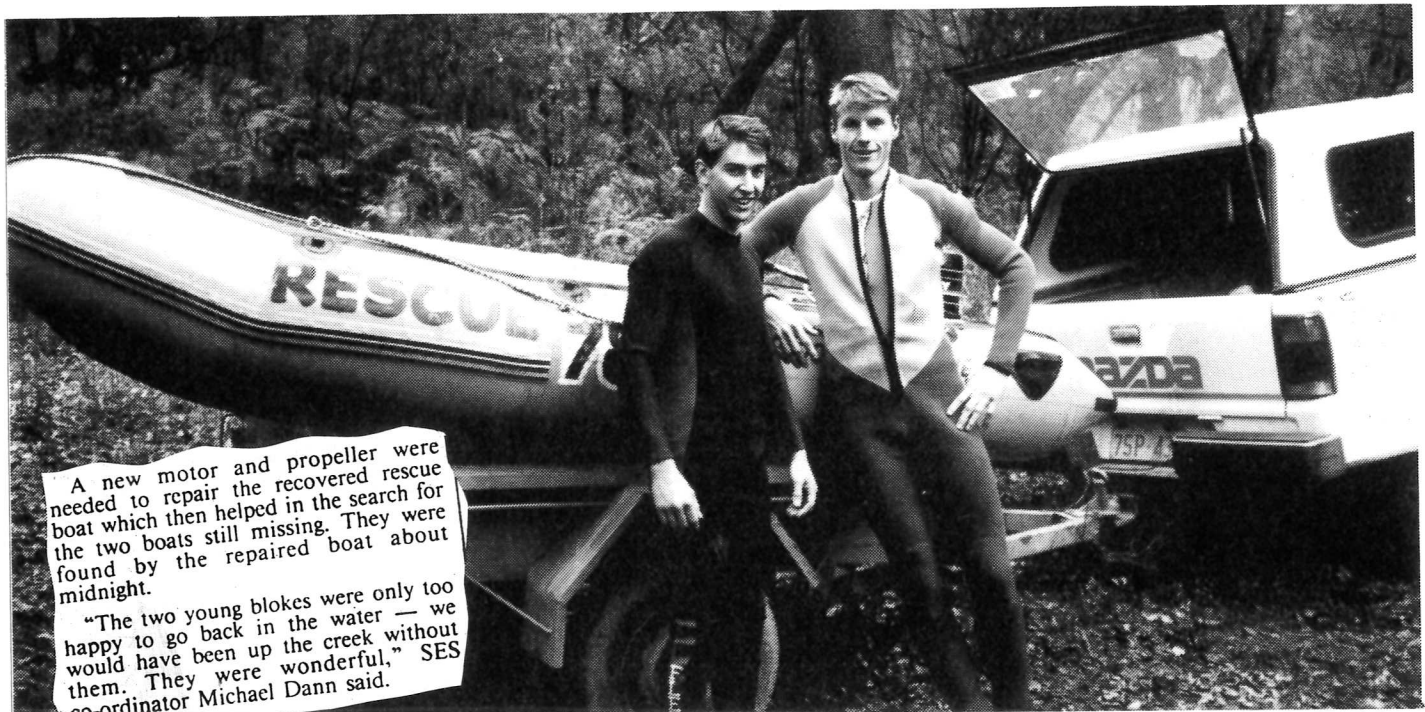


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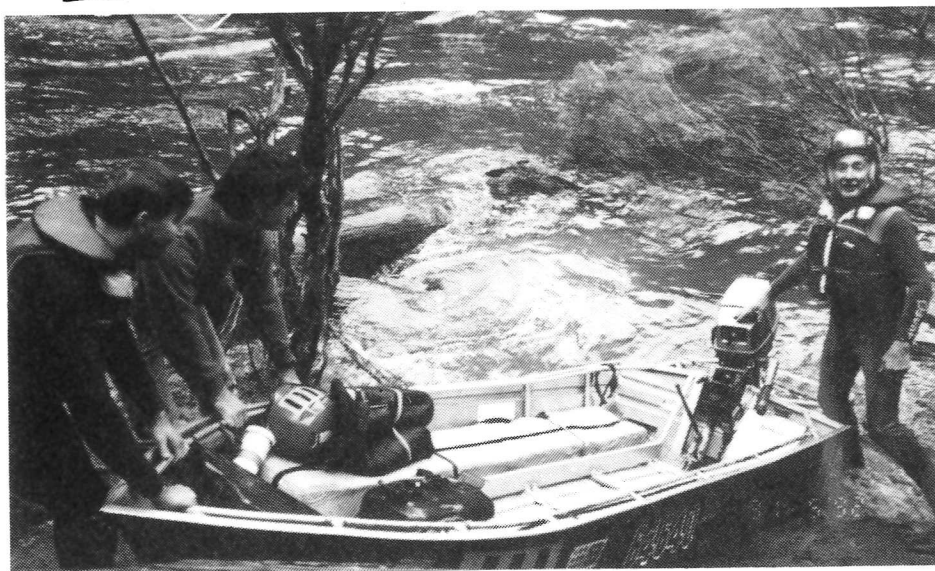
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"The two young blokes were only too happy to go back in the water — we would have been up the creek without them. They were wonderful," SES co-ordinator Michael Dann said.



