

POWER DINGHY RACER

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NEXT MEETING

October 14 : 8.00 pm
The Palms, Cnr Rokeby and
Nicholson Rds, Subiaco.

NEXT RACE

Blessing of the Fleet
Regatta
October 19 and 20
Fremantle Fishing Boat Harbour

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RECORD SMASHED IN BLACKWOOD



The 1991 Blackwood saw an above average water level approximately 12" higher than 1990, although nowhere near the height of the then race record year of 1998.

The race record was held by the Transeals team of Ray Meagher and outboard motor guru Brad Pitcher, in 6 hours 46 with an average speed of 36.9km/h.

This year the team Velmade No.2 boat of Mark Whately and new crew David Snooks wiped 16 mins off the record to 6 hours 30 with an average speed of 39km/h for the distance.

It's been a vintage year for boat 116 in setting the inaugural race record in the Nannup Cup Sprint. 17 minutes off the then Goodbody Bros Avon Descent record time and 16 minutes off the Blackwood record.

Seeing the water level was relatively high, Mark Whately was one of three boats to leave Bridgetown with bronze swinging off the prop shaft (the other two ended up upside down at one stage or another during day 1). Mark carried on to be the second boat to Nannup some 4 1/2 minutes behind the Goodbody Bros (black prop).

Day 2 saw a different set of circumstances with all the front row going bronze. Departing grid 1 the Goodbodies (162) immediately struck electrical

problems, this opening the way for 116, 105, 139, 117, 124 and standard boats 123 and 190. 116 lead for a short time before being passed by 123 and 105.

Russell Wilson went on to prove that staying upright is just as important as hull speed and was first to Sue's Bridge by approximately two minutes.

Day 3 saw a large cold front pass over the south west of the state and rough conditions were expected with reverse order starting procedure. Any one of the top three boats was still in the hunt.

Boat 162 had the fastest time of the day from 116 and 105. But the time he lost on day 2 had given the outright lead to 116. Second was 105 and third was 162.

All in all it was a tidy effort from the winning boat with a low key percentage only approach taking them to their victory.

My congratulations go to all place getters.

BLACKWOOD CLASSIC RESULTS

8hp Sports:
 1. 116 M. Whately D. Snooks 6-30-51
 2. 162 J. Goodbody I. Goodbody 6-33-11
 3. 105 R. Wilson J. Ferguson 6-37-11

8hp Standards:
 1. 123 R. deJooode R. Gerrick 6-46-23
 2. 190 K. Parnell G. Black 6-55-47
 3. 127 P. Kinneary G. Massam 7-15-18

COMMODORE'S REPORT

Well the two big ones are over for yet another year and in both cases racing conditions can only be described as perfect.

Congratulations to all members who finished in this year's Blackwood Classic 250. Mark Whately seems to be unstoppable in the Sports Class winning the two main races Avon, Blackwood and not forgetting the one day Nannup Cup. Rob deJooode has shown that he is a force to be reckoned with in the standard class, taking out the Blackwood and Nannup Cup.

As we all know only too well, the standard boats are setting an incredibly fast pace and in fact they are only just a smidge slower than the sports boats, a feat which seems amazing when you consider their only real restrictions are their propellers. After seeing the props the lead boats were swinging at scrutineering, I can now understand why, mind you, they were legal under our current rules.

It is however, the Committee's intention to ask members to establish a rules clarification committee specifically aimed at reviewing the class rules. It is hoped that the class can go back to what it was originally intended to be and that is a standard class.

Regrettably, this year's Blackwood saw two competitors injured during the event. Paul Tregurtha received serious leg injuries on day one, but continued day two, resulting in near permanent damage to his leg. He retired from the race on completion of day two and after achieving fourth place. Grant Pouw Bray suffered a ruptured kidney on day two and was taken to Bunbury Hospital where he underwent surgery on Tuesday to have his kidney removed.

I am sure all members wish both racers a speedy recovery with the hope of seeing both of them back in the water when health commits.

In both cases, medical attention was not available on the course, which in my mind was totally inexcusable, this however was not the only instance of race mismanagement. I have forwarded a letter to the Blackwood Classic 250, stating my concern relating to the sub-standard organisation of this year's event.

It is the committee's firm belief that the race's shortcomings must be addressed in the interest of all members and the sport itself. Through WASDA we will seek to rectify the situation and I ask all PDRC members to offer their input and support to elevate this race to a level it so justifiably deserves.

