



PERISCOPE NEWSLETTER JUNE 2008

New Members

Social

Liz Manning

Audrey Jackson

Junior

Louis Clarke

COMMODORE'S REPORT

By Jack Spaanderman

We are getting to the business end of the season. One more sailing day and we have the end of season Brass Monkey dinner and Trophy night on Saturday 28 June. See you all there for a great evening.

Your Board has been very busy in the last few months. Congratulation goes to our new Vice Commodore, Paul Terry.

We still have a couple of vacancies on the Board - Social director and Communications director. If you feel the need to get involved in your club and want to do either of these roles, then we would love to hear from you.

Anthony Galante has been found willing to take on the role as Projects director. His focus will be the World Mirror titles in 2011. With Anthony on the board we gain more brain horsepower as well as one with plenty of energy.

Please support your Board where you can.

In the next few weeks you will notice pontoons at the club. These are floating pontoons for the club's Sailability program. This program will be a huge benefit to the club as well as a community benefit.

These floating jetties have come from the Royal Perth Yacht Club. The floating jetty will be positioned to the west of our slipway.

A big thank you goes to TIMBERCORP for their donation in providing funds to pay for the cartage down from Perth of these pontoons.

If you wish to help out in positioning these pontoons then please see Terry our Facilities director.

See you all at trophy night

Till next time,

Jack Spaanderman

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

By Paul Terry

Firstly I'd like to thank Tony Stanton for his stewardship over the last 2 years in the role of Vice Commodore and I, along with the other Board members, acknowledge the effort that he has put in around the Club not just in his role as Vice Commodore but also as Bosun. Thank you Tony for all you've done over the years at the Princess Royal Sailing Club and we're looking forward to seeing one of your pet projects, the Sailability project, come to fruition over the next few months.

This Club has got a fantastic history and I relish being involved in creating more history. This coming year will be a big one for the Club with our Centenary season kicking off with the Official Opening Day on Saturday 25 October. Preparations are already underway to mark the beginning of this special season.

One special event that we will be hosting during the course of the year will be the Centenary Fremantle to Albany Race. Ian Lunt and Rob Girardo have done a lot of work behind the scenes over the last 12 to 18 months and the race is attracting much interest within the WA Offshore fleet. The major box that we need ticking off at the moment is the breakwater around the Town Jetty. If anybody within the Club has some well placed contacts at the EPA we'd really appreciate a not so quiet word in their ear about getting on and finalizing the environmental approval process so the tenders can go out, the contract be let and the dumping of rocks in the water to build the breakwater. This is really quite crucial. If the breakwater isn't in place by March then we may not have a race. If you can make waves to speed up the process **THEN DO IT!!!**

Communications Director

As foreshadowed in last month's newsletter - now that I've taken on the role of Vice Commodore we really need someone to take a step up and take on the Communications Director role. The main jobs in this position are production of this Newsletter and maintenance of the website. It's not really that difficult. If you have a bit of creative flair and web site design knowledge then even better. If you have these skills and want to help out but do not want to be on the Board then that's fine. If I can find someone else to take on this role so I can focus on other things then that'd be fantastic.

Allocation of pens

If you are around the Club and a new or visiting boat turns up that is wanting to lease a pen then whatever you do don't say to the owner "that pen's available you can go into that one". The allocation of pens is the responsibility of the Facilities Director or the Bosun. There have been a few instances recently where boats have turned up at the club and been allocated a pen without the knowledge of either Terry or Tony. This must stop. Any new or visiting boats that want to tie up in one of the Club's pens must obtain authorization from the Facilities Director or the Bosun before doing so. As the Club is not manned 7 days a week it is also incumbent upon existing members to assist in communicating this to new arrivals at the Club.

Other notices

The Board, on behalf of all members, offers it's condolences to Scott Percival and family upon hearing the news of the passing of Scott's brother, Graham. For the oldtimers around the club there are many memories of Scott and Graham bashing about in their Pelican in their youth. May you rest in Peace.

Newsletter Articles

If you have an item that you wish to place into the newsletter then please email the item by the end of each month to either Lauren at the club at office@prsc.com.au or myself at pterry@psl.com.au.

Paul Terry

FACILITIES DIRECTOR'S REPORT

By Terry Castlehow

Sailability

By time members receive this newsletter, the Club should be in possession of the floating jetty, access ramp, sailing dinghies and the personnel lift previously located at Royal Perth Yacht Club and used by disabled and handicapped sailors in the Perth region. Royal Perth are having their facilities upgraded and this jetty and associated equipment, which is owned by Sailability, an organization formed specifically to assist and promote sailing for the disabled and handicapped and administered by RPYC, was offered to our Club for us to run a similar program in Albany.

After meeting with Graham White in Perth to inspect the facility, Graham, Gary Griffith's and others in their capacity of Sailability Board members, travelled to Albany to assess the suitability of the proposed location of the jetty. The Board decided on Monday evening to accept the offer to proceed with this project.

Whilst the jetty and equipment remains the property of Sailability, it is in our control and we are free to use it for other purposes so long as we make it available for its intended use.

The proposed location of the jetty is on the western side of the Club's slipway and adjacent to the two wooden piles. The existing concrete matting small boat ramp, which is not serviceable, will be abandoned and we will look to re-furbishing the old concrete ramp between the jetty and the slipway to enable the rescue craft etc to be launched. This offer of the jetty was timely, as a finger jetty in this location was on the wish list.

