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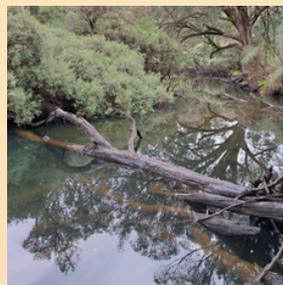
NEWS



"WHO NEEDS WATER, ITS DAD'S BOAT"

The heavens opened and the rains came falling down, pity that was Monday, the day after our race was meant to run.

Although the prestigious Nannup cup was postponed, a fun family weekend away was had by all. Practice Day was held on Saturday at Jalbarragup, 5 boats ventured up-river but only past the first log jam, the second left too much chance for damage so we turned back and did prop testing in the pool. Brandon, Jimmy and Sam decided to take my boat Bertha for a run past the log jam and thankfully no trees were harmed in the process. The crew and boat however....



Sunday was turned into a checkpoint expedition and scavenger hunt. The morning started with some face painting before the convoy of support crews departed Nannup to go visit the river checkpoints and admire the complete lack of water while finding random items I set out for them to find. A fantastic dinner as usual at the Nannup Hotel, followed by Scavenger hunt presentations at Bob's campfire.



Overall winner was Amilee and Team 069 with a total of 40 points. Special mentions to Penny and her wonderful caterpillar and Zak with his Lizard Selfie



COMMODORE'S REPORT



Finally the rains have arrived. After a promising start to the year, the follow up winter rains didn't arrive and unfortunately that led to the postponement of the Nannup Cup. We have a gap in the calendar where the "River Race" traditionally was run where we will look at rescheduling the Nannup event. Discussions around that and dates will be at the general meeting next week.

Big thanks to those who still came down and made a weekend of it. It was good to see a few boats on the water Saturday and the Sunday river expedition was a success.

The BMAG calendar runs from June to June so we are currently working on the 2023/24 dates. We are aiming to have a better allocation of water for club usage. We will be pushing for water access all day on our race days and also test and tune days the weekend before all river events.

Avon Descent entries are open! We are looking forward to a great representation of the PDRC at the 50th event. We have a bunch of boats conducting their first descent this year and some "more experienced" names coming out of retirement to compete. It's going to be a cracker.

Sunnyside is just around the corner also. Like Nannup, Sunnyside is a great training event with the Saturday afternoon centred around training and practice and Sunday morning is race day. Free camping is available at the "oval" which is also the race and practice start location.

Looking forward to a great turnout so see you riverside.

Cheers



Northam Weir 8/6/23





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The Adventures of TwoDogs and Ronnie

A fair tale by Chat GPT

In the enchanting town of Avonville, nestled by the mighty Avon River, there lived a young and daring powerboat racer named TwoDogs. With his trusty and forgetful sidekick, Ron Dog, by his side, they were the best team in all the land. Avonville was known for its famous Avon Descent powerboat race, where courageous racers from far and wide would gather to showcase their skills.



TwoDogs and Ronnie Dog were inseparable, despite Ron Dog's knack for forgetfulness. While TwoDogs always made sure to have his racing gear ready, Ron Dog had a habit of leaving his helmet and life jacket behind. But TwoDogs, being the loyal and patient friend that he was, never failed to remind Ron Dog about the importance of safety.

The day of the grand race finally arrived, filling Avonville with excitement and anticipation. The town's people gathered by the riverbank, eagerly waiting to cheer on their favorite racers. The Avon River sparkled under the warm sun, ready to challenge the brave competitors.

As TwoDogs and Ron Dog prepared to start their engine, TwoDogs noticed that Ron Dog was missing his helmet and life jacket once again. TwoDogs let out a sigh but remained calm. "Ron Dog, safety first," he reminded his forgetful friend. Ron Dog's ears perked up as he realized his mistake.



Without wasting any time, Ron Dog dashed off towards their trailer, searching high and low for his helmet and life jacket. The seconds ticked by, and TwoDogs felt a flicker of worry. But just as the race was about to begin, Ron Dog emerged, triumphantly holding his helmet and life jacket in his paws.

With a smile and a pat on Ron Dog's back, TwoDogs reassured his friend. "You did it, Ron Dog! Now we're ready to conquer the Avon River together."



The Adventures of TwoDogs and Ronnie

A fair tale by Chat GPT (cont)



The crowd cheered as ThunderPaw's engine roared to life. TwoDogs and Ron Dog sped off, their eyes set on the challenges that lay ahead. The river tested their skills, pushing them to their limits with its rapid currents and sharp bends.

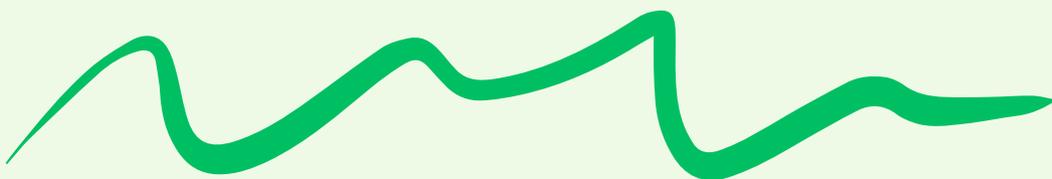
As they raced along, Ron Dog's forgetfulness almost caused a mishap when he accidentally bumped into another racer. But TwoDogs, ever the quick thinker, maneuvered ThunderPaw skillfully, averting a collision and keeping them in the race.



