

April 1983

POWER DINGHY RACER



Rotto -Race Roundup!



EDITORIAL

So often members of Clubs are exhorted to take on tasks, help at functions, be officials at races and generally to assist in furthering the aims of the Club.

These exhortations may take the form of demands, requests, pleas, cajoling, appeals, begging or whatever other form of persuasion the person given the unenviable task of generating interest feels is most likely to succeed.

This Club is most fortunate in that we have many people who are willing to work towards many developing the sport. And the remainder, who may, for various reasons, not be able to spare as much time, also are prepared to help when they can. This positive movement encompasses virtually the entire membership of the Club - after all that is the idea of a group of people banding together to form a Club. One hopes that no person would become a member to offer nothing more than destructive criticism and complaint. In the relatively short time that the Club has been in existence it has achieved much - but, obviously, there is much more to achieve. Members can be justifiably proud of the achievements to date. The fact the results have been obtained (and it is the results that count even if a few feathers are ruffled along the way), that obstacles have been overcome and that successes have been achieved proves that this Club has the necessary drive, expertise, willingness and determination to meet and triumph over challenges confronting it.

Among the tasks that confront the Club are; new races including the Murray River (W.A.); the A.P.B.A. Stadium; control of the power boat section of the Avon Descent; the Northern Safari; one man racing; the world Bathtub title; further gains in acceptance of power dinghy racing as a sport rather than a novelty; development of social activities; fundraising; this Newsletter.

It would be easy to say "I know we'll do it". Past performance has proved that we are capable of doing it but the work must still go in. Criticism is fine (and even welcomed) if it is constructive, effort must be in the right direction, investment of time and money must be wisely applied and most importantly members must *CONTINUE* to back the Club.

It's nice to get a little bit of recognition when you spend months organising a major event. One of the Club's greatest and most loyal supporting groups, the Whitney family, were very pleased to receive the following letter and asked us to reprint it in the newsletter:

Mr E.D. Whitney
6 Amber Place
Carine 6020.

Dear David,
20th January 1983.

Thank you for the cheque for \$1500.00 representing surplus capital for the 1981 and 1982 Blackwood Classic 250.

1982 sponsorships totalled \$1203.00., and 1981 \$1123.00. This means that the event in the last two years have been worth \$3,326.00, so I think we can all be reasonably satisfied.

Our idea of offering to collect sponsorships worked to a degree, but there are still odd amounts trickling in, so there could be a few more dollars.

I hope that we can continue our involvement in the classics. You are a great bunch of folk, and we certainly enjoy the weekend.

Kindest regards,

Hazel Costigan
Regional Administrator
South West Region

AVON DESCENT

Northam's Avon Descent Committee and the Shires of Northam and Toodyay have announced a total ban on practice on the Avon River. This ban applies from 20/4/83. for both powerboats and canoes and will be enforced. Don't take the chance!

CLUB MEETING

Please note that because of ANZAC day the Club meeting will be held on TUESDAY 26.4.83. at the Boomerang Hotel, Albany Highway, Bentley commencing at 7.30pm.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP AND I.D. No FEES

There has been some confusion as to the correct Club Membership Subscription Fee and Identification Number Fee payable. The Constitutional ramifications have been investigated by the Management Committee, and the matter has now been resolved.

The original proposal which was voted on and passed at the A.G.M. in November, 1982, read: 'I propose that the Club Membership Subscription Fee be increased to \$20 per annum and the Identification Number Fee be \$10 per annum'.

Moved M. AMBROSINO Amended P. BEVAN Seconded A. DEPETRA Due to an error in transcribing the minutes recorded the motion as follows:

'I propose that the Club Membership Subscription Fee be increased to \$20 per annum and the Identification Number Fee be \$10'.

At the March Club Meeting the President, Ron COOK, quoted from the A.G.M. minutes as they were written. It should be noted that these A.G.M. minutes have not been accepted as correct. When they are moved to be accepted as correct (at the A.G.M. in June), they will be amended to align with the original proposal. In essence this means that the Club Membership Subscription Fees and Identification Number Fees, are as follows:

Membership Fee \$20 per annum
I.D. No Fee \$10 per annum

Due to the unique occurrence of the Club being incorporated, and being required to change its operational and financial year from January/December to JULY/JUNE, the Fees may be paid in either of the following two ways:

Six Months (from 1.1.83 to 30.6.83)
Membership Fee \$10
I.D. No Fee \$5
Total \$15

Eighteen Months (From 1.1.83 to 30.6.84)
Membership Fee \$30
I.D. No Fee \$15
Total \$45

Fees are payable by 30.4.83. Obviously only those members racing need pay for an Identification Number.

