



## PERISCOPE NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2009

### COMMODORES REPORT

By Paul Terry

It's been a bit quiet on the news front over the last few weeks due to the absence of a few of our Board Members going away on holidays, including myself. This doesn't mean that not much has been going on around the Club. There has been quite a lot of activity, including maintenance of Club Assets & equipment, including;

- The slip was out of action for a week or so when the steel runways were replaced.
- The Club's Jinker has been repaired.
- The existing Downstairs Bar was removed and carpet taken up in preparation for Stage One of the Downstairs Bar/Canteen redevelopment. At the Special General Meeting on 27 August the motion to approve expenditure of up to \$25,000 on Stage One was passed. Thank you to those members who attended the meeting and those that submitted their proxies. It was a unanimous decision.
- Application for funding for Stage 2 of the Downstairs Bar/Canteen area was finalised and submitted to the Department of Sport & Recreation, and
- Carla and all the Club buoys have been removed from the water for their annual maintenance program.

Three members of the Board and some members have also been busy overseas. Anthony Galante, Paul, Lawson & Austin Taylor and Mitch Sainty went to Pwehelli in North Wales for the Mirror Worlds & UK Nationals in July. I'm sure Anthony has done a write up for this newsletter so will not go into any details here other than to say it was a very profitable trip for him because he won a brand new Mark 3 Mirror. Anthony also visited the site for the sailing for the 2012 London Olympics at Weymouth, on the South Coast.

Simon Lucas also visited the UK and did a fair amount of sailing during his month over there. And I visited Malaysia recently where I met the Director General of the National Sports Council in Kuala Lumpur and the National Sailing Training Centre in Langkawi to discuss Malaysian involvement in the Mirror Worlds and another project in its infancy.

Clive & Brian are still away and Russell is also away at the moment. One member of the Board who has been around, albeit not in the best of health, is also back. It's great to see Terry around the Club looking and feeling a lot better than he was a couple of months ago.

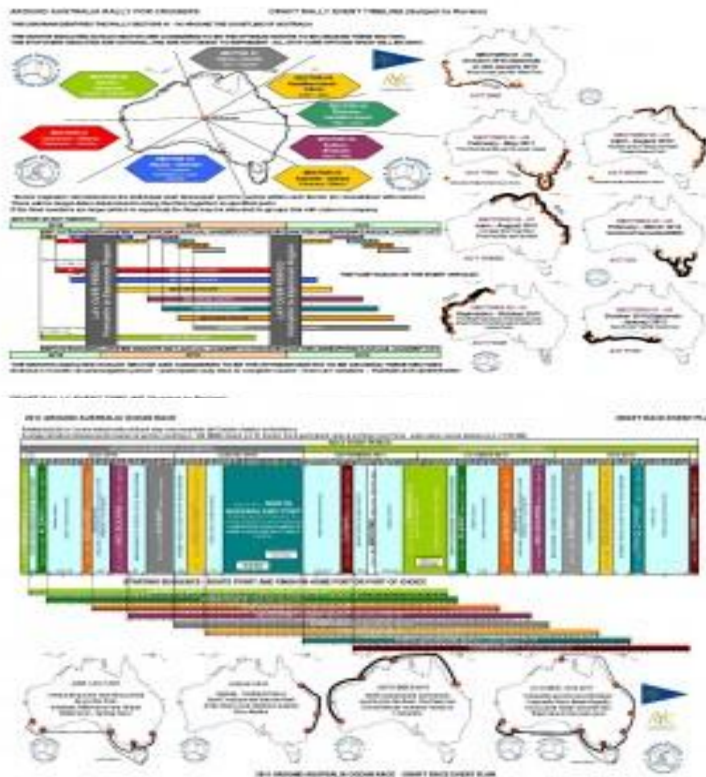
We're not that far away from the start of the season with Opening Day on Saturday 24 October. That's right - **LESS THAN 8 WEEKS AWAY**. That reminds me that I've got a bit of work to do on my boat. And remember that there will be a couple of shakedown races for those keen to get back in the water.

But before we get back to sailing at PRSC, a few of our Mirror sailors will be going to Mirrorsail on the weekend of 19 & 20 September and there will be two PRSC boats in the annual Country Clubs Regatta on the Foundation 36's on the long weekend of 26-28 September.

### **AROUND AUSTRALIA OCEAN RACE & RALLY**

You may have heard about this planned race over the last month or so but if you haven't then go to the event website at <http://sailaroundaustralia.com.au/wordpress/> . The race is being organized by Bob Williams, the guy behind the Antarctica Cup, and is scheduled to start in Fremantle in July 2011. The first leg will be to Albany then continue on to Adelaide, Melbourne, Hobart, Sydney, Brisbane, Hamilton Island, Darwin, Broome and then Fremantle. Boats can start at any port along the way and continue until they complete a circumnavigation. As a result there will actually be two Fremantle to Albany and Albany to Adelaide legs. One for those boats starting in Fremantle and another for those starting after Albany.

