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NEXT MEETING

October 12, 8.00pm
The Palms, Cnr Rokeby and
Nicholson Rds, Subiaco

NEXT RACES

BLESSING OF THE FLEET
REGATTA, FREMANTLE
October 18
Northam Regatta, Northam
November 14 & 15

WHATS IN THIS ISSUE

- MOORE RIVER
ROUND-UP
- NEW FORMAT FOR BLESSING
OF THE FLEET REGATTA
- BLACKWOOD
CLASSIC 250
- BIG CHRISTMAS
SOCIALS COMING UP

BLACKWOOD RECORD GOES AS VELMADE TEAM SCORCHES WAY TO AUGUSTA

The all-conquering team of Craig Whately and Trevor Gerrack proved at the Blackwood Classic 250, that you can not only win from a late grid position, you can even break the record!

Although assisted by a higher water level than in the past few years, and a small field to pick their way through home, they still blasted home 2 minutes clear of the nearest boat and became the first winner to break the six hour barrier.

The race started unevenly on Saturday morning with a water level around .5 metre above last year's level. Despite plenty of water the rapids before checkpoint 3 still looked like a dinghy graveyard in no time.

One of the hotties to leave early was 117 (Justin Skewes) who departed the race with a delaminated hull after the first rapid.

Other notable departures included 102 (Goodbody/Goodbody) with a water pick up problem and 169 (Roger Ambrosino/Wilson) with a broken flywheel key way. Boat 156 (Brody Taylor/Peter Bevan) showed early form, before hitting the log jam where they stayed, wedged between the logs, upside-down, for the best part of an hour.

Rob Dejoode's initiation into sports class racing was less than uneventful. Boat 123 flipped no less than four times in the initial stages.

The big surprise came at the finish line for day one with the standard boat 190 (Parnell/Black) coming home in front of 105 (Wilson/Ferguston) and 124 (Berloth/Bray) proving again that Day 1 of the Blackwood is a black prop race, even in high water.

Then the drama happened! Russel Wilson was informed that he had been penalised 90 mins for not signing the attendance book and starting his motor without the prop in the water.

(As there is an appeal against the penalty yet to be heard I can't comment any further until it is resolved).

At the end of Day 1, the order in sports was 158, 124, 123, and in standard 190, 011, (Jones/Barden) and 127 (Kinnersley/Cranley).

With most boats coming in before midday, just about the entire club retired to the lounge of the Nannup Hotel to watch the big game. (I'm sure the roof of that pub raised about half a metre everytime that Peter Matera got within coo-ee of the ball).

Day two was very straightforward with long pools between tight corners and very few patches of light trees.

The race order stayed pretty well the same with the exception of 105 which started down in the order and proceeded to mow down the pack.

The charge expected from 166 (Williamson/Maxfield) didn't eventuate with Ian being surprisingly down on hull speed. This is in contrast to the other Suzuki in the race on 156 (Kim Bolvarz) which was performing very well, getting him up to fourth spot. (Look out for this guy, he's going very quick for the few races he's been in).

The day two camp was very quiet in comparison to recent years with a number of the members opting to go back to Nannup for the night rather than shift camp. (It makes sense — its quicker and cheaper).

Racing on day three was that good it was boring! The weir was a non-event with a drop of only half a metre and believe it or not for the first time in living memory, the estuary was like a sheet of glass.

With the grid starting in reverse order, 105 stormed home and was predictably first to the beach by 10 mins.

In sports 158 lengthened their lead even further. Anyone seeing them on the estuary had to be impressed — they were hooning!

In standard Ralph Jones just didn't have the legs to pull back the 8 mins they were down on Parnell/Black, who went on to win by 6 mins.

With fourteen motors to pull down at the finish line, the presentation at the Augusta Hotel didn't get underway till well into the afternoon but was worth the wait for those who decided to stay.

Thanks must go to all BRSC volunteers, recovery personal and sponsors Dunsborough Chalets.

PDRC COMMODORE'S REPORT

It wouldn't please anyone involved in the sport of dinghy racing, that the results of the Blackwood Classic 250 are subject to an appeal.

From my perspective, the main cause of racing members' frustrations over the past few seasons has been as a result of inconsistent decisions from race organisers. It was this very reason that a few of the PDRC members initiated the forming of WASDA over two years ago.

