



## PERISCOPE NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2009

### NEW MEMBERS

#### Social

Moreen Hunter      Kenneth Hunter      Christina McDonald      Ashley Eikelboom

#### Junior

Nicolas Westerberg

#### Ordinary

Paul Marshall      Bruce Cuthbert

### COMMODORE'S REPORT

Hello fellow sailors. Things are starting to hot up at the club. We have in the Mirror and Hobie state titles on the coming long weekend. I wish all competitors an enjoyable and fun regatta. I am sure if you wish too help that you are very welcome. Please see Anthony or Paul.

We have on the 24 February the Centenary Cocktail party. This will be a fun evening. For those have purchased tickets, they will be able to mingle with those from years gone by.

We then have the Centenary Fremantle to Albany yacht race. I have heard that we could get up to 15 boats from Perth and 7-10 boats from Esperance. A lot of organising is happening. We still need many volunteers to make this event work well for all.

If you are available please let myself know. If you are will to assist in the galley to feed the hungry sailors upon arrival then please see our Social Director, Brian Smith.

Your Board members continue to meet every month. Many things are discussed, and all matters are for the benefit of the club and its members. Please do encourage your members with a (well done) from time to time. I know those words are appreciated.

A big thank you goes to Ian Johnson and his partner Rachel Hird for their continued effort in putting the newsletter together and maintaining the website. Rachel is currently updating the website but due to some ISP problems some of the pages have been lost. Rachel is working to get these pages back online so some patience is needed here. Hopefully it will be resolved soon

We had a very successful Albany World of Cars Day. I know that they will be back next year.

One of our Life Members, Dr Gordon Leslie, recently passed away. As a 12 year old I would assist him on his motor boat to help out as rescue personnel.

On behalf of the Board and all members I would like to pass on the Clubs condolences to his wife, Kath, and extended family.

Enjoy your sailing

Till next time

Jack Spaanderman

### VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

By Paul Terry

#### Centenary Cocktail Party

A final reminder about the Centenary Cocktail Party that will be held on 24 February 2009 from 6.30pm. If you have purchased a ticket don't forget to come. If you haven't already purchased a ticket you're probably too late and have missed out on a great evening.

#### Centenary Fremantle to Albany Yacht Race

The next event on the calendar is the Centenary Fremantle to Albany Yacht Race starting from Fremantle on Friday 3 April 2009. Preparations for the start and finish are being finalized and for those that have put up their hand to assist Rob & Ian with the many jobs that will be needed to be done leading up to, during and after the race - Thank You.

If you haven't got in contact with either of them about what you can do to help then please do so as soon as possible. Many hands make light work and we want to create a fantastic atmosphere and provide excellent Albany hospitality to ensure that when they leave they want to come back again in a couple of years.

In addition if you would like to participate as crew in the race on one of the yachts competing in the race then please contact Rob and he will try to get you a ride.

### **Geographe Bay Race Week**

It's that time of year again for Race Week and once again four PRSC boats will be making the trip across to Busselton for the Regatta, which will be held from Saturday 21 February to Friday 27 February 2009. The four boats are Sitting Bull, Wild Bull, Scappata and Matador. On behalf of all members of the Club we wish all four boats and crew well and are hoping at least one of the boats can bring home some prizes in our Centenary Year.

You can follow all the action of Race Week by going to the event website at <http://www.geographebayraceweek.org.au/> or you can log in to the Freo Doctor website for a more detailed daily account on the activities on the water at <http://www.freodoctor.com.au/>.

### **Waste Disposal at the Club**

The Club has received notice from Cleanaway that their waste collection fees will be increasing by 85% due to an increase in charges by the City of Albany for disposal at the tip. We have also noticed an increase in the amount of waste going into the Cleanaway bins at the Jetty and the outside the bar. Members have reported seeing members of the public, and in some cases other members of the club, dispose excess waste in our bins. The volume of extra waste being dumped in our bins has almost reached the point where we need to get Cleanaway to clear the bins more regularly. Can you see where this is going? Yeah that's right - extra costs for the Club and less money available for the important stuff.

So if you see someone dumping extra rubbish in our bins please report them to a member of the board or Lauren at the office. You could also kindly put the offenders in their place by having a few words to them, but don't be too antagonistic. Remember it's your club and you pay your fees for the services you expect. Why should others sponge off the club at your expense?