Tony Takes The Money!

ROTTO RACE REPORT

After the controversy that surrounded last year's Rottnest Return Race, Tony Maxfield proved that he can win races without protesting, after narrowly beating Joe and Berry! DePetra to the finish line. The margin was actually much smaller than the finishing times suggested, because Joe DePetra ran out of fuel ... you guessed it ... just 30 metres from the line. At the time Tony was just metres ahead of Joe as he made his dash to the line on a more Northern approach. It was a remarkable feat for Joe, when you consider that his entry was Standard Class.

His effort though, was only equal to Brian Walker who crossed the line in second place overall with a 6 hp. The Walker V-hull with it's well prepared Tohatsu motor handled the choppy conditions superbly, much better than Brian did when he was later told that he would not be receiving any prizes as only 4, 6HP entered the water, thereby not constituting a class. The matter was subsequently resolved when the Sponsor Bill Cocks of Anchor Datsun, offered an extra \$50 prizemoney, for his superb effort in knocking off the cream of W.A.'s 8 HP's.

The next to cross the line was a closely bunched group of three in George Forward, Leigh Headlam and all piped at the post by Ron Willcox.

Despite breaking a swivel bracket George Forwards new 8HP Yamaha, one of only two in Australia, performed credibly without any preparation and a low pitch three blade prop. Believe me, this motor will give the Mercurys a hard time from now on.

Steve Palmer, driving the two year old S.M.F. lightweight that won the race last year, was lucky to be the next home with a hull that had all but broken completely in half!

An interesting feature of the race was the way that the standard class boats out-performed their super class counter parts in the sloppy conditions

In all, most competitors expressed the view that the racing and the new venue at the Fremantle Surf Lifesaving Club was first class, with over 120 people tucking into the ample meal at the presentation function.

Thanks should go to Channel 9, 6PR, the race Committee of Ron Cook, John Ferguson, Kim Epton and Maree Bevan for organising a very successful event, with particular appreciation to Bill Cocks of Anchor Datsun who needs to sell us at least three Datsun 4 W.D.'s to make his investment pay!

NORTHERN DINGHY SAFARI

The next meeting of prospective expeditioners will be on **Wednesday April 27**, 8.00pm at Ted and Norma Whitneys, 153 Birkett Street, Inglewood.

THE TRIP SO FAR:

Departure Date:
Friday August 12th, 1983.

Duration:
3 weeks

Route:
Desert crossing through Central Australia, Top End Rivers, Darwin, Kimberley Rivers and return via North West Coast.

Objectives:
To promote dinghy racing and touring in Darwin and Kununurra; to pioneer dinghy touring in as yet untackled rivers and seas; and to have a helluva good time.



Retro under power with Ron Willcox and Steve Craker aboard.



Father and son arguing the point. Drivers John (111) and Peter (151) HAYNES in the Cockburn Invitational.

ANCHOR DATSUN ROTTO-RACE RESULTS

SUPER CLASS

1st Tony Maxfield / Rob Craker
2nd Steve Palmer / Rob Teede
3rd Geoff Lovick / Neil Thomson

STANDARD CLASS

1st Ron Willcox / Steve Craker
2nd Leigh Headlam / Tony Davis
3rd George Forward / John Hilton

Eligible Members:

Keen, responsible boating enthusiasts (ladies included). Dinghy Club Members first preference.

Cost:
\$1,000 each.

'Glasson Safaris' have been booked to supply bus transport, camping equipment and meals at a very reasonable price. Alan Glasson himself will probably accompany the tour and will help make it a great adventure, by organising such activities as game hunting (and butchering for the freezer), fishing, route planning, etc. Alan will attend our meeting on April 27.

Contact has been made with the Kununurra Ski Club (organisers of the Annual Lake Argyle to Lake Kununurra Race). Good competitive

boating should be possible. Also 10kms of wild rapids in the Lake Argyle spillway, as yet only tackled in rubber tubes, is also there for consideration.

The Darwin Trailer Boat Club is also being contacted. They are involved in the beer can regatta in which bathtubs are included.

We now need fairly definite starters, and to ensure a place, please bring \$100, or preferably \$200 deposit to the next meeting or give it to Mario Ambrosino (Treasurer), Ted Whitney (Secretary) or Roly Ritson (Co-ordinator).

