

# POWER DINGHY RACER

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POWER DINGHY RACING CLUB

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## NEXT MEETING

Annual General Meeting  
April 8 8.00p.m.  
The Palms. Cnr Rokeby and  
Nicholson Rds. Subiaco.

## NEXT RACE

Fredrickstown Cup  
Albany. Easter.  
March 29-31.

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# HEAPS OF FUN AT LOGUE BROOK CARNIVAL



**A big turn-out of Dinghy Racers and their families headed for the hills in search of \$1,000 in prize money.**

Logue Brook Dam was the venue, Frank Berloth was the Race Director and he wasn't going to part with the cash without a fight.

He had spent all year devising a set of tortuous courses and mind-testing games to test the mettle of the racers.

Fun Day on Saturday got off to a brisk start when the field waited for 10 minutes while John Haynes ate his vegemite sandwich for breakfast.

The Bucket Race for Dinghies was a very close affair between boats 090 and 156 with a lot of the racers finding out how wet a bucket of water is!

The Around the Dam Dinghy Race on Sunday also had its share of action. Confusion reigned at one buoy with half of the field going one way and the other half, the other. It took a video of the action to convince Frank Berloth that he had driven on the wrong side of the buoy while in the lead.

The race was re-run with Frank and Grant chasing Wayne Palmer and Michael Healy when Frank performed one of the most spectacular high speed flips in modern dinghy racing history.

He said later that he didn't think you could get a dinghy 2 metres into the air until he was doing it himself — upside down!

The tubbing got underway with

a thrilling series of circuit racing for points.

One incident had John Haynes demolishing young Brad Watson's tub which literally fell apart and sunk. The tub was only saved by quick thinking 'Stretch' Cameron in the rescue boat, diving to the bottom of the dam. Quite a feat when you're still wearing a life jacket.

Formula 8s produced some very tight racing with a good field of 8 boats.

Another highlight of the weekend was the Junior Formula 8 class. It's great to see these young boys and girls giving it curry around the buoys. Some of them are barely big enough to see over the steering wheel! Watch out for Justina Watson in the future. She really knows how to wheel a boat.

The weekend finished with the presentation on Sunday evening and a big group of exhausted, smiling racers.

The big winners were the Skewes family which while not winning one event, took home a number of envelopes which more than covered the cost of the weekend!

Thanks to Frank and Lynne for putting on another top weekend, not only for the racers, but their womenfolk and families as well.



## RESULTS LOGUE BROOK CARNIVAL

<b>SPORTS DINGHIES</b>	
1ST WAYNE PALMER	MICHAEL HEALY
2ND GREG JOHNSON	MICHAEL JOHNSTON
3RD GLEN SKEWES	JUSTIN SKEWES
<b>STANDARD DINGHIES</b>	
1ST MICHAEL WEBB	SCOTT WEBB
2ND KEITH PARNELL	GRAEME BLACK
3RD GARY McNAMARA	GLEN McNAMARA
<b>BATHTUBS</b>	
1ST DANIEL PALMER	
2ND JUSTIN SKEWES	
3RD BRADLEY WATSON	
<b>FORMULA 8</b>	
1ST KIM WEBB	
2ND GRANT POWW-BRAY	
3RD BRIAN WALKER	

## HOT NEWS

Inside this newsletter you will find the invitation you have been waiting for all year. Yes, the time has come again for our annual 'Big Night', the Commodore's Ball.

With the social committee's policy of picking a different venue each year, this year it will be at the stunning Sorrento Quay Function Centre overlooking Hillarys Boat Harbour.

As usual, there will be a top spread and live entertainment.

Last year we booked the room we had out so get your RVSP in early.

It is always a great night out. It's the one social event we do-not have any trouble getting 150-200 members to. Believe me, 100 dinghy racers 'WITH TIES ON', in one room is a sight to behold.

