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NEXT MEETING

Monday 10th October, 1994 – 8pm
The Palms,
Cnr Rokeby & Nicholson Rds, Subiaco

NEXT EVENT

Blessing of the Fleet
30th October, 1994

MOORE RIVER BALDIVIS REPORT

The Moore River Sprint should probably be named the "Clayton's Race", because once again it was cancelled due to the low water levels. Consideration was given to staging the event in the low water conditions, but the thought of sixty plus competitors walking for five or six hours between Bennies and Homers Roads did not excite the organisers or the thought that if the water level is improved next year, the field would probably diminish owing to a previous ? bad experience. Perhaps consideration should be given to staging this event in late June!!

The alternative event was once again Baldivis and the weather was great, for a change. It was extremely pleasing to see 21 boats at this event – owing to such short notice and being Father's Day. The 8hp standard class certainly takes the cake with 15 boats charging to the 1st buoy and the jostling for positions was the highlight of the day. The second highlight was the effort of Ian and son Todd, with Todd's new 8hp Suzuki, straight out of the box, clean up in all three classes. It was so obvious that it raised more than a few eyebrows, I would be surprised not to see a few more on the racing circuit.

The "Bullet Boys", Mick and Dennis really pulled one out of the hat. They had motor problems, firstly their plugs were arcing, having fixed that problem, the boys then proceeded to

make up for lost time, but alas, their motor just stopped! This happened not only once but six or seven times, foul fuel the answer. Mick and Dennis were not slack – they just happened to cop some lousy petrol from the bowser.

It was excellent to see a large number of boats and the new breed of inflatables.

Whilst Baldivis is not the most exciting venue for dinghy racing, it helps those chasing points, novices and keeps the cobwebs at bay.

A special thank-you to the helpers, Kim Bovalry and Justin Skewes – flags, Lyn Berloth and Colleen Skewes – laps, Keith and David Brooker – recovery and the Bullet Boys – setting the course.

See you all at the next race.

GLEN SKEWES – RACE DIRECTOR.

MEETING DISCUSSIONS

SEPTEMBER MEETING DISCUSSIONS

Glen Skewes chaired the meeting.


Discussion on dates for Northam Regatta.

John Coates suggested an alternative venue for the Blessing of the Fleet.

Rundown on Blackwood Classic 250.

For the future success in Dinghy Racing and your input into the direction the Club takes in both racing and general meeting discussions – please complete the inserted questionnaire and return to the Club.

★ Remember it is not necessary to write your name on the questionnaire.



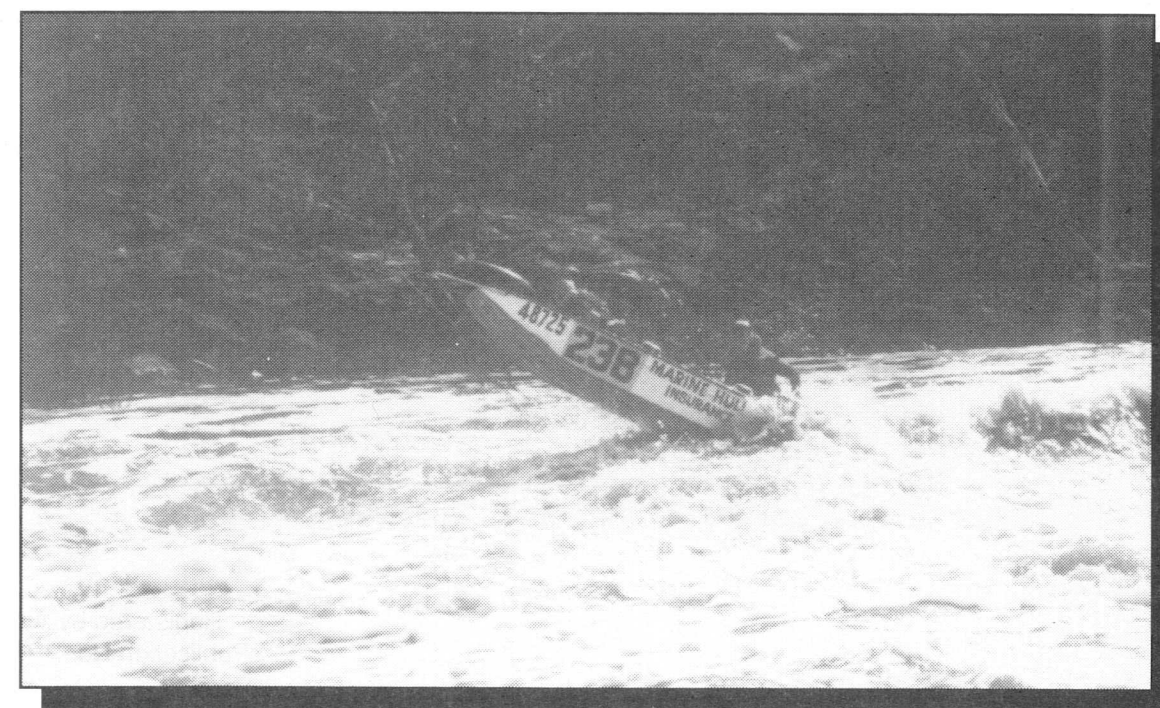
PRACTISE IS NOT PERMITTED ON THE SWAN RIVER – NEAR ST ANNE'S HOSPITAL (as it is a bird sanctuary)

BLAST FROM THE PAST

Participants in the Darling Descent '82, the longest boat journey ever undertaken in Australia's history, kept notes on the event of the day. Mario Ambrosino's contribution on the third day of the trip included this entry:

"At the fuel stop I changed boats and went with my good friend George (Foward) the tireless motor mechanic but the mad boat driver. As usual we were going at full speed. Two boats had stopped around a curve in the river. The only way through was between two trees. We hit a stump. The boat was thrown to the right. I hit my head and face against a tree on the left, got thrown out of the boat, went underneath it with the motor still going and the boat climbing up my shoulder."

Mario's concussion was just one of a number of injuries which included broken ribs (Kim Epton), near drowning (Mark Whittome), injured leg (Adrian Malloy), broken starter motor (the bus). The expedition was the first navigation of the Murray-Darling river system and covered 3,500 kilometres in 14 days.



BALDIVIS RACE RESULTS

8HP STANDARD		CLASS ONE	
1st	167 I Williamson/T Williamson	1st	167 I Williamson/T Williamson
2nd	174 G Paull/R Payne	2nd	003 G Hall/J Howarth
3rd	127 P Kinnersley/G Massam	3rd	124 F Berloth/D Metcalfe
4th	150 M Webb/S Webb	4th	052 M Lenz/C Hills
5th	057 P Milner/M Thomas	5th	163 M Chittick/D Peach
6th	200 S Hewitt/T Kitcher		
7th	155 J McAllister/D McAllister	8HP SPORTS	
8th	054 J Elliott/A Noack	1st	167 I Williamson/T Williamson
9th	051 M Lenz/D Hayes	2nd	124 F Berloth/D Metcalfe
	195 S Maxwell/S Maxwell	3rd	127 P Kinnersley/G Massam
	120 L Metcalfe/D Metcalfe	4th	111 J Haynes/V Bowness
	033 M DelBorrello/P Russo	DNF	060 J George/C Hoskins
	171 D Henderson/H Burgess	DNF	155 J Taylor/B Jenkins
	176 D Brehney/B Brehney	DNF	035 J McAllister/D McAllister



TO ALL THE ROOKIES – that have been waiting all winter, the time has come to
START POLISHING UP YOUR FORMULA EIGHT.

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