



ROYAL PORT PIRIE YACHT CLUB

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

Report from the Commodore

It is with great pleasure that I deliver this report to the Members of the RPPYC on the year's activities.

Last year's AGM saw the introduction of a new committee with many new faces filling roles on the committee. It would be fair to say that the AGM was one of the best attended in years and there was competition for most of the positions. It should also be acknowledged that there were some hurt feelings from people who missed out on committee positions, and to that end both Chris Ramsey and I met with those people to assure them that they were most welcome at the club and there was still a lot to offer. That is still the case, but these people have mostly decided to not attend the club. After the AGM last year, those present would recall that I immediately asked for all members to work together for the benefit of the club, and I continue this plea. I also asked that any changes that need to happen should be raised from within the club rather than being aired publically. This is now starting to happen and I would encourage this to continue. It has also been great to see past members coming to the club, especially at the presentation dinner, and again I issue an invitation to them to come down whenever they can.

And so to the year that has been. It has been a busy one with the club coming together to run the Tripolis, the Gulf Cruise and the Queen of the Gulf Regatta (first time in 35years). All these events involved all the members putting their hands up to help out, and I would like to thank everyone who helped. These events help to lift the profile of the RPPYC in the local and wider community. Of course, these were in addition to the regular sailing on Saturdays throughout the season. Members of our club also travelled to State and National Regattas in their classes where they gained lots of experience, had great fun and flew the flag for the RPPYC. Congratulations to all the sailors who have taken to the water this year.

I would particularly like to thank several people who in turn have led various groups within the club.

- Chris Ramsey as Vice Commodore has been in charge of the sailing program and as mentioned before this has been extensive this year. He has had great support from various members, with advice and help. Of course his on-water crew of Wayne, Syd and helpers are invaluable and our thanks go out to them all.
- Andrew Phillis as Rear Commodore has done a great job with the Clubroom Hire and catering and again has a great crew who help him. There are more organisations who are contacting us to hire the rooms, and it is a major revenue stream for us. Thanks to Andrew and his helpers.
- Mark Eckert has run the bar for us and to him and his willing helpers, my thanks.
- Other office bearers, such as Tenelle as Treasurer and Lou as Secretary have done a fantastic job and I really appreciate you taking those jobs on.
- We have lots of odd jobs that get done around the club and Frank and Don have organised a lot of this, and keep the place looking good. Thankyou.
- I want to also thank Tina for all the modern day communication with the upkeep of the Website, the email lists and the newsletter production. Again this is very important to our perception by people outside our club.
- Of course there are multiple other people, which I have not individually named, who have contributed to the successful year and I thank you all.

When I look to the coming year I make the following observations.

- With the increase in interest in the Rooms hire I think we should invest in doing up the rooms. To this end we are planning on reupholstering the chairs with some working bees, replacing the carpet which is looking tired, and I would suggest that we look at installing a Data Projector to complement the recently installed screen. This would then make the venue more attractive to hirers
- The club has started a 5 yr lease on a Zodiac rescue boat, which will enhance the safety for all on the water. This is a positive move to hopefully encourage more people to come and try sailing, and maybe we can think about some more formal training sessions, utilising this craft.
- The neighbouring club of Wallaroo have acquired some Tasars and are looking for some competition and help to up their skills. To that end, we are looking to spend a bit more time both travelling and hosting them, next season. There is talk of maybe doing training and sailing once a month and the Tasars from Adelaide are keen on attending. This can fit in nicely, as Wallaroo sail on Sundays, and thus it will mean minimal interruption to each of our club sailing programs.
- This year I think the committee should make a concerted effort to update our constitution and all of our risk management strategies. Although these can be dry topics, these two areas should not be neglected, and to that end I would encourage members to participate in these processes.

So in conclusion, I can report that the RPPYC has had a very successful year, and with the ongoing enthusiasm and effort we can continue to go from strength to strength in the coming year. I wish the incoming committee all the best for the coming year.

Richard Mackinnon



**Royal Port Pirie Yacht Club Committee for 2011/2012
Executive**

Commodore: Richard Mackinnon, **Vice Commodore:** Chris Ramsey

Rear Commodore: Andrew Phillis, **Treasurer:** Tenelle Lauder

Secretary: Lou Palumbo, **Marshal/Measurer:** Bernie Collins

General Committee

Mark Eckert, Syd Smith, Gene & Doug Collins, Matt Ervin, Tina & Alan Moore,
Peter Major, Don Maxwell, Frank Hackett, Roger Crouch, Wayne Growden
Bar Manager Mark Eckert



VICE-COMMODORE'S SAILING REPORT

Well, what a season we've had. Hosting the Tripolis AND the Queen of the Gulf in the one season, particularly after having not run a Queen of the Gulf for around 35 years. Well done to all club members for a terrific season's sailing. I have commented on most of the season's sailing in previous reports, so I will now concentrate on the Queen of the Gulf and end of season activities.