We would also be greatly assisted if anyone could lend a light truck (2-5 tons), a mobile freezer or a larger car trailer.

Roland Ritson
RMB 150, Boyup Brook. 6244.
Phone (097) 65 3053.

DINGHY TOURING CLUB OF W.A.

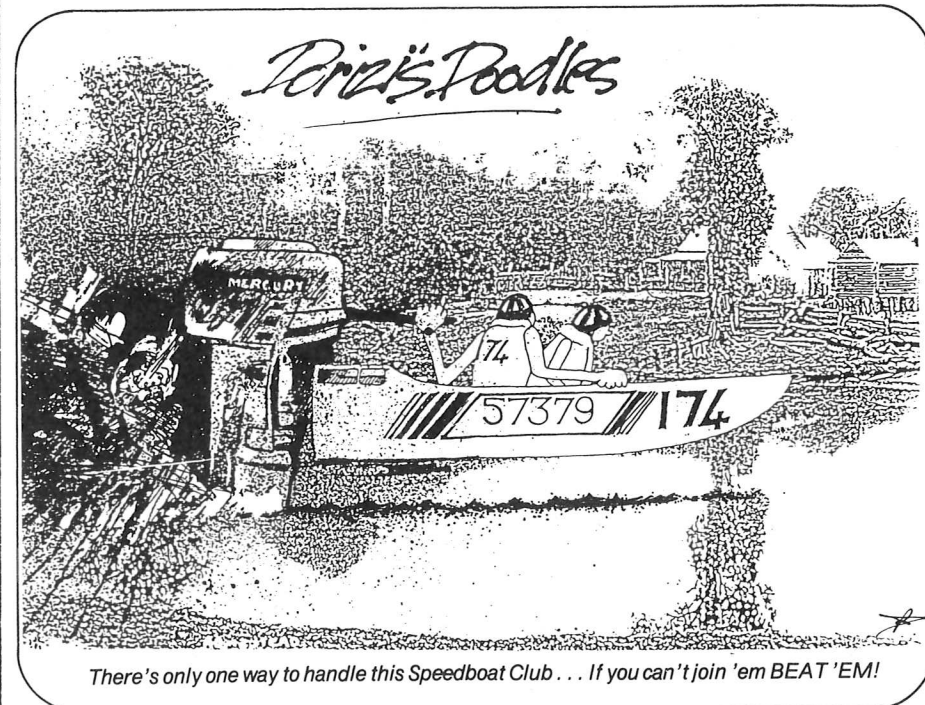
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401 7910 Cook	P.R. OFFICER
VICE PRESIDENT	Peter Bevan
Kim Epton	387 4767
450 5373	CHIEF SCRUTINEER
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Erica Palmer	381 9154
457 9935	RACE COMMITTEE
SECRETARY	Jon Faull
Gary Hilton	397 5786
397 0134	Rob Whitney
	361 1528

AVON DESCENT COMMITTEE

Ron Cook (ex officio)
Harvey Webster (ex officio)
John Ferguson (delegate)
Russell Wilson (delegate)
Peter Bevan (Promotions Adviser)
Kim Epton (Race Co-ordinator)

STATE BATHTUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

COMMITTEE Mavis & Harold Maxfield
Bob Bernhardt Leigh Headlam
Tony Maxfield Penny & Ian Williamson



Doing It Yourself!

For the reader who may wish to try their hand at rebuilding powerheads the diagrams reproduced here may assist. Full sheets of exploded diagrams for the complete motor (7.5hp Mercury) are available at approx \$4-\$5 from Mercury Dealers.

