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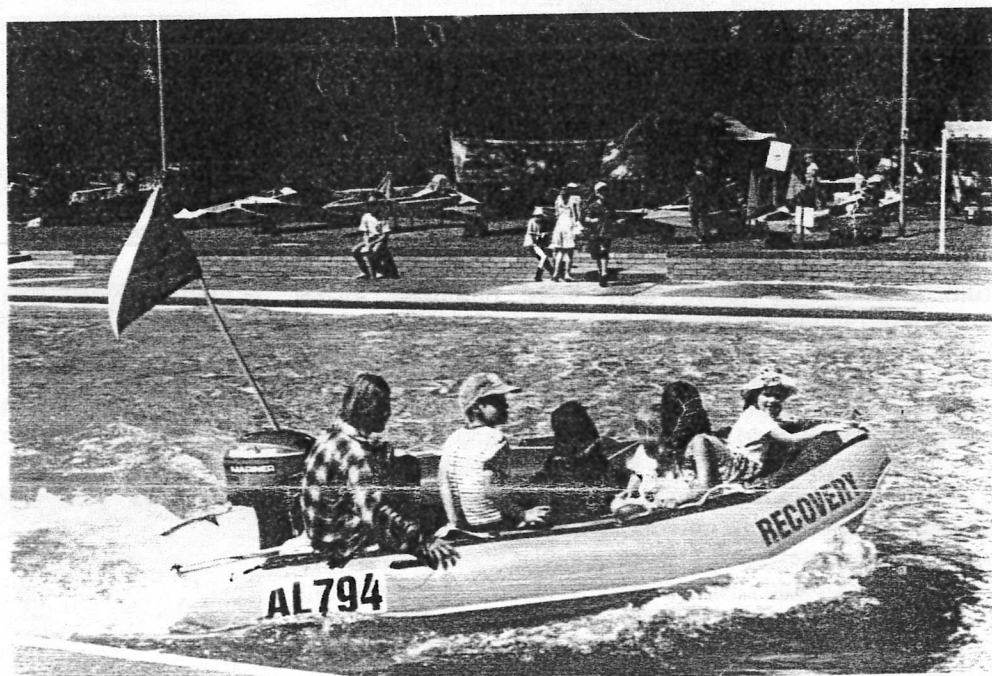
11 December 1995
at 8.00 pm

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Cnr Rokeby Rd &
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Merry Christmas to all members
and families from the Commodore
and Management Committee
PDRC



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COMMODORE'S REPORT

It was disappointing that there were insufficient members present at the 13 November General Meeting to form a quorum. Although this is traditionally a busy time of year for all of us with social engagements, work commitments and other non-PDRC activities, there is a requirement for the wheels to continue turning within the Club. Members have been concerned enough to prepare rule amendments (there were three proposals to be considered at the November meeting) yet the vast majority are unable to find the time to attend a meeting, debate the issue and cast their vote. The Management Committee must have feedback from YOU the members, if we are to administer the Club in the way YOU want.

The rule proposals advised in the November issue, plus others advised in this newsletter will all be debated and voted (if quorate) on 11 December. Other items to be discussed include: Pre-event propeller scrutineering (standard class), Commodore's Presentation night, rules relating to replacement of planing surfaces during an event. I urge you very strongly to come and have your say.

Dennis Peach and myself attended a Northam's Avon Descent "Technical Meeting" on 6 November. The technical group is responsible for amending the Avon Book and formulating policy on specifications and race rules. The following points affecting powerboats were decided:

- No refuelling - refuelling in pit areas only. BUT fuel tanks may be changed at designated fuelling points.
- Kill switch lanyard to be worn by driver at all times (all classes).
- Start day 2 will be single file through start gate with motors stopped (as per Blackwood). This will also allow

the power boat pit area to be returned to the area immediately downstream of the finish line.

- Entry fee will be \$90 per competitor.

The PDRC was asked to make a decision on start grids for day 1. This was discussed at the November General Meeting and it was decided that:

- For 1996 start grid determination would remain as mixed classes, based on 1995 results.
- As from the start of the 1996 PDRC year a seeding system based on river racing results will be introduced and form the basis for starting grids for all river races including the Avon and Blackwood. The fine detail of this system will be decided over the next few months.

The meeting also resolved to request NADA to introduce Team Entries. A team must consist of three craft each of which must be from a different Class (8 hp Standard, 8 hp Sports, 10 hp), trophies to be awarded to the team which records the lowest combined elapsed time.

The Burswood Clubrooms tender documents have been released. The Vice-Commodore has seen the plans and the building looks as if it will suit our needs very well. It incorporates 5 m wide verandahs around all sides, is dividable into three separate function rooms and contains a cold room and future kitchen and offices. I will make copies of the plans available to members as soon as I can.

