



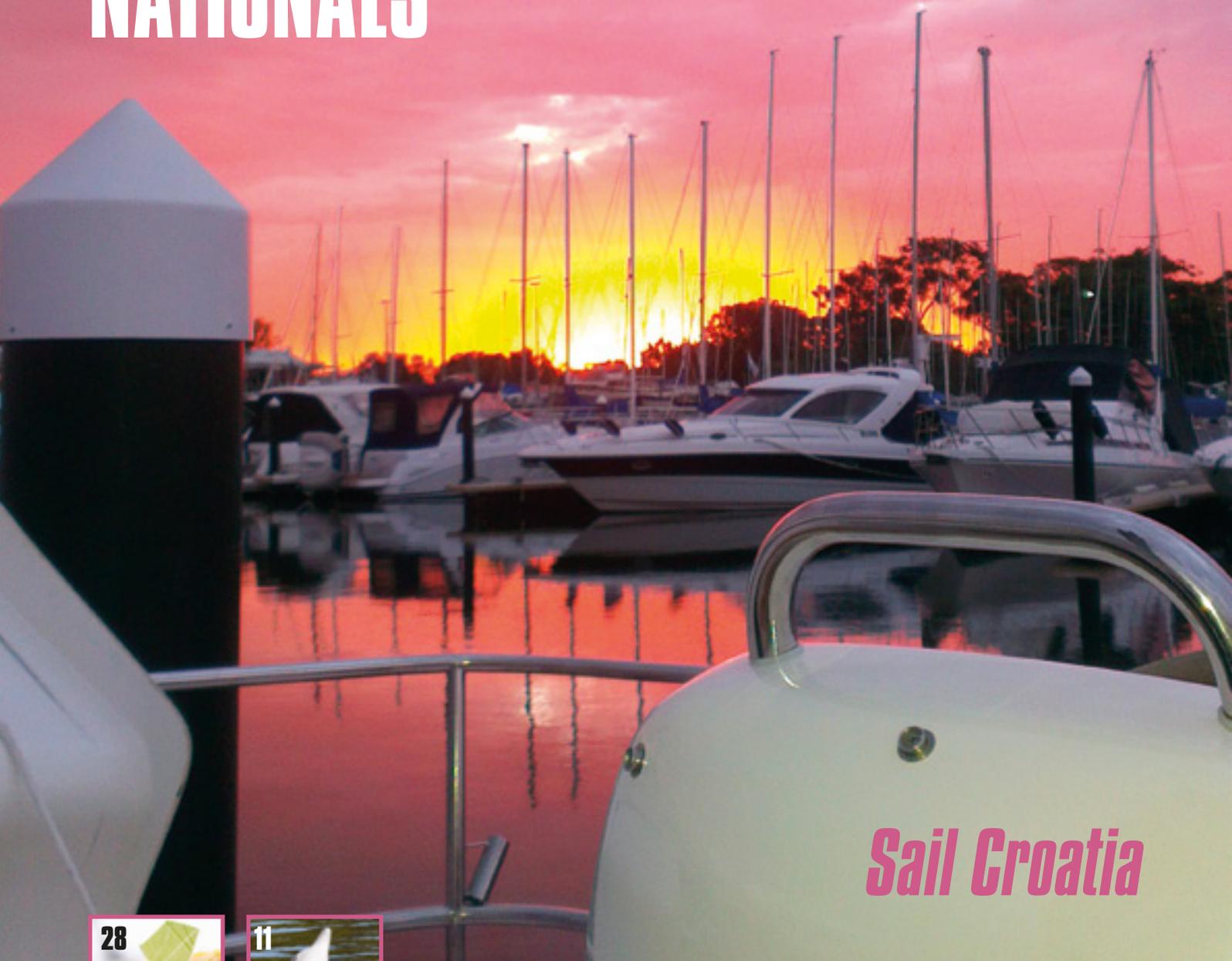
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■ Michael Manford - *The Croc*

► boat speed when others could not, they worked the shifts well, started well and their strategy was to minimize risks.

Hong Kong skipper Mark Thornburrow, sailing with Andy Service, Bucky Smith and Simon Cooke on *Racer X*, sailed a couple of remarkable races on the first day, to win heats 2 and 3, but their sixth in the first race was an omen of things to come. Another sixth in race 4 really put the pressure on and after a poor start, placed 16th in the last race - their "drop" score. They finished with 14 points, 5 behind *Chilli Plum*, just edging out Peter Chappell's 1382 by a single point.

While registration and panic weight loss programs were in full swing between the Syd Corser and the Nationals, the Fremantle Doctor came out of hiding so that on day one of the National Championship, sailors were greeted by southerlies blowing at more than 15 knots, which escalated very close to the class limit of 25 knots by the end of the afternoon. Two boats struck gear trouble before racing had

begun, and returned to the Annexe. Three more failed to finish the first race. Four more failed to finish race two, but none in more spectacular style than Raymond Smith's *St John's Dance*, which broached on a big wave, snapped the spinnaker pole, and was then flattened by the out-of-control spinnaker. The yacht quickly sank stern first, so all sails were removed, a marker buoy was attached and the yacht was salvaged by a professional crew the next morning.

*The Croc* (Michael Manford) was showing the sort of form that won her the December regatta, scoring a first and a second. *Racer X* (Mark Thornburrow) won race 2 and with a fifth in race 1, was nicely placed, while Queensland's *Gen XY* (Matthew Chew) score a pair of threes and *Chilli Plum* (Torvar Mirsky) a pair of fours, just ahead of *Triad* (John Bertrand, with a second and a seventh. This group enjoyed a comfortable lead over the rest of the fleet and even at that early stage, it seemed likely that the winner would be one of them.



■ Torvar Mirsky - *Chilli Plum*

The second day of competition was sensational. After two general recalls, a third attempt was made under a black flag. A number of black flag disqualifications followed, but *Racer X* continued to race, apparently not having heard the radio recall, and missing the display board on which the number was written at the windward mark. In the ensuing protest hearing, *Racer X* was scored DNE, meaning that he had to carry the score in

his total and effectively ending his championship campaign – a very sad end for someone who had travelled over 8,000 kilometres to take part.

*Chilli Plum* and *Triad* also earned black flag disqualifications in this race, so the top order at the end of the day had a different look to it. *The Croc*, with a second and a first, consolidated her position, while *Gen XY* equaled her previous day's

# Michael Manford secures his second national Etchells title

"I won't be hanging around for another 24 years before I win the next one," Michael Manford quipped in his acceptance speech during the presentation ceremony at the Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club.

Manford's form leading into the regatta suggested that he would be a force this year. He won a preliminary weekend regatta last December convincingly, showing great boatspeed and sound tactics. It came as something of a shock then, that he "bombed" in the Syd Corser Regatta which precedes the National Championship.

The Syd Corser Regatta was sailed in light but sailable winds on the first day, and race officer Martin Clark wisely decided to run three races instead of the two programmed in recognition of the forecast light weather to follow. It

was to be a very sensible decision. In sweltering heat on day two, the fleet made its way to the start boat, which was set up near the deepwater Kwinana Channel. Even after relocating closer to shore, no races were possible, and the fleet was finally sent ashore. When a light easterly began mid afternoon, the whole circus returned to sea again, but the breeze still refused to cooperate, and everyone came home again, tired, frustrated and hungry.

Brian Thornley's efforts in addressing the dietary needs of his charges are worthy of

a mention at this point. Each morning, competitors were welcomed to the Annexe to the smell of bacon and eggs on the barbecue. Bacon and egg wraps were snapped up by virtually everyone to set them up for the day. On return to shore after racing, the bacon and eggs had been replaced by D'Orsogna sausages and fresh bread rolls. So enticing were they that many sailors lined up for a sausage sizzle before changing out of their wet sailing gear. When asked whether she knew of Brian's culinary skills, partner Val Icanovski said simply: "I do now!".

More light weather followed on day three, but the race committee's perseverance made it possible to eventually sail two races, ensuring that enough had been done to constitute a series as required by the rules.

The young guns were outstanding in these conditions. On *Chilli Plum*, match racing expert Torvar Mirsky, sailing with 29er champion Steve Thomas, Nick Davis and Justin Wong, sailed an incredibly consistent series. They did not win a race, but their worst placing was a fifth. Collectively, the crew was able to maintain



■ Close shave - *Triad*



■ Mark Thornburrow - *Racer X*



■ Bill Steele - *Dragon Lady*



■ *Black Swan*



■ Chris Hampton - *Tango*



■ Doug Kerr - *Screaming Plum*

► score, albeit with a first and a fifth. But now a significant gap had been created between the first two and the rest of the fleet.

The race committee announced its intention to run three races on the penultimate day and while heat 5 was relatively uneventful, with *Triad* scoring a nice win, the black flag curse returned in race 6, wiping out three competitors, including series leader *The Croc*, and the luckless *Racer X*. Amid the chaos, *Chilli Plum* sailed a beautiful race to score their

first win, putting them into contention for a podium finish.