**Proposal**  
Proposed by Neville Watson  
Seconded by Peter Bevan

A conditional class be introduced into Formula 8s and Bathtub events.

The class would allow competitors to change parts (other than those in specification 9.1) during the course of an event. The competitor must report his intentions to the Race Director or Scrutineer, prior to changing the part, and would not be eligible to score any further championship points in that event.

When the competitor does not finish in the top 5 places in that event, he would receive one point for starting and nil for the finish.

# FREDRICKSTOWN CUP DETAILS

## 1991 FREDRICKSTOWN CUP RACE INFORMATION

COMPETITORS B.B.Q. & TROPHY PRESENTATION

At the completion of Sunday's event, a B.B.Q. and Trophy Presentation will Take Place Starting Sunday evening at 5.30pm. DRINKS and EATS SUPPLIED to COMPETITORS and THEIR FAMILY.

**TROPHIES:**

There must be at Least Five (5) entrants in each Class.

Bathtubs. Highest Points 1st, 2nd & 3rd

Formula 8s. Highest Points 1st, 2nd & 3rd

LADIES Highest Points for Class.

Power Dinghies Sports Fastest Time 1st, 2nd & 3rd

Power Dinghies Standard. Fastest Time 1st, 2nd & 3rd

LADIES First All Lady Crew.

**ENTRY FEES:**

Entries will be accepted up to 6.00pm Prior to Your Race Day. But to enable catering and race organisation it would be appreciated if entries could be sent to the club by the 25th of March on a fully completed APDRA Entry form. If you are unable to do so, please ring Rodney Faulkner Ph 098 44 7431. 4 Andrew Way, Lower King 6330.

**BATHTUBS AND FORMULA 8s: \$12.00**

Non-refundable for all classes of racing over this long weekend.

**POWER DINGHIES ALL: \$30.00**

Non-refundable for all classes of racing over this weekend.

**RACE INFORMATION:**

Rod Faulkner 098 44 7431. 4 Andrew Way, Lower King 6330.

**ACCOMMODATION:**

Camping facilities are available at the Kalgan River Caravan Park, which is 14km from the town centre.

**PLEASE CONTACT THE PARK EARLY TO CONFIRM BOOKINGS.**

**KALGAN RIVER CHALETs & CARAVAN PARK Ph 098 44 7937.**

**PRACTICE:**

NO practice is allowed on the Kalgan River above the Ski area or on the King River the week leading up to this event.

## POWER DINGHIES

**RACE DISTANCE:**

44 Kilometres.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This race will start 400mtrs up stream of the upper Kalgan bridge. It will proceed down the length of the Kalgan River, into and across Oyster Harbour, around a boat moored just off Green Island back along the western side of Oyster Harbour and into the King River to a re-start location where dinghies will restart one minute apart, (First in Last Away) to return down the King River and back to the finish line located at the Kalgan River Caravan Park. NO BEACH LANDINGS AFTER FINISHING.

**NOTE:** The Kalgan and King Rivers do feature very hard granite rocks, Oyster Harbour has some sandbars.

**CLASSES:**

8 H.P. SPORTS... 8 H.P. STD

All standard entries will have fixed transom and standard props. There must be at least five (5) entries in each class to be eligible for trophies. Place winners will be awarded trophies on the basis of fastest times for each class.

**SCRUTINEERING:**

Boats will be checked before entry to the River at the start access point. Anchors, flares and flags are Not Required. Kill switch and strong footwear must be worn.

**ACCESS TO START:**

All competitors to be at start by 9.00am. Boats will be launched at the rear of the Kalgan River Tearooms, Boats with crew then to make their way up stream to start line, but only after passing scrutineering.

**BRIEFING:**

Briefing will take place at start line.

**START PROCEDURE:**

Standing start behind start line, Motors may be operating. Craft will be started in grids of two (2) one (1) minute apart.

**RESTART:**

Last boat in first out, Boat in water, Crew standing by craft. Boats will be started one (1) minute apart. NO SUPPORT CREW ACCESS.

