



## PERISCOPE NEWSLETTER JUNE 2009

### New Members

#### Social

Kerry Becker

Naomi Stone

Carol Auckram

Kate Sexton

Mathew Creswell

Terry Ackley

#### Junior

Justin Norment

#### Ordinary

Richard Mason

Nigel Bowden

### COMMODORES REPORT

By Paul Terry

It was a great privilege for me to accept the position of Commodore at Princess Royal Sailing Club at our recent AGM. I would like to take this opportunity to say thanks to Jack Spaanderman for the leadership that he has provided the Board and the Club over the last three years. A lot has happened over those three years and will hopefully translate into a new era of growth at the Club such as the following -

- we rebuilt half of our jetties,
- the Club was involved in Community Reference Group discussions to shape the design of the Albany waterfront marina development,
- designs and approval for the new Downstairs bar have been granted (and I'm assured will be built before the end of this year),
- The Club was awarded the Mirror Worlds to be held in January 2011,
- The Sailability program for disabled sailors is about to take the next step,
- The Fremantle to Albany Ocean Race is back on the WA Offshore Calendar; and
- We celebrated our Centenary Season

Talking about our Centenary Season it has been a great season with numbers increasing significantly in the Division 2 & Mirror fleets, continuing strong competition in Division 1 and the addition of another Flying 15.

We've also had another successful season of Training and Junior Development. Clive's Saturday morning Try Sailing Junior Training Program has attracted many new Juniors to the sport of Sailing and we look forward to seeing a few of them progress into Mirrors next season.

Anthony's Mirror Junior Development Squad has also been very active and it was great to see a strong contingent in the Mirror Invitational series in January and the Mirror States in March, with Louis Clarke & Sienna Galante bringing home the Sub-Junior Trophy. We also have a State

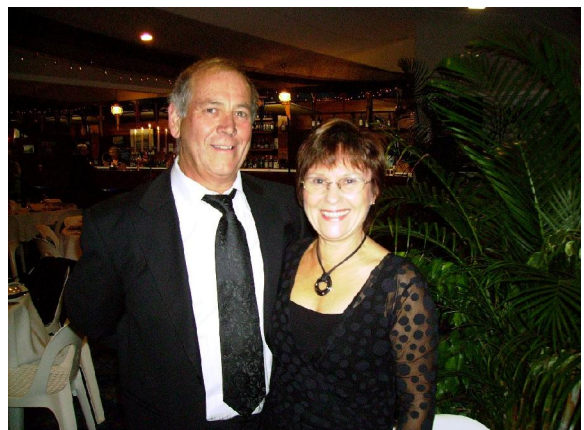
Champion within our club when Paul & Austin Taylor swept all aside by winning every race in the Mirror States.

We've also got a lot to look forward to over the next 18 months. Five of our members are heading off to Wales within the next couple of weeks. Paul, Lawson & Austin Taylor and Mitch Sainty will be competing in the Mirror Worlds to be held in Pwllheli, on the north western coast of Wales. Anthony Galante will be supporting them as Official Australian Team Coach but he will also be promoting our Mirror Worlds and on a fact finding mission to soak up as much information as possible on what the International Mirror Class expect when conducting a World Championship regatta.

On behalf of the Board and all Members of the Club I wish them all the best. If you would like to follow how they are going the UK National Championships begin on Thursday 23 July and the Worlds themselves begin on Monday 27 July. You can follow their progress by going to the Worlds website at <http://www.mirrorsailing.org/worlds/default.asp>

#### CENTENARY DINNER

We held the Centenary Dinner on Saturday 9 May and in the last Newsletter I said I'd put a few photos in the next Newsletter so here are a few below.





There are many more photos of the night available at -

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/23406225@N04/sets/72157619335259755/>

or alternatively Marian Smith has put together a DVD of the photos and you can purchase a copy from the Club for \$2.

### **WINTER SERIES GREEN ISLAND RACE**

We've had another eventful Winter Series with the Mirrors joining in for the first week when the weather was still very Autumnal and the Flying 15's have joined in every week as well. The most eventful heat was Heat 4 when it was decided to do the Green Island race. As with most Green Island races these days there are a few bumps along the way given the deeper draft of the Bulls & Tigers but when you combine that with a lack of experience navigating around the island it usually ends with a few priceless photos such as this one -



Smile for the camera Jack ☺☺☺

And yes although I would like to deny that I was onboard I know that I will not get away with it.

But that's not the end of the story. We were well and truly stuck in about 4 feet of water and luckily Murray Howson was following the fleet in Carla and he dragged us off the sand. It took

quite a while and we thanked him by going aground once more before getting out of the Emu Point Channel. We weren't the only ones needing help as Andreis Plotkans got stuck on the putty three times as well. All this pulling boats off the bottom of Oyster Harbour used up a fair amount a fuel, so much in fact that upon entering Ataturk Channel, Carla decided to run out of fuel. So the rescuer became the rescued as Crunchtime took on the role of rescue boat.

Have a good winter and we will see you around the club whilst the maintenance season kicks in.

Cheers

Paul Terry

## **VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT**

**By Clive Walker**

Firstly, I thank Jack Spaanderman for his contribution to the club as Commodore over the past 3 years and congratulate Paul Terry on his appointment to the role. I look forward to working with and supporting Paul during his term of office. I also look forward to continued work with our Manager Lauren and the Board, which is a cohesive and efficient working group. Paul and I have a shared vision for our club and look forward to PRSC moving forward in a positive direction giving pleasure and satisfaction to all members.

My main responsibility is to deal with house matters, so I encourage members to bring any related issues to my attention by email, letter or phone. I prefer not to be approached during social functions when enjoying the social atmosphere of the club.