So with one race to sail, the stage was set. *The Croc*, with a six point buffer over second placed *Triad*, had a straightforward assignment – finish within five places of *Triad*. “Although our start was not flash,” Manford said afterwards, “we kept our eye on *Triad* and ensured that no group of yachts was able to sneak between us.” Basically, they were committed to going where *Triad* went, but always keeping an eye on the chasing pack.

Peter Chappell sailed a great race in 1382 to win the final heat, followed by *Triad*, Jake Gunther's *Dawn Raid* and *The Croc*, resulting in a four point win to Michael Manford and his crew.

As we have come to expect from this class, the championship was full of drama from the outset and we were privileged to see some superb heavy weather sailing – none better than Torvar Mirsky and his young guns who picked up a couple of hundred metres in one downwind leg, surfing hard all the way.

Race management was superb throughout, with Martin Clark doing a great job as race officer, and Clem Rogers, Harbourmaster at the Annexe, showing remarkable patience and wonderful hospitality throughout.

Competitor feedback after it was all over confirmed what we all hoped – the two royal clubs had combined to produce yet another professional, efficient and memorable championship. ■



■ Gary Smith - *Tusk*



■ Grantham Kitto - *The Rat*

Photos courtesy Bernie Kaaks



■ Jake Gunther - *Dawn Raid*



■ Peter Chappell - 1382



■ Ray Smith - *St John's Dance*



■ Skip Lissiman - *Bandwagon*

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## Kremik

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# Mirsky Wins Etchells Syd Corser Regatta



■ Parade of spinnakers



■ Regatta winner Torvar Mirsky crosses the finish line



Photos courtesy Bernie Kaaks

■ General recall thwarts the first attempt to get the fleet away after waiting for two hours for suitable breeze



■ Michael Manford rounding the top mark in first place



■ John Bertrand in pursuit of Michael Manford in race 4



■ Gen XY crew ready to launch their spinnaker

Day 3 of the Syd Corser Regatta started where day 2 left off – the promise of breeze to come, but no delivery! Although it started at 11:00am, it was not until 1:00pm that after four attempts, the race committee was able to set a course – and even this attempt was thwarted by the competitors themselves, some of whom got the start terribly wrong and created a general recall.

Finally, under a black flag, race 4 of the series began.

Michael Manford, starting near the pin end, saw an opportunity early and crossed the fleet on port to set up a handy lead and worked his way up the centre of the course, along with five or six others. The remainder made the commitment to go to the corners, and although the port tackers came out slightly better than those who took the long leg on starboard, both groups lost ground on those who worked the shifts down the middle.

At the first top mark, Manford enjoyed a narrow lead over John Bertrand and Matthew Chew, with Raymond Smith, David Healey and Torvar Mirsky all well placed.

At the top mark the second time, Manford had extended his lead but the group behind him had bunched up, making for an exciting final leg to the downwind finish line.

Manford won well, ahead of Bertrand, followed by Chew, Healey, and Mirsky, who consolidated his place at the head of the leaderboard by finishing one place ahead of Thornburrow.

After his promising finish in race 4, Bertrand was involved in a start line collision, exonerated with a penalty turn and found himself at the back of the fleet in light winds, very hot weather, and virtually no way out. Having already missed the first day of the regatta, they elected to retire. He was joined

by Michael Manford, who was also well back in the early part of the race.

Peter Chappell, Torvar Mirsky and Alistair McMichael all began well, taking out the podium places in race 5. With the breeze now almost non-existent, the race committee wisely decided to pull up stumps and declare the regatta finished.

And so the regatta was decided over five races, with the top rankings being:

1st	Chilli Plum	9pts
	Torvar Mirsky/ Steve Thomas/ Nick Davis/ Justin Wong	
2nd	Racer X	14pts
	Mark Thornburrow/	

Andy Service/  
Bucky Smith/  
Simon Cooke

3rd 1382 15pts  
Peter Chappell/  
Graeme Johnson/  
David Castles

4th The Croc 20pts  
Michael Manford/  
Dean McAullay/  
Nicholas Gray

5th Gen XY 22pts  
Matthew Chew/  
Brian Donovan/  
Bill Cuneo/  
Ashley Deeks

6th Dawn Raid 26pts  
Jake Gunther/  
John Collingwood/  
Graeme Spence ■

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# Seal pup in the Swan River



December 2012

The Swan River has been hosting a very special visitor over recent weeks. The tropical seal pup arrived in the river a week before Christmas and has been sighted several times since. Department of Environment and Conservation wildlife officers are monitoring its health and say that while the seal is very young, it is capable of surviving on its own. They have decided not to intervene as catching the pup could cause serious stress and it is feeding well and will hopefully return to the ocean when it is ready. It is very important that people do not approach it. If you see the pup please keep your distance and report sightings to the Wildcare hotline on 9474 9055 so officers can continue to monitor its whereabouts. ■

Photos courtesy Swan River Trust



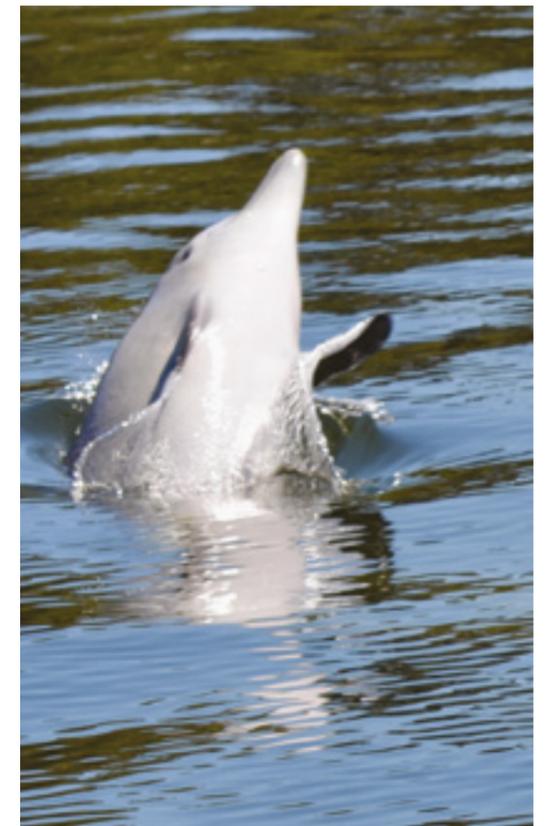
Photos courtesy of: Above and below right - Delphine Chabanne, Murdoch University  
Below left - Barliyanto

## More good news on Gizmo

*The river dolphin calf whose fin was terribly damaged when he became entangled in fishing line earlier this year.*

Murdoch University researcher Delphine Chabanne saw Gizmo again this week while she was monitoring the Swan Canning Riverpark dolphins and sent through this wonderful photo of him enjoying life again and looking

the picture of health. Gizmo was with his highly protective mother, Tupac, and Delphine confirms he was swimming well, despite his bent fin, socialising with the other dolphins and even doing acrobatic leaps! ■





# Discover Sailing at RPYC



About your CDO – Jonathan Ainge



I was born in the UK in the 1960's and after getting married and having children, we moved to Australia nearly 10 years ago to join the rest of my family. Living in Perth gave me the opportunity to get reacquainted with yacht racing and for roughly 4 seasons I sailed on an S80 at Royal Perth. Location meant that my two boys started to sail dinghies at Mandurah, and as parents do, I spent more

time with them and less time sailing myself. One thing led to another and I eventually started working for the Mandurah Offshore Fishing and Sailing Club in a similar role to the one I now enjoy at Royal Perth. I love the sport of sailing and am very passionate about all aspects. As an instructor I enjoy introducing new sailors to the sport and building their confidence on the water this is a very rewarding experience. I can be seen out sailing from time to time either on my own Laser or helping out on a members yacht.

### What does RPYC offer

During last year Yachting Australia performed a rebranding exercise this was as a direct result of the GEMBA report, an in depth look at our sport. What this means

to RPYC is that we are now a Discover Sailing Centre and can offer new and exciting programmes such as "Tackers". The Club has also been approved to run three of the four Yachting Australia schemes these being Dinghy, Keelboat and Powerboat. The fourth Windsurfer scheme does not currently suit our activities but this may change in the future.

The dinghy scheme now has two distinctly different courses. The first "Tackers" has three levels and is aimed at getting younger sailors into the sport. With hats, shirts, water bottles, boats with colourful sails and an emphasis on games and fun this has proven to be very successful. As one of only three Clubs to take up this scheme in Western Australia my aim is to lead the way with this programme and expand our

fleet of "Tackers boats". The Start Sailing course (used to be called GISBS for those that can remember) is still in full swing this being more suited to sailors of 12 and above, just as much fun as "Tackers" but with less games. This season, we have also run an adult dinghy sailing course. In my experience these adult dinghy courses are always well received and lots of fun, my intention is to run more of them in the future. At the completion of the school holidays we will have run courses every week with every one fully booked certainly a very successful period for the sail training centre.

