



ROYAL PORT PIRIE YACHT CLUB

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

Report from the Commodore

We are now over half way through our sailing season and I am pleased to report that we have consistent numbers of enthusiastic sailors on the water. There is quite a rivalry between the Tassar and Sabre classes to see who can get the greatest numbers on the water, with even a bit of poaching going on by the Sabre sailors! Mark – come back to the bright side.

Off the water I feel there is a real pride and enthusiasm in our club, amongst our members, which is reflected in the amount of work done by all to keep the club going. I was particularly pleased with the number who turned up to the last working bee. Also there is a great atmosphere around the club after sailing with people wanting to stay around and have a chat and a drink. It has also been great to have been to Wallaroo and they come to us for sailing. In the coming years I hope that this relationship may grow, especially as their regular sailing is on a Sunday afternoon. Thus if there are people interested in going down for extra sailing then it could happen without interrupting our program on Saturday.

In the coming months we are to host the Gulf Cruise for one night and expect 25 to 30 boats. Andrew will need helpers for the meal we are providing. Then at Easter it will be all hands on deck to run the Queen of the Gulf Regatta. A group of us have started the planning and feel comfortable that we are on track. Soon we will be calling for a list of people who will be around on that weekend to help, so we can start allocating jobs. This promises to be a main fundraiser for us, and will also promote our sport in our communities, so I hope all who can, will put their hands up.

Now if we can just get some wind greater than 7 knots on a Saturday afternoon, to help us heavier crews, all would be perfect.

Good Sailing.

Richard Mackinnon

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

Well, March is here, most of the sailing season is behind us, the Queen of the Gulf is fast approaching, and you wonder where the season has gone.

Since my last report RPPYC has hosted the 40th Tripolis, thanks to the hard work put in by Peter Major and Mark Eckert, and their band of helpers on and off the water. The Tripolis is a good experience for the RPPYC as we are predominately a dinghy sailing club, and it is important that we are exposed to the organization required to race the bigger boats.

It has been refreshing to see a number of new sailors on the water in the New Year. We welcome Kaz, Annette, Wendy, Sean, Neil and his boys Craig, Scott and James. They have been able to make use of the club boats, as well as club members making their own boats available for them to use. We hope they have enjoyed their experience on the water, and continue to come out to enjoy the thrill of sailing. Kaz even decided to take on the boom of the Sabre, unfortunately coming off second best, but has still come back for more.

While on the topic of injuries, Matt managed to damage a shoulder, and has since missed some time on the water. However the day he injured himself and managed to get back to the beach, his boat was unrigged by the other sailors and loaded onto the trailer, which has prompted a number of other sailors to consider feigning injury at the end of racing in the hope of getting similar assistance.

One calm afternoon whilst waiting for the breeze to arrive, Richard spent 30 mins or so going through some of the rules of racing, particularly encouraging the younger sailors to consider their rights (or lack of) when on the water. This was a great initiative which highlights that sailing is not only a sport where athletic prowess is required, but that a mental cunning is a very important component of racing successfully – may we have more! We are also in the process of using the flags for our starting procedures, and as we all become more familiar with this, I'm sure the worry lines will start to fade from Syd's face.

Our club has been represented by boats at the Wallaroo Retravision regatta, the Pt. Vincent regatta, the Sabre States, and the Tasar States and the Tasar nationals. Congratulations to all those sailors who made the effort to travel, and even though we miss boats sailing locally when these events are on, our Yacht Club is the winner with the experience they bring back.

Preparations for the SGYA Queen of the Gulf over Easter are in full swing, so I hope all club members will be involved where they can, as we want to show that the RPPYC can host a sailing event as good as anyone. There will be racing on the Saturday and Sunday, with catering from Friday night to Sunday night, so any time that members or friends can give to help out either on the water or on land will be greatly appreciated.

Finally I know that the thoughts of all our club members are with Rob Worden as he begins his medical treatment in Adelaide. Rob is one of those members you take for granted, in that he was always ready for his Saturday afternoon on the rescue boat, no need to organise, no need to fuss, always a smile on his face. **Good Luck Rob**

Chris Ramsey: Vice Commodore



Safety training day

On January 16th, twelve members of the yacht club including dinghy and cruising boat sailors gathered to attend the Safety training day organized by Kaz Eaton. David Woods, ex Navy and specialist in marine safety, was the instructor for the day and he took us through a number of scenarios involving marine safety. These involved inflating and boarding life-rafts (shown above) wearing full wet weather gear and the proper use of marine distress flares. David who has sailed in many Sydney To Hobart races, including the 1998 race that ended in disaster for many decided, to conduct safety training sessions such as this to help educate sailors what they need to have on board to help in case of emergency and how to use it when needed. While this was only a shortened version of the course there was lots of valuable information and interesting anecdotes and many of us are planning modifications to our boats and gear and are also interested in obtaining our marine radio licenses.

Another course on this is to be organised for the winter months and anyone interested should contact Tina on 86632292 or tina@flindersshoes.com.au

Photos courtesy of Kaz Eaton



This was really good fun!!!



KADINA ELECTRICAL REGATTA

On Saturday the 12th February four Tasars one Heron and one Sabre from Pt Pirie attended the Kadina Electrical Regatta at Wallaroo Sailing Club. Despite the threat of rain it was a great day for sailing with good 10 to 13 knot breezes from the south east which kept us busy during the three races.

