

POWER DINGHY RACER

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POWER DINGHY RACING CLUB

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NEXT MEETING

July 8, 8.00p.m.
The Palms, Cnr Rokeby and
Nicholson Rds, Subiaco.

NEXT RACE

Sunnyside Down
Bridgetown-Blackwood River
July 13.
Avon Descent
Northam-Bayswater
August 3-4.

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NANNUP HOTEL CUP IS BIG SUCCESS



The inaugural Cup was held on June 2nd, 1991. In whole the event and weekend was a great success, with incredible relaxation, fun and racing.

Saturday was for those who wanted to practise or check out the river from the road. For some it was a relaxation period to prepare for the race. In the evening the Nannup Hotel gave excellent hospitality with a home cooked meal, with drinks in the lounge afterwards.

On Sunday 28 boats took to the river for an exciting race. Some boats had trouble at the start gate so a quick change of places occurred in both classes. With the river 450mm lower than last year's Blackwood there was little room for error. The logs had to be jumped and novice boat 118 didn't quite make one and the back of the boat was jammed under the water. "Stretch" quickly came to the rescue but then got stuck himself.

In the meanwhile, out in front was boat 116 hotly pursued by 139 and 158 while in Standard 007 was blitzing the field. But with 007 having problems in Standard Rob De Joode with his new deckie, took over the lead and finished with the flag.

Meanwhile Jan Tregurtha was having her first flip with her husband - which she didn't enjoy. They still managed to hold on to second placing.

Sunday evening was celebrated with a Presentation Carvery in the back garden on the Nannup Hotel with drinks and music provided by the Wanderers afterwards in the lounge.

RESULTS - NANNUP HOTEL CUP

Pos. No.	Entrant	Time
Sports Dinghies		
1	116 M Whately - T Gerrick	2:43:31
2	139 P Tregurtha - J Tregurtha	2:58:02
3	158 C Whately - D Tomisich	2:58:36
4	105 R Wilson - J Ferguson	3:04:04
5	117 J Skewes - G Skewes	3:04:13
Standard Dinghies		
1	123 R De Joode - T Gerrick	3:12:48
2	168 K Prater	3:13:51
3	191 G Cox	3:16:12
4	150 K Webb - M Webb	3:17:48
5	134 Butlin	3:19:52

The Nannup Cup proved to be a worthy event for the calendar with most competitors and crew promising to be back next year. Thanks should go to the Nannup Hotel for their support and the organising committee headed by Paul Tregurtha and Mark Whately.

NANNUP HOTEL CUP Balance Sheet

EXPENSES	
Nannup Lions	250.00
Rescue Fuel	50.00
Charity	200.00
Trophies	250.00
Competitors Meals	190.00
Prize Money	720.00
Perpetual Winner	200.00
	<u>1860.00</u>

26 ENTRIES @ 40.00 = 1040.00

SPONSORS	
Complex Ceilings	250.00
Velmade Products	250.00
Captain Cook Cruises	120.00
Nannup Hotel	200.00
	<u>1860.00</u>
	(1860.00)

COMMODORE'S REPORT

If you read the Club News section you will see that at the next meeting you will be voting on a vote of no confidence in the scrutineer, Frank Berloth.

Like any other club, the PDRC gives its members the right to fire a committee member if there is just cause.

It is a perfectly healthy and valid part of the structure of a club - after all, it keeps us all on our toes.

But what I want the members to realise before they vote is this: if Frank Berloth is voted out, what is going to happen then?

The job of Scrutineer is undoubtedly the worst job on the committee.

Having done the job myself on the odd occasion, I know!

There is always someone that is unhappy with you on every decision you make.

Frank Berloth has just been elected for the second year unopposed. There wasn't anyone else prepared to take on the job during the past two seasons.

He is not only the PDRC scrutineer, he is also the WASDA scrutineer, and he is one of the only members of the club that is qualified to do the job.

With only a few weeks to go before the Avon, there couldn't be a worse time to have a vote of no confidence in Frank. Who is there to step into his shoes?

I will make sure this vote of no confidence is a clean and fair contest. I will not allow any other personal or private side issues to creep into the argument.

But I want you all to fully consider the consequences of your decision before you vote.

Russell Wilson
Commodore.

NEW PDRC OFFICE NUMBER 490 1714

Office manned between 10.00a.m. and noon Monday to Friday. Answering machine after hours.

Secretary is Leonie Doggett

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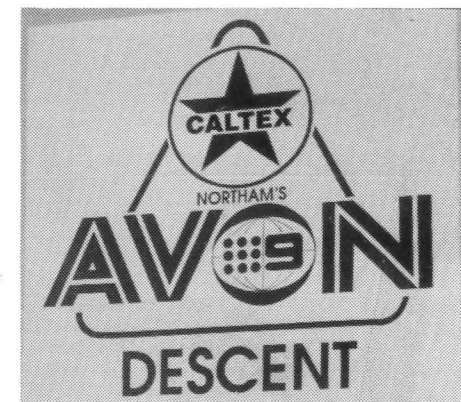
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AVON DESCENT WHO'S HOT AND WHO'S NOT!