When the National Keelboat Scheme started just over two years ago I was one of the first instructors to be qualified. Along with four others at RPYC this enabled the Club

to have five of the eight senior instructors in the state. With this lead the Club now has between four and five BW8's out on the water every Saturday training students in three different levels of the scheme. What this means in terms of numbers is that last year we trained nearly the same number of students as the state of New South Wales! My aim is to offer the more advanced levels of the scheme in the future and introduce weekday morning training targeted at a specific audience.

Powerboat training has again been undertaken this season with groups receiving training and qualifications for RST and the National Powerboat Handling Certificate. A higher level course was also offered this season for a qualification as a safety boat driver with places being taken up by both our safety boat crews and ones from other Clubs. Further tailored courses have also been provided to members from Sailability who operate the safety boat during their activity days. This season also has seen the introduction of the Club Boat Accreditation Scheme. This is designed to better equip our boat operators with the information and skills that they need to safely use the Club fleet. This course containing information and practical sessions has been warmly received by many members



■ Our Club Fleet

whom all benefited from the process. It is my intention to further expand the training of our volunteer boat drivers ensuring a continued emphasis on safety.

The primary reason that we run all of these courses is to increase participation in our main Club activities be it Wednesday, Saturday yacht racing or Sunday dinghy racing. I firmly believe that we are currently increasing numbers of sailors in all of these regular events as a direct result of the Sail Training courses and the efforts of our team of instructors. Of course not everything that we do is formal training and Club coaching sessions are offered to members on a weekly basis throughout the season.

Laser coaching has been introduced on Friday evenings. These sessions are run under the watchful eye of Tim Castles an accomplished Laser sailor and high performance coach. The numbers for these sessions are growing but if you have access to a Laser then please come and have fun sailing this demanding dinghy whilst you improve your sailing skills. The Club is also providing coaching for our Tasar fleet with a special training camp day in January my intention is to provide more of these in the future. Our Optimist fleet is growing again and training camps with intensive coaching are the way forward in developing this class.

A youth keelboat squad has been formed, for the last six Month's we have been coaching a group of 14 to 18 year olds on the BW8's. The group has progressed well from never sailing a yacht before to handling spinnakers in a stiff breeze at close quarters with another boat. There are goals in place for this squad with the first being "Foundation Youth Cup" later on in the season. I feel that it is important to provide alternative avenues for our youth sailors to keep them interested and involved. In the longer term we aim to develop our youth to the level of Torvar Mirsky.

Women's keelboat squad has only recently been re started but based on the response that it has received it is set for a bright future. The aim is to have RPYC represented in women's sailing at national and international events.

Sunday mornings at Royal Perth are growing in popularity with the Junior Fleet creating a fun family friendly atmosphere for our junior dinghy sailors. With more serious coaching sessions for the older ones and playing around in the pond for the younger less experienced ones a great time is being provided at all levels. I am confident if we keep up our efforts within the dinghy sail training area these new sailors will flow through into Sunday afternoon racing and on in the future to competition at all levels. ■





■ Cumberland Cup 2012, Race Day 1, RPYC Boats 1 + 2

# RPYC Teams Racing - We are getting the Team back together!

*What really is Teams Racing you may say? Teams' racing is very tactical and technical; and needs good speed, boat handling, teamwork and communication.*

Teams' racing is made up of teams of 2, 3 or 4 boats (3 being the most common). In the recent past RPYC has competed mainly in 2 boat teams racing. Teams Racing is increasing in popularity with the tactically, action packed racing the attraction. More and more junior and educational institution sailing organisations are including Teams Racing into their mix of sailing disciplines (with Match Racing, Fleet Racing, around the buoys racing, as

well as offshore racing). And, these are generally being run in regatta type events. To win a Teams Race doesn't mean that one of the teams' boats needs to finish first; no – the team has to finish first. That is; the whole team has to finish first on points. For instance; in the Cumberland Cup where they use 2 boats per team in each flight the important task is not to come last. The team whose boat does cross last loses the flight.

In recent years RPYC has competed in the Colonial Cup (Daring Keel Boat Association) in Cowes, Isle of Wight a number of times, and once at RPYC. And, have competed at the Cumberland Cup in London a few times. The feedback from those team members that have been a few times is that apart from being great events; the level of competitiveness and skills of other competitors is increasing immensely. Last year a team from RPYC attended the

Cumberland Cup, hosted by the Royal Thames Yacht Club in London, and sailed on Queen Mary Reservoir near Heathrow in J80's. At that event a number of the team reacquainted themselves with previous competitors and extended the sailing networking opportunities. So much so that invitations to 2 other Teams Racing events were discussed. Since that time we have officially received those 2 invitations (2013 Southern Nichols Cup hosted by the

► Southern Yacht Club in New Orleans March 16-17, and the 2013 Islands International Challenge hosted by the Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club in Oyster Bay, New York October 3-5), as well as again receiving an invitation from the Daring Keel Boat Association of Cowes to compete in the 2013 Colonial Cup July 22-25. Unfortunately we have missed the boat on the Southern Nichols Cup; but RPYC has committed to supporting a team for both the Colonial Cup and the Island International Challenge.

As I previously indicated the skills of the other competitors at these events increasing; as they are competing in more teams racing events, and setting up specific teams racing programs within their club and/or local clubs. By having these specific teams racing programs set-up they conduct

regular training activities and therefore widen the exposure of teams racing within their club. This puts our RPYC teams at a severe disadvantage when we go to compete; even though the sailors who are going are very good sailors – but not necessarily at teams racing. So, through the persistence of a number of interested RPYC members the club has agreed to support members to compete at these events. Of course there is always a limitation to that support and Club Manager Stuart Walton and Commodore Mike Kilcullen have agreed to provide nomination and uniform support to those aforementioned events in 2013. Along with that the club will also assist where possible in training activities. But, we need to make sure we make it viable for the club and members – not just a jaunt for a certain clique of members.

We want to share the experience, knowledge and opportunity to those other members who are truly interested in representing the club internationally, travelling to new places and playing our sport on new and interesting aquatic playgrounds. When competing in these events you get the chance to not only have some great, enjoyable fast-paced sailing; but also meet lots of people with the same passion and strike up great networking opportunities around the world. And, we might even win one.....;-) While you are doing all of this you might even get to meet some royalty, or other such notoriety at the events social functions. But, this also gives the club the opportunity to get involved in the international teams racing community more with the possibility of setting up our own teams racing event, and show more like minded people our beautiful city and water-ways. We certainly have the perfect infrastructure for it!

well as encouraging members of all ages to get involved in other sailing activities. And of course looking to the future a team's racing program at RPYC will also provide the club another avenue to keep juniors interested in sailing as they move out of the junior ranks – and that is certainly a win/win for our Club and more broadly sailing in general. Our friends down the creek at RFBYC already have some sort of teams racing activities occurring and this will provide another opportunity to both Clubs to increase their members skills through training and potential events. But, let's start off small and build on the program with the hope of making it a great opportunity into the future.

So, if you are interested please contact myself, Vera Waldby, Chris Pye or your club for further information. With any luck and good timing on my part I will be including a small section in each Club newsletter about our teams racing activities (whether it be training, information sessions, or events); as well as including information in the Clubs regular e-mails. ■

■ Far left: Cumberland Cup 2012, St James Palace Reception, Vera and Andrew.  
Left: Cumberland Cup 2012, St James Palace Reception, Shawn Offer and Prince Andrew.



■ RPYC Cumberland Cup 2012, part of the team on the bus

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## Commodore's Message



■ Mike Kilcullen  
Commodore

Now we have the silly season behind us and we are into 2013 and it is great to see the Club coming back to life after a couple of weeks hibernation. Walking around the Club I've noticed the hardstand area thinning out a bit as this is one of our very few quieter times in this area of the Club's operations – the annual Rotto pilgrimage is nearly over for another Christmas, and the sailing season is in full swing so most are using their boats rather than fixing them. It is great to see.

We have had a full social scene in the lead up to Christmas, with the Melbourne Cup luncheon and the Chamber Music night both held very successfully in the marquee on the lawn. The feedback from the "tent-speriment" has been pretty underwhelming, mostly due to the interruption of the view from the Wardroom, which is understandable. I know the message has got through so we are unlikely to repeat that one next year. The functions we did hold there were great, and culminated in a successful 'early racing' day on the Saturday just prior to Christmas, carols by daylight and a very warm community feel in our tent.

As the new year starts we have kicked off with a bang – the 2013 Prochoice Safety Gear Etchells Australian Championships were run jointly by RPYC and RBYC from the Annexe, and were a great success. We had fantastic feedback from the sailors for

the efforts of Martin Clark our Club Race Officer and his very dedicated team of race officials, we had the opportunity to use the "John Rosser" automated flag raising system in a National Championships for the first time – again without a hitch, and we had more Commodores than you could poke a stick at down there helping out, along with all our usual dedicated volunteer band. Well done and thanks to you all.