With Easter fast approaching, and boat registrations sparse, the worry lines on my forehead were deepening, however we ended up with an encouraging fleet of 24 boats for the 2011 Queen of the Gulf comprising of 10 Tasars, 7 125's, 6 Pacer's, and Jack Mieglich doing his thing in a Heron. Thanks to Mark Eckert and his Scout connections, we were able to set up food and shade at the rigging beach, as well as being able to leave the boats at the beach overnight thanks to the security provided by the WYC contingent camping at the beach. Come the Saturday morning race, the worry lines reappeared as no breeze presented and the postponement siren was sounded. Eventually the boats were sent out to start in a zephyr of a breeze, and even though the wind remained very light and variable, were able to complete the course. This continued to be the theme of the racing throughout the regatta with winds generally being light, but races able to be completed. Both morning races were sailed in the turning basin area, whilst the afternoon races were sailed in the river beyond the smelter. It was interesting to hear a number of visiting sailors comment how they preferred to sail in the basin rather than further up the river, a comment re-enforced by a number of spectators who enjoyed watching the sailing from much closer quarters than normal. As well as the sailing running smoothly, Andrew Phillis did an excellent effort with the catering for the weekend, particularly as he had little idea of the numbers to expect for the weekend. My thanks also extend to the WYC for providing their Zodiac rescue boat for the regatta, and Ian Klingberg from PAYC for his sage advice on the Official boat.

The presentation night was another successful social night for the club, and my congratulations go out to all the trophy winners on the night, particularly the 2 Club Champion Crews, Frank Hackett in the Sabre class, and Bernie Collins/Todd Thorpe in the Tassar class.

Just when we thought the season was over, YSA contacted us to see whether we were prepared to host a Race Officer's course which they wanted to run for country yacht clubs. Malcolm Hughes and Stewart Ross ran an excellent day which was attended by 15 people from Pt. Vincent Yacht Club, Wallaroo Sailing Club, and RPPYC. All of those who attended left with a much better understanding of the obligations of the race officer, as well as knowing there is good support from YSA if needed.

Looking forward to next season, our first race of the season is on October 8, with opening day being a week later on October 15. Next season should be a little quieter than this one, however we still have the Gulf Cruise, and the Master's Games on the calendar. As well, Wallaroo Sailing Club now have a fleet of 4 Tasars, and we will try to have a number of sailing exchanges with them next season as we both sail different days of the weekend, which means it shouldn't interfere with club sailing. As well the club has been able to purchase a Zodiac dinghy suitable for rescue work and sail training, thanks to the efforts of Commodore Richard in arranging an interest free loan.

Finally my thanks are with all of you who have helped in any way with the sailing at RPPYC in 2010/11 season.

Chris Ramsey Vice Commodore

Presentation Night 2011 **TROPHY WINNERS RPPYC 2010/11**



Rob Kerin Club Person of the Year

Don Maxwell

Series 1 H/cap

SABRE KINETIX : F. Hackett
TASAR MR. BEAN : Alan/Tina Moore

Series 2 H/cap

SABRE KINETIX: F. Hackett
TASAR HEADACHE: B. Collins/T. Thorpe



Championship Handicap

SABRE FINAL FLING L. Palumbo
TASAR MR. BEAN Alan/Tina Moore

Club Champion

SABRE KINETIX F. Hackett
TASAR HEADACHE B. Collins/T. Thorpe



**John Siegman Memorial Teams Race
ORANGE TEAM**

KINETIX: F. Hackett
MR. BEAN: Alan/Tina Moore
STRATEGY J. Ramsey/S. Bentley
YAKYETI YAK C. Ramsey/N. Bentley

Navy Cup

1st HEADACHE B. Collins/T. Thorpe
2nd FINAL FLING L. Palumbo
3rd MR. BEAN Alan/Tina Moore



**Peter Major
Encouragement
Award
Caitlin Farrugia**



**Junior sailors
encouragement awards**

Caitlin Farrugia, Charlie
Mieglich, Ester Mieglich,
Marshall Mieglich



Marine radio operators licence workshop.

We are planning a workshop for club members interested in obtaining their marine radio operators licence.

We are calling for expressions of interest from those interested in doing this workshop.

Please contact Tina on 86632292 or email me at tina@flindersshoes.com.au

Tasar class just keeps growing!!

With the recent purchase of Mojo by Antony Mieglich the Tasar class in Pirie now stands at seven with one more owned by the club. With three at Wallaroo there are now eleven Tasars in the Mid North. The recent purchase of Tasars at Wallaroo gives us the opportunity to have Tasar events between clubs which will improve everyone's skills and allow us to enjoy lots of friendly rivalry between Wallaroo and ourselves.

Special Upholstery working bee

Sunday 3rd July any time after 10.30

Working in groups we aim to re-upholster as many chairs as possible. Help is needed with taking cushions off the chairs and removing the staples, cutting the new fabric and after sewing up stapling the fabric onto the chairs.

All brown frames will be sprayed black

I am keen to organise more Trailer Sailer events such as the Trailer Sailer Challenge we had a few years ago. I am thinking about day sails e.g. out and around Cockle Spit, down to Fourth Creek and back etc. These could be weekend events to fit in with most peoples' work and could be held in the off season for the club racing or on a Sunday during the racing season. Please let me know what your ideas are on this and when you would like it to happen.

Alan Moore

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 support boats. Safety vests provided.

If you have a boat and would like to put it in the water as a support 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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