

# **POWER DINGHY RACER**

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### **NEXT MEETING**

**10TH JULY 1995 - 8pm**  
The Palms, Cnr. Rokeby and  
Nicholson Rds, Subiaco

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## 1995-96 P.D.R.C. COMMITTEE

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<b>SCRUTINEER</b> GREG BARNDON Ph 300 3286 Mobile 018 910 857	<b>W.A.S.D.A. DELEGATES</b> Keith Brooker Glen Skewes

### SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

At the Special General Meeting held on the 12th June, 1995 the following committee positions were voted on:

Secretary - Kerry Barden, Scrutineer - Greg Barndon, Safety Officer - Peter Hink, W.A.S.D.A. Delegates - Keith Brooker, Glen Skewes

The following proposal was passed by a majority of members:

P.D.R.C. Constitution  
10.0 Voting

10.5 No member shall cast more than two proxy votes at any general meeting, special general meeting or annual general meeting.

### RULE PROPOSALS

1. I propose that alloy boats be permitted to enter 10 hp Class in river races.  
Proposed J. G. Haynes Seconded B. Watson

2. I propose that by the 1st May 1998 all power dinghy competitors must wear helmets carrying Australian Standards 1698 and be of snell dot128 (wetstream) or similar watersport manufactured helmet.  
Proposed G. Hall Seconded R. Wilson

The following proposals were passed by members at the June General Meeting:

1. I propose that the entry fee for Rookies be included in the multiple entry fee where one race I.D. number is being used for all craft.  
Proposed L. Brooker, Membership No. 328  
Seconded G. Paull, Membership No. 174

2. I propose that Rule 18.1 (d) Power Dinghy State Championship, 18.1 (d) Formula 8 and Bathtub State Championships and 19.1 (d) Formula 8 and Bathtub Championships be altered to read:  
The Club Champion shall be the competitor who scores the highest number of points in the series.  
Proposed G. Hall Seconded P. Hink

## COMMODORE'S REPORT

The rejection of our application to the Avon River management authority to run the Upper Avon Challenge was very disappointing, especially as the local shire councils and the Dept. of CALM had approved the event. I have no doubt that the AMRA have the best interests of the Avon River and its associated ecosystems as their prime objectives but I am hopeful that by presenting meaningful scientific evidence the Club will be able to make a persuasive argument to re-establish this event. The Club is indebted to Arthur Fairhurst for organising the Spit Post Marathon as an alternative event at such short notice.

Meanwhile all members must be acutely aware that we are being watched very closely. Dinghy racing can, I believe, be conducted in a manner that is not harmful to the environment BUT you as competitors must demonstrate this by being ultra-cautious, especially with fuel, when in areas of native vegetation or around waterfowl etc. It is highly likely that riverside refuelling will be disallowed - it would be wise to consider this when designing your next fuel tanks - you may need to either carry sufficient fuel for a days racing or use removable tanks that can be exchanged with another that was filled away from the race area.

It is becoming increasingly harder to find Club members who are prepared to volunteer to officiate at Club events. Yes, I know some of you do a stint in the recovery boats, help with flags or hold a stopwatch but few are prepared to help organise events and/or be a race director. All events require an amount of behind the scenes organisation and it is time more of you became involved to relieve the very considerable burden that is falling on the same few people. At the next General Meeting I will be asking for volunteers for officials for all our races in the coming season, please think seriously about increasing your contribution to the running of these events.

On Sunday June 25th WASDA met for the first time in over a year, I am pleased to be able to report that the meeting was amicable and constructive. Greg Barndon was confirmed as WASDA scrutineer and Lynne Berloth was reappointed as WASDA secretary. The role of WASDA as the governing body for power dinghy racing was reaffirmed but in future the PDRC may have more involvement with race approval applications to local authorities etc. The Blackwood River Sports Club are hoping to re-establish themselves as an active club and hope to be in a position to again be running races in their area in the near future.

Keith Brooker

### NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING

The Power Dinghy Racer will be running an advertising insert in every edition of the newsletter. The insert will be an A4 page containing business card size adverts. The cost of advertising will be a minimal \$80 for a 12 month advert. A small typesetting fee may apply, if required. As there is only a limited amount of space available please contact Peter Street on 249 3062 as soon as possible to place your advertisement.



NEW PDRC PHONE NUMBER

**572 1730**

SECRETARY - KERRY BARDEN

### CONSTITUTION UPDATE

Greg Barndon has called a meeting of the Rules Committee to discuss any changes that need to be made to the PDRC constitution, including the method of nomination and status of life members. If you have any suggestions or comments regarding the constitution please contact Greg on 300 3286.

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### AVON DESCENT PRACTICE

A reminder that power boat practice on the Avon River is allowed only on the official practice days namely:

Saturday July 29th between 8.00am and 12noon

Sunday July 30th between 12noon and 6.00pm.

