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NEXT MEETING

November 9, 8.00pm
The Palms, Cnr Rokeby and
Nicholson Rds, Subiaco

NEXT RACES

**NORTHAM REGATTA,
NORTHAM**
November 14 & 15

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REPORT AND RESULTS**
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ENTRY**
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PDRC COMMODORE'S REPORT

DINGHY RACING IS ALIVE AND WELL! With the reductions in fields experienced in the big races this year, one would be excused for thinking that dinghy racing is on a decline.

But this is far from the truth. If you look at all of the races sanctioned by WASDA, more racers have entered events this year than ever before.

We have experienced record and near record fields in almost all the PDRC races including Fredrickstown, Busselton, Moore River and now, Blessing of the Fleet.

Anyone that was at Fremantle last weekend had to be impressed.

Over 90 members donned their wetsuits to put on a magnificent event in front of thousands of spectators.

At one stage they lined the wharves four deep to get a peep at some breathtaking racing provided by the likes of Brad Watson, Justin Skewes, Russel Wilson, David Wright, Ian Williamson and John Haines. With four boats hitting the bottom buoy side by side at full speed, just metres in front of you, you couldn't help but have your heart in your mouth.

It was easy to see that the members enjoy the day. Everyone helped willing to get boats up on the wharf and the atmosphere at the presentation was very convivial with over 100 members staying for it.

(The big winners for the day were Sports Dinghy boys. Due to the fact that Craig Whately didn't have the room to utilise his hullspeed advantage, most of them were able to go home crowing about giving him a hiding. . . for the first time this year!)

The Blessing of the Fleet Regatta proved racers appreciate and enjoy dinghy racing more when it is run the right way. Special thanks should go to Peter Hink, Geoff Hall, Lyn Berloth, Stretch Wilkie and the others who put in the effort.

Still on the subject of last week's event I wish to apologise for the confusion created by publishing the wrong date, particularly to those that missed out on championship points due to the error. It was my fault and take full responsibility.

Peter Bevan
Commodore

**NEW PDRC
OFFICE NUMBER
490 1714**

Enquiries to Secretary
Lyn Berloth

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for publication to:

POWER DINGY RACER
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A good time was had by all at the recently held car rally.

CLUB NEWS

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 if you are interested in going, book early on 490 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.

It's going to be a good one — don't 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.

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.

BATHTUB & FORMULA 8 RULES MEETING

Due to the fact that only those members who race or have a vested interest in this form of racing (including Pee-wee and Parents) may now only be eligible to vote on the Bathtub and Formula 8.

Rules, passed at the general meeting on 12.10.92, there will be an extraordinary meeting to vote on the draft copy of the Rules at the Presidential Suite 896, Albany Hwy East Vic Park on Tues 10.11.92 starting at 7.30.

All those who wish to have an input into the rules we will be racing under, please attend. If you are unable to attend but have any item for discussion please put this in writing and address it to Sec. PDRC 20 Lawrence St Gosnells, before 7/11/92.

Please if you have something to say speak now or forever hold your peace.

CHALLENGE

To all those who are anxious to have a go at dinghy racing but are unable/unwilling to pay the high cost of kevlar boats and new motors:

Join me in the '93 Blackwood Classic Alloy Class lets have fun and leave the sheep station competition to the others.

Dick (097) 52 3333 a/h (097) 52 1186

PROPOSAL:

Proposal that smoking not be permitted during official club meetings.

Proposed: K. Brooker
Second: K. Goodall.

DINGHY DITTIES

After just one race with his breakthrough 'Ram-Air' hull Ian Williamson has got a new boat on the drawing board already. Will it be another BAT BOAT?

Out of the IT HAD TO HAPPEN draw. After fifteen years of building Ali boats for dinghy racing, Steve Palmer apparently did not build one hull this year. Its the end of an era for a lot of the old timers.

Its good to see a few new faces on the rostrum. Kim Bolvary and David Wright pushed the hotties all day and deserved their positions.

It was interesting to see one race last weekend have Suzuki's running 1st, 2nd and 3rd at one stage. It is probably the first time it has happened in the history of dinghy racing, that a Mercury hasn't been in the first three places of a race.

Geoff Hall has a new weapon on the drawing board. At this stage he is still deciding on the size of his planing area.

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).

Underwater World Boat 002. Kevlar Dinghy, 8th 8 Sport 92 Avon Descent. Ready to race. \$2,500. See David Writh. Bathtub \$475 ono, phone 490 1714.

WANTED

Dinghy & 7.5 Hp motor(s) must be capable of completing/winning 193 Blackwood Classic, alloy class. Ph Dick (097) 52 3333 a/h (097) 52 1186. Fax: (097) 52 4973.