FLYWHEEL - CRANKSHAFT ASSEMBLY - PISTON ASSEMBLY

PART NO.	REF. NO.	DESCRIPTION	QUAN.
251-6194A3	1	Flywheel Assembly (MANUAL)	1
251-6105A10	1	Flywheel Assembly (BELGIUM)	1
28-20094	2	Key, flywheel drive	1
12-36245	3	Washer, flywheel nut	1
11-20696	4	Nut, flywheel	1
421-7271A2	5	Crankshaft Assembly	1
79952A1	6	Carrier Assembly	1
12-79960	7	Washer, left	1
532-1938A6	8	Main Bearing Assembly	1
17-20032	9	Pin, dowel - main bearing	2
17-65855	10	Pin, dowel - reed locating	8
10-56781	11	Screw, main bearing clamping	2
17-20032	12	Pin, dowel	1
34-31942A1	13	Reed Set, matched	1
34-20053	14	Reed Stop	4
10-27304	15	Screw, reed stop mounting	4
608-7395A2	16	Connecting Rod Assembly	2
10-87374	17	Screw, connecting rod	4
29-26815	18	Bearing, needle	58
11-20061	19	Nut, connecting rod screw	4
12-65967	20	Washer, needle bearing retaining	4
29-31505	21	Bearing, needle - piston pin	40
719-7391A3	22	Piston and Piston Pin Ass'y	2
40-21666	23	Lock Ring, piston pin	4
39-21655A12	24	Ring, piston	1
15-31412A1	25	Shim	AR
1164-6413A1	26	Bearing Housing Ass'y, upper	2
30-72961	27	Bearing, ball	1
31-31410	28	Bearing, roller	1
26-66301	29	Oil Seal	2
25-20863	30	"O" Ring	1
10-76611	31	Screw (1/2")	4
14-78102	32	Tab Washer	4

IGNITION COIL AND ELECTRICAL COMPONENTS

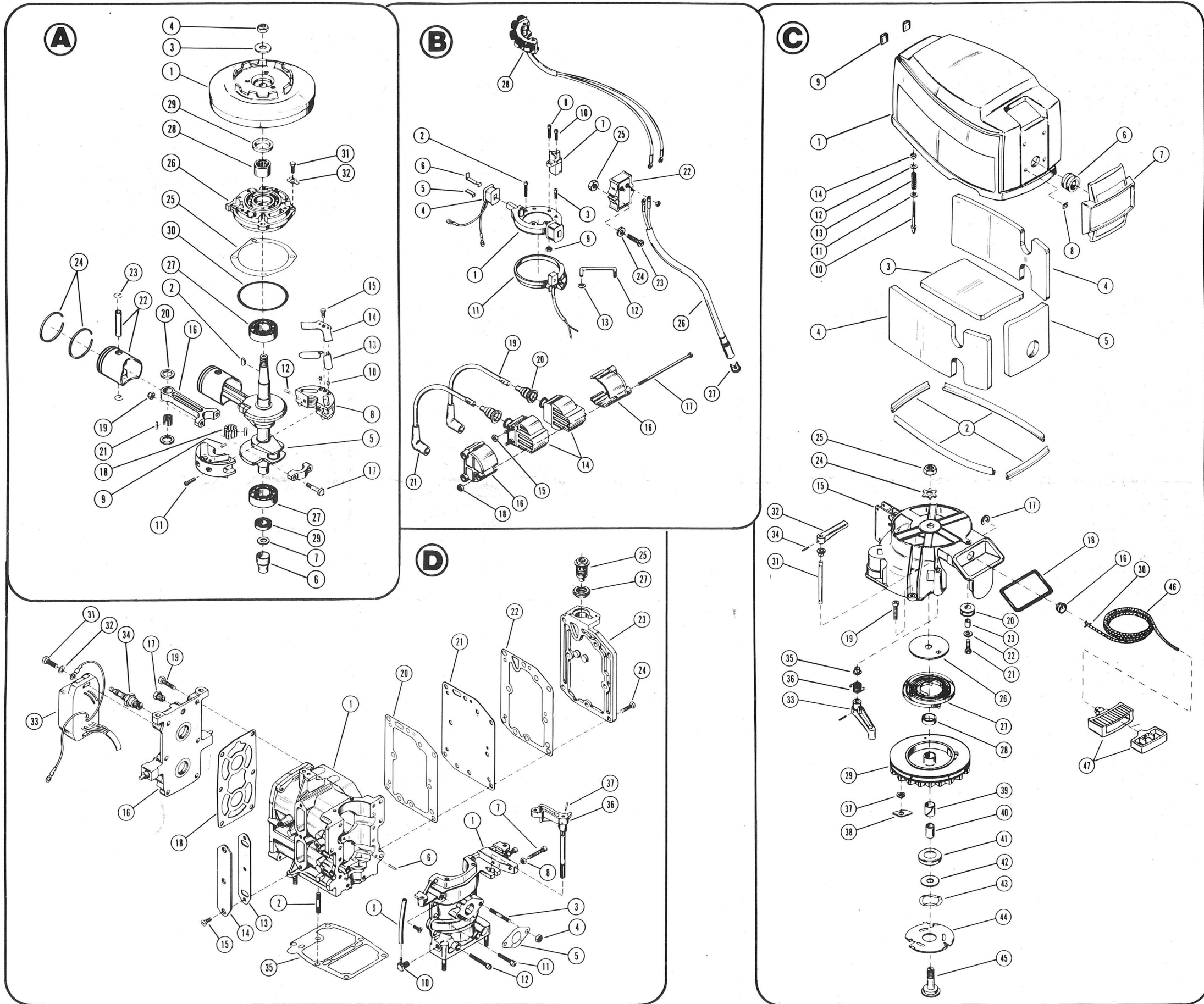
PART NO.	REF. NO.	DESCRIPTION	QUAN.
339-5209A3	1	Stator Assembly - Ignition	1
10-66707	2	Screw, (7/8")	3
10-35400	3	Screw, (3/8")	1
339-6119A1	4	Coil Ass'y (5 1/2" and 6 3/8")	1
339-6120A1	4	Coil Ass'y (1 3/4" and 3 1/2")	1
54-59538	5	Clip, coil retaining	2
54-59527	6	Clip, coil retaining	2
86-86365	7	Terminal Block	1
86-74474	7	Terminal Block	1
10-20646	8	Screw (5/8")	1
11-46438	9	Nut, terminal block screw	1
10-22654	10	Screw (3/8")	1
338-7283A1	11	Trigger Housing Assembly	1
66371	12	Link	1
11-65110	13	Nut, push	1
339-5748A2	14	Coil Assembly, ignition	2
11-45076	15	Nut, ignition coil terminal	4
66355	16	Cover, ignition coil	2
10-72074	17	Screw (4 5/8")	3
11-20110	18	Nut, coil cover screw	3
84-63212A2	19	Lead Assembly - high tension	2
332-2854	20	Nipple, ignition coil	2
85-63709A1	21	Protector Assembly, spark plug	2
75076	22	Voltage Regulator	1
10-74841	23	Screw (1")	2
23-62769	24	Spacer	2
11-45076	25	Nut, voltage regulator terminal	2
84-74725A2	26	Harness Ass'y (black/red)	1
74361	27	Plug	1
74367A12	28	Lighting Stator Assembly	1