Throughout the race, Ron Dog's helmet and life jacket stayed securely in place, serving as a reminder of the importance of safety. TwoDogs encouraged Ron Dog with every twist and turn, their teamwork shining through the exhilarating adventure.

In the end, TwoDogs and Ron Dog crossed the finish line, their hearts racing with pride and accomplishment. The crowd erupted in applause, celebrating their bravery and perseverance. While they didn't win first place, TwoDogs and Ron Dog's journey had taught them valuable lessons about responsibility, teamwork, and the significance of safety.

From that day forward, Ron Dog never forgot his helmet and life jacket again. He and TwoDogs continued to participate in races, facing new challenges with a sense of adventure and a commitment to safety. Avonville would forever remember the tale of TwoDogs and Ron Dog, the powerboat duo who not only raced with passion but also reminded everyone that safety should always come first, even in the midst of the most thrilling adventures.



The End!

2023 SEASON CALENDAR

NEXT UP!

MONDAY 19TH JUNE GENERAL MEETING

BAR OPENS 5.30PM / MEETING STARTS 6PM

1st & 2nd July - Sunnyside Sprint

24th July - General Meeting

5th August - Avon Time Trial

6th August - Avon Practice Day

12th & 13th August - Avon Descent

20th August - Avon Presentations

4th September - General Meeting

23rd to 25th September - Blackwood Classic

30th September - Blackwood presentations &

AFL Grand Final Sundowner

Date TBC October - Potholes Perth Cup

DATE TBA - Annual General Meeting

28th October - Commodore's Ball

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**ENTRIES
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Northam's Avon Descent Association (NADA) update:

- Early bird entries are now open now till the 30th June - get in now and get your 50th Avon Descent merchandise, also available till 30th June, get in quick before they are gone



AVON 50YR POLO
\$45.00 AUD



AVON BEANIE
\$20.00 AUD



AVON MENS SOFTSHELL JACKET
\$85.00 AUD



AVON 50YR FLEECE HOODIE
\$60.00 AUD

- Retro items - NADA are looking for old photos of the Avon for promotions. They are also keen to get hold of some older boats to participate in the street parade. If you would like to volunteer your retro boat for the parade, please contact PDRC committee.



- Bayswater finish line - current discussions about the retrieval point for power boats to avoid congestion at the finish line.

Possibility of an up-stream point at the Rowing club. Concerns that this might lead to a dis-engagement of the power craft community from the finish line festivities, matter still in discussion.

- Northam Weir signage. Weather and water conditions make it difficult to re-erect the previous sign over Northam Weir. Looking at installing temporary poly pipe on either side to mark the shoot, with the thought that these will be less damaging to craft if they are accidentally struck.
- Commentators required for Extracts, day 1 finish line, Bells Rapids and Belmont Park. Please let us know if you are interested or know someone who would be.
- 50th Avon Descent Dinner- post Avon dinner, date and ticket price TBA



FEEL THE NEED FOR SOME RIVER ACTION THIS WINTER?



We are seeking motivated rescue and recovery personnel to be part of our team for the 2023 Avon Descent on August 12 and 13.

The Avon Descent Support Unit is a dedicated team of volunteers who are focused on ensuring the safety of all event participants through land and water-based rescue and support.

Practice sessions will be provided to ensure all volunteers are briefed on the specific Avon Descent environment.

Volunteer Today!





SUNNYSIDE SPRINT

Overview

The Sunnyside Sprint this year will be run same as last year's event with the Saturday 1st of July being a practice session from Sunnyside oval up to Winnejup Falls and back again. Race Day Sunday 2nd of July will start at approx. 9.00am from Sunnyside Oval going up river to Winnejup Falls before re-grouping and running down river to the finish in Bridgetown.

Saturday 1st July Practice Session

The practice day from Sunnyside Oval to Winnejup Falls and back will be run from 11:00am till 2pm on Saturday 1st of July 2022.

This will only be available to fully financial members and compulsory scrutineering will take place at 10:00am prior to entry on the water.

Please ensure your craft and yourself are correctly equipped prior to scrutineering. It will be a 11:00am sharp start so please don't turn up late as you will not be permitted on the water once the group has left.

Supplementary Regulations

The Sunnyside Sprint is a single stage dash on the Blackwood River under the competition rules of the Power Dinghy Racing Club (Inc.).

The Sunnyside Sprint is round 7 of the State Championships and carries 100 championship points for 1st and 250 competition licence points (all finishers). It is a qualifying race for the Avon Descent.