Expressions of interest, or Slot Reservations, have been open since late June for those interested in taking part in the Race or the Rally and to date they have 135 Slot Reservations.



The Rally is aimed for the cruisers and will not be a race per se.

The Rally will be broken up into 8 sectors and start/finish dates on each sector will be flexible allowing participants to cruise at their own pace.

The race will be a proper race and Slot Reservations have been lodged by such yachts as Shockwave 5, Evolution

Racing, Optimus Prime, Ichiban, Skandia and Scarlett Runner.  
So it's really becoming a Who's Who of Australian Ocean Racing.

I'm really looking forward to seeing this race being run and seeing the Albany Waterfront Marina filled with visiting yachts. What a great way to showcase the City's new Marina, and even better you can be involved in this event. There will no doubt be boats requiring crew on the various legs around the country so if you've wanted to sail on a top class Ocean Racer from Freo to Albany, Across the Bight or anywhere around Australia then get yourself known by some of the boat owners. We could even start our own Club Register of those wanting to sail a Leg or two and pass this list on to the Organisers and Owners.

That's all from me for the month so till next time

Cheers  
Paul Terry

### **CLUB NOTICE**

The Princess Royal Sailing Club will be holding a New Years Eve Show, Big Men Working will be playing on the night. Our Social Director Brian Smith is putting it together so it is sure to be a great night. Get in early and get a group together.

Watch this space for more details

### **FACILITIES DIRECTOR**

Terry Castlehow

#### **Slipway**

The slipway tracks have been replaced and upgraded, with a larger section of steel being used. This enabled a material of a thicker section to be utilised and hopefully extended its usable life.

Thanks to Colin Westerberg, Jack Spaanderman and Kevin Kinnear, this work was completed with little inconvenience and a very reasonable cost to the Club.

Thanks fella's.

#### **Club Jinker**

The steering system on this monster has been overhauled making the jinker more manageable than it's been for quite some time.

Thanks go to John Gladman (Westwind) and Chris Hibbs (Foredeck on Eurhythmic) for their assistance with this difficult task.

#### **Jetty**

We have some seriously rotten timbers on the section of the jetty near Grey Moose's

pen. We need to do this one Saturday afternoon prior to the commencement of the new season. Once I have everything required to do this task in place, I wouldn't mind some assistance please. Give me a ring if you are able and willing to assist.

### **Busy Bee**

At the moment, we plan to hold a busy bee on and around the Club premises commencing at approx 1.00PM Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October to clean the place up in readiness for the forthcoming season.

Please make yourself available to assist the usual crew that turn up every year. It would be great if all members could make an effort for a change. Please bring wheelbarrows, lawn mowers, slashers, rakes, spades etc.

As usual, afternoon tea will be provided as well as drinks at the Club's expense at the end of the day.

If you can't make it that day, there is nothing from the Club's point of view stopping you from going over when you can and doing a bit of gardening, edge trimming etc.

### **Downstairs canteen and refreshment centre.**

Work has commenced on the alterations and upgrading of the bar/canteen and hopefully this will be ready in time for the opening of the season. This work is being done where possible on a voluntary basis with the exception of specialised requirements. If you can assist with this project, please let us know, and of course, the Club will pay for any materials or consumables used.

If we have a member amongst us who is an experienced Gyprocker and willing to participate, please let us know.

Terry Castlehow  
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### **SAILING DIRECTOR**

Simon Lucas

Thank you to all the members that attended the recent sailor / skipper meeting. Among various topics discussed was the re-emergence of Division 3. There was a strong contingent of potential Division 3 skippers present and the Race & Sailing Committee are now including the Division 3 courses and start times in the programme for the new season. I am sure they will build on the enthusiasm that they have shown to date.

Division representatives for the 2009-2010 Season are:

Division 1	Michael Cameron	michael@cameroncaravans.com.au
Division 2	Stephen Brown	stephenbrown58@hotmail.com
Division 3	Peter Merry	petermerry21@hotmail.com
Mirror	Anthony Galante	anthony@rhumblineline.net.au
Flying Fifteen	Ian Johnston	iansgotbecks@hotmail.com

Please assist you're division rep wherever possible and contact them with any views concerns regarding sailing this season.

NOW is a good time to check out all you're boats safety equipment and replace out of date flares, update EPIRBS (Since February 2009 406 Mhz epirbs are now only being monitored by AMSA) and look over PFD,s.