TOP COWL AND STARTER ASSEMBLY

PART NO.	REF. NO.	DESCRIPTION	QUAN.
A-2160-7264A10	1	Top Cowl Assembly	1
A-65489-3	2	Seal, top cowl (16 1/2")	5
A-66942	3	Blanket, top cowl - top	1
A-85544	4	Blanket, top cowl - side	2
A-69522	5	Blanket, top cowl - front	1
A-25-39086	6	Grommet, cowl latch	1
A-71502	7	Cover, front	1
C-11-65517	8	Nut, speed	4
A-69346	9	Bumper, cowl - rear	2
C-17-72856	10	Pin, top cowl catch	1
C-12-65567	11	Washer (lower)	1
C-12-57427	12	Washer (upper)	1
C-24-79351	13	Spring, compression	1
C-11-46887	14	Nut, cowl catch	1
A-78777A1	15	Starter Housing Assembly	1
A-77859	16	Insert, rope guide	1
A-77860	17	Ring, retaining	1
A-65499-1	18	Seal	1
C-10-72862	19	Screw (1")	3
A-55860	20	Pulley, starter cable	1
C-10-26789	21	Screw (3/4")	1
C-12-22897	22	Washer, cable pulley screw	1
C-23-30977	23	Spacer, cable pulley	1
C-14-20165	24	Tab Washer	1
C-11-20166	25	Nut (left hand thread)	1
A-20155	26	Retainer, starter spring	1
C-24-29340A1	27	Spring, starter rewind	1
C-23-28912	28	Bushing, starter spring guide	1
A-50-74346A1	29	Starter Sheave Assembly	1
C-17-22896	30	Pin, retainer - starter cable	1
A-74359	31	Shaft, interlock	1
A-74353	32	Lever, lock	1
A-74353	33	Lever, follower	1
C-17-38489	34	Roll Pin, interlock shaft	2
C-23-26856	35	Bushing, nylon	2
C-24-74347	36	Spring, torsion	1
C-13-36206	37	Washer, wave	3
A-30596	38	Pawl, starter	3
C-23-28919	39	Bushing, nylon	1
C-23-61005	40	Spacer, sheave shaft	1
A-26179	41	Retainer	1
C-12-35559	42	Washer, sheave shaft retainer	1
C-13-20160	43	Washer, wave	1
A-30595	44	Plate, retainer	1
A-35558	45	Shaft, sheave	1
A-50-61575A1	46	Starter Cable Assembly	1
A-79470A1	47	Handle and Retainer Assembly	1