Many of you who made pledges to support the clubrooms have not yet fulfilled those pledges. We need those contributions now and would be grateful if those people could contact the Treasurer to arrange payment. Those members who now see themselves in a position to also make a donation and go on the Club Honour Board as being part of this exciting project, please contact one of your committee members.

Finally I would like to very sincerely wish every PDRC member a happy and safe Christmas and wish you all well for the New Year. 1996 will be an exciting one for your Club, we will at long last have a home-base at Burswood a superb facility that has the potential to lift our profile and professionalism to record levels.

Keith Brooker

COMING EVENTS

Next Meeting: General Meeting 8 January 1996

Next Event: BUSSELTON F8, Tubs, 27 January '96
Dinghies 28 January '96

See article in this issue



Remember:
Flags and flares for ocean racing - Busselton '96

RULE PROPOSALS

Rule proposals for consideration at next General Meeting .

NOTE: The 13 November General Meeting was not quorate, therefore the proposals advised in the November "Power Dinghy Racer" will also be raised for discussion and voting at the 11 December meeting.

- 1 Delete specification relating to cc rating on powerheads

Proposed Paul Tregurtha Seconded Greg Barndon

- 2 Add to specifications

8 hp Standard Class, 8 hp Sports Class, 10 hp Class, Bathtubs and Formula 8

Oversize pistons as supplied by the manufacturer for that motor and model may be used.

Proposed Greg Barndon Seconded Paul Tregurtha

PDRC GOES TO THE SHOW

The Power Dinghy Racing Club had its initial showing at the Kelmscott Show, with an exhibition of photos, videos, and display of dinghies, F8s and Tubs.

With the assistance of Club member Craig Smetherham, the display was set up in the pool area and also featured rubber duck driving demonstrations by Keith Brooker and Justin Ferguson.

Skipped by our very capable Rookies, David Brooker, Peter Barden and Shane Barden, our recovery craft ferried in excess of 400 children around the pool, making this event an enormous PR success, as parents etc viewed the display.

Thanks to those who assisted and supplied display material, Craig Smetherham, Peter Kinnersly, Brooker family, Barden family, Frank and Lynn Berloth, Deanne Epton, Stuart Maxwell, Kim Epton, Dennis Peach, Justin Ferguson and Jarrod Elliot.



PDRC NIGHT AT THE DOGS



Fifty people attended the PDRC Christmas function, and although it would have been nice to see a lot more Club members, all that did attend had a thoroughly enjoyable evening. The spirits were high, the drinks were flowing and the food was superb. The entertainment was a bit of a 'dog' but you get that! Everyone seemed to have a bit of a tippie at some stage in the evening and there were some who had a definite system going. Peter Street decided that the dogs are so unpredictable the best bet was to pick a number and stick with it and his number 4 seemed to come good all evening. He shared his secret with the Commodore who followed suit but the number 2 seemed to be stuck on a dog with about the same number of legs all evening. Yours Truly didn't pick a winner all night and reckons she's better off sticking to 'hot dogs'. Brent Barden had a good run on the "Beat the Barko" table (for awhile) and was considering finishing off his evening at the casino. As for the Vice-Commodore (never one to do things by halves), he combined the Christmas function with his XXVth birthday and by all accounts commenced celebrating when he woke up that day. I doubt he remembered much by Sunday. The entertainment didn't finish with the last dog race and most decided to party on at the disco. This could have been the usual "string of boys at the bar" and "girls on the dance floor" except for the supreme effort of one of our newest members, Jenny Leek, who apparently has an aversion to seeing people sitting down and with the determination of a "blue heeler" (to keep in the spirit of the evening) herded everyone onto the dance floor, mopping up the strays whenever they tried to sneak off. The fact that The Commodore was on the dance floor for the first time in the 16 years I've known him is a tribute to the extent of her success. As usual we were all the last to leave with the bouncers throwing us out at 1.15 am and a "great night out" was had by all.

Lesley Brooker

WASDA & PDRC CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS

New entry forms are now printed and crews must specify on the form which class of racing they wish their racing championship points to be allocated to at each event (multiple entries).

Should a team wish to accumulate points for more than one class they must complete an entry form for each class and pay a separate entry for each class for that day's event.

100 Club

The first draw of the 100 Club will be in January. Grab the first tickets now!

Buy a team ticket, family ticket etc and have the chance to win 1000s of \$\$\$\$\$.

Contact your committee member NOW!!!

