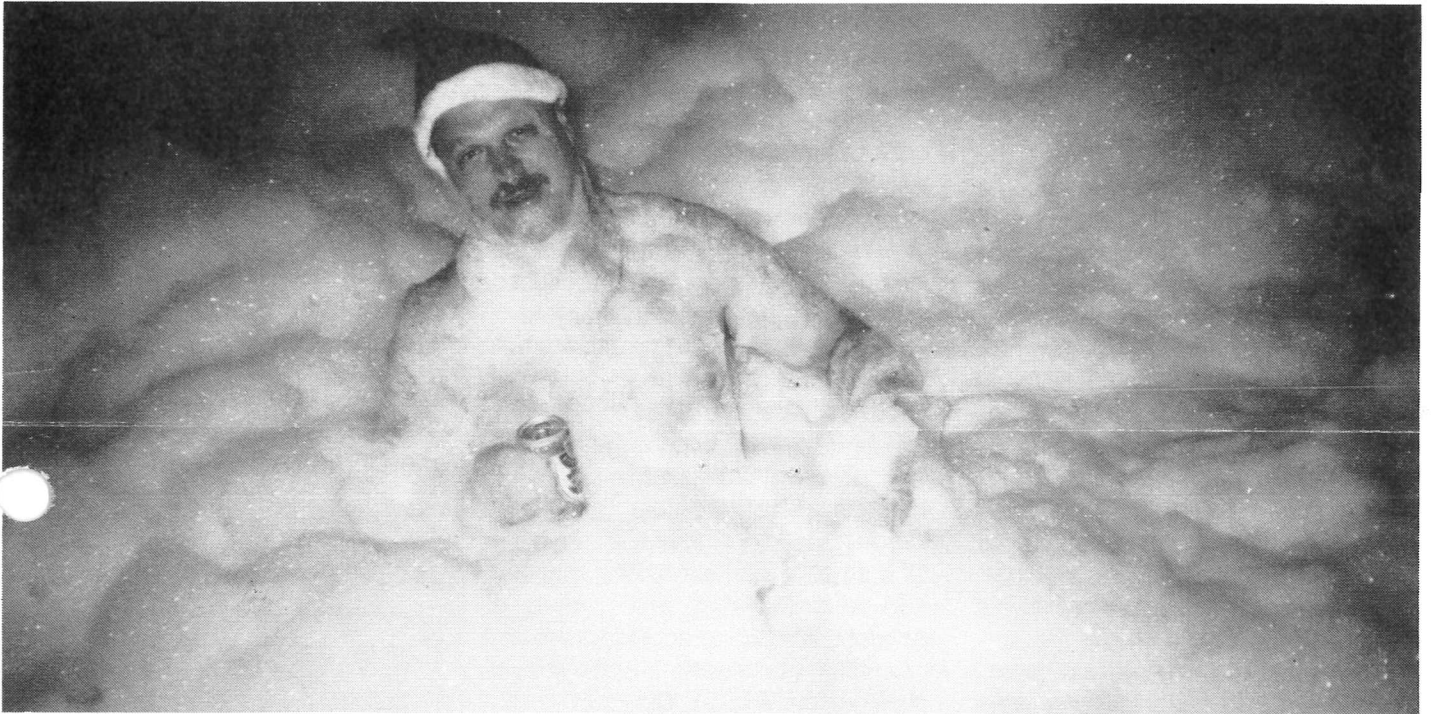


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February 8, 8.00pm
The Palms, Cnr Rokeby and
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NEXT RACES

BUSSELTON FESTIVAL
January 30-31st

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PDRC COMMODORE'S REPORT

It was ten years ago that the Whitney family (who originated and organised the Blackwood Classic and ran the event up until the mid-eighties) decided that chopper props were making dinghy racing too expensive.

Their response was to invent the Standard Class which was to become the entry level class for the sport. It was an immediate success and has been the most popular class ever since.

With the advent of the Kevlar hull, the cost of being competitive in either Sports or Standard classes has taken another big hike upwards over the past few seasons.