Please also check radio/transmitter equipment as it is mandatory at PRSC for all keel boats in the harbour and KGS races.

The club monitors channel 71 VHF/27Mhz during these races. It is a requirement of our sailing instruction for all category 4, 6 & 7 races that all boats call a radio check with start control prior to leaving the marina and monitor that channel while all races are in progress and for a reasonable period prior to and after the race.

Compliance cards for Category 4, 6 & 7 and off the beach boats will be available from the office and MUST be completed with a race nomination form before the first race that the boat enters into.

The Race compliance/safety officer for this coming season is Harold Keay. Please contact him with any questions regarding any requirements or equipment on these forms.

Carla is currently being refurbished thanks to Andreis Plotkans and will reappear with a newly painted hull after sandblasting and a respray.

Another member Chris Hibbs is undergoing a major overhaul of Carla and also a full service so that we have reliable equipment for the season. It is important we give our volunteer safety boat personnel reliable equipment to work with.

A club busy bee will be held on the 3rd of October and if ground maintenance is not you're thing then I will have a list of jobs indoors and out to complete prior to the season start. It will be on display shortly.

Simon Lucas  
Sailing Director  
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**MIRROR NEWS**  
Anthony Galante



### **Albany Sailors Fly the Flag at Mirror Worlds**

Two Princess Royal Sailing Club boats participated in the 2009 Mirror World Championships in Pwllheli Wales at the end of July. A fleet of 97 boats participated in the regatta with strong representation from the Ireland, South Africa and the host nation.

Paul and Austin Taylor were the best of the Aussies coming 14<sup>th</sup> overall. The Taylors, sailing [mirrorworlds2011.com](http://mirrorworlds2011.com) won the veterans trophy for over 50 year olds. Their best result was a 6<sup>th</sup> in Race 6 and they particularly revelled in the stronger conditions.



The Albany sailors were disappointed that two days were lost to storms and strong winds meaning that only 9 races were sailed out of the programmed 12. It is really

frustrating knowing that you have travelled to the other side of the world, only to have to sit in the club house for two days. Well that is sailing!



The other Albany boat was skippered by Lawson Taylor and crewed by Mitchell Sainty sailing "Albany 2011". They finished 51<sup>st</sup> overall and achieved a high creditable 17<sup>th</sup> in one heat and it was so pleasing to see them beaming after such a great performance.

Summer in Wales is very similar to winter in Albany,

so we were well prepared in terms of climate. The race course was out in the middle of Cardigan Bay but we think it should be renamed Three Cardigan Bay as one layer of warm clothing was never enough!

Most of the series was raced in fresh conditions and in both the UK Nationals and the Worlds the sailors experience 2 metre swells. This made for some seriously challenging conditions and the seamanship of the Albany sailors was certainly up to it. The competition in Wales was excellent and is a testament to the enduring success for the class which has consistently produced close racing. In Pwllheli, there were nine individual race winners in 9 heats which is pretty unheard of at this level.

I made the trip to Wales as the Australian Team Manager through a Regional Officiating Scholarship from the Department of Sports and Recreation. It was a great experience and certainly worth from a 2011 Worlds promotional perspective. I did a presentation to the fleet and met individually with parents and officials from the competing



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countries. In terms of event management, Paul, Margot and I learnt lots and we will certainly be taking the lessons learnt into our planning for 2011.



The eventual winner was 2004 Fireball World Champion Andy Smith who with son Tom has added the 2009 Mirror Worlds to his list of achievements and this confirms the Mirror's status as the family class.

As part of his role I also promoted the 2011 Mirror Worlds to be held in Albany. There is strong interest in the 2011 Albany Worlds and we have set national targets for Ireland, South Africa and the UK. With support from the City of Albany and the Chamber of Commerce, we were able to develop a very polished promotional campaign including naming boats linked to the 2011 Albany Worlds, DVDs to all competitors featuring the Just Add Water episode on Albany, holiday planners on Albany and the South West.



At this stage, teams have already appointed team managers for 2011 which shows how keen they are and we have established shipping container targets to get the ball rolling. We are looking at two 40-footer containers from the UK and one each from Ireland and South Africa which will translate to 60 boats. There is also interest from Malta, Canada and France. France does not have a Mirror fleet, however, with the modernisation of the boat, there is interest at establishing fleets there. With the large Australian fleet of 60 boats and orders for new boats being placed on both the east and west coast, we are planning for a very large fleet in Albany and if we achieve our international targets we may hit 120 boats.

### **Mirrorsail**

Yachting WA in conjunction with the Mirror Class Association of WA invites you and your crew with your Mirror to Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club on Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th September 2009 for Mirrorsail 2009.