Race Directors - Tyron Wilson 0408 949 965

Justin Ferguson 0438 866 305



Entries

- All entries must be made on official entry form.
- The entry fee of \$80 per craft must accompany entry forms.
- All entrants must be members as per PDRC rules.
- All craft must be insured and registered.
- Starting Grid positions will be allocated from the overall race results at the Mario Ambrosino Marathon race and then by ballot.

Classes

10hp Sports, 10hp Super Standard, 10hp Standard, Adventure Class

Competitors

- There shall be 2 competitors in each craft who may not be substituted throughout the race. Should the team as entered need to be changed for any reason, the race director must be notified and his approval gained before race start.
- No competitor shall act in a manner detrimental to the performance of another competitor.
- Each competitor must be a current financial member and a holder of the appropriate grade of licence for the class they have entered.
- By the submission of the official entry form it is considered that the competitors are aware of the potential dangerous nature of the course and are acquainted with the rules of the Sunnyside Sprint as well as being medically fit.

Registration

- Each competitor must produce their PDRC licence and driver to produce RST when registering their team.
- Registration will be open from 10.00am on Saturday 1st of July at Sunnyside Oval for the practice session and from 7.30am to 08:30am on Sunday 2nd of July at Sunnyside Oval for race day.

Pre-race Scrutineering

- Pre-Race scrutineering will be held at Sunnyside Oval from 10.00am on Saturday 1st of July for the practice session and again from 7.30am on Sunday 2nd of July at Sunnyside Oval for Race day.
- All boats must be presented in race ready condition and able to be inspected by the scrutineer (not on roof of cars/trailers over 1200mm off the ground).
- All standard craft propellers may be inspected before and after the race and random stops will happen during the race. All props must be as per PDRC competition rules, failure to do so will result in disqualification (this means no stainless steel propellers for Standard class).

Racing Rules

- The Sunnyside Sprint will start at 9.00am sharp at Sunnyside Oval on Sunday 2nd of July 2022 and finish at Blackwood Park in Bridgetown just before the bridge. Boats are NOT permitted past the traffic bridge in Bridgetown.
- 2 boats leaving from Sunnyside Oval (timing dependant on water level)
- Starting grids will be determined by current championship standings in each individual class. The motor shall not be started until the dinghy is completely in the water and the propeller is completely submerged.
- Refuelling during the event is not permitted. Teams deemed to have refuelled will be disqualified.
- Competitors who fail to start at the nominated start time may start at any time after that but will be recorded as having started at that teams official start time.
- Compulsory portage at the road crossing may be enforced due to water levels. This will be confirmed on race morning and each craft will be video recorded at the road crossing to ensure this is adhered to.
- Portage is the transport or movement of craft between, across or thru an obstacle, road crossing, bridge, weir, rapid or obstruction. You must approach at a slow speed (off the plane), stop engine, drag or carry craft past point determined by race director, race official or supp regs to be portaged, re-enter water, restart engine and continue under way. This means not sliding or jumping across the road crossing. Teams deemed to have ignored this will be disqualified.
- No beach landings permitted.

Practice Session Sat 1st of July

- Practice session will be run from Sunnyside Oval to Winnejump falls before re grouping and returning downstream back to Sunnyside Oval. It will be an 11.00am start and running until 2pm sharp.
- Registration for the practice session will be from 10.00am (no charge).
- All craft and safety equipment will be scrutineered from 10.00am before craft are allowed in the water.
- Only full financial members with insured and registered craft will be permitted on the water.
- All craft and teams must follow race directors or designated officials directions
- Please be on time as the group will be leaving at 11.00am sharp and late arrivals will not be permitted on the water once the group leaves.
- Have fun

Withdrawals

- All withdrawals must report to an official as soon as possible and complete a withdrawal form at the start or finish line.
- Failure to do so will result in a serious breach and if a rescue party is required to look for a boat that is not missing all expenses will be passed on in full to that team.

Post-Race Scrutineering

- All provisional place winning craft will be impounded immediately for scrutineering and will be marked and signed for before being returned to the team.
- Any team that removes the craft/motor (props standard class only) for the pit area without permission of the race director will be disqualified on the spot.
- Post-race scrutineering will be specified by the race director

Support Crew

- Each team shall have a support crew of at least one adult.
- The support crew shall display the number of the team they are supporting.
- Motor bikes shall not be used.
- Each member of the support crew shall make themselves acquainted with the competition rules and the supplementary regulations contained within this document.
- Each support crew member is a representative of the team they are supporting and will act in a matter as to not bring the club or its members into disrepute.
- At least one member of the support crew must attend pre-race briefing.



Camping at Sunnyside Oval

- Please leave the campsite area in the same condition you found it. (take all rubbish, extinguish fires etc)
- Please remember you are representing not only yourselves but the club as a whole. Have fun but please do it in a civilised manner.
- Sunnyside Oval is 14km after the Tweed Rd turnoff. If you get to gravel on Tweed Rd you have gone too far.
- BYO own firewood
- BYO own chemical toilet, digging holes for a toilet is not permitted.
- Take your own rubbish
- Antisocial behaviour won't be tolerated, and penalties will be enforced.

Everyone please remember you are representing the PDRC and your actions will reflect on the club.