For someone coming into the sport for the first time, the cost of a Kevlar hull, new motor, props, wetsuits, helmets, jackets and spares will put him back about \$6,000.

In comparison to other motor sports, the same amount would buy a very competitive HQ Holden (the entry level class for sedan racing) or 1 1/2 100cc Go karts (the entry level category for open wheel racing).

If we were to sit back and do nothing about lowering the entry cost of dinghy racing, I believe we would eventually cost ourselves out of

existence.

For this reason, I applauded the initiative taken by the Blackwood Classic committee in initiating the ALLOY CLASS in the 1992 Blackwood.

The class more than halves the cost of entering dinghy racing.

While the class did not achieve much support in the 92/93 season I believe it was due to the fact that the idea was very new and introduced very late in the season.

This year, mark my words, things will be different! I have had a lot of enquiries about the class recently and I believe the class will attract big fields in the coming season.

Even some of the 'old guys' that haven't raced for years are dusting off their old 7.5's and bolting together hulls for the coming year.

Anyone considering entering the sport or coming back after a spell should consider the ALLOY CLASS.

If you are having trouble keeping up with the cost of Sports or Standard, I urge you to consider dropping down to ALLOY, rather than stopping racing altogether.

There promises to be plenty of competition for you in the coming season!

**Peter Bevan
Commodore**

CLUB NEWS

The dates for Logue Brook have changed. The event has been traditionally held on the March long weekend.

After many complaints from members saying that the club is tying up too many long weekends, and a request from Marine and Harbours to change the date due to a clash with skiers using the dam, the club has decided to transfer to the following weekend.

Please make a note that the event will now be held on March 6 and 7.

F8 and Tub racing will take place on Saturday with the usual 'Around the Dam Dinghy Race' happening on the Sunday morning.

WHERE TO GO

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

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Kevin Green 364 7820

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ADULTS XMAS PARTY

Well the big kid's may have missed out on a present at the kid's Xmas party, but those who came along received a treat at the progressive dinner party ('til you drop) Xmas function.

Start - Appetisers and Cocktails at the Hall's place

Everyone started filing their way into the Hall's place for their "compulsory opening cocktail". These cocktails helped to wash down the succulent appetisers that were on offer.

Being the beginning of the evening everyone was pretty quiet. Although a few early pointers suggested Frank and PB were getting wound up for a big night John Haynes arrived early and set the early pace for style that was not be beaten for the rest of the evening. John was the easy winner of the Mr Smooth Award. In general everyone was looking neat and clean. This was a shame given what was to be a very messy night for some.

After finishing off the last round of cocktails it was all aboard for the first destination. The bus was on its way and so were some of the diners.

First Stop - Entree at King's Park

A most decadent entree by candlelight greeted the diners for their first stop. Avocado with prawns and champagne, overlooking the Swan was going to be a hard act to beat.

It was at this early stage that the top deck became the place to be for the party goers. Along the way the dinghy racers were reliving the Avon, ducking the tee trees as the double decker crashed its way through the trees lining the road to King's Park. The bottom deck being the place for those who like to party in a quieter way.

Second Stop - Main Course at the Williamson's

The Dinner party hit full swing on this leg of the journey. Tay 'MC' Overstone leading the top deck in many a rousing chorus along the way. Though it was actually hard at times to figure out what chorus he was singing.

With the arrival at Ian's it was soon obvious to all that it must be Geoff Hall's birthday soon as he jumped into the spa wearing just that suit (his birthday one). The other half of the Laurel and Hardy show, Frank, joined in as well. But at least Frank kept his jocks on to the relief of everyone.

Of course the spa would not have been complete without a few bubbles. These were supplied courtesy of Sunlight (as in washing detergent).

In the meantime everyone else settled down to the main course, except for Gary Evans who took a swim fully clothed. This had something to do with Gary wondering which one (Frank or Geoff) got the other one "into a fine mess".