NORTHAM FESTIVAL RESULTS

Rookies	Points
1	Jeremy Paull 24
2	Matthew Branson 22
3	David Brooker 21
4	Shane Barden 16
5	Peter Barden 13
6	Lisa Watson 9

F8 Ladies	Points
1	Jaime Webb 30
2	Rebecca Rutherford 29
3	Jennifer Leek 16
4	Justine Watson 10
5	Colleen Skewes 8
6	Kasey Coates 4

F8 Mens	Points
1	Daniel Rutherford 31
2	Glenn Paull 23
3	Tyron Wilson 18
4	Jay Branson (countback) 16
5	Tyrone Morey 16

Bathtubs	Points
1	Jarrold Street 33
2	Scott Bennett 20
3	Todd Williamson 13
4	Justin Ferguson 11
5	Justin Skewes 9
6	Brad Watson 7
7	Daniel Rutherford 4
8	Tyrone Morey 4
9	Jamie George 3
10	Shane Tregurtha 1

8 hp Standard	Points
1	J Street/S Bennett 30
2	G Barndon/M Barndon 21
3	J Ferguson/J Elliot 12
4	I Williamson/T Williamson 9
5	K Williams/L Norton 9
6	G Paull/R Payne 8
7	J Coates/K Coates 2
8	J Branson/R Branson 2
9	B Watson/R Delich 2
10	S Tregurtha/D Currie 1
11	C Taylor/N Watson -
12	J Haynes/C Abbott -
13	D Rutherford/T Morey -
14	R Rutherford/R Rutherford -
	DNF Boat 165, 197

8 hp Sports Dinghies	Points
1	J Ferguson/J Elliot 29
2	J Street/S Bennett 23
3	I Williamson/T Williamson 21
4	G Paull/R Payne 19
5	K Williams/L Norton 5
6	C Taylor/N Watson 5
7	J Coates/K Coates 1
8	J Haynes/C Abbott 1
9	B Watson/R Delich 1
10	J Branson/R Branson -
11	S Tregurtha/D Currie -
	DNF Boat 165

10 hp Sports	Points
1	G Barndon/M Barndon 29
2	J Skewes/P Hink 25
3	M Lenz/K Pozzi 24
4	J Haynes/C Abbott 12
5	J Branson/R Branson 5
6	A Griffith/R Rutherford 4

COOLING BROS GLASS NORTHAM FESTIVAL

Jaime Webb Notches-Up a First

In the Ladies' Formula 8 Jaime Webb handled the tight Northam circuit and showed that consistency wins out every time to take home first place for the weekend. With Rebecca Rutherford close on her tail and newcomer Jennifer Leek in her first outing, gave a demonstration of what's in store in future races with a third place.

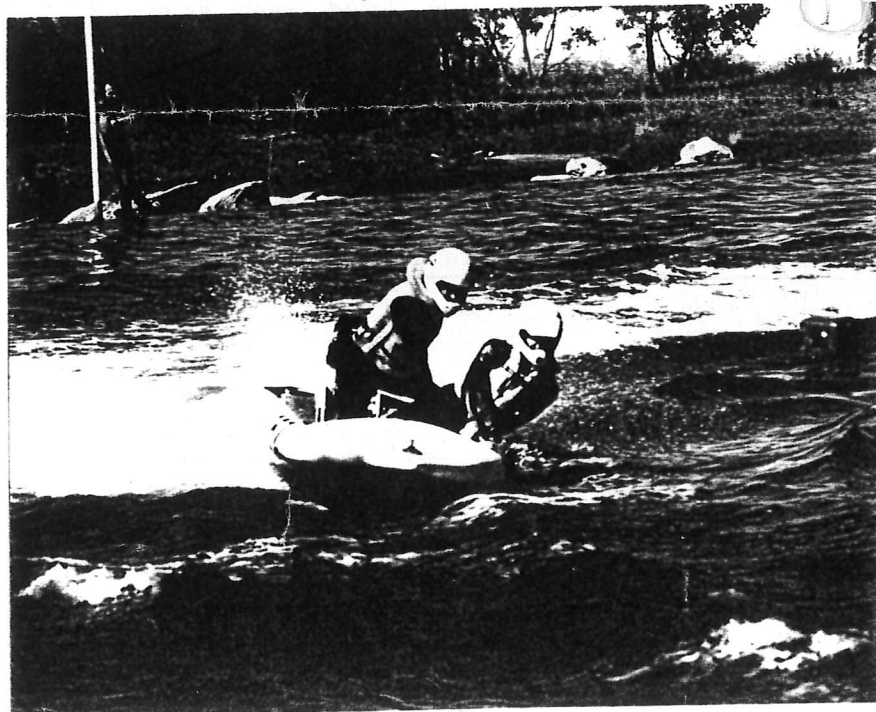
Daniel Rutherford continued his great run with another win in the Mens Formula 8 division while Glenn Paull and Tryon Wilson fought it out for the minor places.