In terms of sailing results our caps are off to Mike Manford and his crew on *The Croc*, their Freshy band dominated the championships, taking out the title with John Bertrand second and our Torvar Mirsky third. Yes Torvar was there, apparently a dedicated Etchells campaigner now, as the Nationals saw them back up from taking out the Syd Corser Regatta the week before – well done. Some of the usual suspects were there as well trying it on – Doug Kerr, Gary Smith, Skip Lissiman, Bill Steele, Alistair McMichael. All seemed to revel in the strong conditions and it was a top regatta.

We had the benefit for this regatta of resurrecting the 'mediterranean mooring' system which is a legacy of the Star section of Perth 2011. These moorings are now permanently installed at the Annexe, just needing some willing vessels to relocate during the regatta, then Clem gets his mask and snorkel on and attaches some buoys to provide a world class venue.

I would like to thank Doug, Shore Manager Chris Hardy, On Water Manager Rob Rooke and all the Swan River Etchells fleet for bringing this event to Perth and showcasing some fantastic and highly competitive sailing in very firm conditions.

We will also have held some more of our "spice of life" events by the time this issue makes print – a Friday twilight – the 70 boat challenge where hopefully the Club will be forced to put on a happy hour due to the high turnout, followed on 1 Feb by

a cruise to EFYC for dinner in the company of others from the Club. Hopefully we will have behaved ourselves.

On shore we are gearing up for the hardstand project, the first stage of which is only weeks away – watch out for more

news on this from the General Manager and on a noticeboard in the Club. Better still come down for dinner on a Friday or Tuesday and watch it all happen around you.

See you on the water. ■



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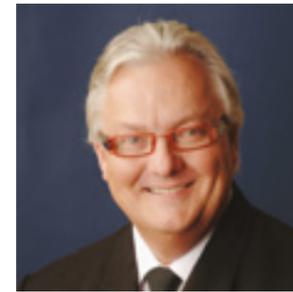
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## Vice Commodore's Message



Barry Honey  
Vice Commodore

One of the nice things about being involved in the Perth business community is that you get invited to some great events.

And so it was that Prue and I found ourselves as guests of Rob McKenzie, leading Perth lawyer and one time board member of the West Coast Eagles, at a Pre-game Football Lunch at Subiaco Oval followed by a viewing of the game between the Eagles and the Brisbane Lions.

The highlight – of course – was the game.

Prue ended up sitting in the stand beside Dennis Lillee – the Eagles' Number One Ticket Holder at the time – and they got on like a house on fire. It was during the quarter time break that Prue turned to me and, endeavouring to bring me into their conversation, said: "Dennis used to play cricket too!" I was dreading what I thought might be the likely follow up question "Did you ever meet when you opened the batting for Roseville Uniting Church Cricket Club in the Division 17 sub-district competition?" Mercifully, it never came.

It was later when we had some time to ourselves that I informed Prue that had she spent a little more time when we were courting sharing my passion for cricket she would know that The Great D K Lillee is one of our sporting

legends. "Oh you can't swing a cat in this town without hitting some sporting legend or another!" was her terse reply.

On reflection, maybe she's right.

You don't really need to try very hard in Perth to bump into someone who has made a remarkable contribution in sport or in some other field of endeavour.

Come down to the Club on any day when there is sailing on and you will likely find yourself in the Wardroom afterwards rubbing shoulders with Olympians, Paralympians, World and National Champions in either sailing or some other sport. In my experience, they are just as likely to spill red wine over your shirt in an animated discussion of the day's sailing as any of the old stagers who haunt the announcement of results hoping for a moment's glory and the chance to take home a ten cent victory flag.

If you wish to meet our sailing elite, there is no doubt that a major regatta will bring out the best of sailing talent. Look at the sailors participating in the recent Etchells Championships held out of the Annexe at Fremantle – names like Manford, Bertrand, Mirsky, Thomas, Lissiman and Chapple feature prominently on the list of competitors. So if you want to see some sailing legends close hand – come along to any major regatta and soak up the atmosphere.

But those that race are only part of the scene. There is much more.

It is not very hard in the bar at the Club to engage local living legend Jon Sanders in a chat over a beer about one of his many solo sailing adventures; and, if you really want to get into the technicalities of the rules of sailing, take the opportunity

to catch up with Phil Mostyn, respected international sailing umpire with the capacity to explain what is complex in the simplest of terms.

Most importantly, the opportunity to enrich your experience at the Club goes beyond just sailing.

In conversation if you explore what people do and have done you will find members who have excelled in business, the arts and in charitable and social works – seemingly ordinary folk who have done extraordinary things.

One of the hallmarks that feature in many of these amazingly talented people is how easy going, approachable and down to earth they are – unassuming about their achievements but absolutely arresting in conversation when on a

topic about which they are passionate.

This presents an opportunity.

You can hold back in awe of their achievements and reputation – or – taking a leaf out of Prue's book when she met the great D K Lillee, you can engage, immersing yourself in conversation and enjoying each other's company. My advice is to treat the Club as a melting pot of society and engage whoever you can whenever you can. Take time to hear the stories of others and be ready to tell your own. And when the opportunity presents – which sometimes presents unexpectedly and in surprising circumstances – take the opportunity to be inspired. To be inspired to do whatever you do, well. ■

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## Rear Commodore's Message



■ Mike Campbell  
Rear Commodore

Fellow Members,

Welcome to 2013! I hope the festive season was an enjoyable one for you and your families and that you had some quality time out on the water over the break. For those of you that participated in any of the various Nationals Regattas around the country I hope that you met your expectations and enjoyed the event.

As we enter the second half of the Summer season, I would encourage you to revisit the

Red Book and refresh yourself with the upcoming events, both competitive and of a social nature. We have new initiatives this year and are looking for good support from the membership to help ensure their success.

The last Saturday of racing before Xmas was one such occasion with an early start to racing followed by lunch and carols on the front lawn - well in the dreaded (seemed like a good idea at the time) marquee actually. I think I can sing but apparently that view is not shared by the rest of the population - oh well! We had a good turnout and a lot of positive feedback so that one will definitely get a guernsey for next season.

As I write this article I'm at 40,000ft on my way to Europe for a holiday with the family - bit of skiing, a few train trips and some schnapps in order I believe. Probably a little cold for sailing though - although you never know...the Swiss did win the Americas Cup after all.

In my last article I mentioned the initiative to put in some Mediterranean type moorings at the annexe for visiting offshore racing RPYC yachts. Unfortunately that has proven to be impractical however Hayden and Clem are looking at some alternatives which may work instead, including extending the floating jetty section that was acquired as part of Perth 2011. Regatta is aware of the importance of this facility and we will find a solution.

On a personal front, I have decided that having reached the pinnacle of the sport in Laser sailing (well almost) that it was time for a new challenge. As such Vanessa and I have purchased a Tasar which we will now campaign together at the club and wider afield. In fact the 2015 Tasar Worlds is being held at Busselton and we intend to compete, especially given we can just rock up without having the qualify! I figure its my only chance to ever compete in a worlds and

have the T-shirt to prove it! Tasars are a great class for a couple or parent/child combo, with RPYC having the strongest fleet in Perth. The Tasar association is very active and always looking for new people to get involved. They actually have an association boat that is available for people to have a go so why not come down on a Sunday during the season and check them out.

Our learn to sail courses both in dinghies and keelboats are over subscribed at the moment, and it has been good to see some of the fleet captains down at the last sessions to promote crewing opportunities for racing. Our women's sailing squad is getting great attendance and we look forward to further developing this and the youth squads in the second half of the season.

The Club has been buzzing so far this season and I encourage you to get down and partake in the many opportunities we have for boating participation at RPYC. I'll see you there! ■



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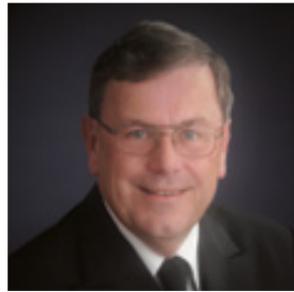
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# Signals from the Engine Room



■ Stuart Walton  
General Manager

What a busy summer it is, with a number of Club events behind us we still have many more to go before the end of the season. The new initiatives that have been trialled in the boating program appear to have been well received. The Friday evening twilight was a great success, we saw more boats on the water than has been the case for some years. This is something that we will do a little more regularly. The yacht and power boat cruise on Friday the 1st of February looks like being a great evening with EFYC putting on a special buffet menu with a jazz band. Again assuming it is an enjoyable evening we will aim to repeat this with visits to 'raid' other clubs in the future.

### Major Project update:

**Hard stand upgrade and new services building** – all approvals have been granted and we are well down the track in the preparation of detailed construction drawings and tender documents. All being well we hope to start construction soon after the end of the sailing season.