The idea behind WASDA was that the three main dinghy racing bodies, the PDRC, the Northam's Avon Descent ASS and the Blackwood River Sports Club would combine to race under one rulebook. And that was agreed.

Unfortunately the PDRC has not got the manpower to run the calendar. We must rely on the help of non-racers to run the big events. Without them, these races just wouldn't happen.

I believe we all understand that, and appreciate their efforts.

What I am asking for is that all race organising committees respect the yellow rule book and strive to make all dinghy racing rules, penalties etc consistent throughout all events.

The old attitude "this is my race and I'll what I want" is just not good enough more.

Too much time, effort and money is being spent by club members for them to be frustrated by race organising committees that are working in opposing directions.

This problem is not confined to non-racing organisers either. In the past the PDRC has had it's fair share of race directors that have had their own set of objectives too.

I believe the WASDA concept is a good one and will work.

But it will never work until we are all pulling in the same direction. Committees must work hard to ensure their rescue, scrutineering, safety and other personnel are working to the same standard.

We must keep dinghy racing on the rails. For the good of the sport, let all pull together to get it right.

Peter Bevan
Commodore

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OFFICE NUMBER
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FLOOD LEVELS FOR SUPERFAST MOORE RIVER SPRINT

They say "third time lucky", and that certainly was the case with the Moore River Sprint. This was the third year we have been trying to get this race off the bank.

On the Sunday prior to the race we checked the water level at Robbie Rathbone's and it wasn't looking good. The small rapid at Robbies only had a trickle running over it, suggesting that there was not enough water to race. We did not want to have a repeat of the 09 race which took 4.5 hours to get from Robbie's to Bennies Rd.

We proceeded to Bennies Rd. the river was not too bad. For Sports Boats it was fine but the Standard would be doing some walking. We marked the fences from Bennies Rd to the Bridge (12 in all) and decided to start the next weekend at Bennies Rd.

On the Saturday afternoon prior to the race day, we started setting out the directions for the checkpoints etc. We got to checkpoint 3, which is the closest to Gin Gin Rd, and the culvert that was there the week before did not exist. The water was pushing 6-8 inches over the road! Colleen braved the water to mark the fences (I didn't have any gumboots). The water had risen 1.5 metres during the previous week!

We kept going up to Bennies Rd where the river was about 200 metres wide. This was too good to be true! We were now able to start the race at Robbie Rathbones.

On race day, some racers put their dinghies behind them and donned their "rally" caps. The mud track into the start

line was a challenge in itself. Just ask Justin Ferguson.

35 boats started and the times were going to be fast. The Quad Drive Club had set up to man the checkpoints. 10 out of 10 for Steve Letton who was manning the checkpoint at Bennies Rd. He could not get his vehicle to the river so he stripped down to his jocks and waded through the neck high backwaters to get to the checkpoint. (We got this on video, its a real laugh!). Well done Steve.

The river was approaching a dangerous level at Hamers. Just ask the boys in 067, the Metro Brick boat. They got it wedged sideways against the culvert and didn't get it out until the following week.

At checkpoint 3, John Haynes was seen trying to get UNDER the wire fences. One wrong step John and you would have been sucked under and into the culvert.

The times for both classes were very fast with 27 of the 28 boats that finished getting home in under two and a half hours. The lone straggler was boat 136 which came home in 5 hours and 6 minutes.

At least you got home, boys!

Thanks to scrutineers (Lynne Berloth and Geoff Hall), Sweepboats, (Ian Williamson, Tony Maxfield, Andrew Parker, Greg Oversby, Tanzy Maxfield and Ricky Franklin), Checkpoint Controller (Peter Street) and Checkpoint operators (Quad Drive Club).

Race Directors
Justin and Glen Skewes.