**FINISH:**

Kalgan River Caravan Park beach.

## BATHTUBS & FORMULA 8s

**COURSE:**

Formula 8s and Bathtubs will be racing on a course between the Kalgan River Ski Club area and the Kalgan River Caravan Park.

**SCRUTINEERING:**

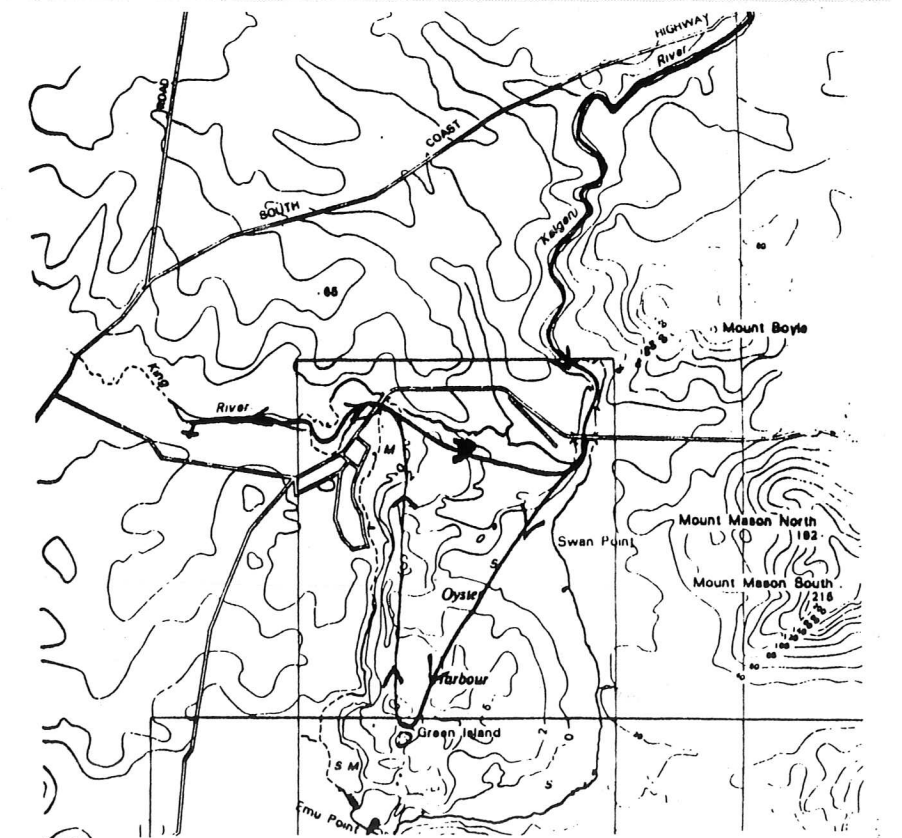
N.B. All Kill switches will be tested throughout the day and must always work.

**BRIEFING:**

Will be at the Kalgan River Ski Club Race Course Area 10.00a.m. Saturday Morning 30th March.

**START:**

10.30a.m. Saturday morning IN SKI CLUB AREA END.



**RED FLAG REMINDER**

**NEXT MEETING IS THE ANNUAL GENERAL. WE NEED YOU THERE TO ELECT THE INCOMING COMMITTEE FOR 1991. DRINKS, NIBBLIES, VIDEOS ON THE HOUSE!**





## COMMODORE'S REPORT

It was encouraging to see a good roll-up for the March meeting with a number of new faces and intense discussion about all the new designs that are going to hit the water for the Avon.

At the meeting, nominations were called for the 1991 PDRC Committee to be elected at the Annual General Meeting. This is the next meeting to be held at The Palms on Monday April 8.

There is plenty of room for anyone that would like to stand. Nominations close on March 25 so if there is a member seeking nomination, get in touch with me on 448 7107 before that date.