### **Tourists using the Club grounds as a Campground**

Speaking of others sponging off the Club - It has come to our attention that the number of tourists camping overnight within the Club's grounds with their Campers and Motorhomes has increased in recent times. We suspect that word has got around, or a note appears on a blog or forum somewhere on the Internet about the free facilities available to use at the Club. Well they are not free. The Barbeques, Toilets, Electricity and Water are for the use of the members that pay their fees not freeloading tourists from out of town!!

So if you are at the Club in the evening or early morning and you notice that there is a Campervan or Motorhome illegally using Camping for the night then please note the vehicle's registration (including the State), contact a Board Member, Lauren in the Office or ring the City of Albany Rangers after hours number on 9841 9349.

Once again take some responsibility for the facilities of the Club and help us stamp out the actions of these freeloaders.

Please note that over the March long weekend there will be some campers using the grassed area along Chipana Drive to camp during the Mirror and Hobie State Championships. This has been authorized by the Board and the City of Albany know about it.

### **BBQ Facilities**

Have you noticed the new wooden table and benches in the BBQ area? Graham Monck has used some of the timbers from the old Jetty to make these additional facilities for Club members to use and on behalf of the Board and Members I would like to say thank you Graham for your great work. I'm sure over the March Long Weekend the Mirrors and Hobbies will make good use of these new facilities.

### **Office Hours**

Would Members please note that Lauren's office hours will be amended and take effect immediately to the following hours -

Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 8.30am to 1.00pm

These amended hours will be in place until further notice. In addition if you are RSVP'ing for a function or a booking on a Friday night and you have access to email then can you please email Lauren at [office@prsc.com.au](mailto:office@prsc.com.au).

Your adherence to this request would be greatly appreciated by Lauren and the Board.

### **Newsletter Articles**

If you have an item that you wish to place into the newsletter then please email the item by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month to either Lauren at the club at [office@prsc.com.au](mailto:office@prsc.com.au) or now to Ian Johnston at [iansgotbecks@hotmail.com](mailto:iansgotbecks@hotmail.com)

Paul Terry

## Training and Development

By Clive Walker

### Junior Training Course:

Currently we have 25 kids and 5 adults training. I was very impressed when they all turned up on the second Saturday in a rainy, dark easterly blowing to 25 knots. Anthony had 20 Mirror sailors turn up as well. We have a great bunch of kids. Again I thank all the team who give of their time to assist these youngsters learn the sport of sailing.

There are breaks for the long weekend and Easter. Our Junior program goes through to the Centenary picnic day on April 18.

### Radio Operator Course:

Six of our members completed this course with Tom Reed over the weekend 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup>. Tom was very impressed with the crew - they now have to do the exam at 7pm on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Well done to Reg Allsop, Bill Beard, Ian Howard, Brian Holman, Tania Crabb and Ania Lorenz.

### Instructor Course:

Well done to Chris Lee, Mike Mears, Sarah Liddiard, Andrew Grist and Paul Taylor for completing the course with Chris Goldacre from YWA. Chris said this was the best group he had worked with on the west coast.

We sincerely thank SkyWest for sponsoring the flight for Chris.

### Club Volunteers And Safety Day:

We are currently in discussion with Albany Surf Club in trying to organise the above training one Saturday morning for PRSC volunteers such as the rescue team, instructors, interested members and parents. We will inform you when this will take place. Please contact myself or Lauren should you be interested. Graham Pyke will be involved with a course in first aid , with a sailing bias.

### Other Events Coming Up:

#### Festival Of The Sea

Wooden boat owners are invited to be involved in a regatta in conjunction with this event on Easter Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. All involved are asked to dress boats and selves for a Pirate invasion of the Boatshed at the end of the sail.

Anthony's Mirrors, GPs and the TS Vancouver cadets sailing Corsairs will also be involved.

Details will be furnished for the Wooden Boat owners. Club sailors, cruising fleet are cordially invited to be involved. All details will be provided later. Queries to Clive or Adam Wolfe.

#### ANZAC Day:

Another Wooden Boat regatta will be held starting half an hour after the end of the Anzac Service. Boats could be tied up at the jetty, rafted or anchored for the service, then be involved in the sail course after. Many thanks to Snow and Yvonne Day who start all our Wooden Boat events.