RESULTS SPORTS

- 1st 116 Craig Whately, Trevor Gerrick
- 1st 139 Paul Tregurtha, Mark Tregurtha
- 3rd 105 Russell Wilson, Justin Ferguson
- 4th 124 Frank Berloth, Grant Pouw-Bray
- 5th 002 David Wright, Michelle Holland
- 6th 188 John Evans, Jill Evans
- 7th 169 Roger Ambrosino, Mark Wilson
- 8th 196 Bryan Nicholson, Steven Brown
- 9th 022 Gary Evans, Michael Nolan
- 10th 113 Geoff Hall, Peter Hink

- 11th 109 Kevin Lawrence, Bradley Watson
- 12th 059 Neville Watson, Justine Watson
- 13th 041 Ross Fitchett, Steve McKinnon
- DNF 067 Jamie George, Peter Russo
- DNF 096 Tay Overstone, David Snooks
- DNF 030 Mark Lawrence, Peter Flint

STANDARD

- 1st 056 Neil Bailey, Brett Stolp
- 2nd 100 Kim Webb, Steve Webb
- 3rd 090 Gary McNamara, Paul Gault
- 4th 024 Cameron Wilkie, Peter Cattalina
- 5th 092 Ron Robinson, Glen McNamara
- 6th 037 Kevan Goodall, John Byers
- 7th 029 Con Pitsikas, Tony Hawkins
- 8th 148 Keith Brooker, Mary Vessels
- 9th 163 Micheal Chittick, Dennis Peach
- 10th 184 Adrian Griffin, Rin Rutherford
- 11th 103 Alan Bartlett, Dallas Grivas
- 12th 111 John Haynes, Scott Bennett
- 13th 183 Peter Pavlinorich, Rebecca Ruthford
- 14th 197 Stuart Maxwell, Steven Maxwell
- 15th 136 Greg Pierce, Russell Stocker
- DNF 053 Rob Ribbans, Justin Howarth

**THERE'S ONLY 70 TICKETS AVAILABLE
FOR THE CHRISTMAS PROGRESSIVE
DINNER. FIRST IN BEST DRESSED!
BOOK NOW ON 490 1714.**

**RED FLAG
REMINDER**



CLUB NEWS

The last issue of the Racer we advertised the wrong date for the meeting. Apologies to those members that turned up to see the doors locked. Be reminded that the meetings ARE ALWAYS ON THE SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

ADULTS CHRISTMAS PARTY

This year the Adults Christmas Party will be a Progressive Dinner. For those of you that have not been on one before, the idea is that we go to different homes to have the different courses. This is going to be a ripper!

The club has hired a double decker bus for the night (complete with bar) and it will be transporting the participants between six very nice venues offered by club members for each course.

The night will kick off at Geoff Halls home in Winthrop for Pre-dinner cocktails at 7.00pm on Saturday December 12.

The bus is only licensed to hold 80 people so you are interested in going book early on 1714.

Tickets are \$70 a double which includes all six courses, cocktails, beer, wine, champagne and after dinner ports and spirits. Dress is collar and tie.

This is going to be a good one — dont be disappointed!

KIDZ CHRISTMAS PARTY

The venue for this season's Kidz Christmas Party is the lagoon on the north-east corner of Herrison Island.

There's good facilities at the venue including toilets, barbecues, playground etc.

the event will be a Barbecue/Picnic with entertainment for kids provided by our own clown who will be organising plenty of activities with plenty of prizes.

Every child will get a present from our Santa who will be arriving via 8 horses rather than 6 reindeer.

There will be a ferry service organised from the Trinity carpark to the island so you don't get a hernia carrying your eskies there.

Put the date in your diary, Sunday November 29, and ring Lynne Berloth on 490 1714 to make a booking. BYO everything and there is absolutely no charge for anything.

These are always fun for the kids. Make the effort to get there.

CAR RALLY

The car rally is on this weekend!

Don't miss out!

Starting at the carpark on the river just west of the causeway at 9.00am this Sunday, October 11.

Entry is just \$15 per car which includes entry to the venue. There is a big list of very good prizes (the first prize is an Esky) and entertainment provided for the kids.

BYO everything for a barbecue at the venue (barbecues provided). To enter, just roll up at the Causeway carpark by 9.00am.

RAFFLE

The club has organised a raffle and its a ripper! First prize is a 5 day trip for two to Bali! But the big news is that the member that puts in the most effort will be given a BRAND NEW 8HP MARINER AS A GIFT!

If you really want a new motor but can't afford it, this is a way to get it at no cost!

Tickets are \$2 each in books of 10 available from Brent Barden on 295 2491.

We expect this raffle to be a great fundraiser for the club. We certainly need it so get behind this project and sell some tickets.

PROPOSALS

The proposed Bathtub and F/8 Rules will be voted on at the forthcoming meeting. If you have an interest in these classes, make sure you attend.