## NEXT MEETING

June 8 : 8.00 pm  
The Palms. Cnr Rokeby and  
Nicholson Rds, Subiaco.

## NEXT RACE

Avon Shakedown  
June 14  
Baldivis Ski Park

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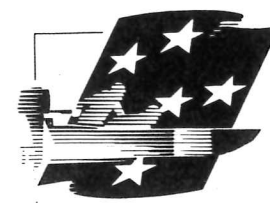
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8 H.P. STANDARD DINGHY  FORMULA 8's

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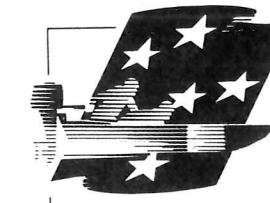
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## RULES CLARIFICATION Proposal

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Each member entering an Avon Descent or Blackwood Classic must compete in any two W.A.S.D.A. sanctioned events within 24 months prior to the said event.  
Proposed: Neville Watson  
Seconded: Kevin Lawrence

**Proposed Motion for Competition Rule 19.**  
Any amendment to a Motion being debated at a General Meeting called for that purpose may be ratified in the debate and accepted by the Chairman on the night as long as it stays to the original amendments intent.  
Proposed: Gary Evans  
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**RULE CHANGES**  
The following Rule changes have been accepted by W.A.S.D.A. and will be in force for the 1992 season as from June 30, including this years Avon Descent.

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1st:	200	4th:	80
2nd:	160	5th:	40
3rd:	120		

 Starting 2 (not placegetters)  
Finishing 10 (not placegetters)

- (5) A new race class to be adopted for dinghy racing called ALLOY CLASS. Boats must be aluminium with one piece transom.
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- \* Propellers must be new. (ie. Manufacturer's and straight from box)
- \* Other specifications as per Standard Class.

### 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

The 150 or so racers and partners that attended the Commodore's Ball weren't let down again this year. A fantastic night was had by all at the Le Mirage centre with plenty of entertainment, dancing, good food and voice box lubrication. Highlights of the night were Russel Wilsons 'straight-from-the-heart' Commodore's speech and Rob DeJoode's 'marathon' acceptance speech on winning the State Championship. Special thanks to Mark Whatley and his team for putting on a superb night.

Allan Bartlett and John Haynes require full time racing partners for their dinghies this season, including the Avon and Blackwood. If you qualify and are looking for a ride, ring:

Allan Bartlett: 447 6712 or 246 2677  
John Haynes: 459 7023.

The AVON SHAKEDOWN is a new event on our calendar and has been specifically put there

## DINGHY DITTIES

Craig Whatley is already proving to be the man to beat. Apparently he is already faster than his best times last year in his new dinghy and he just showed everyone how much his driving has improved by blitzing the Nannup Cup. Look out Mark... little bro's coming after ya!

Looks like the club's going to have more aircraft carriers than the 'Fourth Fleet'. Frank Berloth is apparently building four lookalikes to his pacesetter dinghy.

Rob DeJoode's speech at the Commodore's Ball was a rip-snorter. By the time he had finished the marathon 'dribblogue' everyone's beer had gone flat.



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to allow new racers to get their two races up to be eligible for this years Avon Descent. The venue at Baldvis Ski Park is absolutely first class with superb water, clean sandy beaches, acres of grassed lawns going right down to the water, plenty of parking and good facilities. You would think the park was purpose built just for us! This is a chance for newcomers to compete in simulated river conditions alongside the club's best racers. Don't miss this opportunity.

Thanks must go to Zodiac Inflatables W.A. for donating repair work on the rescue boats, amounting to several hundred dollars. Well done guys!

