



PERISCOPE NEWSLETTER APRIL 2009

New Members

Ordinary

Micheal Vertigan

Ruth McLean
Graeme Tompkins

Social

Virginia Limberg David Tate

Family

Davynks Moss Dwane Simmons

COMMODORES REPORT

By Jack Spaanderman

Hi all, the season is coming to an end, and so is the end of our Centenary Season.

For the club as a whole it has been a busy year. This year we held 2 regattas, we had the Centenary Fremantle to Albany Ocean race and the Esperance to Albany Cruising race. On top of this we had our Centenary Cocktail party, the club picnic, and the Mirror World Invitational Regatta.

For both board members and the sub committees alike, the year has been hectic. But never did we as a club say it was too hard, we all got through and we can be proud of our achievements. Well done to all involved.

This is my last newsletter as your Commodore. It has been an enjoyable journey. I have enjoyed this role very much. It has had its moments, but with the support of Board members we came through. I wish to thank past and current Board members for their support. We are now nearing our AGM, I encourage all members to be there. This is the forum for members to speak out about issues they have. If you don't turn up then we presume you are happy with things the way they are, and I say don't complain to the committee at a later date. All positions are vacant, so if you wish to stand or you have a member that you wish to nominate, then do so.

The next two years will be busy, as the club prepares to host the Mirror World titles at the end of next year. All members need to help out with this event as Princess Royal Sailing Club, your club, will be on the world stage. We as a Club will be showcased around the world starting with Paul Taylor and his family going to Wales to participate in this year's Mirror World titles in July. I wish Paul and his family all the best and safe travels. The Albany Mirror Worlds are only twenty months away, which is not very far away. Let's all work together to make this event a memorable one.

I wish the new Board and Commodore all the best in the seasons ahead.

Members please support them as you have supported me.

See you all at the AGM.

Regards Jack and Rose Spaanderman

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

By Paul Terry

Centenary Fremantle to Albany Yacht Race

The Centenary Fremantle to Albany Yacht Race and the Esperance to Albany Cruising Race were a great success. Feedback from all skippers and crew was excellent and the vast majority expressed an interest in doing it again in 3 years time.

The success of the event is a result of the countless hours of work prior to the race by Rob Giraud and Ian Lunt, with support from Royal Perth Yacht Club's Sailing Administrator, Derek Miles, and our Social Director, Brian Smith. Of course they weren't the only ones to thank because there were many members who volunteered their time to man the radio, cook in the kitchen, drive Carla, drive the courtesy bus and man the Town Jetty to record the finishing times of the yachts and assist those tying up at the Jetty. Thank you to all of those volunteers. Your help was greatly appreciated.

An event like this also does not run without the support of sponsors. The Principal Sponsor of the race was Landcorp, developers of the Albany Waterfront Marina. Other sponsors of the race included Bendigo Community Bank, Mt Romance, Fosters, Vince Calleja & Penny Taylor - Bethany Funeral Homes, Little Grove General Store, G & S Castlehow Electrical Services and Lower King General Store. Please remember these sponsors and when you see them thank them for their support of the Club.

Now to the race. Conditions went fairly well by the book through to Cape Leeuwin with a 15-20 knot ESE'ly providing good two sail reaching conditions. It was once they rounded the corner that things didn't quite go to plan with the wind being, as expected, on the nose but during the course of Saturday and built to 28/30 knots described as a- Black Easterly-for most of the day and then eased and got progressively lighter and lighter.. As a result the boats took a bit longer to arrive than what was expected with Line Honours winner Knee Deep not crossing the line until 0846 on Sunday morning. Sue Sea was the next boat in at 1247 followed 27 minutes later by The Next Factor. The elapsed time of 47 hours 16 minutes by Knee Deep was one of the longest times recorded for Line Honours in the race.

The Next Factor looked like taking out the coveted Amity Trophy until South of Perth Yacht Club boat Farrago entered the Ataturk Channel at about 1845 on Sunday evening to cross the line at 1904 to take 1st place by a margin of 62 minutes over The Next Factor. Congratulations to Peter Vlaar and his crew for their great performance along the South Coast during Sunday.