NOTE: The Avon book states 6.00am start and practice as far as Emu Falls THIS IS INCORRECT. Practice is allowed only as far as Posselts Ford.

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### SPIT POST MARATHON REPORT

The race was organized in a rush this year due to the cancellation of the Upper Avon Challenge at the last moment. After getting the go ahead from Marine and Harbours the race time was set for 9am. We were then contacted on the Thursday before the race by the Aquatic Council who told us that due to a yacht race starting at 10am, across the middle of the course, we had to be off the water by 9:30am. The race was then rescheduled for 8am which meant a phone round to all members racing (Thanks Kerry).

On race day we arrived in the cold and dark, fortunately we had the sausage sizzle and hot soup on hand. The race was over two laps this year with support crews running down the beach with ribbons in hand to start their crews underway.

The race started with 34 boats. The water was flat in some places but for the most part choppy and quite lumpy (especially when a rather large catamaran moved across the middle of the course!). There were however no reports of boats overturning although some competitors did retire early due to the conditions (a slight swell). There was a compulsory stop at Melville Beach to collect another ribbon as well as another compulsory stop at the start/finish line at the end of the first lap where support crew had to run a mini-marathon before crews could start on the second lap, many of which were children and wives who enjoyed the involvement.

22 boats finished, 6 withdrew and 6 did not make the cutoff time at 9:30. Special thanks must go to people who let us use their mobile phones which enabled officials to keep the race under control. Also all people who supplied marshall boats free of charge.

SPECIAL thanks must go to **GFR INDUSTRIES** who sponsored the race and to Rin Rutherford who presented the trophies. GFR Industries are specialists in polyethylene and PVC pipe and fittings, borefield and pipeline supply, Ph 250 2944 Fax 250 2945.

Race Director - Arthur Fairhurst.

## NANNUP CUP 1995

There was not much more than a trickle under the bridge at Nannup on the day before the race, a walk downstream revealed logs, rocks, coffee rock, sand bars, logs, logs and more logs. At this stage we discovered four electricified fences across the river and things were not looking too good!. Much to our relief there was a strong water flow at Jalbarragup, not much depth, but definitely enough to race.

The 10HP drivers made a collective decision not to race because of the low water but this still left a strong field of 24 starters at Jalbarragup on Sunday morning.

Brad Kitcher and Mark Smith in boat 201 were first away in grid 1 and never looked back. By the second checkpoint (Mileyannup ford) 201 had a lead of 4 minutes over Cliff and Sarah Hills in boat 051 with Ian and Todd Williamson in 167 15 seconds behind and making ground. Meanwhile 174 the standard boat of Glen Paull and Ray Payne was making its way through the field after drawing the last grid position and was 4th through Mileyannup only a minute later.

By checkpoint 5 (Punch Road) 201 and 167 were still 3 minutes apart and by this stage the Branson boys in 144 had worked very hard to be 3rd sports boat and improving. By now 174 had blitzed the standard class!

Greg and Margot Barndon in 081, David Ritson and Linley Anderson in 192 and Kevan Goodall and Mary Vessels in 037 fought a close battle for the standard places, all three boats finished with faster times than the sports class place getters. Miscalculations leading to an unnecessary stop for fuel cost at least one boat a trophy (eh Kevan?!).

By 4.00pm every boat was home, only 4 craft had withdrawn and the Club sweep boat suffered no damage.

Brad and Mark in 201 took line honours and the fastest time, they averaged 23.6Km/h over the 62Km course. Standard Class winners Glenn and Ray were 1min 35sec behind them and averaged 23.33Km/h.

All in all it was a very succesful event - the weather was perfect and a family atmosphere prevailed, in fact there were 5 husband and wife and 3 father and son teams and more ladies competing than ever before.

I would like to thank the following:

Paul Tregurtha who was race organiser and did all the behind the scenes organisation.

Nannup Lyons and Nannup SES for manning checkpoints and recording times.

Lesley Brooker, Kate Paull and Colleen Skewes for organising and running the sausage sizzle.

Tarus Olijnyk and Ted Gerard for doing a superb job in the recovery boat.

Special thanks to PETER KINNERSLEY of PK SIGNS for sponsoring this event and providing the trophies. Contact Peter on 041 1113590 or fax 354 5690 for all your signwriting requirements, race numbers etc.

Keith Brooker.

## SUNNYSIDE DOWN

This years Sunnyside Down race is being sponsored by CLIFFORD AUTOMATICS of 389 Newcastle Street Perth. Phone Cliff Hills on 328 6822 for all your automatic and manual transmissions, power steering and differentials service and repair.

Don't forget that this event is your last opportunity if you need to complete a qualifying event for the Avon Descent.