After the AGM there will be videos of Bathtubbing in Canada with drinks and nibbles 'on the house', courtesy of the social committee. So get there early, otherwise you may not find a parking spot.

On more serious matters, by resolution at the last meeting, the committee is investigating the viability of setting up a permanent administration office.

The amount of paperwork required to administrate the sport has risen to such an extent that it has placed an excessive burden on a few members of the committee. Besides that, some members believe that it's about time we had it, even though the cost is considerable.

It is proposed that the office would be manned by a part-time secretary for a couple of hours every work day and house an answering machine, fax and our database, so there would be one central contact point to handle all enquiries and pass-out all information.

If you have any thoughts on the subject please ring me. Otherwise, we will discuss our plans at the next meeting.

## DINGHY DITTIES

Rumour has it that Mark Whately and Trevor Gerrick are trying "Hoot Juice". Not much good when you're upside down, is it???

Long time members Tay Overstone & Julie Cikoja tied the knot on March 16th. Best wishes to you both from the whole club.

The Albany weekend could see some exciting racing with positions for state championship in dinghies, tubs & 8's still to be decided.

Ken Webb knows what bathtubbing is all about. His new aluminium bathtub looks more like a Bumper Car. (Then racing with the likes of Frank Berloth and John Haynes all the time, who could blame him?)

The racing season is certainly on again! Peter Bevan advertised his aluminium dinghy in the newsletter last month and was just about stamped in the rush. He reckons he could have sold it four or five times over.

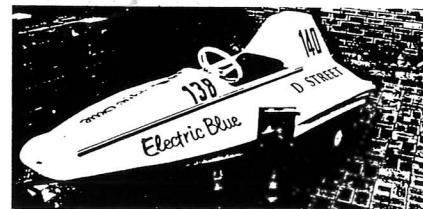
Mark Whately is considering a very radical new hull design. It's good to see someone doing some experimenting. Best of luck!

Peter Bevan is considering building a Jetboat for the Avon. A 200cc powerhead is being built for testing before he will make a final decision.

## COMMITTEE CONTACT NOS.

Commodore	Russel Wilson	448 7107
Vice Commodore	Peter Bevan	401 7290
Rear Commodore	Neville Watson	096 22 3747
Secretary	Lynn Berloth	398 1800
Treasurer	Glen Skews	447 6424
Chief Scrutineer	Frank Berloth	398 1800
Social Director	Deanne Street	409 8693
Property Officer	Frank Berloth	398 1800
Public Relations	Jeff Hodgkinson	364 9720

## FOR SALE



**FORMULA 8** 1989/90 State Champion Boat, near new hull, trolley, helmet & bronze prop to suit \$900.00. Phone Deanne Street 353 3323 Work

**DINGHY TRAILER** Lock up sides with roof rack. Single axle. Near new \$650. Phone Jeff Hodgkinson 364 9720.



## ENTRY FORM FREDRICKSTOWN CUP

organised by the  
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SKIPPER \_\_\_\_\_ Boat No. \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Lic. No. \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

CREW NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Lic. No. \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

CLASS

STANDARD DINGHY

SPORTS DINGHY

FORMULA 8

BATHTUB

This is an ~~OPEN~~/CLOSED EVENT.

In entering this event and in consideration of signing this form, we hereby acknowledge that we have read the rules covering the event and agree by the rules and the instructions of the event officials, and hereby completely and absolutely indemnify The Power Dinghy Racing Club and all and any of their members, employees, officials, officers and helpers in any way connected with the P.D.R.C. for any actions, claims, costs, demands, damages, expenses, charges, injuries and any other losses arising out of, or in connection with the said event, regardless of the nature or course of any occurrence given rise to any such actions, damages, demands, expenses, charges or any other losses. We acknowledge that we are entering a participation in the said event entirely and absolutely out of our own risk.