I welcome Chris Lee to the Board as our Training and Development Director and take this opportunity to wish Anthony Galante and his support crew good luck with the journey to the World Mirror Championships in 2011. It is a massive achievement and privilege for our club to host such an event.

We sent out approximately 140 invitations to our Cocktail Party for members and other workers of the club as a thank you gesture and hope for continued support from these valuable workers, an aspect which is critical to PRSC's continued success.

I look forward to serving the club and hope we all have a successful and enjoyable season, with sailing activities central to our agenda.

Clive Walker

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## Finance

By Russell Harrison

As I am writing this article, your Club fees for 2009/10 should be on the way to you. Your Committee has spent a considerable amount of time in budgeting for the coming year's club activities.

Of special note we have incorporated

Continuing with a high level of maintenance

- Funding a more active social programme
- Costed in projected increases in utility charges
- Putting aside funds for future capital needs
- A comprehensive insurance coverage for all club assets (water and land based). Most significantly, the jetty and volunteers are now insured.

As a result, 2009/10 fees have increased by 7%. This is approximately \$25 additional for ordinary members and \$62 additional for small pens by way of example.

Please **pay your fees promptly** as your Club certainly appreciates the cash.

If your membership requirements have changes since last year, **tell Lauren**. This will save many hours in follow up activities.

## SAILING DIRECTORS REPORT

By Simon Lucas

We have got to the end of season and our Trophy Presentation Night on 27<sup>th</sup> June.

This is our 100<sup>th</sup> year sailing and racing on Princess Royal Harbour. I wonder what it will be like in another 100 years.

Maybe we all need to get together as racing/cruising members and start looking at next season's calendar and events.

This process is important as if I had a "dollar" as sailing director for everyone who came up these last two seasons and said "YOU" should have done that this year, well I would be rich!!!

So let's talk "WE" not "YOU" and get together on Saturday August the 15<sup>th</sup> at 1400hrs at the club, the bar will be open, and I welcome all members of the club to attend, and if "WE" put in the programme what people want it has to be in all "OUR" interests.

Also I urge all racing skippers and crew to encourage communication between rival boats to attend each weeks racing and presentations in the club rooms after. Are we not lucky that we have modern communication, email, SMS, mobile phones, so sorry no excuse for either skippers or crew to not keep in touch!! What did they use in 1909!! SO ABSOULUTY NO EXCUSE to stay in contact.

Also there are skippers/boats looking for crew almost every weekend, if "YOU" know of someone interested bring them along, it's hard to run a competitive yacht when there are not enough people to help race or sail it.

We as a sailing and racing community have lots of competition from other sports. Our sport of sailing requires participation in numbers otherwise it gets very boring.

Let's not get complacent but work to build our fleet numbers and make it fun, loosing a boat from a division is not good, as it makes it hard to get another one to participate at the club.

And on the subject of communication if you have any ideas or concerns email [ME slucas@omninet.net.au](mailto:MEslucas@omninet.net.au) I will do my best to make IT HAPPEN!!!

## GREETINGS TO PRSC FROM PERTH

By Ann Brodziak

My husband and I are proud owners of a beautiful Harrison Butler designed, 24 foot sailboat called "Mouette". She is 80 years "young" this year, having been built by Howard Hartman in Albany between 1927 and 1929.

We know quite a bit of her history, through correspondence with Mr. Hartman and from a personal visit to his home in Albany when he and his wife Kathleen ("Kit") were both aged 96. He christened the boat "Cyclone I" in honour of Dr. Butler's "Cyclone" design (which he modified slightly with the Dr's permission), and used her for many years as a fishing vessel which he kept at Migo Island. He eventually sold her in 1945 (the new owner renamed her "Mouette"), and thence she was sold on to a succession of Albany sailors before moving on to owners in Bunbury and Perth. She returned to Albany to sail once more, but resettled in Perth in 1983, her home ever since.

According to our notes, "Mouette" raced out of PRSC for decades, and it is because of this that we hope you may perhaps have some old photos or even some interesting details about her time at your sailing club. Courtesy of a list produced by previous owner Neil Hadfield (Perth), her Albany owners were: Howard Hartman (1929-1945), "Sailor" Lewis (1945-1947), Trevor Hill (1947-1948), Denis Robinson (1948-1960), "Ossie" Smallwood (1960-1969), Ken Smith (1969-1974) and Keith Smith (1979-1983).

In the early 1990s, meticulous renovations restored the boat to mint condition. She was deemed "Best Yacht" at the Fremantle Classic Boat Festival. Her then owner, Rowley Goonan, sold her on to us in 1997.

In the dozen years since then, "Mouette" has become a loved member of our family, with three generations enjoying her charms. She is delightful to sail (with just a touch of weather helm), and is, importantly, forever a link between modern life and the spirit of Albany's earlier sailing days. She carries T. Harrison Butler's imagination and Howard Hartman's commitment in her bones.

If you do have any archival information about "Mouette" - photos, racing results, anecdotes, anything at all - we'd really appreciate knowing about them. We are currently putting together details about her for our club, Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club, as it is initiating a Classic Boat Register for wooden boats built before 1965.

I see on your website that your club is celebrating its centenary this year. Congratulations! I hope it proves to be the best year yet!

Thanks in advance for your assistance.

Kind regards,  
Ann Brodziak (Mrs.)

Just a quick message, if you are going to pay your account by EFT please note that I made an error on the invoices and the BSB is 066-500 I think I added too many zero's at the start.

Sorry for the inconvenience.

Cheers  
Lauren