this year, which is very encouraging. Quin Plozza and his family have been very active in getting Port Denison up and running again, 10 boats on the water of which 3 came to the States.

Friday morning was a hive of activity with people still arriving, setting up camp and getting boats rigged on the beach.

The forecast was a mixed bag, light winds for Friday & Saturday, wet & windy on Sunday & Monday (apparently), well that never happened it was quite hot by Monday .There were 21 starters for the Invitation race in a light westerly which started to drop out at the one minute gun, and there were only 3 boats close to the line when the gun went. The breeze held for one triangle then dropped right away, forcing the O.O.D to shorten the course.

Saturday afternoon Heat 3 started in light wind, which once again quickly vanished after one triangle, the second time at the top mark the tide was stronger than the wind and a number of boats drifted onto the mark, causing serious frustration. The only saving grace was the shortened course flag at the next mark followed by another paddle home.

Sunday morning was looking good from the beach for Heat 5. A North easterly had been in from early morning and was building. By race start was about 20 knots, with some hugh swell running through and a number of boats had a swim before the start and a few more specky capsizes during the race, along with breakages and one boat developing serious creaking noises from one hull.

I survived that race, but while getting tossed around waiting for the next start the wind appeared to be strengthening , so headed for the beach and retired along with a number of other broken boats and bodies.

Heat 6 got under way and by the end of the first triangle the wind was weakening and by the last triangle, rough water and not enough wind for the Super Sloops to trapeze.

By lunch time it was back to a mill pond and stayed like that until 4pm when a light Easterly got up, just to tease us as we packed up.

Apart from the wind, Geographe Bay Yacht Club did a marvellous job once again.

The big winner was Windrush sailing with 24 boats attending and a special thanks to Gwyn Cracknell and his team for all their hard work.

Strawberry Wave

There have been 10- 14 boats on the water regularly comprising of 10 Windrush, mixed Sloop, Cat and Super Sloop, a Laser, a Mirror and something else that looks like a recycled Esky and takes forever to get round the course but at the end of the day it's a boat on the water and having fun

Congratulations are in order for all those that attended the State Titles at Easter, disappointing conditions but congratulations to Mal Buzzza (see photo on a good night after a couple of cranberry juices with his long suffering wife Sue and arthritic Martyn Hewitt) for taking out the State Cat Title for the umpteenth time. Keith Saw 2nd and Peter Hawley 3rd.

Other Safety Bay prominent sailors were Martyn Hewitt and daughter Kirsty in the Sloops 3rd championship, Tim Lowther 1st Handicap Super Sloop and don't forget yours truly winning the Pink Elephant outright every day for the whole weekend....never been done before and probably never ever happen again!!!

Hope you all have a good winter break and look forward to seeing you at Safety Bay next season.

Bob

Safety Bay Yacht Club Report,

What a season it has been, not a single days racing cancelled due to strong winds and only one cancelled due to no wind. We think one was cancelled after the Christmas Champagne breakfast but no one can remember and there are no results for that day so perhaps we didn't sail.

Safety Bay Yacht Club is renowned for its family atmosphere and not just for weekend sailing/ racing. Several weekends are allocated to social events which extend from Karajini, gold prospecting, Lancelin, Badgingarra, Margaret River and a future trans Australian caravan passage. One of the biggest was the New Year/ January 2009 Augusta caravan and camping trip which has become an annual event. This year, thanks to Rob Thompson's efforts, the Association trailer was restored and registered, (perhaps for the first time) and used to transport 6 boats , 2 canoes , 2 bikes, camping gear (no the Subaru wasn't scraping the ground, quite, this photo was taken minus passengers!!!) down for a few afternoons of casual sailing including a very fast trip to Malloy Island and back, actually doing the trip faster than the wives did in cars. From memory there were up to 10 families or satellite offspring camping and a good time was had by all. Helen Hewitt celebrated her ##th birthday in style and we all joined in a days racing at Augusta Yacht Club, boosting their usual numbers threefold and adding a bit more excitement as the wind increased and the Windrushes really showed their paces in 20+ and lovely flat water

ORSSC REPORT

Our sailing season ended Saturday 20th April with 10 boats on the water, a great improvement from the first half of the season.

Since January, a morning training program was implemented by the club with the help of the Rear Commodore Mike Beasley and the training co coordinator Greg Jennings. The Club also purchased 2 Windrush 14's and a Windrush 12 which have been invaluable for the on water training.

There has been up to 12 people attending the morning sessions, along with help from Ray Williams, James Fitzpatrick and Terry Machin performing the rescue boat duties, both am & pm, along with Viki Thompson who is there every Saturday keeping a watchful eye over us, along with race starts and finishing duties. Thank you very much to all those people: - with out their help we could not be on the water every afternoon.