**Foreshore upgrade** – the installation of a new boat launching ramp and landscaping of the area immediately in front of the main Club building is about to start. The new single lane ramp will be installed adjacent to the Etchells hardstand and include a floating jetty to at last

allow members to board the boat they have just launched without having to swim out to it! To the East of the ramp will be a new semi-circular limestone deck in the centre of which will be our second Australia II mast from which the undefaced British ensign and Club burgee will be flown.

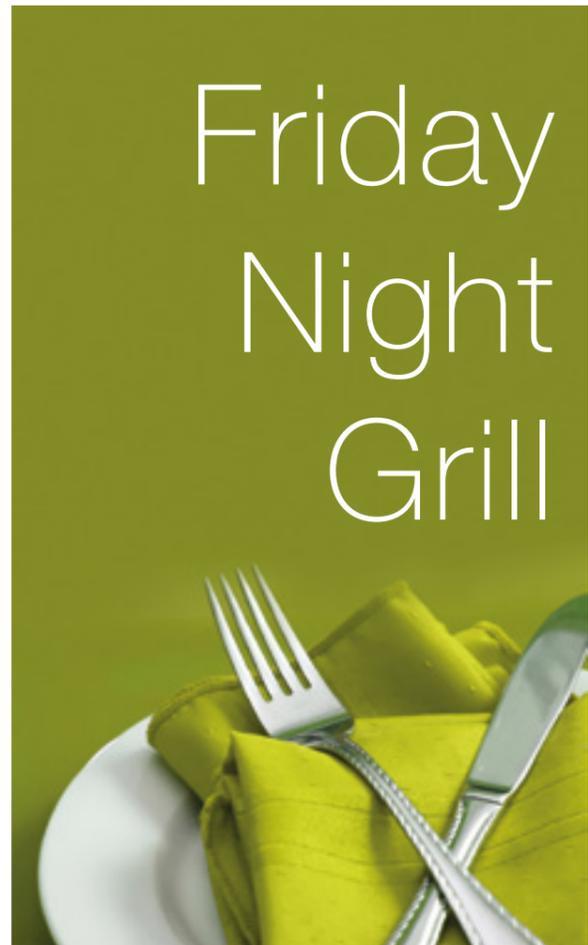
**Wardroom refresh** – in about 10 weeks time the Wardroom will take on a whole new look, new furniture, new window treatments and wait till you see the new lectern! The balcony will also be refurbished with a view to making a more relaxed environment for members to enjoy with their guests. The day the new furniture arrives will also herald new menus and table accessories.

**Member Survey** – our sincere thanks to the huge volume of members who took the time to complete our recent survey. In the next few weeks we will be running a series of focus groups which will enable us to drill down even further and really understand the needs and wants of the membership. The feedback so far has been extremely positive and produced some really good ideas. Watch this space; Royal Perth Yacht Club is going to be a fun place to be!

**Social media** – we are often asked if the Club is going to set up pages on the likes of Facebook and Twitter, this is one of the many initiatives we are looking at alongside a complete re-design of Cardinal Points and some further enhancements to our new website.

**A friendly reminder** – boat owning members are reminded that pens are not transferable. There have been a number of cases where members boats have been advertised for sale with a pen! This is simply not allowed under the Club By-laws and is grossly unfair on those who have been on the waiting list for, in some instances, many years. ■

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# STRING QUARTET NIGHT



# Captain Sail Report



■ Graham White  
Captain Sail

I find it is useful, and with some satisfaction, to reflect on achievements of your Club over the recent past as we launch into new initiatives. The redeveloped and extended marina at Crawley, the conduct of the 2011 ISAF World Championships, the ongoing success of the BW8 training fleet, the upgrading of our race support fleet, the development of the various training programmes, the modifications to the Annexe marina to accommodate dinghy sailing etc are all worthy of note.

It is therefore appropriate to “look inwardly to our facilities, operating procedures and administration” as plans are developed and implemented for the immediate future. Project development plans for the hardstand, front of Club modifications and improvements to the Clubhouse are dealt with elsewhere, all designed to improve service to members.

So too, there are plans for the further development of keelboat sailing at your Club including associated administration and equipment arrangements.

Included elsewhere in this issue, are details of the Sail Training opportunities provided by your Club. Following a period of stagnation some years ago, the Regatta Committee and staff have committed much thought and effort towards training and development and the associated issue of participation.

I am pleased to report that measureable progress is now under way. Some of the concepts being implemented are drawn

from the Gamba Report, a Yachting Australia initiative looking closely into the sport of sailing with an accent on participation, programmes for children, women and those with a disability. Additionally, our Sail Administration staff have been diligent in drawing on the Training documentation provided by Yachting Australia and we now see the early results. *Tackers*, a Dinghy Division programme, will, I am certain, provide sailors for future keelboat crews as well as produce many fine dinghy sailors along the way. Should you feel a little down on a Sunday morning, come to the Club, sit on the lawn with a coffee and watch the entertainment provided by those tackers in the plastic “oppies”. I guarantee you will be uplifted.

Women sailors are under represented in our sport. That is changing rapidly at your Club. There are some 30 plus ladies signed up to our Development programme. The aim is to enhance the existing talent of all and to establish several crews worthy of representing the Club in major events. These sailors have made a firm commitment to the development programme and the Club is providing the resources in the form of coaches, equipment and coordination.

Similarly, the Youth Development squad is now established and in training in the BW8 s. Here too the objective is to establish crews to represent RPYC.

The major underlying principle in these programmes is commitment by the participants matched by resource input by the Club.

The third element is the development of sailors with a disability and building on the now established history of success. Our blind sailing team have begun training specific to fleet racing in J24s, as they prepare to compete in the worlds in Japan in May 2013. The Paralympic sailors are also planning their 2016 campaign. A long term plan is under development with the aim of

drawing in ex-service men and women with disabilities.

The keelboat training courses for people new to the sport have been fully subscribed and bookings are strong. Many of the graduates are keen to participate further and hence provide a ready pool of crew members for your boats. Please make these potential “worldbeaters” welcome, you will be so glad you did.

Another sailing related initiative has been the introduction of Accreditation and associated training to operate Club boats. This has been a very successful programme based on detailed locally developed requirements specific to each type of boat in our fleet. Some members will not aspire to driving Challenger or even ORPYC, however there is now a pool of accredited members sufficient to meet the Club’s sailing programme and to safeguard these important Club assets.

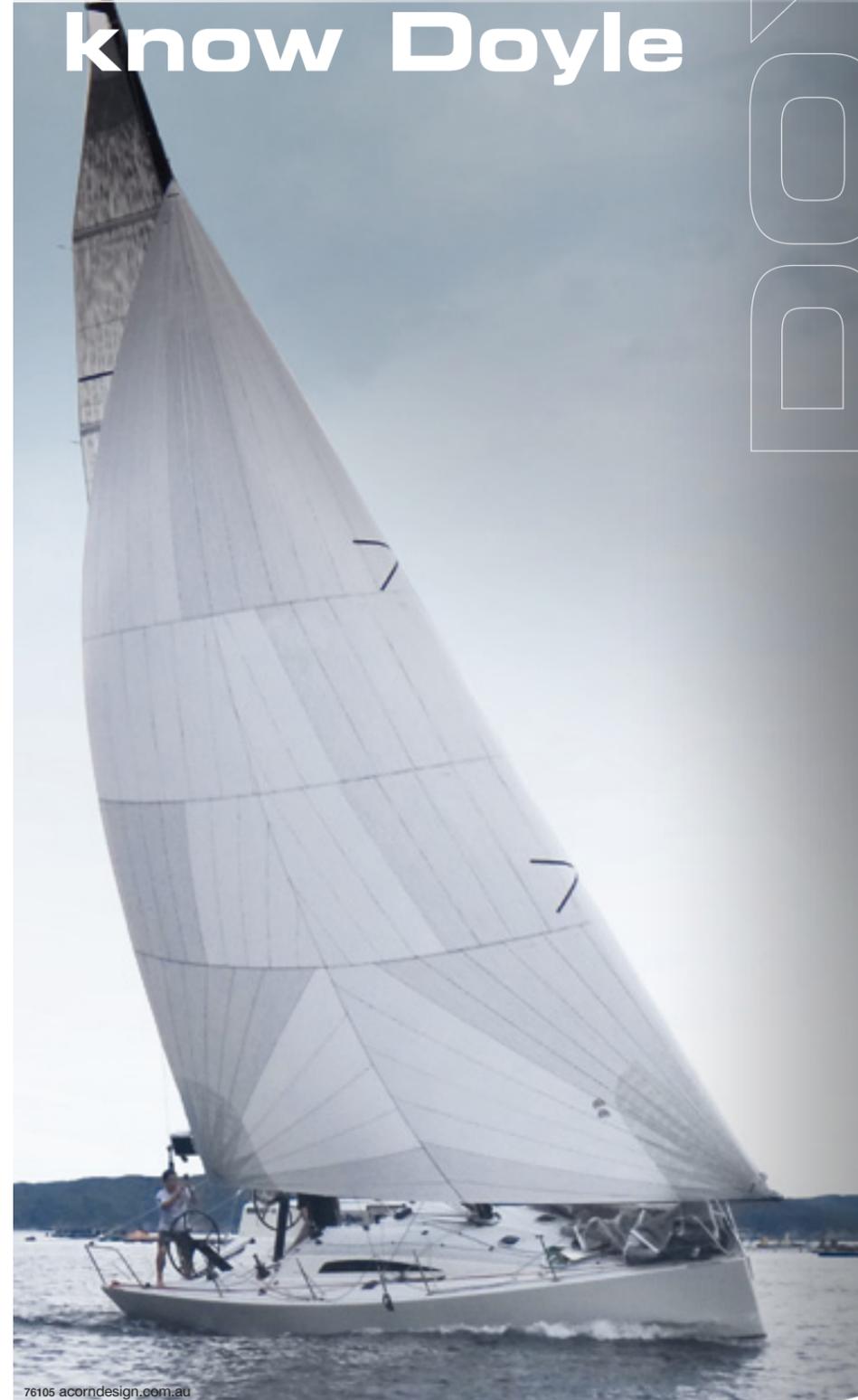
The success of our sailing programme is not based on equipment alone, rather the biggest single factor is our people, staff, volunteers and of course our participants. If you are not acquainted with our staff, may I suggest you speak to them if only to acknowledge their contribution, for without their organising, coordinating, maintaining and sheer good natured dedication, sailing at your Club would not happen.