Once the rules are voted in, you won't have a second chance.

FOR SALE

Readymix boat 166. Advanced kevlar construction built in June this year.

Very good condition. Call Ian Williamson on 409 6595 (home) or 007 914 344 (work).

DINGHY DITTIES

Rob Dejoode and Rob Gerrick got a taste of what its like with more hull speed and less skeg in the water when they switched to Sports Class for the for the Blackwood. They flipped no less than four times on one of the days! They still showed that they've got what it takes though, finishing third overall.

Talking of flips, after Brodies Taylor flipped for the third time, he handed the helm to his deckie Peter Bevan. The plan seemed to be working very well until PB managed to clobber a submerged and undetectable three at full speed in a long pool, triggering an absolute monumental. Brodie came spluttering to the surface saying "give me the tiller back, you're worse than I am!".

No-one expected to see the water as high as it was in the Moore river Sprint, especially under they bridge. You could just get through underneath if you remembered to lower your transom. Unfortunately, a number of racers didn't. The final score was Cowlings: Nil, Bridge: Five!

After two hours in the water and four hours in the Nannup pub on the Saturday of the Blackwood, a large number of racers thought they were Peter Sumich when they left. The ensuing game of footie in the caravan park produced more bruises and twisted ankles than the whole of the race.

Brodie Taylor just managed to throw his rig together to make it to Blackwood scrutineering after a week full of dramas. He was heard saying beforehand "If I get through scrutineering I'll walk to China". You can understand the surprise when he was told he had won "Best Prepared Entry". So much for powder-coat and metal flake!

WHERE TO GO

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

Frank Berloth 398 1800
Steve Palmer 457 9935

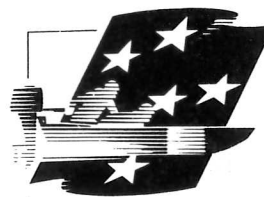
SURFACING PROPELLORS:
Arthur Fairhurst 351 8388 or Frank Berloth as agent for Arthur, (same price) 398 1800

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)



WESTERN AUSTRALIAN SPORTS DINGHY ASSOC ENTRY FORM

BLESSING OF THE FLEET 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.

DRIVER SIGNATURE:..... CREW SIGNATURE:.....

NAME OF TEAM:..... RACE I.D. NUMBER

DRIVER	CREW
NAME:.....	NAME:.....
ADDRESS:.....	ADDRESS:.....
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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.

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.

ENQUIRIES: PETER BEVAN
448 2471
PETER HINK
349 4751

Signature of Parent or Guardian

THIS IS A CLOSED EVENT.

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

BLESSING OF THE FLEET REGATTA

The format of the Blessing of the Fleet Regatta has changed from previous events. It will now be only a ONE DAY EVENT, starting early on Sunday morning, breaking for the Official Procession between 1-2pm and then back into the water until 5pm.

After the event thee will be a presentation and buffet taking place in the plush surroundings of Christies Night Club in Lombardos. DRINKS and BUFFET are included in the entry fee for racers only.

A good spread is promised by Lombardo's so the entry fee represents great value.

SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS.

DATE: OCTOBER 18, SUNDAY.

VENUE:
SUCCESS HARBOUR, FREMANTLE
(Adjacent to Lombardo's).

PROGRAMME:

Scrutineering (F/8's, Tubs) 8.00am
Briefing 8.30am
F/8's, Tubs racing 9.00-11.00am
Pee Wees 11.00-12.00 noon
Rubber Ducky Fun Races 12.00-100pm

Lunch 1.00-200pm
Scrutineering (dinghies) 2.00-4.00pm
Presentation 5.00-5.30pm
Buffet Dinner 5.30 onwards

ENTRY FEES

Dinghies \$40
Multiple Entries \$50
F/8's, Bathtubs \$30
Pee Wees \$15

Enter on the day.

Non refundable. Entries must be on official WASDA entry form. Cheques must be made payable to the Power Dinghy Racing Club.

COURSE

As in previous years, an anti-clockwise dogleg circuit immediately in front of Lombardo's. Starting position will be the balcony at Lombardo's.

FORMAT

Normal circuit racing format. 6 heats for each class. All entries on the water at the same time. Point scoring as per WASDA rulebook.