Russell Wilson
Commodore.

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REMINDER

INCREDIBLE CIRCUIT RACING
 ACTION AT BLESSING OF THE
 FLEET REGATTA - NEXT
 WEEKEND OCT. 19 & 20!



RULES CLARIFICATION

At least one member objected to having his motor impounded and pulled down during this years Blackwood Classic.

Be aware that the scrutineer has the right to pull down any entrant's motor as per the following set of rules from the WASDA Power Dinghy Racing Manual.

POST-COMPETITION SCRUTINEERING

- 9.7 Where provided for in the Supplementary Regulations all place winning craft will be impounded for scrutineering immediately the craft finishes the competition and is known to be a place winner (see Definition of Craft in the Specifications).
- 9.8 Other craft may be impounded for scrutineering at the finish of a competition if so decided by the Organiser/Organising Committee.
- 9.9 The driver or nominated representative only must be present during post-competition scrutineering.
- 9.10 Should the Organiser/Organising Committee so decide the outboard motor may be

stripped to ensure that it complies with the motor Specifications (Section 8).

LIFEJACKETS

The WASDA committee has ruled that 'Mae West' style lifejackets are no longer acceptable for dinghy racing. Zip front lifejackets that meet the requirements are now the only jackets allowed.

WHERE TO GO

ALUMINIUM WELDING:
(Racing dinghies, engine reinforcing, fuel tanks, transom frames etc.)
Frank Berloth 398 1800
Steve Palmer 457 9935

SURFACING PROPELLORS:
Arthur Fairhurst 351 8388 or Frank Berloth as agent for Arthur, (same price) 398 1800

RUBBER GEARBOXES:
Jeff Hodgkinson 364 9720 or Frank Berloth as agent for Jeff, (same price) 398 1800

TRANSOM JACKS:
Kevin Green 364 7820

ENGINES & MECHANICAL SERVICE:
Frank Berloth 398 1800
(For any additions to this list please contact the editor Rob De Joode)

CLUB NEWS

Don't forget the big end of year social gatherings – put these dates in the back of your mind!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY: December 8, 10am – 4pm.

This year's kids party will be a boat rally departing from Maylands Boat Ramp off Clarkson Road and re-convening at Mulberry farm for a great day of fun. There'll be Life Be In It games, Father Christmas, gifts for the kids and a barbecue in the beautiful grounds of the centre (bring your bathers kids because there's a pool there). The club will be providing gifts for Father Christmas to give out at \$6 per kiddie. If you want one for your 'billy lid' ring Colleen Skewes on 447 6424.

ADULTS CHRISTMAS PARTY: December 14, 8pm.

Karaoke Night, The Palms, Subiaco.

What a great way to see the year out ... these are real fun nights. Supper and entertainment provided for \$25 per head. All drinks are just 50c. Don't

miss out! Book a table now with Mark Whately on 249 1036.

Beware the chief scrutineer is on the warpath over cheating on propellers in the standard class.

A number of boats were disqualified from the Blackwood for thinning propeller blades and illegal repairs. One entrant was also found to have oversize ports and reed settings. Cheating doesn't pay in the long run!

An unfortunate accident during the Blackwood resulted in club member Grant Pouw Bray being rushed to Bunbury Hospital and having one kidney removed. We are happy to report that Grant is now off the critical list and improving well. I'm sure all club members extend their best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Also sent to the same hospital was Paul Tregurtha who apparently suffered a serious knee injury during the race.

The Commodore will be asking for the club's input on whether we should apply a ceiling on outboard capacities at the next meeting. As the rule stands,

DINGHY DITTIES

Congratulations to Julie and Tay Overstone on the recent arrival of a new girl 'Pee Wee'.

The gap is widening! The first three sports boats driven by Whately, Wilson and Goodbody were over an hour ahead of the fourth boat in the Blackwood. C'mon you guys ... how about some competition!

Talking about who's moving out, some of the standard boys were showing the way at the Blackwood. Standard class winner Rob deJoode came in just 16 minutes behind Mark Whately despite the race being held in high water more suited to the sports props. He also beat the outright record!

After another dismal run from Ian Williamson, we still don't know just how fast these new Suzuki's are. He came in 22 minutes ahead of the next boat on day three but started 40 minutes in front of the fastest ten boats. Who knows?