The big question on everyone's lips is will anyone take out the full \$7,000 prizemoney by breaking the record.

With water level screaming at the moment, and with boats getting faster and faster, I believe that there is a good chance.

One thing's for certain, there are a number of hotties that will be going for it.

It's just guesswork as to who is going fastest at the moment but it's my guess that there is only a whisker between John Goodbody, Russell Wilson and the Whately brothers.

At the moment John Goodbody and the Whatelys are yet to put their new boats into the water. If their new boats give them a couple of extra seconds in hull speed, they will certainly have the edge in Sports class.

Don't underestimate Russell Wilson though. His campaign this year has been bigger than the last few years and it's sure that 'the Veteran' has some more surprises.

Others to watch are Paul Tregurtha and Glen Skewes. Although both are low profile competitors they have been around for a long time and just keep getting faster.

My pick for the 'Dark Horse' award would go to Greg Johnson who has moved up to Sports. He always puts together a good act.

Others to watch for are Rod Thomas, who hasn't been seen on the water yet, and Ian Williamson who usually does his practising without observers. You can be sure they will be up there with the leading bunch.

In Standard class Rob De Joode is the big improver but word has it that Wayne Harman has gone back down to Standard.

You can add Ralph Jones with a new boat and deckie to that list.

Whoever is in the lead on day one you know there will be no hanging back and following the lead boat through The Valley. Everyone will be going for it!



CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS. 1991/1992

R. De Joode	100	P. Henderson	60	D. Haynes	9
R. Gerrick	100	R. Wilson	40	K. Turner	9
M. Whately	100	J. Ferguson	40	K. Parnell	9
T. Gerrick	100	K. Webb	40	G. Black	9
P. Tregurtha	80	M. Webb	40	T. Thimpson	9
J. Tregurtha	80	J. Skewes	20	P. Reid	9
K. Pratter	80	G. Skewes	20	G. Hooley	9
S. Forrest	80	B. Bullin	20	M. Hooley	9
C. Whately	60	B. Bullin	20	D. Austin	9
D. Tomisich	60	K. Gittins	6	P. Carboy	9
G. Cox	60				

RED FLAG REMINDER

NO BEACH LANDINGS AT THE FINISH OF THE AVON DESCENT. YOU MAY BE DISQUALIFIED ON THE FINISH LINE!



RULES UPDATE

In recent weeks there has been a concern expressed as to what some racers are doing to their propellers in Standard Class.

You are reminded that no modifications can be made to your propellers in that class.

BE WARNED! The scrutineer will be taking particular note of propellers. Read Rule 3-6 to be sure of how you can repair them.

KEYSTONE PISTONS

Mariner & Mercury 6, 8 + 9.9 H.P.

The scrutineer has been advised by Marine Power International Pty. Ltd., the Australian agents for Mercury and Mariner, the following:

SUBJECT: PISTON SUPERSESSION

This fax is to confirm that the original thin ring piston P/N 773-8890A3 for the 6 through 9.9 is no longer available and has been superseded to the Keystone piston 773-9756A1.

The piston was superseded to prevent ring sticking and to increase piston ring life.

Ken Clark. 13/6/91.

This in effect, allows the use of either the thin or thick ringed pistons by club members.



WHERE TO GO

ALUMINIUM WELDING:
(Racing dinghies, engine reinforcing, fuel tanks, transom frames etc.)

Frank Berloth 398 1800
Steve Palmer 457 9935

SURFACING PROPELLORS:
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Kevin Green 364 7820

ENGINES & MECHANICAL SERVICE:
Frank Berloth 398 1800

(For any additions to this list please contact the editor Rob De Jooode)

DINGHY DITTIES

Digital Engine Tacho's are the talk of the town. Rob De Jooode and Mark Whately have been using them already this season. (Maybe it's a clue to their current winning form which was evident at the recent Nannup Cup.)

For the first year ever, the 'Sports Hotties' are getting very close to breaking the 60 second barrier on the course. (My spy tells me that it may even be broken now). I reckon that the first person to break it should come clean and buy for the bar at the next club meeting!

Nobody has had a peek at Mark Whately's new boat yet. He sure has kept it under wraps - it's a bigger secret than Bondy's winged keel! From the little bit of gossip I've heard, it's sure to be a radical new design.

Jeff Hodgkinson has answered the question at last - he will be bringing out the 'old Austin' again. This is the third Avon for that hull. Will it still be competitive?

So much for the recession. Gerry Post tells us that entries for the Avon are pouring in and he expects more than last year. Could it be something to do with the extra prizemoney?

On the subject of Avon Prizemoney, the paddlers are now kicking up at not getting as much as the dinghies. The shoe's certainly on the other foot this year!

Congratulations to Jeff and Karen Hall on the birth of their second female PEE WEE.

Also to Peter Newbound and his wife on the birth of their first son.

Has anyone seen Arthur Fairhurst's new 'High Raked' cleavers? They're three blade propellers with reduced blade area around the hub and much more area in the blade tip. According to the few racers that have got them, they offer much improved acceleration although they are a whisker down in top end speed. Sounds like they would be ideal for The Blackwood!