## WHERE TO GO

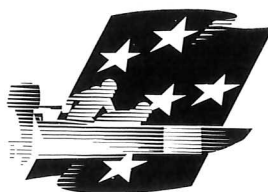
**ALUMINIUM WELDING:**  
(Racing dinghies, engine reinforcing, fuel tanks, transom frames etc.)  
Frank Berloth 398 1800  
Steve Palmer 457 9935

**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 Jeff Hodgkinson)



## CLUB NEWS

### DO YOUR BIT TO KEEP THE RIVER CLEAN

The Keep Australia Beautiful Council in conjunction with the Australian Underwater Federation will be conducting the Swan River Underwater Clean up on Sunday March 24 between 8.00a.m. and noon.

They need more boats to help transport the rubbish bags from the diver's boats to the Army Barges.

This is an opportunity for the club to help keep the river clean and safe to race in.

Anyone that is interested in volunteering is to ring the president of the Underwater Federation, Ray Horn, on 242 4757 (Work) or 459 6670 (Home).

### Support the PDRC Club Raffle

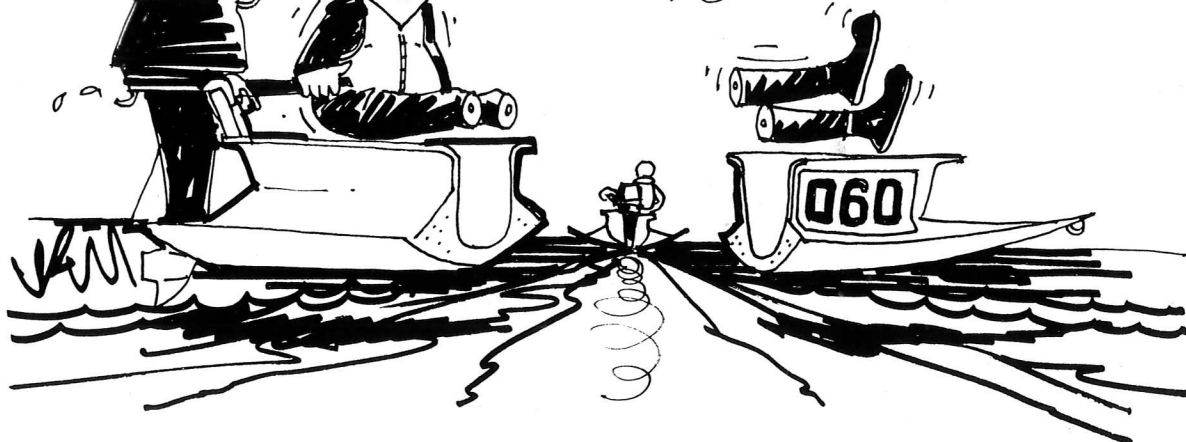
To assist with costs of our new look power dingy racer and expenses for safety equipment and rescue boat. Your assistance is required to sell raffle tickets, to raise funds for these much needed items.

*Remember some of this equipment may save your life.*

Please return all sold tickets in the envelope provided as soon as possible to assist organisers.

**FEE BEE'S PICS**

Who said we need 'Figure 8' courses for more excitement when we've already got John Haynes!



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## CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS TO 20TH MARCH 1991

### DINGHIES

K PARNELL	501
G BLACK	501
P STREET	326
M HEALY	298
J HAYNES	222
N PALMER	212
M WEBB	206
J SKEWES	198
F BERLOTH	193
G McNAMARA	192

G JOHNSON	180
P TREGURTHA	186
G COX	186
N WATSON	164
P HELM	162
B WATSON	152
K LAWRENCE	147
M JOHNSON	140
<b>FORMULA 8s</b>	
G POW BRAY	440
D STREET	380

C SKEWES	226
K WEBB	180
B DIMMOCK	60
B WALKER	60
<b>TUBS</b>	
D PALMER	400
J SKEWES	281
B WATSON	266
F BERLOTH	220
J HAYNES	160
N WATSON	127