Kevin Pratten presented his boat to the Blackwood scrutineers with holes all over it – just as it finished the Avon (he must have flipped as much as Carlos Sainz).

Simmo and Rummo (alias Geoff Simpson and Les Rumsey) scored the Perseverance Award at the Blackwood – they have entered every race for the last twelve years! Well done!

From what I hear, the Mark Whately, Trevor Gerrick split is permanent. Trevor wants to be doing the yelling rather than getting it. You can bet your life he'll be on the water shortly with an unbeatable rig.

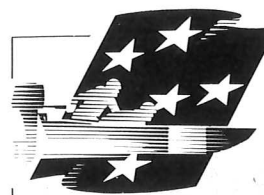
Interesting to see Club Commodore, Russell Wilson, right up amongst it again at the Blackwood. Most racers wouldn't know that a lot behind the way we race today is directly attributable to the breakthroughs made by Russell during the last twenty years. Things like flat-bottomed hulls, dinghies without seats, pump-up transoms, side-runners and a heap more, are all R.W. inventions.

any manufacturers' 8hp qualifies, but one school of thought believes we are going fast enough and should restrict racing to 211cc motors and under. If you have got something to say, don't miss the next meeting.

At the Blackwood scrutineering on Sunday September 22, club members had some first hand experience with car thieves in a stolen Commodore. After these young thugs drove into the car park at high speed and saw what was happening, they took off, also at high speed, smashing into the rear of Jamie Georges parked car on the way. They caused considerable damage and a very large repair bill.

At the time of this incident the car park was full of members and their families and Jamie had parked his car in an effort to protect the many children that were near the scrutineering van.

If you are able to make a donation towards Jamie's repair bill it would be greatly appreciated. Please phone the club number. If it wasn't for Jamie's forward thinking, we could have had a badly damaged young kiddie rather than a mudguard.



WESTERN AUSTRALIAN SPORTS DINGHY ASSOC. ENTRY FORM

BLESSING OF THE FLEET REGATTA

8 H.P. SPORTS DINGHY
8 H.P. STANDARD DINGHY

SPORTS BATHTUB
STANDARD BATHTUB

FORMULA 8

INDEMNITY

In entering and in consideration of my/our payments herein of the Entry Fee I/we hereby acknowledge that I/we have read the rules governing the Event and agree by the rules and instructions of the Event's officials and hereby completely and absolutely indemnify the Western Australian Sports Dinghy Association Inc. and all and any of their members, employees, officials, officers or helpers of or in any way connected with the Association for all actions, claims, costs, demands, damages, expenses, charges, injuries and any other losses arising out of or in conjunction with the said Event regardless of the nature or cause of any occurrence giving rise to any such actions, damages, demands, expenses, charges or other losses. I/we acknowledge that I/we are entering and/or participating in the said Event entirely and absolutely at my/our own risk.

DRIVER

SIGNATURE:

NAME OF TEAM:

CREW

SIGNATURE:

RACE I.D. NUMBER

DRIVER
NAME:
ADDRESS:
P/CODE:
TEL:
LICENSE NO.

CREW
NAME:
ADDRESS:
P/CODE:
TEL:
LICENSE NO.

This Entry Form must be completed and signed by both members of the team and forwarded with the Entry Fee to the Organiser/Race Director at the address below.

ENQUIRIES: PETER BEVAN
401 7290

ENTRY FEE: ONE CLASS \$25 (PER No.)
TWO OR MORE CLASSES: \$30

If under the age of eighteen years as at the date of the Event the following section is to be completed.

I agree to my son/daughter entering the Event.

Signature of Parent or Guardian
THIS IS A CLOSED EVENT.

IF YOUR BOAT'S NOT RIGHT — YOU DON'T START!

BIG FLOTILLA OF DINGHIES EXPECTED FOR BLESSING OF THE FLEET REGATTA

After the success of the inaugural Blessing of the Fleet Regatta last year the club is expecting big fields for this year's event

With \$1,000 in prizemoney, there's a lot to get excited about!

The twisting course which took craft within inches of the hundreds of spectators lining the wharves, had everyone including the racers, gasping for breath.

This year we will be racing with all craft in the water in each heat. Cop that for heartstopping action!