After completing the main it was back onboard and time to move on. PB requested that the next stop must have some music to groove to. Although his groove was beginning to look like a grovel at times.

Third Stop - Deserts at the Tregurtha's

The party express continued its journey and arrived at the Tregurtha's. By this time one or two people were starting to slow down, and waiting for their second wind, or their fourth course.

Apart from the delicious range of deserts it was also time to select some choice cuts of music for a bit of grooving.

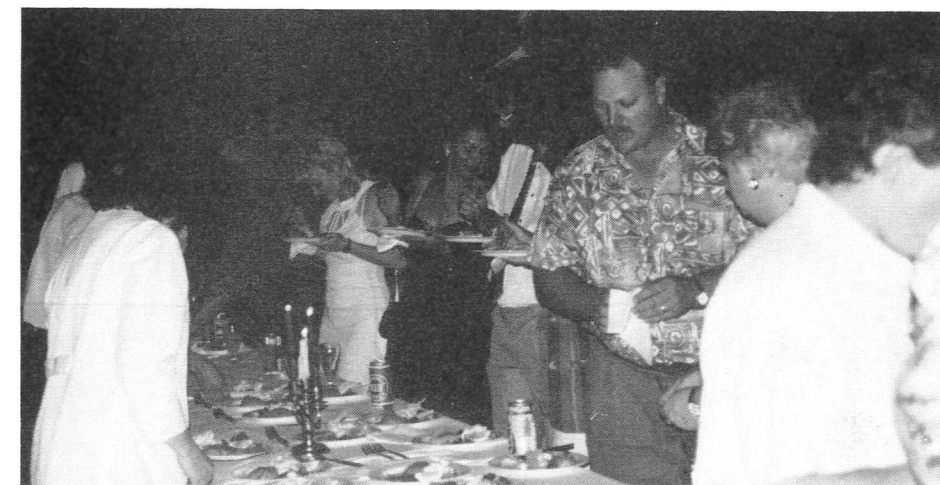
Laurel and Hardy continued to run amuck. And with the music blasting out, PB took to the dance floor to let out his frustrated John Travolta ambitions. He led the way with some get down, get back up again dance steps. The only problem being some had trouble on the get back up again step.

Fourth Stop - Port & Coffee at the Hogkinson's

After all the previous courses, and a bit of a groove to work off the dinner, it was time to start the return leg back to our starting point. Before then however it was time to take in some port and coffee to finish off meal, as only a good port or coffee can.

Despite the mumblings of one Broodie Taylor being a candidate for going for a swim (Geoff was the one mumbling), all the diners remained unscathed from this last port of call (could not resist the pun).

Everyone took time out to have a quiet chat while taking in a beautiful view of the river and city lights. By this time one or two people were starting to slow down. But this did not stop a debate about the virtues of north versus south side of the river living. Of course it goes without saying the north won (especially when the writer lives north of the river). It was now time to head back to the Hall's place where everyone slowly poured off the bus after a fully packed evening of wine, people (let's not be sexist), and song. Many thanks from all who went along to the organisers and the people kind (stupid?) enough to share their humble abodes with us.



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REMINDER**

KIDS XMAS PARTY

Ho Ho Ho and a Merry Christmas, familiar words at the kid's Xmas party. Old Santa bought some of the North Pole weather with him on the Sunday morning. But the early rain did not put a damper on everyone's Xmas spirit.

Everyone arrived at Trinity more or less on time. We all took turns between standing around being rained upon, and sitting in the cars (and being rained upon). This was until the executive decision was made to relocate to 'The Dinghy Centre of the Universe' - the Berloth's place. The Gods took heed of our disgust and of course there was no more rain for the rest of the day.

Once at Frank's everyone got stuck into some tucker (and of course drink). There was plenty of BBQ space to cook food for the hungry hordes.

With Rudolph 'the red-nosed reindeer' doing time trials for the Xmas run it was up to Frank 'the bourbon drinking

boat racer' to guide the way for Santa to the waiting kids.