Bernie Collins had the pleasure of beating the local Fireball sailed by the Flint boys in the second race. And the Tasars were at the front of a mixed fleet of foiler Moth, TS16s, Sabres, Pacer, and mixed keel or trailer sailor boats. Consistently first was the Moth which was totally unbeatable and amazing to watch as it screamed by on its foils. Wallaroo is fortunate to have such a good patron in Bernie from Kadina Electrical and we all came home with prizes donated by him and his suppliers. The event was viewed by his staff and suppliers from the comfort of a local keel boat.

This event is well worth attending as it gives us the opportunity to sail in open water with real sand on the beach.

Photos courtesy of Dianah Mieglich



Seagrims Tripolis 2010

Royal Port Pirie Yacht Club hosted Seagrims Tripolis 2010, this being the 40th year of this classic race started in 1971 by Monty Luke from Port Augusta Yacht Club, which in previous years attracted large fleets of Yachts. Dr Viner-Smith from Port Pirie won the first race.

The fleet arrived in Pirie on the 27th December and were warmly welcomed at the Royal Port Pirie Yacht Club by Richard McKinnon Commodore, then with evening meal and briefing it was off to bed.

We were very lucky with the weather, although the yachts sailing down from Port Augusta had a rough trip with a strong Southerly the day before and arrived late. A small fleet this year with only twelve starters, although Pirie had two, Fifi V skippered by Brian Lawrie and Jupiter skippered by Brian Hill who had Roy Butson on board, Roy is in his late 70s and sailing his 38th Tripolis, was all over the boat fine tuning the rig.

This year we had two starts one at 630 and another at 730 for the faster Trailer Sailors, however the wind dropped out well before Wards Spit Beacon and the race was restarted at Backy Point with a leisurely sail to PA No9 where the race was finished. Port Augusta Yacht Club provided a delicious roast dinner and refreshments, then with another big day ahead, off to bed.

Line honours for the day were Keelboats 1st "Jupiter" Royal Port Pirie YC, 2nd "Tanqueray" Port Augusta YC, 3rd "The Fox" Port Augusta. YC.

Division 2: Trailer Sailors 1st "Magic" TSASA 2nd "Sirocco" Wallaroo YC 3rd "Fifi V" Royal Port Pirie. YC

Division 3 :Trailer Sailors 1st "Kryptonite" Garden Island YC 2nd "Steeple Jack" Goolwa YC 3rd "Loose Cannon" Garden Island YC

Day 2, it was decided to start all boats at 630 as the lead keelers were just as fast as the fast trailer sailers. Sirocco one of the older trailer Sailors took off like a rocket and actually led the race as the fleet tacked down towards No9, then down to Lowly with the wind on the nose all the way, once around Lowly most boats had a spinnaker run to the finish at Fairway Beacon it became very lumpy by the time the last boat arrived and we had to retrieve our anchor from the cockpit to avoid waves flooding the forward hatch. Another good night at Whyalla although by the time we refuelled the rescue boats most sailors had wine and dined and were for bed so first the briefing then chase up the sign on sheets.

Line honours Keelboats 1st"Jupiter", 2nd "Tanqueray" 3rd "Calico" Port Augusta YC. Division 2 Trailer sailors 1st "Fifi v" 2nd "Magic" 3rd "Sirocco" Division 3 Trailer Sailors 1st "Kryptonite" 2nd "Loose Cannon" 3rd "Steeple Jack".

Day 3 The boys were keen at the start with calls for water and the whole fleet crossing as one. With the fleet sailing well till halfway between Eastern Shoal and Cockle Spit, the wind dropped out completely and the finish line brought back to 150 m from the leading boat and the boats gradually drifted over with "Magic", Tantalus" and "Steeple Jack" withdrawing as they were running out of time.

Line honours Keelboats 1st "Jupiter" 2nd "Tanqueray" 3rd DNF

Division 2 Trailer sailors 1st "Sirocco" 2nd "Fifi V" 3rd DNF

Division 3 Trailer sailors 1st "Kryptonite" 2nd "Loose Cannon" 3rd DNF

Unfortunately handicapper suffered a computer meltdown holding up the presentation for about 1.5 hours.

Tripolis Winners

Division 1 Keelboats : 1st "Jupiter" 2 "Tanqueray" 3 "Calico"

Division 2 Trailer sailors: 1st "Fifi v" 2nd "Sirocco" 3"Magic"

Division 3 Trailer sailors: 1st "Loose Cannon" 2nd "Kryptonite" 3rd "Steeple Jack"

Royal Port Pirie Yacht Club would like to thank all sponsors, participating clubs and rescue boat operators who worked hard to make this event a success.



Photos
courtesy Kevin
Pallant

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

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.

News from cruising boats is welcome

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

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Working bee #3

Our third working bee for this season was very well attended and there was lots of work done. More painting on the outside windows and behind the toilets, a shelf for the cleaning cupboard, more work on reinforcing the jetty, the hole in the shed wall, that was kindly created for us by a passerby, was repaired, a shelf was erected in the kitchen to hold the till and microwave, floor protecting plugs replaced in some of the chairs, the air-conditioners were serviced and repaired and numerous small jobs. My apologies if I have forgotten anything.