DETAILS:

Saturday October 19 – Heats.
12 noon-1.00pm Scrutineering
1pm-1.45pm Standard Dinghies
1.45pm-2.30pm Sports Dinghies
2.40pm-3.20pm Bathtubs
3.30pm-4.00pm Formula 8's
4.00pm-5.00pm Practise

Saturday October 20 – Finals.
12 noon-12.15pm Standard Dinghies
12.15pm-12.30pm Sports Dinghies
12.30pm-12.45pm Bathtubs
12.45pm-1.00pm Formula 8's
1.45pm Trophy Presentation, Lombardo's.

COURSE:

The course will be similar to last year being a kidney shaped course marked by orange buoys. Competitors will not be penalised by hitting buoys.

POINTS:

Competitors will only receive one championship point if they do not race in the finals on Sunday. Points for finals will be double the points awarded for heats. Places will be derived from points scored on both days.

PRIZEMONEY:

\$1,000 to be divided between all classes pro-rata to number of entries received in each class. Presentation will be held in Lombardo's after the event.

ENTRY:

\$25 per class.
\$30 for two or more classes.

FOR SALE

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ONE 89 MERCURY 8hp MOTOR. Reinforced, ready to race. \$1,000. Brian – 344 2716 (Wk).

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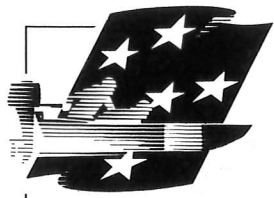
KEVLAR FIBREGLASS DINGHY. Raced '91 Avon only. Near perfect condition. \$1,000 (no transom). Richard – 344 2716 (Wk).

FOR SALE

GENERATOR, HONDA E300. Small camping type. \$225. Paul – 409 9840

WANTED

COWLING FOR 7.5 MERCURY motor. Phone T. Kitcher – 364 7344.



WESTERN AUSTRALIAN SPORTS DINGHY ASSOC. ENTRY FORM

NORTHAM REGATTA

8 H.P. SPORTS DINGHY BATHTUB FORMULA 8
8 H.P. STANDARD DINGHY PEE WEE LADIES

INDEMNITY
In entering and in consideration of my/our payments herein of the Entry Fee I/we hereby acknowledge that I/we have read the rules governing the Event and agree by the rules and instructions of the Event's officials and hereby completely and absolutely indemnify the Western Australian Sports Dinghy Association Inc. and all and any of their members, employees, officials, officers or helpers of or in any way connected with the Association for all actions, claims, costs, demands, damages, expenses, charges, injuries and any other losses arising out of or in conjunction with the said Event regardless of the nature or cause of any occurrence giving rise to any such actions, damages, demands, expenses, charges or other losses. I/we acknowledge that I/we are entering and/or participating in the said Event entirely and absolutely at my/our own risk.

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NAME OF TEAM: RACE I.D. NUMBER

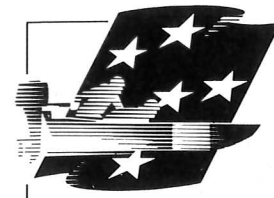
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This Entry Form must be completed and signed by both members of the team and forwarded with the Entry Fee to the Organiser/Race Director at the address below.

ENQUIRIES: NEVILLE WATSON (096) 293 747 If under the age of eighteen years as at the date of the Event the following section is to be completed.
I agree to my son/daughter entering the Event.

ENTRY FEE: \$30.00 NON REFUNDABLE Signature of Parent or Guardian
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WESTERN AUSTRALIAN SPORTS DINGHY ASSOC. ENTRY FORM

YORK REGATTA

8 H.P. SPORTS DINGHY SPORTS BATHTUB FORMULA 8
8 H.P. STANDARD DINGHY STANDARD BATHTUB LADIES

INDEMNITY
In entering and in consideration of my/our payments herein of the Entry Fee I/we hereby acknowledge that I/we have read the rules governing the Event and agree by the rules and instructions of the Event's officials and hereby completely and absolutely indemnify the Western Australian Sports Dinghy Association Inc. and all and any of their members, employees, officials, officers or helpers of or in any way connected with the Association for all actions, claims, costs, demands, damages, expenses, charges, injuries and any other losses arising out of or in conjunction with the said Event regardless of the nature or cause of any occurrence giving rise to any such actions, damages, demands, expenses, charges or other losses. I/we acknowledge that I/we are entering and/or participating in the said Event entirely and absolutely at my/our own risk.

DRIVER SIGNATURE: CREW SIGNATURE:

NAME OF TEAM: RACE I.D. NUMBER

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This Entry Form must be completed and signed by both members of the team and forwarded with the Entry Fee to the Organiser/Race Director at the address below.