CLUB NEWS

PROPOSALS

I propose a vote of no confidence in the scrutineer.

Proposed: Steve Palmer
Seconded: Ron Cook

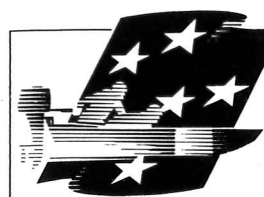
I propose that Rule 14, stating that two ring pistons shall not be used in Mercury 7.5 large port motors, be deleted.

Proposed: Neville Watson
Seconded: Peter Bevan

THE PDRC GENERAL MEETING THAT WOULD NORMALLY BE HELD ON MONDAY AUGUST 13 HAS BEEN MOVED TO TUESDAY AUGUST 6 DUE TO THE UNAVAILABILITY OF THE VENUE.

Swim tests will be conducted on Sunday July 7 at Canning Bridge. This is definitely your last chance!

Advertising space is now available in the Power Dinghy Racer from just \$25 per month. Enquiries to Rob De Jooode.



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"Sunnyside Down"

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8 H.P. STANDARD DINGHY STANDARD BATHTUB

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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: THE SECRETARY
P.D.R.C.
P.O. BOX 675, WEST PERTH, W.A. 6005
TEL: 490 1714

ENTRY FEE: \$25.00

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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!

SUNNYSIDE DOWN SET TO BE BIG WARM-UP FOR THE AVON DESCENT

A big contingent of members are getting set for the Sunnyside Down, as a race to sort out any last minute bugs before the Avon Descent.

The race is organised by the Blackwood River Sports Club and is a top event.

The racing will be even better this year with good rapids and high water.

The dinghy event starts at 12 noon Saturday July 13 with barbecue, refreshments and presentation afterwards.

On Sunday there will be Formula 8 and Bathtub racing at Blackwood River park followed by the presentation.

If you want a fast race with no breakages and plenty of action, make sure you don't miss the Sunnyside Down.



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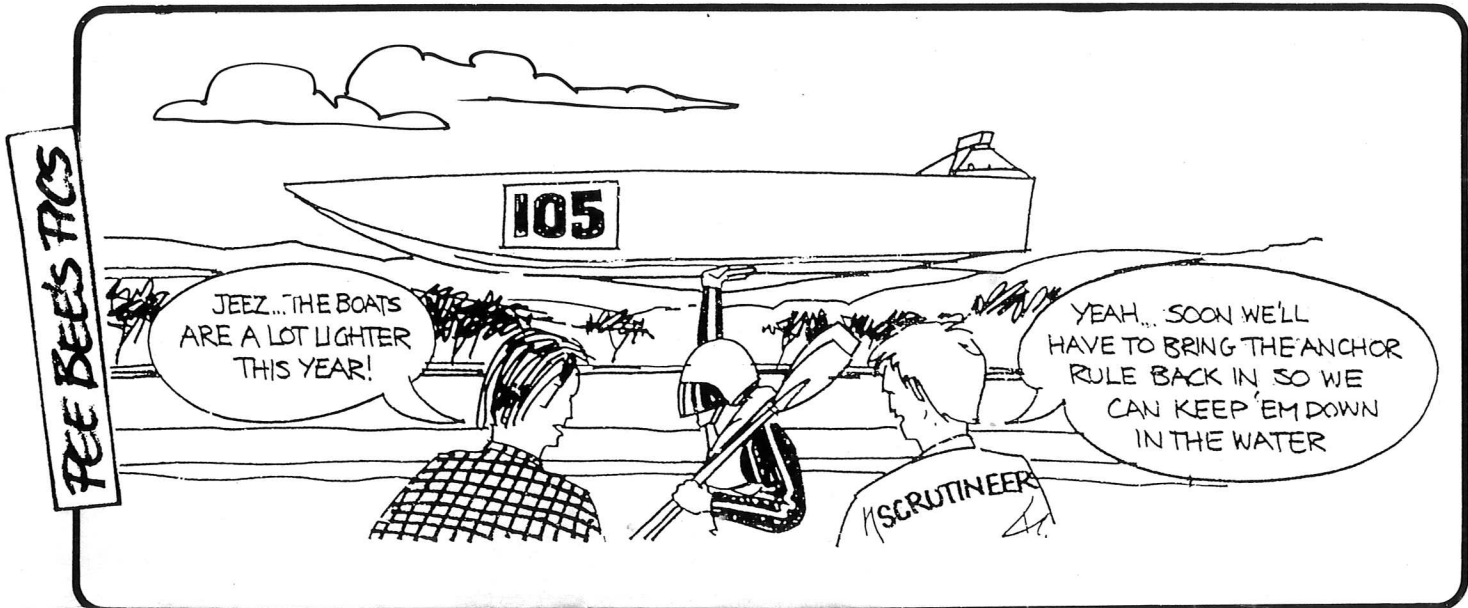
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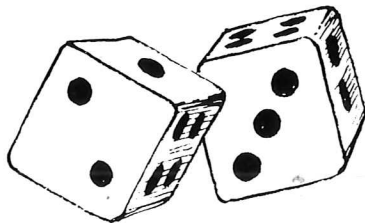
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