We have new members in Richard and Abi who first purchased an old boat with disc rudders, all in as new condition and now have acquired John McKeachie's boat "Stark Ravin Mad" which I believe they are going to sail one each .

As I said April 20th, produced 10 boats at Pinaroo Point this included visitors, Simon Middleton (Black Cat) Mal Buzza and Bob Lowther and family with 2 boats, also Paul Todd. Our very own Keith Sales was also back on the water after a five week lay up. He lead the fleet most of the way until he found a big hole which was easy to do as the Easterly died out and turned the Bay into a mill pond, at least the sea grass on the bottom was interesting.

The breeze did return and we were all able to finish on the shortened course flag.

STRAWBERRY WAVE

Results for the 20th April

1st	Mal Buzza	Buzz Box	Cat
2nd	Rob Thompson	Strawberry wave	Super sloop
3rd	Bob Lowther	Back In Action	Super Sloop
4th	Paul Todd	Footloose	Super sloop
5th	Greg Jennings	Gusto	Super Sloop
6th	Mike O'Neill	The Dogg	Hobie 16
7th	Richard & Abi	Felix	Sloop
8th	Simon Middleton	Black Cat	Cat
9th	Keith Sales	Supa Nova	Super Sloop

2008/9 Sailing results Championship

1st	Strawberry Wave	R Thompson
2nd	Gusto	G Jennings
3rd	The Dogg	M O'Neill

2008/9 Consistency Results

1st	The Dogg	M O'Neill
2nd	Supa Nova	K Sales
3rd	Felix	R & A Paterson

Beware of too much BOAT-TOX

A 54 year old woman had a heart attack and was taken to hospital, while on the operating table she had a near death experience.

Seeing God she asked "Is my time up?"

God said "No, you have another 43 years, 2 month and 8 days to live."

Upon recovery , the woman decided to stay in hospital and have a face-lift, breast implants and a tummy tuck. She even had someone come in and change her hair colour and brighten her teeth! Since she had so much more time to live, she figured she might as well make the most of it.

After her last operation, she was released from the hospital. While crossing the street on her way home , she was killed by an ambulance.

Arriving in front of God, she demanded , "I thought you said I had another 43 years?" Why didn't you pull me from out of the path of the ambulance ?"

God replied, "*I didn't bloody recognize you.*"

Windrush Catamaran Association of Western Australia

Minutes of the Annual General meeting held on the 11th April 2009 at GBYC

Opening 1740

Present Keith Saw (President/Chairperson) Ian Culling, Coral Culling, Tim Lowther, Wendy Saw, Peter Hawley, Quin Plozza, Peter Robinson, Jim Plozza, Ron Edwards, Ruda Edwards, Alec Duncan, Greg Mair, Ryan Duffield, Rob Thompson, Viki Thompson, Anthony Saw, Brendan Smith, Paul Todd, Martyn Hewitt, Mal Buzza, Andrew Harcourt, Dylan Harcourt, Bob Lowther.

Apologies Nil

Previous Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the 22nd March 2008 are accepted as a true and accurate record and that the chairperson is authorized to sign them.

Accepted; Peter Hawley

Seconded; Rob Thompson

Business Arising Nil

Election of Office Bearers.

There were no resignations from any position and there were no new nominations.

Committee Members currently stand as;

President,	Keith Saw
Vice President,	Paul Todd
Treasurer/Registrar,	Mal Buzza
Secretary,	Bob Lowther
Auditor,	Viki Thompson
Editor,	Rob Thompson
Measurers,	Peter Hawley Ian Culling
Results Officer	Martyn Hewitt
ORSSC,	Rob Thompson
SBYC,	Bob Lowther
SSC,	Vacant
JBSC,	Vacant
GBYC,	Vacant
Port Dennison YC,	Quin Plozza

Correspondence In Various Emails regarding the Nationals had been sent and received. Anything formal was to be followed up by an official letter in future.

An Email question and answer sheet had been forwarded by Tim Hodgson representing WCAWA/PRSC and this would be addressed at a special Committee meeting 0830, 12th April 2009 and responses forwarded.

Correspondence OutTreasurer's Report :-

As per attached Statement to 31st March 2009

Current Balance \$ 10,929.86 including investment \$3,493.12 reinvested
10th May 2008 for 12 months @ 7%

Accounts Approved for Payment

Nil

Registrar's Report

Membership standing at 23 to 31st March 2009

Wavelengths

The next issue planned for a date to be decided by the Editor and subject to articles being received.