Mirrorsail is a Yachting WA training programme, endorsed and backed by the Mirror Class Association of Western Australia. This year it is being hosted and supported by Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club. The programme is for all Mirror sailors who have completed a 'learn to sail' course or have some level of racing experience. Adult/child crew combinations are invited to participate. The programme is designed to develop the sailing and racing skills of sailors in a fun, safe and social environment participating in a large training program.

The fleet will be graded according to skill levels and coaches will be assigned for each group. Please indicate your appropriate level on the application form.

The cost for Mirrorsail is excellent value and includes quality coaching throughout the two days, lunch both days and dinner Saturday night.

Sailors between the ages of 8 and 16 (inclusive) are invited to camp overnight in the RFBYC clubhouse with breakfast provided. For those sailors sleeping over, you will need a sleeping bag, sleeping mat, sleeping wear, changes of clothes (things may not dry overnight), foot wear, towels and toiletries. The sleepover will be fully supervised and we will use the Dinghy clubhouse.

You are reminded that you will need to provide your own boat and sailing equipment. A small number of charter boats will be made available by RFBYC so please book early with them and with priority given to country participants.

Should you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact Yachting WA.

Register here: <http://www.wa.yachting.org.au/Entry/?EID=22708>

### **Getting Ready for the Season**

Don't leave your maintenance to the week before the season starts - get it finished now!

And work out who you are sailing with. If you need a crew or a skipper or are looking to buy a boat, let me know and I can help point you in the right direction. Phone me on 9844 3298 or email [anthony@rhumble.net.au](mailto:anthony@rhumble.net.au)

Remember to ensure you transfer your measurement certificates through Yachting Australia and if you have new gear, arrange with Geoff Wilson to have it measured.

You will not be able to sail in the Worlds if you don't have an international boat (69008 and above or a significant rebuild). We have 14 qualifying boats in Albany, however, some need to get their paperwork in order. The onus is on you!

### Production of MK3 up and running

The new MK3 is now being produced in Perth by Vasco Boats and Dinghy Sports in Sydney. Over ten boats have been ordered with others expected as the season approaches. If you are going to get into a new boat don't delay. And yes, I won the new MK3 Mirror in the raffle in Wales, so my order has been cancelled!

I have never won anything like this in my life, so it was a real shock when my name was called out. I hadn't even inspected the boat prior to the draw because I thought I had no chance. Winning it is great although it has been a challenge to get it home. I had to do some quick thinking and at one point I was going to sell it but it is a beautiful boat and will be a great memory of the trip. This will mean we will have two MK3s at the club for the start of the season.



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### 2010 Mirror Nationals

This year the Australian Mirror National Championships return to sunny Queensland. The Regatta will be held at Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club, 15 minutes drive Northwest of Noosa and 2 hours drive North of Brisbane. The Sailing club is located at Boreen Point, a sleepy holiday destination for keen sailors. The Lake boasts some of the best flat water sailing in Queensland with steady sea breezes rolling in from the nearby coast. Lake Cootharaba is surrounded by National Parks and rainforests, but still in close proximity to the shops, restaurants and general buzz of Noosa. MSAQ warmly invites you to come along for a week of enjoyable and competitive racing, festivities and new friendships from 28<sup>th</sup> December to 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2010.

For more information visit:

<http://nationals.qldmirror.com/Home/tabid/132/Default.aspx>

### 2011 Worlds Planning

The website has been receiving a steady number of expressions of interest (18) with most of these competitors, however, two of them are volunteers. There are 58 enrolments in the newsletter. I will be developing a "live" entry list as used in Wales that will assist in building numbers. At this point it will only be expression of interest until we start registrations and taking money next year.

The newsletter will start this month and go monthly until the event, so if you haven't registered, get online at [www.mirrorworlds2011.com](http://www.mirrorworlds2011.com)

Good post Wales coverage through [www.Sail-World.com](http://www.Sail-World.com); Yachting Australia and YWA's Making Waves.

Albany has also featured in the August/September edition of Australian Sailing Magazine where you will find the article "Mirror Makeover". This is great exposure for the class and the 2011 Worlds.

### NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

The club will be holding a New Years Eve party this year, with local band Big Men Working entertaining the crowd throughout the evening. The club is a fantastic place to spend New Years Eve, and it should be a great night to remember. We will keep you up to date as more details come available.



### "Leviathan"

PRSC 2009 Club Champion  
6<sup>th</sup> 2009 States  
\$4300

Set up for the Worlds with Measurement Certificate

Racing Sails – one season old  
New Spinnaker – half a season old  
Beach trolley

Phone Anthony – 9844 3298 or 0407 192 095

### Windrush Wanted

Tim Hodgson is trying to find a second hand, 14ft Windrush catamaran. If you have one, or know someone who is thinking of selling theirs you can contact Tim on 98421102.