#### Early Notice - Centenary Picnic Day (see details below)

Club members please spread the word to all ex and current members. Let's have an enjoyable fun day. Thanks to the organising committee Terry Bridge, Des Beeck and Wig Salom. Should you wish to have any input contact myself or any of the above

## PRSC CENTENARY PICNIC Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup> 2009

### Programme

<b>10.00</b>	Townies' to PRSC on <i>Silver Star</i> and <i>Sail Away</i>
<b>12.00 - 2pm</b>	Picnic lunch BYO food Bar open
<b>2pm</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Larger Cats (Carl Smith, George Beres, Jim Cann, John Woodbury) and Silver Star and cruising fleet follow 'Cock of the Harbour' race with nibbles and drinks on board. Afternoon tea at Quaranup. Parents of Junior sailors invited</li> <li>• Junior sail fleet sail to Quaranup if weather ok for beach picnic. Take food and drinks. If weather unsatisfactory - on board larger boats as skippers (3 small rescue boats and coaches accompany with cruising fleet)</li> <li>• Junior fishing competition. Prizes for biggest catches</li> <li>• Boules on lawn. Some covered areas - tents</li> </ul>
<b>5pm</b>	One or two bigger boats to Town Jetty to return those who wish to return
<b>6 - 7 pm</b>	Presentations including 'How it Was': re Picnic Days; Cock of the Harbour and Fishing Comp presentations

Note this event is included as the finale to the Junior Training Program. Possible fun events for kids: Duck diving comp, neatest dive, swim race, Le Mans Mirror race, water tug of war, sand sculpture, mirror football and fishing.

Common Channels	Channel MHz	Communication with	Purpose
Ch 77	156.875	Ship stations	General or routine communications
Ch 73	156.750	Limited coast and ship stations (Yacht & Pleasure craft)	Calling and working
Ch 72	156.625	Limited coast and ship stations	Calling and working
Ch 71	156.575	Limited coast and ship stations (Professional Fishing vessels)	Calling and working
Ch 70	156.525	All stations	DSC distress, urgency, safety and routine alerting
Ch 67	156.375	All stations	Distress, urgency and safety calling (supp. to Ch 16)
Ch 16	156.800	All stations	International Radiotelephony distress, urgency, safety and calling channel
Ch 13	156.650	Ship stations	Intership Maritime Safety Information. May be used by Port Authorities for vessel harbour movements communications.
Ch 6	156.300	Ship and aircraft	Co-ordinated Search and Rescue (SAR). May be used by Port Authorities for tug to ship berthing communications

Finally some useful information for boat owners. Please note the frequencies we should use in our local waters.

Enjoy our club and sailing.

*Clive*

### FACILITIES REPORT

Terry Castlehow

#### Insurances

The Board of Director's are currently reviewing all of the Club's insurance policies to ensure that we have sufficient cover to protect the Club, the members and their property as well as the general public in the event of unforeseen circumstances. Of particular concern are the storage and mooring facilities in the dingy shed and on the jetty.

We would remind all boat owners that their insurances be kept up to date and please advise Lauren should there be any changes to your insurance cover of your boat. Should you have any doubt as to your responsibilities regarding insurance, please refer to you pen rental agreement, or enquire at the office.

### **Security**

Unfortunately it has become necessary to put padlocks on the various power outlets around the Club's property and to lock the toilets, as we seem to have become an overnight tourist destination for caravans and mobile homes who avail themselves of free power and toilets, even to the extent that some choose to empty their porta loo's in our facilities and not always that carefully either. We are aware that it will not be convenient, but we ask for your co-operation and assistance in replacing the locks on the power outlets and keeping the dunny doors shut.

A chain will also be fitted across the lower roadway leading to the dinghy shed adjacent to the winch house to restrict access to non-members and campers.

The locks fitted to the power outlets, toilet doors and chains shall be locks that can be operated with either a jetty gate key or a dinghy shed key. Members that do not have either of these keys and wish to access the toilets regularly on non-sailing days will be able to obtain a toilet key from the office at cost.

### **Missing Equipment**

One of our members has had the mast and connecting lug for his wind surfer removed from dinghy shed No.5 and is keen to have it returned. Should anyone know of its whereabouts, please contact the Club ASAP.

Might I also take the opportunity to remind members to ensure that the gates are kept locked even when out sailing and no one else appears to be about.