CYLINDER BLOCK AND CRANKCASE ASSEMBLY

PART NO.	REF. NO.	DESCRIPTION	QUAN.
A-837-7693A2	1	Cyl. Blk & Crankcase Ass'y 7.5 HP	1
A-837-7694A2	1	Cyl. Blk & Crankcase Ass'y 9.8 HP	1
C-16-72809	2	Stud	6
C-16-66357	3	Stud, carburetor mounting	2
C-11-24652	4	Nut	2
C-27-63309	5	Gasket	1
C-17-46912	6	Pin, dowel	2
C-10-54467	7	Screw, adjusting (1 1/4")	2
C-11-68219	8	Nut, adjusting screw	2
C-32-54935-76	9	Hose, bleed drain (4")	1
C-21-72207	10	Check Valve, bleed	1
C-10-76621	11	Screw	8
C-10-73280	12	Screw (1 1/2")	2
A-27-88654	13	Gasket, intake cover	1
A-78033	14	Cover, intake	1
C-10-26537	15	Screw	3
A-1019-7465A1	16	Cover Assembly, cyl. block	1
C-22-32802	17	Plug, cyl. block cover	1
A-27-78087	18	Gasket	1
C-10-76630	19	Screw (1")	6
A-27-85934	20	Gasket	1
A-85935	21	Plate, baffle	1
A-27-89014	22	Gasket, baffle plate	1
A-89013A1	23	Cover, exhaust manifold	1
C-10-28668	24	Screw (3/4")	8
A-66850	25	Thermostat	1
A-27-88346	26	Gasket, thermostat cover	1
C-27-62386	27	Gasket, thermostat	1
A-85920	28	Cover, thermostat	1
A-24-88464	29	Spring, retainer	1
C-22-29111	30	Connector, thermostat cover	2
C-10-20189	31	Screw, switch box	2
C-12-56681	32	Washer, switch box screw	1
A-339-6222A4	33	Switch Box	1
C-33-86866	34	Spark Plug	2
C-27-45748	35	Gasket	1
A-66374A2	36	Lever Assembly, throttle control	1
C-17-76207	37	Pin, roll	1



CLUB REPORT

AMENDMENT TO COMPETITION RULES

A recently held meeting of the Rules Committee formulated several amendments to the Competition Rules. These amendments will be discussed at the April meeting and voted on at the May Club Meeting.

ORIENTAL EXPERIENCE NIGHT

Tickets are selling well for the Oriental Experience Night at the Memorial Hall, May 14. Raffle tickets at \$10 each, with 10 prizes ranging from \$1000 to \$20 are selling well. Phone the Andy line 418 2811.

MARINA TO MARINA RACE

Paul TREGURTHA is investigating the possibility of conducting a race from Two Rocks to Ocean Reef. This will be known as the Marina to Marine Race, and will be held before the Avon Descent or November. More later.

HARVEY RIVER SPRINT

A sprint race will be held from Waroona Road Bridge on the Harvey River, to the Waters Edge Caravan Park in the Harvey Inlet. Intending competitors should meet at the Waters Edge Caravan Park, 24kms south of Mandurah at 12.30pm on Sunday 24th April. Contact John FERGUSON for more information on 447 7652.

EASTER WEEKEND A RAGE!

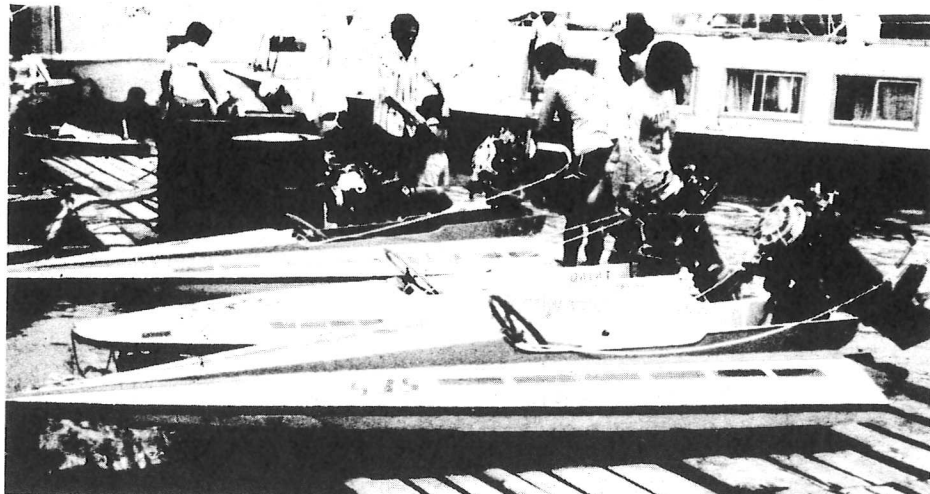
Like most events that happen at a moments notice the Easter weekend organised by Paul Tregurtha at Mandurah was a huge success for the thirty or so Members that went. Activities included some low speed runs up the three inch deep Harvey River and some high speed runs in Tony Maxfield's Retro, with a 25HP Mercury on the transom up the Estuary, (it just had the edge on speed on Dudley's V8 Barron which reputedly gets up to around 44 m.p.h.). There is some support to make the Easter Weekend a permanent fixture.