It was requested that members be prompted as to the imminent publication and closing date for articles to be forwarded. As the list of members Email addresses grows and is compiled the prompts will be sent.

Nationals

To be held at PRSC, Albany. Discussions were underway and the Notice of Race is planned to be sent out September 1st 2009.

States

Port Dennison YC nominated to hold the next State Titles Easter 2010.

Moved, Viki Thompson

Seconded, Wendy Saw and Andrew Harcourt

All present were in favor and majority committed to the event.

Class Promotion

Fliers are still available from Paul Todd

General Business

Brendan Smith advised of SSC recognizing the interest of Juniors from their Mudlark fleet progressing into Windrush and that the intention was to hold 4-6 sloop races throughout the year when juniors can crew and experience sailing Windrush. It was agreed to be a good idea and details and dates could be forwarded for inclusion in Wavelengths.

Next Meeting Date Saturday 3rd April 2010 at Port Dennison YC

Closure 1845

Chairperson Keith Saw (President) Date 11th April 2009

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PORT DENISON YACHT CLUB REPORT MAY 15 & 16th

The first people we meet on the beach were George & Elizabeth Barnetson, they had come down from Nabawa for a weekend of sailing. Also Abi and Richard had travelled up from Perth.

What a beautiful marina, easy access to the rigging area inside the marina with plenty of room to sail inside the marina, although all the racing is outside on the Northern side between the breakwater wall and the Irwin River mouth.

Eleven Windrush and 1 Hobie 16 lined up for Heat 1 in a light Westerly with the start between a small jetty and a mark out from the beach. Mark 1 was just west of the marina entrance, Mark 2 at the river mouth and Mark 3 was the start & finish mark.. a starboard course was set.

Heat 2 was a reverse order start from the foreshore inside the marina and a port course to boot with Quin Plozza doing the business in this heat.

Saturday night John & Beth Fitzharding opened their home to us for a BBQ tea, Paula Plozza and other helpers had prepared a wonderful spread of salads for all to enjoy.

John had been on the rescue boat all day Saturday and decided on Sunday it was time to dust the old Windrush off and join in.

Sunday was a light northerly with some swell and a start outside the marina. A drag race to the first mark just west of the marina, with the Hobie 16 just getting there first but after that the boats spread out in a hurry with Strawberry Wave getting a way by the 2nd mark.

We packed up and had a late lunch at the "Little Starfish Cafe" with quite a crowd of us, I might add.

I'd like to thank Graham & Jeanette Hancock for doing the results and rescue boat, Jeanette also crewed for George Barnetson on Sunday. Roger and June Johnson for all the flag work and timing. Also thanks to Quin & Paula Plozza for a wonderful weekend.

Strawberry Wave.

The twelve starters were

6249	BREAKER	MARK DAWSON
6167	FELIX	ABI PATERSON & RICHARD SEYMOUR
5194	STRAWBERRY WAVE	ROB THOMPSON
6161	THE YELLOW PERIL	GEORGE BARNETSON
6342	HALF MOON	PETER ROBINSON
5107	THE DT'S	CHRIS COLLIER
6169	WHITE LIGHTNING	JIM PLOZZA
6217	FANTASY	IAN QUARTERMAINE
6291	BAD BOY	QUIN PLOZZA
6131	SHARK BAIT	ROGER SPECK
3203	WINDBREAKER	PAUL TAYLOR
109899	FLYBLOWN	STUART SMART

PORT DENISON YACT CLUB RESULTS**RACE 1 SATURDAY 9th MAY FLYING START**

5194	STRAWBERRY WAVE	ROB THOMPSON	1st
10989	FLY BLOWN	STUART SMART	2nd
6161	THE YELLOW PERIL	GEORGE BARNETSON	3rd
6249	BREAKER	MARK DAWSON	4th

RACE 2 SATURDAY 9th MAY HANDICAP START

6291	BAD BOY	QUIN PLOZZA	1st
6249	BREAKER	MARK DAWSON	2nd
6161	THE YELLOW PERIL	GEORGE BARNETSON	3rd
6324	HALF MOON	PETER ROBINSON	4TH
5194	STRAWBERRY WAVE	ROB THOMPSON	FASTEST

RACE 3 SUNDAY 10th MAY FLYING START

5194	STRAWBERRY WAVE	ROB THOMPSON	1st
6294	H-9	JOHN FITZHARDING	2nd
6161	THE YELLOW PERIL	GEORGE BARNETSON	3rd
6291	BAD BOY	QUIN PLOZZA	4TH
5194	STRAWBERRY WAVE	ROB THOMPSON	FASTEST