



ROYAL PORT PIRIE YACHT CLUB

(INCORPORATED)

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Racing: Tasars, Sabres, Herons, Mosquito Catamaran, Farr
Cruising: Farris, Australs, Sunmaids, Windrush, Careel

Commodore's Report

(taken from first meeting)

It seems a long time since the AGM, but on reflection I think it has been a good thing to allow everybody to take a deep breath and reflect on where we should go to from here.

There is no point glossing over the fact that there were some hurt feelings after the AGM, and to that end Chris and I have met with a group of social members to discuss a range of issues. We found that to be a very productive meeting and we went to both listen to any grievances, and to also outline where we saw the club heading over the next year. We were grateful for all the participants at that meeting.

So what do I see as the priorities for the coming year:

- Firstly all members need to be made welcome at our club, and in return need to ensure that at all times the ideals of the club are promoted. We cannot tolerate criticism in public, and I would urge all members to see me or Chris if there are any issues that need to be addressed. We will in turn ensure that they come before the committee for discussion and resolution. Obviously, if there are urgent matters then appropriate timely decisions might need to be made without full committee discussion.
- We need to make sure we have a vibrant social program, which is both good for the club atmosphere, but also raises much needed funds. The activities which could be included in this aspect are the Friday nights, Special Teas, catering for club events and the management of Hall Hire. To this end I would ask the committee to consider a social club subcommittee, organised by Andrew with another committee member, the bar manager and maybe 2 other social members on it.
- We need to have a sailing committee to organise the sailing program. Again I would envisage Chris leading this group and would include a person who was willing to do the race officer duties, and someone who would organise rescue craft etc., plus other members
- I would expect that these committees would report back to our General committee on their activities and any new proposals.
- I would then envisage that for particular events we would nominate leaders and people to organise them e.g. Peter Major will need lots of help with the Tripolis, and if we are to consider running the Queen of the Gulf next Easter we again would need to have group take this on. Other ideas might be about a maintenance committee, or if needs be, a finance and risk group. These are all up for discussion, and believe me I am not one for forming committees for their own sake. In this way I can see that we can share the load out, but also give everybody an opportunity to contribute to, and feel involved in the club.
- I think at some point we need to look at the constitution as I think it is now outdated and needs a rewrite to reflect the current environment. This will take some time, but in the end will need to be put to an AGM to consider the change.
- I would like to see an up to date membership list with names, addresses, membership status, email, and phone numbers. I am particularly interested in as many email addresses as possible so we can communicate with most of our members quite quickly

Richard Mackinnon

Working bee

Dodging rain squalls and blustery winds, a working bee was held on Sunday the 1st August, to reinforce, repair and paint the jetty, fix the guttering and downpipes on the main building and the shed and to paint the walls behind the toilets where the cisterns were removed to make way for the new ones. The window sills along the river side of the building were cleaned back and repainted. Dusting of the main hall and detailed cleaning of the women's toilets was done as well as pressure washing the outside walls.



Queen of the Gulf comes to Port Pirie

This season our club is hosting the Queen of the Gulf over Easter 2011. We have the promise of attendance and support from Pt Augusta, Whyalla and Arno Bay yacht clubs and from the SA Tasar association who are encouraging their members to attend. There will be lots of work to do to organise two days of racing, meals and activities for sailors and help finding accomodation and boat storage.

If you are interested in helping with the organisation either on rescue boats or in the kitchen or club house please contact Chris Ramsey who as Vice Commodore is coordinator.

It will be a big event and we would appreciate as much assistance as we can get.

Racing results from 2010 presentation night

Commodore's Cup Winner Frank Hackett

Navy Cup: Winner: Bernie Collins in Headache
Second: Chris Ramsey in Yacketty Yak

Series one Winner on handicap
Sabres: Roger Crouch in Spiderman
Heron: Jack Mieglich in Wild Abandon
Tasar/Mixed class: Bernie Collins in Headache

Series two Winner on handicap
Sabres: Frank Hackett in Kinetix
Heron: Jack Mieglich in Wild Abandon
Tasar/ mixed class: Bernie Collins in Headache

Championship Winner on handicap
Sabres: Frank Hackett in Kinetix
Herons: Darryn Smallacombe: Long legs
Tasar/ Mixed class: Chris Ramsey in Strategy

Championship Winner on Scratch
Sabres: Frank Hackett in Kinetix
Herons: Darryn Smallacombe in Long Legs
Tasar/ mixed class: Bernie Collins in Headache



Junior Presentations

went to

Jacinta Smallacombe

Mitchell Phillis

Quinton Phillis

Ruth Mackinnon

Gretel Ramsey

Caitlin Farrugia

Hayley Scarman

Esther Mieglich

The John Siegman Memorial Teams Race was

won by

Bernie Collins

Lou Palumbo

and Dwayne Eckert



Rob Kerin Trophy Presentation

This award is presented to recognise the best club person for the year.