A further initiative under development relates to Kiteboarding at your Club, so expect more news on this in 2013.

As this edition goes to print, the results of the survey of members will be available and I trust there will be lessons for the Regatta Committee to address, and we will. Meanwhile please offer your thoughts on matters relating to keelboat sailing to your Fleet Captains, Flag Officers or Staff, new ideas welcome, complaints accepted. ■



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## Membership

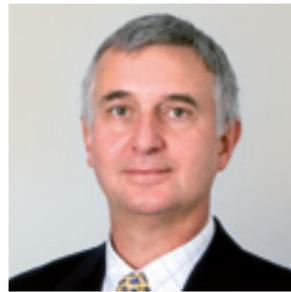
Shawn Offer, Membership Chairman

### Welcome to our new Members

The Commodore, Flag Officers and members of General Committee welcome the following new Members to Royal Perth Yacht Club:

Mr John Barrington, Miss Alizha Bray, Mr Camillo Della Maddalena, Mr Andrew Halpin, Mr Daryl Henthorn, Mr Don Holmes, Mr Greg Hutchinson, Mr Warren Levisohn, Mr Rob & Mrs Susan Martin, Mr Rob & Mrs Deborah Scharnell, Ms Liana Harrison, Mrs Keli Sertorio, Mrs Erica Shellabear, Mr Nick & Mrs Katherine Kingdon and children Laura & Charlotte, Mr Mark & Mrs Sally Ann Lumsden and children Florence, Gabrielle & Verity, Mr Angus & Mrs Sarah McPhee and children Kelsey & Abbey, Mr Matt Shea & Ms Samantha Foster and son, Aidan, Mr Ian & Mrs Kylie Sydney and children Zoe, Eleanor & William, Mr Craig & Mrs Rosemary Thompson and children Harry & Luke, Miss Anastasia Beasley, Miss Meg McAullay, Miss Josephine & Miss Charlotte Offer, Master Harry Sutcliffe, Miss Kaat & Master Bart Vandenhout, Mr Clint & Mrs Toni Mills, Mr Karl Simich, Captain Lee Goddard, CSC RAN.

# Captain Dinghies Report



■ Hank Koelemij  
Captain Dinghies

I trust you all had a good summer break! Many of our members attended a number of different sailing regattas around Australia with the next event being the RPYC Mini Series regatta during February 9-10.

The organization for the Mini Series is in full swing and it promises to be a great event.

The start of the sailing season was good. The Laser fleet is going from strength to strength with increasing numbers (we counted 15 boats last race) and competitive sailing at all levels. The weekly training on Friday afternoons by Tim Castles is well attended and showing an improvement in all participants. Alvaro also started a training program for the youth sailors in preparation for the coming Laser WA State Championships which are to be held during the long weekend in March.

The Junior Fleet sailing on Sunday mornings between

09:00-12:00am is proving to be a great success with a few Optimist sailors already starting to participate with the afternoon racing. We unfortunately had to say goodbye to our Belgian and Dutch friends who's stay in Western Australia ended during the Christmas Holidays. Tom and Peter indicated they are planning to continue with sailing. I believe the introduction to Sailing courses and coaching run by the Club is professionally managed and provides excellent opportunities for all those who wish to be involved.

The Tasar fleet is quietly getting into gear for the big sailing event in 2015. A Tasar training event was

organized at the RPYC Annexe during January as well as fleet members hitting the water on Friday afternoons training session. We also noted some boats changing owners with a few renowned families coming into the class.

The youth keelboat training with Jonathan on Tuesday afternoon has gained momentum. He now regularly gets enough teenagers to take two boats out on the water. The next step would be to introduce these sailors to match racing and we aim to get a team together for the Foundation Youth cup this year.

I hope to see you all at the RPYC Mini Series. ■

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# HIGH TEA DECADENCE



## Division 2 Report

Paul Odd, Fleet Representative

Farr 9,2 FRENZY is a newcomer to the RPYC Farr fleet and Division 2 and we welcome skipper Murray Rose and his crew.

The first race in the Division 2 Invitation Tri-Series was held on 24th November at SOPYC. Corrected Time winner was R27 *Free Spirits*; fastest was R325 *Big Diamond*.

The four December Trophy Race winners were *Lionheart* [twice], *Swagman* and *True South*.

Attention is being given to the outcomes of handicap recalculations on a regular basis in an effort to provide fair competition based on performance and a reduction in the spread across corrected times. ■

## Division 3 Report

James Baker, Fleet Representative

### MISSING!!

RPYC is missing a number of our highly regarded Division 3 skippers. These sailors were last seen having fun in small boats between Foam Spit and Brick Landing.

Their fellow sailors and friends are very keen to have these Skippers found and return to the camaraderie of the Div 3 Fleet. Saturday Racing is very lonely without them!!

Rewards for their return are generous! Exercise and fresh air on the magnificent waters of the Swan River, challenging competition and rivalry to stimulate the adrenalin, and good-hearted banter and 'spinning of yarns' over a glass or two in the Wardroom.

Any information that could assist in finding our friends and helping them get back out on the water would be very much appreciated. ■

## Wednesday Report

Rudi Muller with Neville's help, Member of Wednesday Committee

Our first Wednesday race for the New Year is always a little difficult to arrange as it happens during the National and State Titles time. But as usual, the river was empty on the day and we had a great time. 36 boats went out and that makes it all worthwhile. My thanks to the people that supported us, the buzz in the Wardroom after the race was just great. I must mention also, that John McKay and Neville Winley got quite wet laying the extra marks needed. Also thanks to Claire, Ethel and

Dennis (in charge) for a job well done in the Startbox.

Several Skippers and crew really enjoyed the different course needed for that day and wanted to know if it could be repeated during the season, but that would be iffy, we could have 45 or more boats turn up and that would cause safety problems in such a small area.

The Wednesday Committee voted: No.

See you all there next year. ■



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## Endeavour Report

C. Nyall, Fleet Representative

Christmas and the New Year have been well & truly celebrated, and with the season at the half-way mark the intrepid teapots are looking ahead to the State Titles to be held over the March long weekend. Coming events also include the Lady Skippers Race and a return invitation race at South of Perth YC. Let's hope the navigators do a better job this time around as the last invitation saw three different courses sailed.

As we're at the half-way point it's time for a Mid Term

Report on the more active of the fleet:

**Vagabond** – Tony Finch has been in fine form scoring fastest regularly. Odds on for the States.

**In the Red** – Inconsistent but always a threat when the Commodore gets the crew together. A smokie for the States.

**Amber** – Shows glimpses of true form but relies heavily on French champagne for crew motivation.

**Odette** – The Hallam twins are right on pace but have

missed races due to crew shortages. As reigning Champs they know how to rise to the occasion.

**El Nino** – Mike Hulbert has drafted well and is steadily working through the fleet. Always consistent.

**Three Cheers** – Fonsie and Pat are getting it together, and the new sails should see improved performances.

**Little Tiger** – Sir Bob is romping it in on handicap – inquiry pending. Has pedigree to perform in big races.

**Argo** – Barry has notched up some good handicap results and is whittling that handicap down.

**Mindarie** – Great to have Ian Passmore actively racing again. Scored a first in the last race prior to Xmas.

The Others – should see *Mistral* back in action and hoping *Doc of Style* and *England Expects* can manage a few Saturday races.

