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NEXT MEETING

August 9th, 8p.m.
The Palms, Cnr Rokeby and
Nicholson Rds

NEXT RACE

● **AVON DESCENT**
7-8th August

WHAT'S IN THIS ISSUE

● **BALDIVIS RESULTS**

● **SUNNYSIDE DOWN RESULTS**

BALDIVIS SKI PARK

Due to the low water level in the previous week, the Upper Avon Challenge was cancelled. In its place was a day of circuit racing at Baldivis. Ironically the replacement event for a race with low water, was almost washed out. The gods however were kind enough to hold off to allow a full day of racing to take place.

During the day people could have been excused for thinking the racing was at Monkey Mia. The number of 'flippers' being too numerous to keep a count of. Given the wind and the temperature it was not a day to make like a fish. The water was cold (as in ICY). As well as flippers, there were a number of people falling out and running aground. If they're having this much trouble in a circuit race I don't fancy some people's chance in the Avon.

Sports

Improving on their third place at Nannup was Boat 117. Around the long course their boat was certainly humming along with a definite turbine (Velmade?) engine note. Their odds for an Avon placing have shortened considerably. Their win certainly helped them to sell the boat.

The perennial bridesmaid of late, Frank & Grant maintained the status quo with 2nd place. Their colour

coordinated Gucci racing gear couldn't offset some strange milling tactics. Maybe it was a case of some clean air required for a cloudy (from the night before) head.

Rounding out the top three was Rod Thomas and Justin Howarth. With a lot of mod's put in of late, this boat - 135 has been coming up with the goods (A basis for a new design?).

Standard

"The Bullet" of Mick Chittick and Dennis Peach lived up to its name to be the winner in Standard. It wasn't one way traffic however, as 163 had to overcome a first race dunk to take out the honours. The fresh newcomers were certainly fresh after that swim.

The one boat you can almost guarantee will show up for a blast is 111. John Haynes & Scott Bennett once again putting in a solid performance to finish second on the day.

Cameron 'Stretch' Wilkie & Peter Carboni rounded out the podium with another good showing. Cameron has obviously had enough of trailing the field in recovery craft, and is out to show them how it should be done.

Both 111 & 024 showed that the tin boats in standard should not be written off just yet in the circuit races. Although after the Avon I suspect a few will be then.



PDRC COMMODORE'S REPORT

Attendance numbers for the past three events, Nannup Baldivis and Sunnyside Down were outstanding. Not only did we have a great number of entries but the standard of craft reflected the Club's position on "if its not right you do not start". I would like all concerned for the organising of these events to be congratulated on their efforts to present a tight and efficient race - especially in the case of Nannup with the Berloth family and David Whitney establishing a professional and comfortable race environment.

From entries to date, the overall numbers for this year's Avon Descent are down on last year. From a personal opinion, this has been a result of the lack of lead up rain to the event and the more stringent qualifications required to compete. This, I believe, is not a negative factor in the Avon. It is possibly far better to have a smaller field of better prepared entries rather than a greater number of boats which may overload the already stretched rescue services.

This year I hope all the work in tightening up qualification standards will make for a smoother event and a more race ready field. All those competing keep one thing in mind - the river is very unforgiving and no matter who you are trying to beat, gaining a place really is secondary. Getting to Garrat Road and receiving a medallion is what this race has always been about. Good luck to all competing.

CLUB NEWS

Class Structure Proposal

The B.R.S.C. have proposed the following class structure for discussion:

Alloy Class - 7.5hp, Fixed transoms, boat of aluminium construction, no restriction on manufacturer's standard propellers.

Standard Class - 8hp, jack-up transoms, no restriction on manufacturer's standard propellers.

Unlimited - 8hp, no restrictions on boat, motor modifications, or type of propellers used.

If you wish to have a say in the future direction of the classes raced, come along to the next meeting and discuss your thoughts, or put pen to paper.

Sunnyside Down

The 1993 Sunnyside Down having excellent water levels enabled the event to start and finish at Bridgetown for only the second time in the short history of the race. The biggest number of craft since the first Sunnyside Down, held in 1988, hit the water. Most racers finding the going up river easy until the notorious Basin Rapids which many tried to power up, some racers having 2 and 3 attempts with little success.

After the hard toil of the basin behind them racers then faced the steps, tricky little rapid this one, which caught a number of racers by surprise. Almost to the finish of the up river leg dinghy 183 found themselves in difficulties requiring assistance which came in the form of dinghy 197 Stuart Maxwell & Stephen Conway. This type of action taken by crew 197 cannot be praised highly enough. Also the crew of 183 being Keith Brooker & Rebecca



Rule Amendment Proposals

Amendment to Racing Classes

Change all references from a 10Hp Standard Class to 10Hp Sports Class. Motor Specifications as for 10hp standard, other specifications as for 8hp sports.

Proposed - R. Wilson

Seconded - M. Wilson

Withdrawal from Race Events

If you withdraw from an event you MUST notify an official. A penalty will be imposed (\$50 - \$100).

Rutherford should be acknowledged for taking the time and effort to notify officials of the time taken by 197, so that their final race time could be adjusted. Top effort all round by both crews.

It is refreshing to see that the real spirit of dinghy racing is still alive and well. This the side of dinghy racing that should be promoted and it is a shame that some minor incidents cause disillusionment in an event where the majority of competitors want to and do enjoy the sport for the value and fun it offers.

on checking the results it shows all three classes were competitive and placings were close. Once again standard led the way with the fastest time of the day.