#### FOR SALE

Brand new un-raced kevlar dinghy will be completed in time for Avon. Complete with alloy transom \$1900.00. Inspect shaped blank now. Phone Peter Bevan 401 7290

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Bathtub. 1 year old good condition. \$550.00. Phone Lyn on 398 1800

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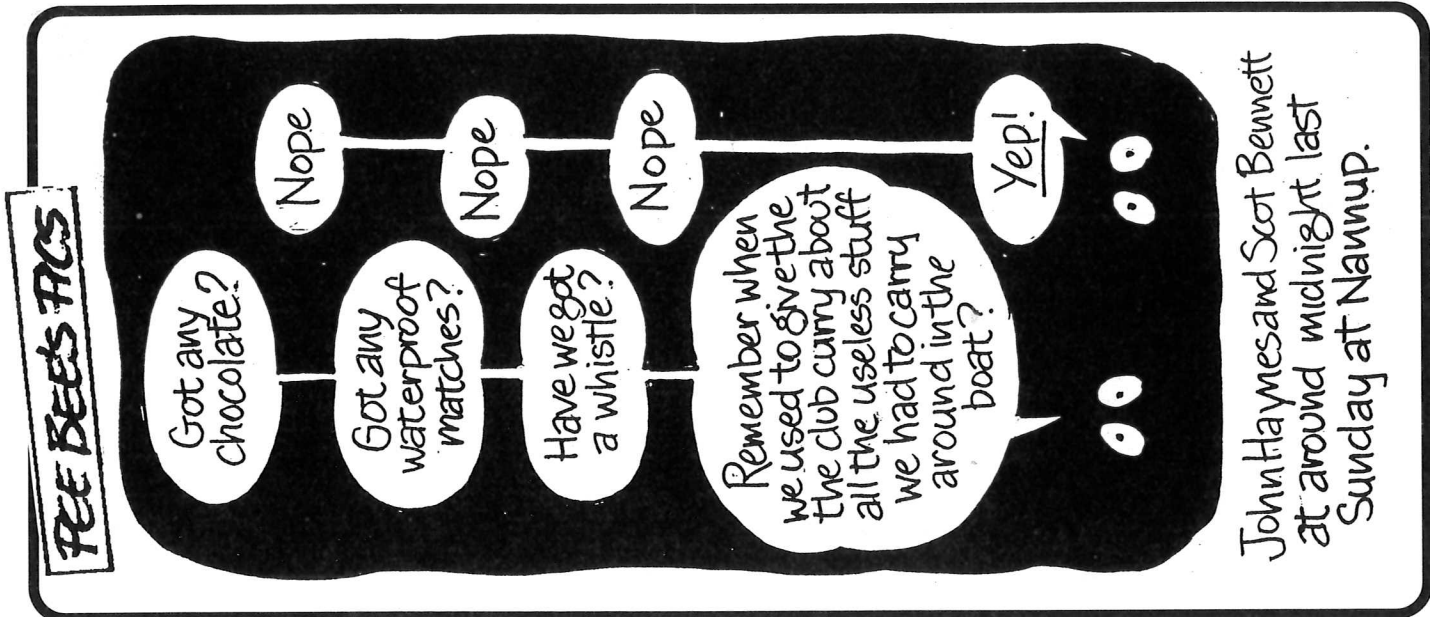
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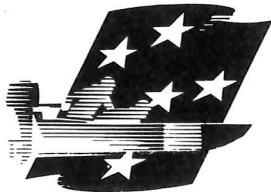
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(These points include worst results which were dropped for final championship points.)

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R. Gerrick	681	G. M <sup>c</sup> Namara	66	S. Bennett	540	M. Wilson	6
I. Williamson	667	G. Hall	56	C. Skewes	500	D. Hindle	6
K. Parnell	607	M. Webb	46	T. Maxfield	172	<b>PEEWEE'S</b>	
		T. Thomas	46	B. Barden	106	<b>GROUP 1</b>	
<b>TUBS</b>		H. Thomas	18	M. Healy	140	Justine Watson	800
J. Skewes	680	R. Robinson	6	D. Dimmick	80	Todd Williamson	520
J. Ferguson	306	D. Wallace	6	S. Webb	72	Ben Fairhurst	380
F. Berloth	306	P. Helm	6	L. Dogget	40	<b>GROUP 2</b>	
N. Watson	244	S. Maxwell	6	K Barden	32	Narelle Watson	460
G. Evans	198	A. Maxwell	6	T. Wilson	32	Nova Bevan	300
J. Haynes	125			P. Hink	12	Tyron Wilson	200
D. Palmer	100			J. Haynes	6		