Good to see recent sales of *Nirvana* and *Weinglas* both taking on new owners and we welcome them to our fleet for the rest of the season. ■

## S80 Report

Alan Tough, Fleet Representative

Here we are with half the season already over. Where did it all go? We must have been busy racing.

So far this year we have raced 7 races on Saturdays at the club, 10 Wednesday afternoon races and a further 6 Association races away from the Club, including the Short Course series, plus the Ron Tough Match Racing Series.

A substantial program since the 10th October and more yet to come!

### Results so far are:

#### Consistency results:

<i>Vintage Red</i>	13 points
<i>Uncle Louis</i>	15 points
<i>Surcouf</i>	18 points

#### Championship results (one race only):

<i>Vintage Red</i>
<i>Surcouf</i>
<i>Uncle Louis</i>

Clearly close racing for all!

A recent raft up immediately after the racing at SoPYC on Saturday 15th of December has been reported as successful with recommendations that it be repeated often.

Claims that the success was greatly assisted by French champagne provided free by the Association are deemed to be somewhat cynical, whilst those that claim they do not remember being there at all are felt to have suffered some mysterious ailment of unknown origin.

We are looking forward to the trial of a Friday evening race on February 8th at 1730. This is part of the Club's endeavours to find scheduling formats to suit all skippers and get more boats out of the pens and on the water. Results will be reported for the next magazine.

State Championships are coming up on the March long weekend of 2/4th March with racing to be held in Owen Anchorage. Again we are fortunate in being able to jointly run them with the S97 Association as it assists with the organisation and improves the total participation numbers. The format will be as previously, that is 8 races over the three days (6 to count), with an outright State Champion

and a Consistency Trophy awarded. This year we have proposal from a Victorian crew to come over and join us.

Mark laying volunteers are required so if anyone is available please contact Alan Tough or Jeff Crookes.

As a result of the Association's endeavours to arrange leasing of boats that are otherwise not being used, it is pleasing to see that PFSYC has taken on board two S80's for training purposes. They will pen and maintain them on the basis they can be used for

training and agreed racing days.

The idea is that people completing accredited courses on the boats will be able to continue and sail afterwards in boats that are familiar to them. Provided they are Club members they can then take part in the normal racing schedule. The Association welcomes this move to try and take advantage of the large number of S80's available on the river, increase the fleet participation and improve the availability of crew members. ■



The S97 Metro championships concluded in December with Terry Foster/ Paul Fabricius in *Capricious Wind* taking the silverware by just a point from John Bailey in *Hejira* and Simon Plunkett in *Terra* third. Throughout the series a total of 12 boats participated in various heats which highlights the strength in the fleet, so congratulations to all skippers and crew for making it a great series. Next on the calendar is the Swan River Short Course series followed by the S97 state championships on Owen Anchorage and it would be great to see 10 plus boats participating.

There have been further changes in boat ownership since the last report with Mark and Jane Hannaford purchasing *DeJaVu* from Bill Quinn who has upgraded to a new exotic Italian import. While Mark and Jane have been sailing regularly on Saturdays and twilights in the

new boat, we still see Bill at the S97 table in the wardroom even though he arrives a little late.

We also welcome to the fleet Duke Snyder who has bought a part share in *Stress Management* and has the boat sailing regularly with Brian Innes.

Two very competitive boats, *Pulp Fiction* and *Hejira* have recently been offered for sale which is a great opportunity for any prospective new skippers to join a great one design class.

On a more social front Alistair McMichael successfully coordinated eleven S97s for a corporate fundraising twilight in November which was enjoyed by both skippers and corporate crew both on the water and late into the evening onshore. In conjunction with other fundraising events Alistair and his RLB team raised approximately \$30000 for cancer research which was a great outcome.

S97 METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2012	
BOAT	CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS (after 6 races)
<i>CAPRICIOUS WIND</i>	7
<i>HEJIRA</i>	8
<i>TERRA</i>	11
<i>POLYTHENE PAM</i>	16
<i>DEJAVU</i>	23
<i>FISTINA</i>	24
<i>TOTAL RECALL</i>	25
<i>HORNETS NEST</i>	35
<i>STRESS MANAGEMENT</i>	37
<i>FLEUR DE LYS</i>	39
<i>DNA</i>	43
<i>SILVER FERN</i>	54

## Saturday *Alfresco* Sailor Lunch



Enjoy lunch on the lawn or on the go before Saturday Sailing

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# Introducing our Food and Beverage team...



**Oliver (better known to everyone as Ollie)**  
Functions Manager

Being globally recognised for its achievements and locally known for its prestige and quality, Royal Perth Yacht Club's reputation precedes it. Joining the team at the Royal Perth Yacht Club was an easy decision for me as it's not often an opportunity like this arises.

I grew up in Bristol, England, known for its industry,

shipping docks and great West Country cider. As a young lad I had an affinity with the docks and loved watching the boats come in and out of the city along the river. My mother joined me up to the local Sea Scouts where I quickly learnt about knot tying, rowing and to duck when someone shouts 'boom!' My interest in sailing and boating grew from there, with a few less knocks along the way.

At the age of 21 I made the bold decision to uproot my life in England and fly south, like every good migratory creature does. I arrived in Australia nearly five years ago; young, ambitious and eager to experience everything this beautiful place has to offer. With a 12 month working holiday visa in my back pocket, I planned to travel around as much as possible. I'd been told by so many friends that the east coast was the place to be, and that I'd love that the most. But, after exploring the beautiful city and driving along the coast

line to Exmouth, Perth felt like home. There then was a really awkward phone call to my parents explaining that I wasn't coming home and 'could they look after my cat?'

Since then I've firmly settled my roots here. For the past four-and-a-bit-years, I worked at a small publishing house as a sales manager. Stumbling across the role as Functions Manager at RPYC was a stroke of luck and before I knew it, I was being given a tour by Stuart Walton, marvelling at the Club's picturesque setting. Steeped in history, RPYC is the perfect venue for weddings, events and functions. With the capability of entertaining out on the lawn or in the beautiful River Perie Banou room, RPYC has a lot to offer its members. As some might say she's "shipshape and Bristol fashion!"

I look forward to working with you and creating your event to remember at the Club.



**Shinead**  
Team Leader

Hi,

You have all hopefully seen me around the Club before, in my service to the Club in the last couple years, but let me tell you a bit about myself. I was born and raised in Western Australia, and love the way of life we all have here. As much as I love home, I have an insatiable curiosity about other cultures, which has led me to travel abroad over the past few years to countries like America, Indonesia, China, Europe and Great Britain. I plan to do much more travelling in the years to come.

I was employed to work at the Royal Perth Yacht Club at the beginning of the sailing season in 2010 and was immediately enthralled by the great atmosphere that this Club offers; be it the fun of Twilight, or the relaxed ambience of Tuesday and Friday night dinning. Over this time I was employed as a casual employee and during the busy summer months spent much of my time here. Recently, I was lucky enough to be promoted to a position of Team Leader, which as a full time position, gives me

the opportunity to remain working consistently here for the foreseeable future.

I look forward to seeing and getting to know you all better as the sailing season continues. I hope to become more involved with Friday Night Grill and Tuesday night buffet, So please pop down for a bite to eat, and enjoy the dining experience and great food that we provide in the Ward Room.



**Jamie**  
Full Time Food & Beverage Assistant

Hi there! I'm Jaimee Lee. I was born and raised in Ontario, Canada with my two older sisters and younger brother. I knew from a young age that I wanted to work with and help

people, so when it came time to attend university, I chose Psychology and Social Service Work. When I graduated, I started my career working with victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse. As my career progressed, I became more involved with the justice system and participated in several multi-disciplinary committees relating to domestic violence and the legal system. I loved my job and the difference the agency made in the community. It was amazing to see the transformations my clients underwent from victim to survivor. Unfortunately, I often felt that my hands were tied when it came to the legal system. Many of my clients couldn't afford representation and, without a law degree, I couldn't bridge that gap. I started studying for the law

school admissions test and hoped to take the next step, but law school seemed like a bit of a pipe dream. That is, until I took a study break to attend a music festival in Montreal, Québec. Quite by surprise I met my now partner while there and really have him to thank for helping me fulfill my dream. He just happened to be from Perth and encouraged me to look into some of the law schools in WA. I did some research, found a school I was interested in and applied. Only a few days later I received my acceptance and about a year later, my partner and I moved to Perth.

So here I am, in a new city, about to return to school. I can't wait to see what adventures I'm in for next! ■



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■ Ann Hodgkinson

### All weather Sailor

Sailability member Mike Cull in his Access Liberty dinghy braved strong winds and stormy conditions to compete in Sunday Centreboard racing recently. Mike, named "Disabled Sailor of 2012", by Yachting WA, ventured out for afternoon club racing, but found himself virtually alone due to the ferocious gusts, squally rain fronts and nearby thunderstorms, that kept other competitors ashore. Mike, confident in his very stable craft and with a wealth of sailing experience behind him, had a very pleasant and refreshing, if somewhat damp afternoon sail. One other intrepid Sailability member Tracy Odiam, keen to get experience in tougher conditions on the blustery day out, kept Mike company, in her own Access Liberty.