The recipient does not need to be a club member or a member of the committee but a person who is a good supporter of the club, a person who is willing to offer assistance and do things around the club for the benefit of all to enjoy, a person regarded as an asset to the club.

This year's recipient has been around the club for a few years now. He is quite often seen in the background and has taken on an unofficial role as a caretaker whenever he is around. If he sees an issue, whether damage to the jetty or things that need repair, without hesitation or complaint he just gets on with carrying out the task that needed to be done. He has helped out with working bees as well as repairs on the council F Jetty, a facility needed for visiting yachts as well as locals. He has a big impact on the running of sailing each week on Saturdays by making his boat and himself available. He is a very worthy recipient.

Congratulations to Sid Smith 2010 winner of the Kerin Trophy

Airlie Beach Tasar Nationals 2010

At the beginning of July 3 boats from Pt Pire took the long journey to sunny north QLD to compete in the Tasar Nationals. Chris Ramsey with Gretel (Yaketiyak), Richard Mackinnon and Ruth (Rumline) and Jack Ramsey with Jan Miller (Strategy), were the keen sailors. There were 93 entrants with many people taking advantage of sailing in Midwinter. Of the 93 there were 12 boats from SA, 11 of which went up in the truck provided by local carrier, Bernie Noonan.

The experience of sailing in open waters in such a big fleet was invaluable. We all started off very cautiously, but by the end of the regatta were about middle of the fleet. It certainly is a great sight, with 40 boats behind you! In each race it was obvious that if we had finished a minute ahead we could have made up 5 to 10 positions, which in turn shows how important the crew work is at the marks etc.

Highlights (or lowlights) of the regatta were

- Jack losing his mainsail halyard on the invitation race
- Jack crossing the line on the 1 min horn when there was a black flag, meaning disqualification
- Richard finishing 90th in one race and on the way in finding that he was towing a piece of driftwood under his hull
- Chris finding team T shirts at the local market which he purchased and we all felt obliged to wear. (See photo). We did actually get some favourable comments about them.
- The after race functions each afternoon at which the Ronstan rep gave out prizes for everything and anything. (e.g. the bloke who camped on the way up, pitched his tent in the park, only for the sprinklers to come up over night in his tent!)

All in all the experience was great, the lessons invaluable, and many friends were made. I am not sure about other classes, but the best thing about this regatta was that people of all sailing abilities were competing. No one was left out and everybody learnt something. Only at the end did everybody learn from the local boat, which finished second overall, that when the tide is coming in you go right, and when going out you go left. No exceptions. If only we knew that at the start.

Still there is always next time – Sydney in January 2011 or Darwin in July 2012!





Notices



YACHT CLUB HIRE: During the hours of Yacht Club hire, members are **not** to enter the Club unless they are part of that function. Private Function Signs, with the date and hours of hire, are placed on the Front and Back Doors. Thank you for your co-operation.

Club boats for hire

We have three boats for hire a Tasar, Sabre and Heron so if you fancy trying one of these boats please contact the Vice Commodore Chris Ramsay. Cost per sail is \$10 payable at registration.

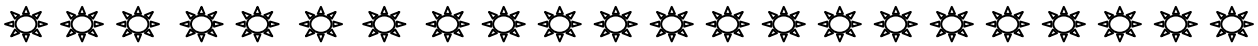
Volunteers wanted.

If you would like to get on the water and watch the sailing please consider volunteering for the rescue boats. Safety vests provided.

If you have a boat and would like to put it in the water as a rescue boat please see Chris Ramsay.

On Friday nights

The bar is open from 5pm until 7pm for drinks and socializing. Come along and enjoy the evening view from the club rooms and catch up on what is happening at the club, with friends



2010/2011 Royal Port Pirie Yacht Club Committee

Commodore Richard Mackinnon

Vice Commodore: Chris Ramsay

Rear Commodore: Andrew Phillis

Secretary: Lou Palumbo

Treasurer: Tenelle Lauder

Committee

Frank Hackett, Matt Ervin, Mark Eckert, Don Maxwell, Tina Moore, Roger Crouch, Sid Smith, Gen Collins, Doug Collins, Peter Major, Barry & Skippy Flink

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Annual Subscriptions due

All members will shortly receive their notice of subscription.
At the 2010 AGM the fees were raised and are as below
Senior \$70
Family \$87.50
Junior \$ 17.50
Pensioner \$35
Social \$21

Please make your payment to the Treasurer as soon as possible. Details will be on the form.

2010 Tripolis

Organisation for the 2010 Tripolis is underway, principally by Peter Major.

This as an anniversary event celebrating 40 years of the Tripolis race and so we want it to be a special event. Any help that you can give, either with organising before, or during the event, will be appreciated.
Contact Peter Major