DISCOUNT PARTS

Metropolitan parts dealers have been surveyed by 'Power Dinghy Racer' in an effort to obtain the best possible price on parts for members. A comparison of results will be published in the May edition of this newsletter. There are a few surprises!

COST SAVINGS

The staff of 'Power Dinghy Racer' (underpaid, overworked as they are), are making efforts to cut costs in the distribution of the newsletter. Arrangements are currently underway to register the newsletter as a periodical, Category B, thereby reducing mailing costs by more than half.



Kim Epton's editorial on a new one-man 8 HP. Class has been the subject of a lot of comment from Club members, who are very enthusiastic about the idea.

BATHTUBS

As you are no doubt aware, we are rapidly approaching the Bathtubbing season, and as usual we are flat out raising money for the State Championship event.

This year the Committee is organising a Hungai Disco at Bob Bernhardt's home at 11 Angus Court Duncraig on April 30, and we promise a top night. Festivities start at 8pm., with tickets \$6 per head (\$3 for kids under 6). BYO. For more information, ring Tony Maxfield

SUPER SCOOP

Good news for future Race Directors. The Race Committee has put together a 'Race Directors Handbook'. Three of these will be available for persons organising races. Contents include entry forms, timesheets, scrutineering checklists, equipment needed, approval requirements, accomodation details, etc.

CLASSIFIEDS

The Club Bus is available for hire: \$60 per day plus 20c per km, plus fuel, 44 seater. Phone the Andy line 418 2811. The Hirer must provide a driver, although Andy has a list of drivers who are available. The bus has been serviced recently and has new tyres.

But as this recent Malaysian picture shows, we're not the first. If we do get a Class going it would not be beyond the realms of possibility to organise a Malaysia/West Ausie Carnival.

CURRENT CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS STANDINGS

Equal 1st	Tony Maxfield	280
	Rob Cracker	280
3rd	Leigh Headlam	180
Equal 4th	Steve Palmer and Carlo Miragliotta	160
	Vince Miragliotta	160
	Joe DePetra	160
	Beryl DePetra	160
Equal 9th	Peter Bevan	120
	Ian Williamson	120
Equal 11th	Russell Wilson	100
	Jan Wilson	100
	Ron Willcox	100
	Steve Cracker	100
	Tony Davis	100
	George Foward	100
	John Hilton	100
EQUAL 18th	Erica Headlam	80
	Paul Tregurtha	80
	Darron Maxfield	80
	Rob Teede	80
	Peter Helm	80
	Erica Palmer	80

BATHTUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

1st	Jon Faull	100
2nd	Russell Wilson	80
3rd	John Hughes	60
4th	Darren Maxfield	40
5th	Joe DePetra	20

CLASSIBOATS

For Sale:

Almost brand new punt with flotation and fittings Winner of the Rotto-Race. \$500. Contact Tony Maxfield.

For Sale:

Dolphin punt. Only raced in two races, but needs some work. Just been resprayed. \$250. Phone Peter Bevan on 387 4767 (A.H.)

For Sale:

10ft aluminium Savage V-hull with 7.5hp Mercury, lifejackets, oars, rowlocks, anchor. \$700 on. Contact Kim Epton on 450 5373.

SUPER SCOOP

Slip Wilson

The Standard Class boys had grins from ear to ear after the Rotto-Race- most Super Class competitors had experienced problems with their props.

Still on surfacing props. Peter Bevan is rumoured to have negotiated long sections of water just three inches deep under full power, with his super prop, on the Harvey River. Does this mean the end of walking in the Avon?