■ Mike Cull

### Cockburn Sound Regatta 2012

Sailability President, Graeme Martin, in his yacht, R211, "Sand Crabs Disco", achieved a great result of overall first place in "Jib and Main Consistency",

in a 6 races series, in the recent post-Christmas Cockburn Sound Regatta. Graeme and his crew also received a highly commendable 4th place in Division 3 YAH, in the Coventry Reef Race in November. Promoting the full inclusion of disabled skippers and crew in mainstream racing of all types, Graeme has ventured into inshore and offshore events this season, with a 7th place in the "Around the Sound" day race and also competing in the overnight Cape Naturaliste and Return Race. He and his crew will be hoping for a great result in his next adventure – The Bunbury and Return overnight race on 12th January 2013.- Good Luck!



Sailability members Colin Harrison and Rachael Cox also had a successful regatta at Cockburn Sound this year, with a second place in the Sonar, AUS788, "Noel Robins", in Division 2 Consistency.

### Sunday morning Sailability – Well supported by members and volunteers.

Sunday morning Sailability sailing sessions continue to be well supported by our volunteers and popular with our members. It is a special day for those more independent members who can operate the access dinghies, accompanied by their own carer or by a Sailability volunteer. It is also a "Come and Try" day for those interested in seeing the potential for themselves or a friend or family member with a disability to become involved in our sailing



activities. Competent sailors from the Sunday morning program can also compete in the RPYC Club Dinghy racing in the afternoon, gaining consistency and championship class results for end of season trophies, which will be provided by Sailability WA Inc.

### Access Class State Championships 2013

These will be held on the weekend of 9th and 10th March 2013, as part of the RPYC Argonaut Mini Series. For nomination forms and race documentation, please go to the "Races" page of [www.sailabilitywa.com.au](http://www.sailabilitywa.com.au) ■



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# NEW YEAR'S PARTY



# From the Archives

Our collection of Burgees from around the world continues to grow. Over the last few months we have received in excess of twenty. The more significant Burgees are from: Royal Belgian Yacht Club, Royal Cape Yacht Club, Sandringham Yacht Club, Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club, Royal Northern Clyde Yacht Club, Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, Bruxelles Royal Yacht Club and the Royal Solent Yacht Club.



Also on an International theme, during December, Maxwell Plarr from Newport spent a day in our Archives researching America's Cup material. Max is the Head Sailing Coach from the Christopher Newport Sailing Foundation part of the Christopher Newport University. He is carrying out research in Sydney and Perth as part of a "Bill Lane Fellowship" through the Australian National Maritime Museum which he was awarded. His research is a continuation of a thesis he wrote in 2011, titled *Yachting Diplomacy: Anglo-American Relations and the creation of Nationalism through the America's Cup*. His current thesis will be delving more into Australian/American relations through yachting, focused mainly around the America's Cup – 1983 and 1987.

On his return to Sydney, Max wrote a letter of thanks to Royal Perth and in part I quote: "I just wanted to thank you again for the spectacular treatment I received yesterday. Your sources, wisdom and hospitality are certainly going to be a key in my research."

This sort of co-operation from Members and Staff helps to make this great Club even greater.



## Recent Donations to the Archives

We would like to thank the following Members and Friends of R.P.Y.C. It has been pleasing to note that we have received over fifty separate donations to the Archives this year including those listed below.

**Patricia Waters** – Many past issues of *In The Wind* and Annual Reports.

**Peter Leggatt** – A large photo of *Sandra* and his continued support of the loan of a Governor's Cup Trophy.

**Commodore Ian Cameron (1987-89)** – America's Cup Photos, Posters and a series of old RPYC survey documents.

**Chris Tyler** – Three valuable copies of "Sails on The Swan".

**Commodore David Foulkes (1967-69)** – A series of old photos of *Maid Marion*.

**Lionel Bussell** – A number of America's Cup Books.

**Commodore Chris Hardy (1997-99)** – Two 1983 America's Cup Victory wine glasses.

**Rob Dare** – A number of Sailing Books.

**Commodore Mark Fitzhardinge (2007-09)** – A number of Prize Night Programs



## Trivia

In the July 2010 edition of *In The Wind*, we asked if anyone had any information re a trophy that was found in a second hand shop engraved: RPYC Special Trophy, 1st *Dytiscus*, A Langford. We can now report that *Dytiscus*, R22, was a pelican class yacht. After a lot of research, the information was obtained from The Geraldton State Pelican Championship entry forms of 1967.

## GONE-GONE-GONE

Who can remember the old Start Box at Poplar Buoy? It is now 13 years since its accidental and untimely demise by a subcontractor who was allegedly watching the Australia Cup. The Start Box was original built circa 1969. Have you a photo of this piece of Club History?

Jon Readhead – Club Archivist

## Quiz

### The December Quiz:

In the first 10 years of the Naturaliste Ocean Race, how many times did Bill Lucas finish with line honours in *Pannamuna*?

The answer was 7, 1955-56-57-59-60-61-62.

There were a large number of entries to the Quiz but Don Wild did it again. Don please collect your fine bottle of **RED** from the Archives and don't forget, three times a winner and you're out.

### The February Quiz question in two parts:

Who was the Youngest Commodore to be elected at Royal Perth Yacht Club and how old was he when elected. Clue: In his later years, he was a well known Perth racing identity.

First correct entry wins.

Please email your entry to: clubarchivist@rpyc.com.au or by phone to Jon on 9276 1351.



## Wanted

Member response to our December request for old Prize Night Programs was fantastic. We are slowly managing to complete our collection and would welcome any further copies. We are how ever also after any Fixture Books prior to 1965 and in particular other issues, 2001-2002 and 2004-2005. Can You Help?

**Members please note** that your Archivists are on duty at the Club each Tuesday and Thursday from 0930 – 1430 for general access to records, Family and Club History inquiries.

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"Among national assets, archives are the most precious; they are the gift of one generation to another and the extent of our care of them marks the extent of our civilization".  
Quote by Arthur Doughty, July 1916 during the battle of the Somme.

# Fremantle Annexe



■ Clem Rogers  
Harbour Master

## BOY! HAS SUMMER ARRIVED!

As tradition has it, Boxing Day is when the Christmas/Summer holidays start and start they did! We had some 30 members prepare their boats from Christmas Eve through Christmas Day ready for the off and by New Year's Eve 39 of you were away! What conditions we've had too, by the time we got to the first week in January the wind had died and we could all have been in the tropics! For those of you that managed to get away I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year and for those of you that remained land bound I hope you get the chance to

take advantage of our WA summer sometime soon.

## SYD CORSER SAILING CHAMPIONSHIPS

As a precursor to the Etchells National Championships the Syd Corser Regatta got underway on the 3rd January, with many of the yachts arriving before Christmas in readiness for the event. My thanks go to those people with hardstand bays at the southern end who so graciously allowed me to "clear them out" to allow the yachts to park up for the event. Your support made it a very easy exercise and I know the competitors are very grateful for your support to create the yacht park. By the time you read this I should have all of you back "home" in your allotted bay again.

Thanks must also go to those with their boats moored on "A" jetty north, who I also managed to "throw out" before New Year to accommodate the Mediterranean mooring of the racing yachts. It does look very spectacular to see them all lined up in readiness to race, with 120 crew or so

in a hive of activity on the jetty before and after racing it gives a real buzz to the Annexe. That combined with the after race tales in the bar afterwards! Thanks also to Indianic Dive Services for laying the mooring floats and removing them after the event.

## THE MAIN EVENT

I'm pleased to report that despite the lack of good breeze a successful event was held for the Syd Corser Cup, but the National Championships came to a great conclusion after some fierce racing in mixed weather conditions, but great winds for the final race on the Saturday.

By the time this issue arrives with you, we will have put everything back in order and had Australia Day, my how the time whizzes by!

## THE WASH-UP

A few logistics issues arose as a result of the Etchells Regatta, particularly due to the stress placed on car parking. Despite my notices prior to the event once again some individuals took it

upon themselves to park in "no go" areas, particularly trailer bays on the north side! PLEASE PLEASE, if you find a situation whereby parking is a problem when you arrive, for whatever reason, CALL ME first! It is a rare situation when I am not on site during busy times, if you can't find me in the office I always have the mobile, phone me and I'll find you and between us we'll locate you in a suitable spot which won't interfere with others. Please put yourself in the shoes of the person you are likely to effect when parking up in what is not ordinarily a parking area and think how you might feel.

## THE BALANCE OF SUMMER

If last year is anything to go by the weather might well hold until May, which will give many opportunities to carry on sailing/boating well beyond what is our normal summer period, I hope many of you will be able to plan accordingly and make full use of everything the Annexe has to offer.

As always wishing you safe boating. ■

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