We have had a lot of support so far in many ways in the very early stages of this project, both in time, equipment and monetary support, and thanks must go to Tony Stanton for his initial and continued support of the project, Timbercorp for providing one of their trucks, Commodore Jack Spaanderman in taking the truck to Perth and transporting the gear back here and Michael Cameron for the offer of his truck to pick up any of the other materials required from Perth.

Special thanks also must go to Past Commodore, Dr David Watson, who has pledged a considerable amount of money for the construction of a building to house the dinghies and associated rescue craft as his appreciation in providing sailing for the disabled and handicapped. Thank you very much David.

Sailability is sponsored by The Macquarie Bank and is also supported by the West Australian Disabled Sports Association (WADSA) and we have the opportunity to apply for funding and grants to finance the project. It is not intended to fund Sailability from the Club's resources, other than to provide labor by way of volunteers to assemble, launch and moor the floating jetty and given that the Club can use the jetty for any purpose, this is not too much to ask.

No doubt we will be seeking volunteers to help run the Sailability sailing program, usually conducted in Perth mid week and here I assume the same will occur. If you are keen and able to assist here, please contact Lauren in the office and let her know. Lastly on this subject, insurance cover for Sailability will be provide by WADSA.

Busy Bee

Saturday 5th July commencing at 1.00 PM, we will be having a small busy bee or a large one, depends on who turns up, primarily to remove the dead tree at the top of the driveway to the Club's top car park. A quick tidy up of the grounds is also planned. Come along, pitch in and enjoy a beer after courtesy of the Commodore.

Water Lease.

It has been decided that it is time to determine the exact position of our water lease with Albany Port Authority to ensure that we direct members who wish to utilise moorings to a location within our lease and to prevent non members from mooring within our lease and resulting in the Club losing mooring fee's.

Yellow buoys will be moored marking out this area shortly.

Thanks go to Geoff Findlay who was able to donate these buoys to the Club.

Down Stairs Bar

We are still awaiting final approval from Racing, Gaming and Liquor to include the down stairs area in our licensed area before we can start alterations. Thanks again to Ian Howard from Howard & Heaver Architects for donating his time in providing additional plans of the proposed changes as requested by the Department.

Once we have the approval to proceed, we hope to do a lot of this work ourselves voluntarily, and we will call upon members with the necessary skills to assist.

In General

Should you notice any of the Club's asset's that need attention or can be improved, or have any idea's that can help improve what we have, please contact any of the Board or Lauren in the office with your suggestions and we will be only too pleased to consider your suggestion or take actions where necessary.

SAILING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

By Simon Lucas

The Brass Monkey race, the final one of the 2007 - 2008 Season is to be held on the last Saturday in June. So far the winter series has been sailed in light winds and mainly sunny afternoons.

A skippers meeting was held on the 19th June and thanks to those that attended and assisted with the planning of next years sailing and racing programme.

I would also like to thank the Division reps for attending the race and sailing committee meetings throughout the year. This enables the committee to hear the views of the Divisions and individual sailors.

Without the start box and rescue boat volunteers the racing would just not happen, so on behalf of the Race & Sailing Committee and the members, I thank all those that assisted during the 2007-8 season.

The Trophy presentation night on Saturday 28th June is the culmination of the efforts of all the skippers and crew to sail competitively and fairly during the season.

It will be an enjoyable evening and all skippers and crew should endeavor to attend.

Simon Lucas

Sailing Director

Fishing on the jetty

I would like to propose that member's children be allowed to fish on the Princess Royal Sailing Club's jetty. When I was a child I remember going to the wharf to fish. We would sit with our brothers and friends and do what children do. We would have fun as being children.

I do know that there are senior members of our club and some boatowners that have a problem with fishing on the jetty. I ask these members what did you do when you were a child. Did you have fun? Did you fish at the wharf? Did you fish at the yacht club? Think back what you did to entertain yourselves.

Nowadays many things are being eroded for children to be children. My children, as well as many others, do not have the ability to have a fishing boat or a dinghy.

So I wish to propose that member's children be allowed to fish on the jetty.

When you read this and if you agree with me than get off your bum and help me to make this happen. Please send me or pass on to the club office your response.

You have the clubs email. Do it and let's get the jetty back for all children where children can be children. I have spoken to many members, so I know there is plenty of support out there.

Regards Jack and Rose Spaanderman

BRING FRIENDS



MAKE A TABLE

PRSC

Brass Monkey Winter Dinner
&
Trophy Night



Menu

Soup

Moroccan Lamb & Couscous

Cheese Cake

6PM - SAT 28TH JUNE

ADULTS \$16 - CHILDREN \$8

MULLED WINE

Galley this Winter

June

Friday 6th kids meals and mini meals

Friday 13th kids meals and mini meals

Friday 20th kids meals and mini meals

Friday 27th kids meals and mini meals

July

Friday 4th **PASTA BUFFETT**
Bookings Essential

\$15.50 Adults \$8.50 Children

Friday 11th kids meals and mini meals

Friday 18th **CURRY NIGHT**
Bookings essential

\$13.50 (kids meals also available)

Friday 25th GUS is Back and **Friday night back to normal**

Bookings on 9844 4033