Thank you to our small, but dedicated group of officials for their tireless efforts, especially when the weather conditions were so miserable.

DINGHY DITTIES

This year's fashion accessory for boats seems to be bow covers. They say fashion goes in cycles, so to must boat design. If your trendy nose piece is made out of solid foam - I hope your boat doesn't take on water, or that nose will soon become an anchor.

After the NACA duct boat of last year Ian Williamson has gone for a more sedate design. Who's going to take out radical boat design for this year?

Trying to improve on last year's third will be the 'Son of the Aircraft Carrier'. Frank for this year's bigger than Ben Hur effort is even planning to take a camera along - Apocalypse Now (if you've seen his driving) meets the River. "I love the smell of Napalm fuel in the morning."

Are the classifieds to be believed? Are Team Velmade planning to hang up their helmets? Maybe they are planning for something more of a challenge - taking on the Williams team in F1.

As if 163 aren't fast enough already, they have a new boat completed. Standard class looks having a few new faces on the podium this year.

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REMINDER

SPONSOR STICKER RULES FOR THE AVON

BALDIVIS RACING RESULTS

Dinghies Sports

117	Justin Skewes	Peter Hink	30 Pts
124	Frank Berloth	Grant Powu-Bray	23
135	Rod Thomas	Justin Howarth	20
060	Bradley Watson	Jeffery Taylor	19
088	Nick Carroll	Jarrold Street	17
175	Geoff Hall	Shane Adams	16
067	Jamie George	Peter Russo	12
061	Mark Innes	Charles Bolt	9
041	Ross Fitchett	Glyn Matthews	8
164	Phil Tulley	Peter Newbound	5
201	Trevor Kitcher	John Dickson	DNF
193	Gary Waldock	David McDonald	DNF
177	Blaise Paris	Todd Pedlar	DNF



Dinghies - Standard

163	Mick Chittick	Dennis Peach	25 Pts
111	John Haynes	Scott Bennett	24
024	Cameron Wilkie	Peter Carboni	17
128	Adam Bullard	Mark King	16
052	Michael Lenz	Phil Hargrave	13
183	Keith Brooker	Rebecca Rutherford	12
118	Ken Griffiths	Lee Goddard	11
047	Daniel O'Neil	John Blennerhassett	10
037	Mary Vessels	Kevan Goodall	10
189	James Gale	Gregory Green	8
029	Con Pitsikas	Ros Howard	8
197	Stuart Maxwell	Stephen Conway	7
015	Jamie Sproule	Matthew Sproule	6
195	Steven Maxwell	Mike Adam	4
053	Rob Ribbans	Fenton Hussey	1
551	Peter Fenn	Brain Swain	
113	Brent Barden	Kerry Barden	DNF
184	Rin Rutherford	Adrian Griffin	DNF

SUNNYSIDE DOWN RACING RESULTS

Dinghies Alloy

134	1:52:09
191	1:53:16
004	2:01:49
131	2:22:06
001	2:23:11
551	DNF
029	DNF

Dinghies Sport

124	1:47:00
171	1:58:34
123	2:06:56
110	2:09:05
193	2:10:07
003	2:22:28
201	DNF

Dinghies Standard

150	1:45:07	183	2:22:48
024	2:00:03	184	2:43:17
128	2:02:15	197	2:52:41*
163	2:03:53		* Adj. time for
010	2:06:28		assistance
144	2:07:27	111	DNF
126	2:17:38	015	DNF

P.D.R.C. CLASSIFIEDS

For additions to this section please contact the office on 490 1714

WHERE TO GO

ALUMINIUM WELDING :

Frank Berloth 398 1800 -
(Racing dinghies, engine
reinforcing, fuel tanks, transom
frames etc)

SURFACING PROPELLERS :

Arthur Fairhurst 351 8388
Frank Berloth 398 1800 -
(as same price agent for
Arthur)

RUBBER GEARBOXES :

Frank Berloth 398 1800
Rod Thomas 417 2502

ENGINES & MECHANICAL SERVICE:

Frank Berloth 398 1800

KEVLAR BOATS & REPAIRS

Rod Thomas 417 2502

TRANSOM JACKS :

Kevin Green 364 7820

FOR SALE

Formula 8 with or without 7.5 merc.
offers. Ph Peter on 276 2925

**5 Belgium Motors. Red hot off the
container and race ready. P.O.A..
Phone Frank**

Fibreglass Boat + 8hp motor as new.
\$3,500. Ph Graham Blincow
097 723514.

Fibreglass Boat with new bottom
\$2,000. Ph 490 1714.

Underwater World boat 002. Kevlar
Dinghy 8th 8 Sport 92 Avon Descent.
Ready to race. \$2,500. See David
Wright.

For Sale - anything and everything.
Make an offer. Ph 490 1714

3 bathtubs ready to race. Ph 490 1714

Team Velmade - anything &
everything. Everthing must go -
Winter stocktake sale. 1992 Avon
boat, 1993 Avon boat, race trailer, up
to 5 motors, props, shafts, gears, life
jackets, helmets, rubber gear boxes.

Fibreglass boat - race ready for sports
- raced once only \$2,000. Contact
Graham 380 2753 W/h, or Bill
387 6840 A/h.

2 7.5hp Mercs. 1 Tin , 1 Kevlar boat.
For more info ph 249 4747 or
018 940 355, or see boat 163.

Fibreglass Boat - \$800. Merc 8hp ex.
con. - \$1,300. Ph Scott George
458 4716.

WANTED

Life jacket to fit 12 yr old in good
condition ph 448 7107.