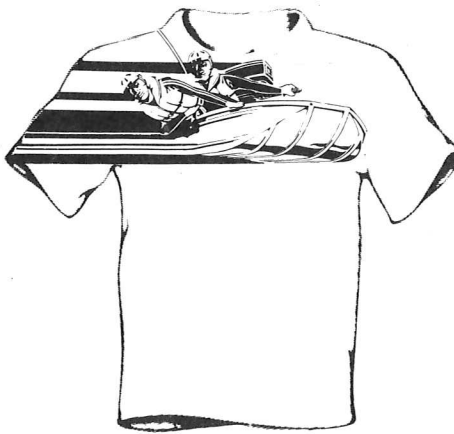
It's good to see Dinghy racers throw their support behind the Burswood project with fifteen Members turning up over the two day Busy-Bee. They were amply rewarded afterwards on Sunday with a terrific barbecue at the Headquarters and entertainment supplied by the Speedboat Club when one of their Tunnels did a 100 m.p.h. endover-end in front of our horrified Members.

Mario AMBROSINO has somehow managed to get Steve PALMER to build him one of the new dinghy racing 'Specials'.

On the Burswood Stadium Project, the Committee have deferred the idea of building a Subiaco Oval style Grandstand. Instead, they now want to build a huge Colorbond Shed!! Although it is only a Stage 1 proposal, our Club is dead set against it, and would prefer to wait another 12-18 months and build a proper brick construction, licensed clubrooms.

Kim EPTON has been appointed Race Co-ordinator (not Race Director) for the Avon Descent. Peter BEVAN is the Promotions Adviser for the Descent.

Power Dinghy Racer T-Shirts are now available at \$8 each, from Peter Bevan on 387 4767 (A.H.)



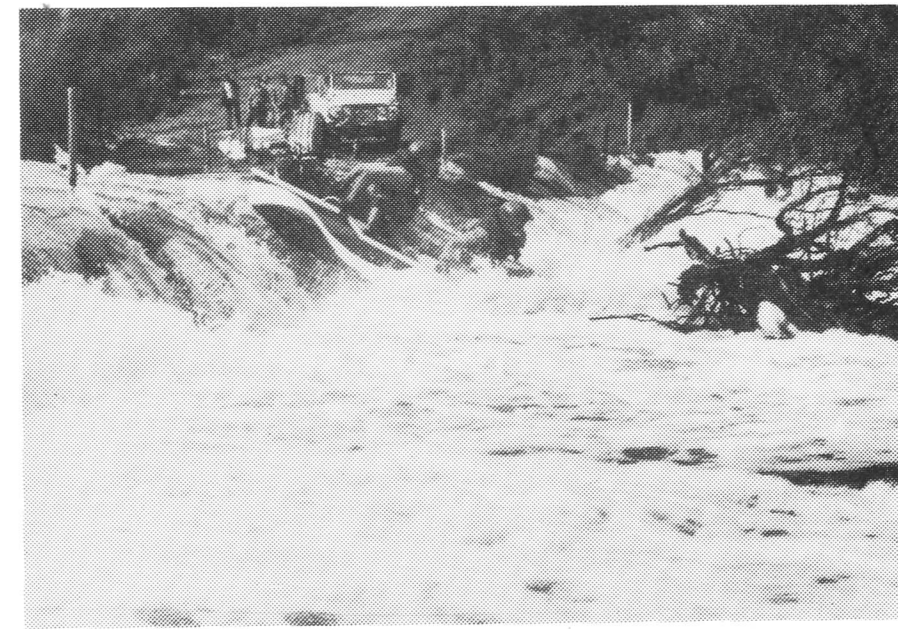
READERS PHOTOS



The archives produced this 1978 photo of on of DSS team shooting Extracts Weir on the Avon River.



Leigh Headlam thinks that picking up minor places in all the recent ocean races in T.F.E.



This picture shows the traffic jam that was caused in Hay Street during the recent floods. Just as a vehicle was trying to cross the intersection a small high speed racing dinghy cut it off causing the occupants to get out and abuse the dinghy driver. He got his anyway because he hit the half submerged pot plant that can be seen to the right of the photo.

Dinghy Racing: the Fun, Fun, Fun Sport of the 80's!

JOIN TODAY!
Application Form
Enclosed



COVER PHOTO.

Intense concentration shows on the faces of Russell WILSON and Steve PALMER as they negotiate Bell Bros Rapid on their way to winning the 1981 Avon Descent.