WHERE TO GO

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

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

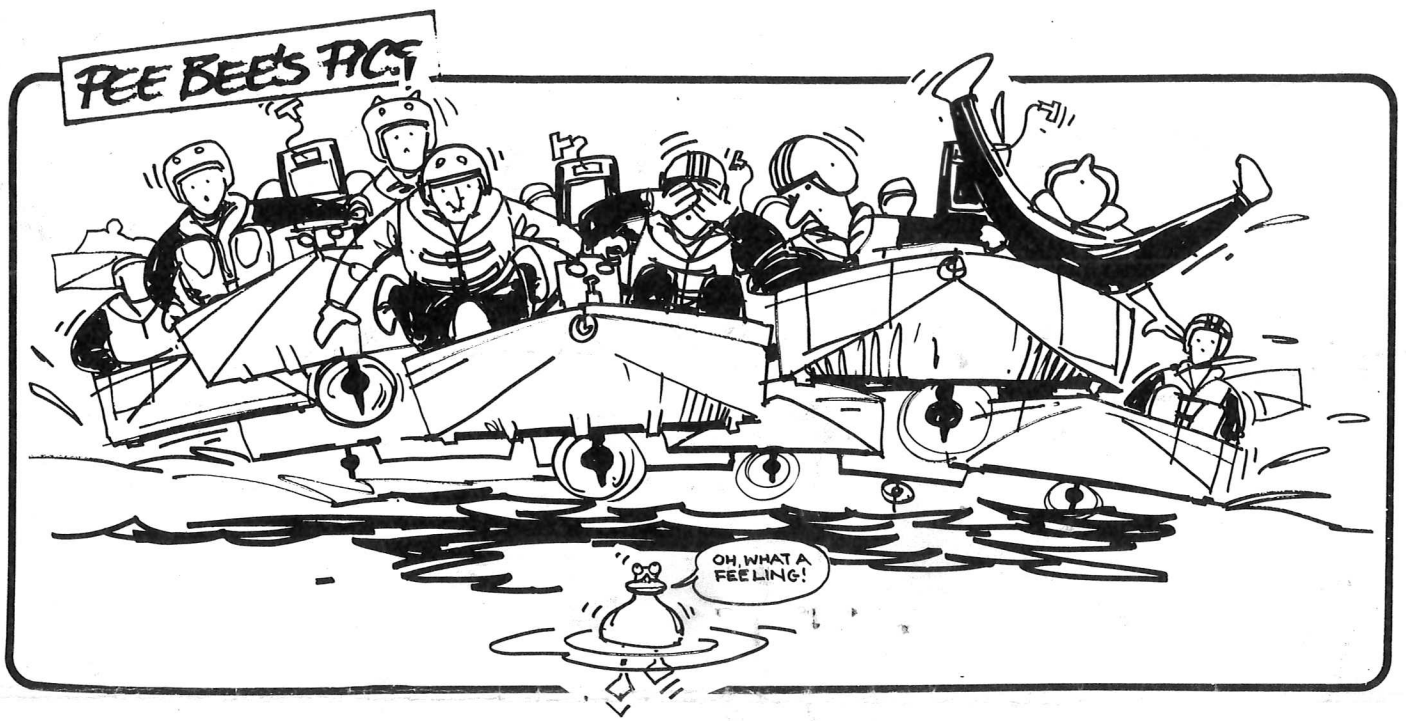
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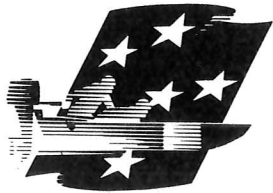
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Frank Berloth 298 1800
(for any additions to this list please contact the editor Lynne Berloth).

**RED FLAG
REMINDER**

**Kids Christmas and Adults Party. Phone Lynne
490 1714 with numbers and child names by
10th November 1992.
BATHTUB AND FORMULA 8 MEETING FOR RULES
TO BE HELD ON 10.11.92 AT PRESITAL SUITE, VIC
PARK, 7.30PM**



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CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS

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DINGHIES TOP "20"					
Craig Whately	540	Graham Black	121	Kerry Barden	100
Trevor Gerrick	540	Paul Tregutha	120	Kim Webb	66
Russell Wilson	500	John Haynes	115	Mark Wilson	46
Justin Ferguson	500	BATHTUBS		Justine Watson	46
Frank Berloth	292	Bradley Watson	300	Peter Corboy	40
Brent Barden	220	Trevor Thomas	200	Steven Webb	12
Rolf Jones	220	Justin Skewes	120	Cobie Bevan	12
Ian Williamson	220	John Haynes	120	John Haynes	6
Tony Maxfield	220	Howard Thomas	66	Daniel Rutherford	6
Jill Evans	205	Justin Ferguson	66	Peter Pavlinovich	6
Rob Gerrick	201	Geoff Hall	11	PEE WEE'S	
Rob De Joode	201	Darren Austin	6	Tyron Wilson	100
Roger Ambrosino	190	Tay Overstone	1	Nova Bevan	100
John Evans	165	FORMULA "8"s		Ben Fairhurst	100
Bob Massan	160	Scott Bennett	200	Todd Willimson	100
Geoff Massan	160	Jan Wilson	160	Narelle Watson	100
Keith Parnell	121	Scott Webb	160	Kris Parnell	61
		Colleen Skewes	100	Leigh Hindle	6