Centenary Dinner

The Centenary Dinner on Saturday 9 May was a fantastic evening and those that came along had a memorable night. The fireworks were a very special surprise for many although the wind decided to blow from the wrong direction, a NE'ly - when does it do that at 10pm? As a result it caused a few nervous moments for some adjacent residents but the South Coast Bushfire Brigade was on hand just in case there were any problems. Luckily they weren't needed. Some photos of the night will be in the next Newsletter.

Jamie Dunross



Jamie Dunross is a C5 Quadriplegic who won a Paralympic Gold Medal at the Sydney Paralympics. Jamie has ambitions to become the first Quadriplegic to circumnavigate the globe. As part of his preparation for this grueling challenge Jamie departed Fremantle on Easter Saturday onboard his S&S 34 "Spirit of Rockingham" with the aim of sailing to Albany thereby breaking his own record for the longest distance sailed solo by a quadriplegic.

rounding Cape Leeuwin, including battling 30 and 6m swells then being virtually becalmed past Walpole with a 4m remaining swell conditions very difficult, he sailed through Channel into Princess Royal Harbour on April at around 0900.

Jamie had been at sea for over 5 days and nautical miles to extend his World Record.

Jamie returned to Albany on Friday 9 May talk to members about his journey to date and showed a DVD documentary produced about his sail to Albany.

Jamie will be sailing back to Fremantle sometime over the next couple of weeks and we all wish him a safe voyage home.

Before attempting his ultimate goal Jamie intends to attempt to circumnavigate Australia to give him more experience at what he could expect whilst circumnavigating the globe.



After a very grueling sail along the coast after knot winds once getting making the Ataturk Thursday 16

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Slip Winch Cable

Members are reminded that when the slipway is being used and the cable is laid out on the ground that you should not drive over the cable. When the winch is being used the winch operator places witch's hats on the concreted area. Please do not drive over the cable when the witch's hats are in place. We had an incident recently where this happened and it caused the winch operator a fair amount of stress due to the attitude displayed by the infringing party.

Office Hours

A reminder about Lauren's amended office hours as follows -

Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 8.30am to 1.00pm

In addition if you are RSVP'ing for a function or a booking on a Friday night and you have access to email then can you please email Lauren at office@prsc.com.au.

Your adherence to this request would be greatly appreciated by Lauren and the Board.

Newsletter Articles

If you have an item that you wish to place into the newsletter then please email the item by the 2nd Monday of each month to either Lauren at the club at office@prsc.com.au or now to Ian Johnston at iansgotbecks@hotmail.com

Paul Terry

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

By Clive Walker

As our program for the past season concludes I wish to express huge thanks from both me and the Board, for the support given to this aspect of our club. I need to name all - you deserve it!

First **the Coaches:** Mike Mears, Chris Lee, Graham Pyke, Steven Lee and Sarah Liddiard. (Sarah has now gone to Broome TAFE but will be back!)

Assistants: Ross Fenwick, John Gladman, Kelly Walsh, Frank Rijavec, Marco Giuntoli, Greg Westerberg, Geoff McKeon, Kevin Kinnear, Andrew Grist.

Canteen: Julie Westerberg

Mirror crew: Anthony Galante, Paul Taylor, Paul Terry, Brough family

Sailing and Board: Simon Lucas and the Board have been great support

Maintenance: Kevin Kinnear, Mike Mears

Manager and Secretarial: Lauren Batten and Georgie Walker

Cruising and Racing fleets: for always making your boats available

Thank you all sincerely

Congratulations to Sidney Pritchard who won the Perpetual Optimist trophy from a keen fleet of 9 skippers. Widdle Cup: it is appropriate in our Anniversary year that this old trophy has been resurrected. Anthony will conduct this race for parent and child crews soon.

We currently have a maintenance team stripping, sanding and repainting our Opi fleet. Kevin Kinnear is heading our group which comprises Adam Wolfe, Kelly Walsh, Chris Lee and John Gladman. It is a huge job. Thanks all.

Opi sponsorship: We offer the opportunity for sponsorship of an Opi. We do need a few more at \$100 per year which covers maintenance costs. Please inform me now if you are interested as we are in our new financial year.

Finally, I sincerely thank all who have helped me perform my duties over the past 6 seasons. Lauren and Georgie have given me tremendous support and I could not have wished for a better bunch to work with than the Board, coaches, support, parents and kids. It has been a pleasure and I still wish to help out.

Good luck to the next Training and Development Director and to the new Board which will be overseeing an exciting time for our club.

Happy sailing
Clive