ENQUIRIES: COLYNN ROWE (018) 942 567 If under the age of eighteen years as at the date of the Event the following section is to be completed.
GARY MACNAMARA (096) 411 322 I agree to my son/daughter entering the Event.
RON ROBINSON (096) 411 385

ENTRY FEE: \$15.00 NON REFUNDABLE Signature of Parent or Guardian
THIS IS A CLOSED EVENT.

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NORTHAM REGATTA

Supplementary Regulations

ENTRY FEE:
\$25 or \$30 per race no, non-refundable. All entry fees over and above running costs will go to prizemoney. Entry must be on an official WASDA Entry Form. Fees will be accepted on the day. Cash only.

CLASSES:
8 H.P. Sport, 8 H.P. Standard, Bathtubs, Formula 8, Pee Wees, Ladies.

REPLACEMENT PARTS:
No replacement parts other than those specified under clause 9.1 WASDA rulebook.

WITHDRAWALS:
Entrants withdrawing during the race **MUST** advise an official. Failure to do so will incur a \$50 penalty.

PRESENTATIONS:
Trophy Presentation will be held at Northam Show Grounds. Free drinks during presentation.

START ORDER:
Saturday 1.30 p.m. — Dinghies
Formula 8
Bathtub
Pee Wees
Ladies.

Sunday 10.30 a.m. — Dinghies,
Formula 8
Bathtub
Pee Wees
Ladies.

SCRUTINEERING:
Will be at the Northam Weir.

BRIEFING:
Will be at 1.15 p.m.

SCRUTINEER:
Frank Berloth.

ACCOMMODATION:
Camping available at Neville Watsons, 20km out on the Goomalling Road..

RECOVERY:
The recovery of craft will be by a sweep and recovery boat manned by two competent people with previous experience.



YORK REGATTA

Supplementary Regulations

ENTRY FEE:
\$15 per class per entry, non-refundable. All entry fees over and above running costs will go to prizemoney. Entry must be on an official WASDA Entry Form. Fees will be accepted on the day. Cash only.

CLASSES:
8 H.P. Sport, 8 H.P. Standard, Bathtub, Formula 8's, Ladies. There will be eight heats of each class held over the two days.
SATURDAY — Bathtubs and Formula 8's Dinghies next.
SUNDAY A.M. — Dinghies
P.M. — Formula 8's, Bathtubs, Ladies.

REPLACEMENT PARTS:
No replacement parts other than those specified under clause 9.1 WASDA rulebook.

WITHDRAWALS:
Entrants withdrawing during the race **MUST** advise an official. Failure to do

so will incur a \$50 penalty.

START:
The proposed starting area is at Avon Park.

PROPOSED START TIME:
2.00 p.m.

SCRUTINEERING:
Will be at 1.00 p.m.

BRIEFING:
Will be at 1.45 p.m.

SCRUTINEER:
Frank Berloth.

ACCOMMODATION:
Camping available at Mt Bakewell Caravan Park.

RECOVERY:
The recovery of craft will be by a sweep and recovery boat manned by two competent people with previous experience.

EMERGENCY SERVICES:
Medical Centre York (096) 411 200
Police Station York (096) 411 400
Ambulance York (096) 411 300
Club First Aid Chest



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& horsepower and if you dont
believe me you can ring the
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CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS. 1991/1992 SEASON

K. Webb	140	G. Pouw Bray	80	K. Williams	40
R. De Joode	120	S. Forrest	80	A. Keast	40
R. Gerrick	120	K. Pratter	80	L. Doggett	40
G. Cox	120	J. Tregurtha	80	G. Skewes	20
F. Berloth	120	P. Tregurtha	80	B. Bullin	20
K. Parnell	109	C. Wately	60	B. Bullin	20
G. Black	109	D. Tomisich	60	K. Gittens	9
M. Whately	100	P. Henderson	60	D. Haynes	9
T. Gerrick	100	C. Skewes	60	K. Turner	9
J. Skewes	100	D. Bell	60	T. Thimpson	9
W. Palmer	100	J. Hodgkinson	60	P. Reid	9
N. Watson	100	R. Wilson	40	G. Hooley	9
D. Austin	89	J Ferguson	40	M. Hooley	9
B. Stolt	80	M. Webb	40	P. Carboy	9
S. Bennett	80	B. Watson	40		