Old Santa used his mobile phone to good effect with party organiser Alan Bartlett informing him of the change in venue, just in time for Santa to arrive after lunch guided by Frank (and sorry kids you can't have Santa's mobile number to place any more Xmas orders).

After Santa settled down, the kids waited eagerly to see if Santa had a present for them (only if they were good kids during the year). And to prove Santa is no pushover not all kids got a present (the ones over 14 missed out). Of course their turn was to come later on in the month by way of the progressive dinner.

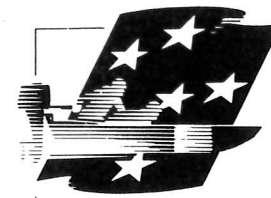
All the little kids were happy with their gifts and after a quick spin around the block in his Foothills blue boat (stuck on a trailer), Santa had to head back to the North Pole (and to see whether Rudolph had matched Velmade's times yet for the Xmas

run). Of course with the kids running nuclear reactors for energy sources, the afternoon had just begun. It was off to the local park for rounds of egg-and-spoon races, sack races, and cricket matches.

The adults were not to escape. They also took part in the events. Most took their boat racing tactics along as well. A bump here, a collision there, and a few cutting across paths as well.

Amongst all this the big kids were having their own private war. Colleen managed to egg several people, and Frank moved quicker than his aircraft carrier to avoid any eggs directed at him.

Everyone went home after a fun and fully packed day. Thanks to all the organisers of the day, and the Berloths for putting up their place. Bad luck to Alan with the weather - even the best laid plans and intentions can't stop mother nature.



WESTERN AUSTRALIAN SPORTS DINGHY ASSOC ENTRY FORM

LOGUE BROOK DAM March 6 & 7th

8 H.P. SPORTS DINGHY BATHTUB FORMULA 8
8 H.P. STANDARD DINGHY PEE WEE LADIES

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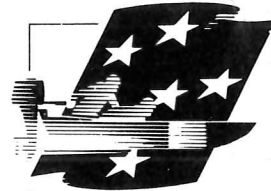
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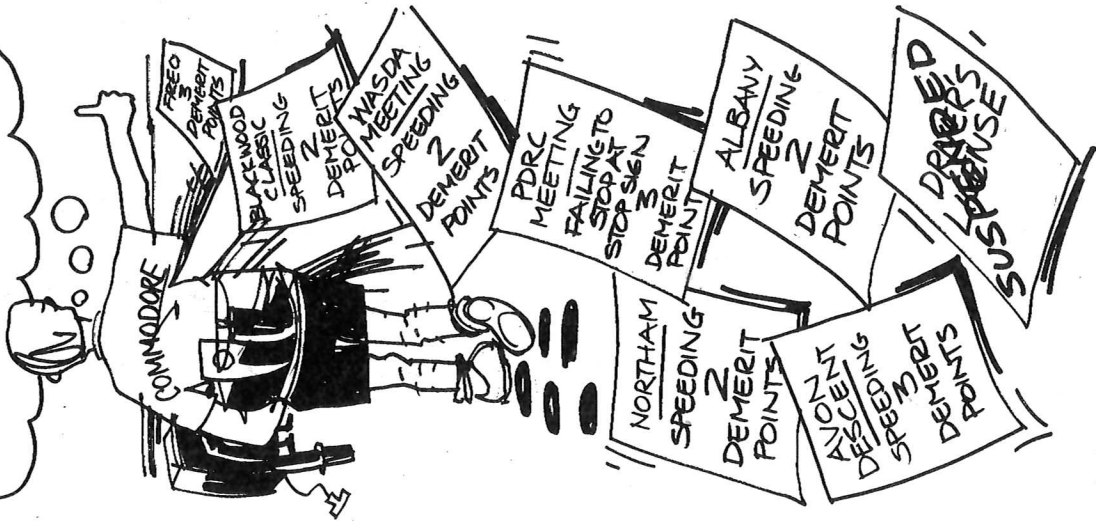
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