PRIZES

70% of all event proceeds will go to prizemoney. Prizemoney for each class will be calculated as per the number of entries. (ie. the more entries, the more prizemoney). The calculated figure for each class will be allocated as follows:
1st prize: 60%
2nd prize: 30%

3rd prize: 10%

CLASSES

Standard Dinghies
Sports Dinghies
Alloy Class Dinghies
Formula Eights
Bathtubs.

SPECIAL RULES

Kill switches must be worn at all times during a race.

LAUNCHING

An area will be set aside between Lombardo's and Cicerello's to launch craft. ENTRANTS ARE ONLY ALLOWED TO PARK FOR 15 MINUTES IN THE LAUNCHING AREA. Entrants that overstay in the launching area may be penalised.

STARTS

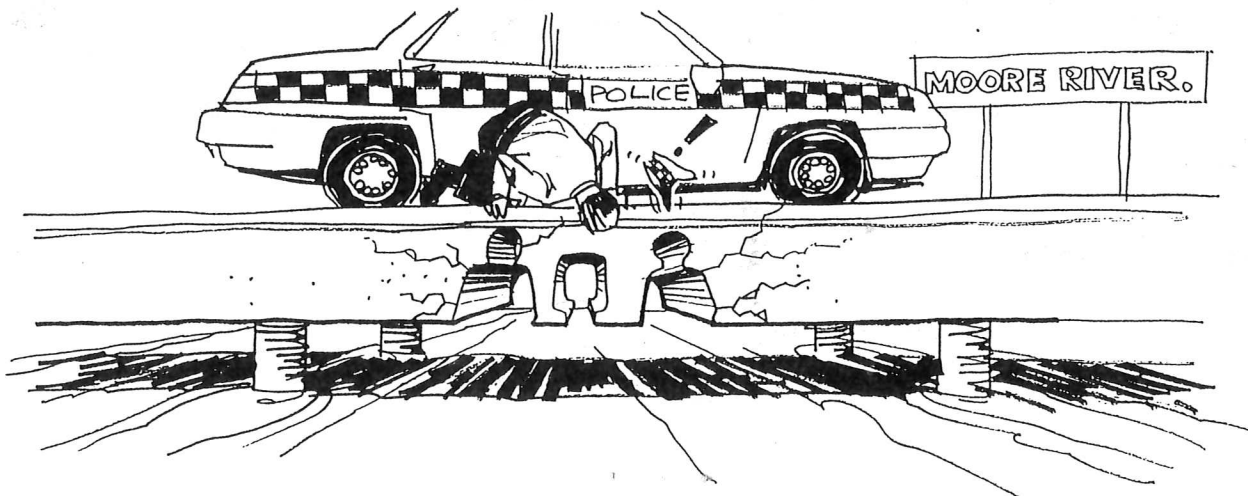
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Blue flag lowered at 10 secs to start
White flag lowered at start.

FLAGS

Racers must observe all flag rules at all times. Failure to do so may result in a penalty.

The Race Director reserves the right to alter the format of the event at any time to make provision for external requirements.

PEE WEE'S PICS



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CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS

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DINGHIES TOP "20"					
Craig Whately	500	Ian Williamson	140	Kerry Barden	100
Trevor Gerrick	500	Keith Parnell	121	Colleen Skewes	80
Russell Wilson	440	Graeme Black	121	Scott Webb	80
Justin Ferguson	440	Paul Tregutha	120	Mark Wilson	40
Frank Berloth	285	David Wallace	101	Justine Watson	40
Brent Barden	220	BATHTUBS		Cobie Bevan	5
Rolf Jones	220	Bradley Watson	200	Peter Pavlinovich	5
Jill Evans	205	Trevor Thomas	160	Steven Webb	1
Rob Gerrick	201	Justin Ferguson	60	PEE WEE'S	
Rob De Joode	201	John Haynes	60	Nova Bevan	100
Roger Ambrosino	190	Howard Thomas	60	Tyron Wilson	80
John Evans	165	Justin Skewes	40	Kris Parnell	60
Bob Massan	160	Geoff Hall	5	Todd Williamson	40
Geoff Massan	160	FORMULA "8"s		Narelle Watson	20
Tony Maxfield	140	Jan Wilson	100	Peter Barden	
		Scott Bennett	100	Daniel Rutherford.	