Bathtubs put on a Show

With a field of 10 tubs on the Club's tightest circuit, the action was about to start and the boys didn't let us down. Jarrod Street and Scott Bennett continued their tussle from Bunbury with Jarrod taking the honours, whilst the ever consistent Todd Williamson came home third. Justin Skewes put his butt back in a tub and only a couple of miscalculated starts kept him out of the trophies while Brad Watson and Justin Ferguson battled with their lightweight outfits sometimes very out-of-control.

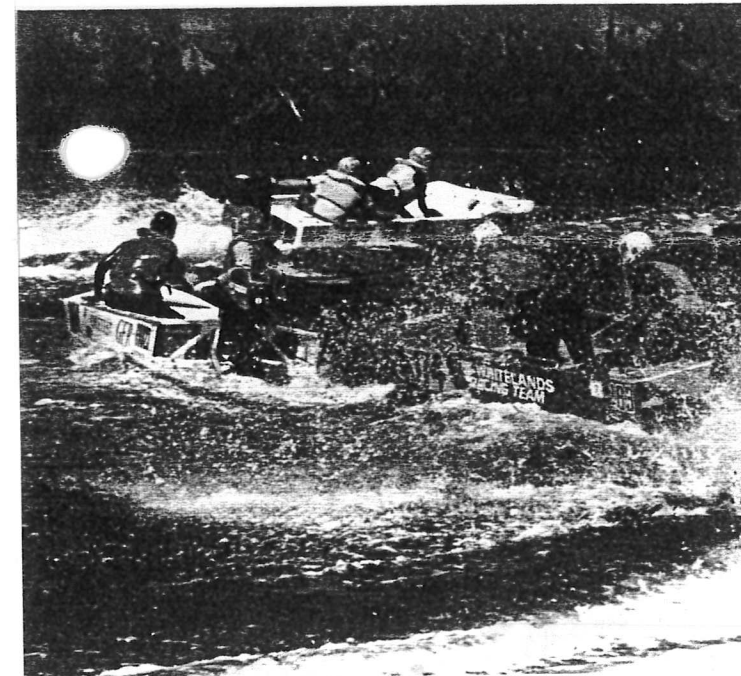
Jeremy Paull Cleans-Up the Rookies

Another close racing event from the Rookies brought home a few fibreglass repairs, as the Whitelands entry of Jeremy Paull improved on his Bunbury effort with a win at Northam. Meanwhile young Matthew Branson piped David Brooker at the post for the minor placings.



Street and Bennett Collect the Trophies

A tight circuit, 14 dinghies and a few eager crews brought the crowd to their feet as each heat saw fibreglass flying, boats flipping and fist waving, as the Standard Class crews battered their way through seven heats of bumper to bumper racing. Jarrod Street and Scott Bennett teamed up for the first time and took the Mariner to first, ahead of a field of Suzukis with Greg and Margot Barndon, Ian and Todd Williams and Justin Ferguson and Jarrod Elliot tussling for the balance of trophies.



In Sports Class the new team of Justin Ferguson and Jarrod Elliot led the large field for most of the seven heats, to collect first from Jarrod Street and Scott Bennett, with Readymix boat of Ian and Todd Williamson (Ian carrying a damaged rib from the previous day's racing) holding onto third.

Greg and Margot Barndon are starting to get the feel for 10 hp with a win at Northam with the Skewes - Hink team getting some revenge on Mike Lenz and Kim Pozzi by collecting second as John Haynes and Clinton Abbott held onto fourth.

Saturday Night's Mini Avon

With the majority of entrants camping at Neville and Chris Watson's property, it resembled a mini Cobblers Pool. As the campfires blazed all night, lies were told, a couple of quiet drinks (and plenty of noisy ones) and numerous sore heads on Sunday morning. Jokes were told as the barbecue sizzled and a great night was had by all.

Thanks to the Watson family

Peter Street

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BUSSELTON FESTIVAL 1996

Saturday 27 January - Formula 8 (all classes) and Bathtub racing. Hopefully in the Vasse River in the heart of Busselton. Approval has been given but the Health Department may close the river if algal bloom presents a health risk. An alternative Vasse River location at Wonnerup is being negotiated with CALM so a good location is guaranteed.

Sunday 28 January - Dinghy racing - our one and only ocean event, an exiting 35 km dash around Geographe Bay from Meelup, around the Busselton jetty (the longest jetty in the Southern Hemisphere) to finish on the beach at Busselton. Will it be a repeat of this year when the choppy conditions really sorted the men from the boys or 1994 when the Bay was like glass and deckies dozed off under the sun?

Don't forget Friday 26 January is Australia Day and a public holiday so come down early and have a long weekend break.

Recommended camping: Kookaburra Caravan Park, Marine Terrace, Busselton telephone 097 52 1516 - book early.

Race Directors: Glen Paull 097 524 749
Kevin Williams 098 554 277

Full details, supplementary regulations, times etc in the January newsletter

Keith Brooker

