



ROYAL PORT PIRIE YACHT CLUB

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Racing: Tasars, Sabres, Herons, Mosquito Catamaran, Farr

Cruising: Farris, Australs, Sunmaids, Windrush, Careel

SAILING REPORT

The sailing season up to now has been very much Jeckyll and Hyde in that we have had either strong breezes and cold weather, or very light breezes and hot days, so let's hope the weather gets it's act together in the new year, and we get more moderate consistent breezes. It was pleasing to note that even though much of the fleet was flattened by strong winds in one of our earlier races, no damage was sustained to either boats or sailors. As sailors we all need to assess our abilities to handle the heavier conditions, however I would encourage all crews to challenge themselves as much as possible, as we can only improve by sailing in conditions which we find uncomfortable – Alan & Tina are great examples of this as they have improved so much over the past few years, and are now comfortable sailing in conditions which they previously would never have ventured out into. From a safety point of view the sailors have had discussions after sailing and have agreed to the following signals to the rescue boat following a capsize or when in trouble: a wave of the arm is a request to the rescue boat for assistance, whilst a thumbs up signal is an indication to the rescue boat that you are OK. Please be consistent with using these signals, so as to let the rescue boat know what your needs are – often they are uncertain as to the degree of difficulty that you are experiencing.

We have experimented with setting the start and finish lines this season, with the aim of trying to make the start line as unbiased as possible, and making the finish line shorter and at such an angle that a short tack may be required to cross the line. This has had mixed success because of the difficulties caused by the tides moving the marks, and the marked variation in wind direction which we continually experience in the river, however we will continue with these lines, as it will be good practice for setting them for the Queen of the Gulf in April 2011. As well the course marks have often been set quite close to either side of the river in an attempt to give a better beat to windward, again with mixed success.

Frank has come up with a new course which involves a triangular setup which allows the boats to sail on a reach, which is something we rarely are able to achieve because of the positioning of the river. This course proved to be a great success, as the first day we sailed it had a fresh breeze blowing, with some fast rides being enjoyed on the reaching leg.

Sailing wise, we have had a reasonable number of boats on the water this year, but consistently are missing some boats each week due to various reasons. Frank has made the trek to Adelaide twice for state heats, only to encounter extremely light conditions both weeks, with only 2 races out of a possible 6 were completed. It is great for the club to be represented at state heats, and we wish Frank better conditions for the final heats.

With the Tasars: Bernie & Todd have usually been first across the line, however the competition has been close behind them most weeks. The Sabres have been similarly close, usually with Frank getting his nose in front.

The Mieglich boys have been sailing when work has allowed them, but importantly it has been terrific to see their crews taking the helm during the racing, unfortunately this allows Jack and Antony more time to work on their sledging of each other.

Finally, a reminder that RPPYC will be hosting it's first Queen of the Gulf for approx 35 years over Easter 2011, so keep that time free on your calendar, and let's get as many boats on the water as we possibly can.

Chris Ramsev Vice Commodore



Working bee #2

During a hot Sunday the second working bee for the season was held and the gutters were de-rusted and re painted, walls washed, more reinforcing done on the jetty, window sills painted with top coat and the shower walls washed down.

The carpet was washed the next day bring the maintenance up to date apart from ongoing repairs to the jetty/ pontoon



Safety Training Day

To be held either on the 16th Jan or 23rd Jan 2011 at the club.

The instructor will be David Woods a qualified safety training officer (ex navy) this course will take sailors through theory and practical demonstrations on use of flares, marine first aid, simulated helicopter rescue, proper methods of retrieval for someone in the water onto a boat, how to prevent hypothermia in someone in the water among other important things. The day will provide education, demonstration, and increased knowledge for safer boating.

Cost per person \$20 with BBQ lunch extra.

Times 9.30am to 4 pm



CHRISTMAS MEAL AT RPPYC
TURKEY, HAM AND ROAST BEEF WITH VEG,
PUDDING AND CUSTARD
FOR DESSERT AT \$15 PER HEAD
MEALS SERVED FROM 6PM
COME ALONG AND BRING FAMILY AND FRIENDS
RAFFLE PRIZES TO BE WON WITH DRAWS THROUGHOUT
THE EVENING
FATHER CHRISTMAS WILL BE PAYING A VISIT AT 7.30
NUMBERS ATTENDING WOULD BE APPRECIATED
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Port Pirie Christmas Pageant

This year's Pt Pirie Christmas pageant saw RPPYC represented with a float. The aim was to promote sailing to the members of the community.

Jack Mieglich's 'Wild Abandon' was decorated the Friday night before by Andrew and Mitchell Phillis. Ester Mieglich and Georgia Afford.

Wild Abandon was towed by Doug Collins while Quinten and Andrew Phillis, Jackson McDonald, Ester Mieglich and Georgia Afford pictured beside, walked beside it handing out lollies and a pamphlet encouraging everyone to come and try sailing.

Pictures by Dianah Mieglich

Thanks Jack for lending his boat and to everyone who contributed in some way to this event.



40th Annual Tripolis Race

27th -30th December

Some of you may have seen the television ads for the Tripolis. This event is a major event on the Club calendar with lots of effort needed to make it successful.

Sponsorship has been obtained from several sources to enable us to meet the costs.

The race has three legs

28th Pt Pirie to Pt Augusta

29th Pt Augusta to Whyalla

30th Whyalla to Pt Pirie

Peter Major is the organiser with Mark Eckert, Commodore Richard Mackinnon and Vice Commodore Chris Ramsey assisting. Peter Major is the Principal Race Officer. The PRO has responsibility for the fleet throughout the race. The safety boat will be manned by Dave and Rob Worden who have provided support in 'Turtle' for the past 27 Tripolis events, ensuring the safety of the racing fleet.

The start and finish boat for the Pirie beginning/ end will be provided by Syd Smith in 'Wandering Star.'

At the start of the event, on the 27th, our club is hosting the evening meal and help to serve and clean up would be appreciated if you have the time.



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Club Web page

<http://www.royalportpirieyachtclub.org.au/>

The results get posted to the results page each week and news and information are posted to the appropriate pages. So keep up to date with what is happening or send me news to be posted. I have been creating albums for the photos kindly taken by Rob Worden on Rescue boat and Kaz Eaton on the committee boat so that members can see photos taken during the day.

Check the new Trailer-sailor page for news and photos of cruising events and activities.

News from cruising boats is welcome

email me on tina@flindersshoes.com.au with articles and photos.

Thanks to our trusty rescue and support crews who get out in all weathers to help keep us sailing safely