## NANNUP CUP 1995

### 8HP SPORTS CLASS

1st Boat	201	2.37.28	Brad Kitcher	Mark Smith
2nd Boat	144	2.44.57	Jay Branson	Cyril Branson
3rd Boat	167	2.45.51	Ian Williamson	Todd Williamson
4th Boat	051	2.50.40	Cliff Hill	Sarah Hill
5th Boat	139	3.07.40	Paul Tregurtha	Shane Tregurtha
6th Boat	028	3.14.52	Brent Barden	Kerry Barden
7th Boat	110	3.33.32	John Coates	Lee Goddard
8th Boat	057	3.46.15	Peter Milner	Chris Goddard
9th Boat	033	4.17.30	Mark Delborello	Peter Russo
10th Boat	183	6.29.24	Rin Rutherford	Daniel Rutherford
DNF	111		John Haynes	Clinton Abbott
DNF	052		Mike Lenz	Kim Pozzi

### 8HP STANDARD CLASS

1st Boat	174	2.39.03	Glen Paull	Ray Payne
2nd Boat	081	2.43.16	Greg Barndon	Margot Barndon
3rd Boat	192	2.44.15	David Ritson	Linley Anderson
4th Boat	037	2.44.19	Kevan Goodall	Mary Vessels
5th Boat	197	2.49.34	Stuart Maxwell	Neil Marsh
6th Boat	127	3.24.01	Peter Kinnersly	Ven Bowness
7th Boat	171	3.25.55	Daryl Henderson	Harry Burgess
8th Boat	120	3.44.04	Les Medcalfe	Debbie Medcalfe
9th Boat	021	4.25.33	Glen Dicarolo	Lynette Terag
10th Boat	184	4.59.57	Adrian Griffin	Rebecca Rutherford
DNF	050		Marissa Lenz	Andrew Garland
DNF	044		Robert Branson	Bert Burger

### OVERALL POSITIONS

1st Boat	201	9th Boat	051	17th Boat	033
2nd Boat	174	10th Boat	139	18th Boat	021
3rd Boat	081	11th Boat	028	19th Boat	184
4th Boat	192	12th Boat	127	20th Boat	183
5th Boat	037	13th Boat	171	21st Boat	111 DNF
6th Boat	144	14th Boat	110	22nd Boat	052 DNF
7th Boat	167	15th Boat	120	23rd Boat	050 DNF
8th Boat	197	16th Boat	057	24th Boat	044 DNF

## SIZZLE SAGA

The PDRC sausage sizzle was presented for a trial screening to a select audience at the 1994 Spitpost Marathon by "Fairhurst Enterprises". After a successful takeover bid by "Brooker Productions" it was released for commercial screening at the Burswood venue in November last year and has met with a box office success at 5 subsequent events. Due to the faithful support of snagger connoisseurs posing as dinghy racers, family and friends, the box office PROFITS to date total \$1416.65. Some of these funds (\$337) were used to purchase some essential production equipment - namely the Clubs' new portable gas BBQ and 9Kg cylinder (well it's compact at least, but as the ground crew will attest it is certainly no featherweight!). Upon receipt of various suggestions (most of which were ignored and some were too rude to report) the sizzle has expanded to include cool drinks and more recently tea, coffee and soup, made possible by the generous loan of a bush urn, a family heirloom of the Kinnersly Clan. Due to the high ratings the Sizzle Saga is planning a sequel for the Sunnyside event and the all star billing will include tea coffee bacon and egg rolls for breakfast at scrutineering and hot dogs and cool drinks for lunch at the finish.

Lesley Brooker

## SUNNYSIDE DOWN - 9TH JULY, 1995

### SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

DATE: Sunday, 9th July, 1995

RACE DIRECTOR: Neville Watson Phone (096) 223 747

SCRUTINEER: Greg Barndon Phone 300 3286

ENTRY FEE: \$60.00 per craft.

ENTRIES: Available from registration on day at Bridgetown - Start Line.

EVENT: This is a CLOSED event. ALL COMPETITORS MUST BE FINANCIAL CLUB MEMBERS.

CLASSES: 10hp Sports - 8hp Sports - 8hp Standard

SCRUTINEERING: 8.00 a.m. Start line.

BRIEFING: 8.45 a.m. Start line.

START: 9.00 a.m. Blackwood River, Blackwood Park, Bridgetown.

START ORDER: As per drivers finish position 1994 Sunnyside. Balance of entries ballot

START PROCEDURE: Single craft 30 second intervals. Motors must not be started until craft enters water.

REPLACEMENT PARTS: As per W.A.S.D.A. power dinghy specifications 10.3.

WITHDRAWALS: Entrants withdrawing during race MUST notify an official. Failure to do so will incur a \$100 penalty.

RESCUE: A sweep boat will cover the course. Boats withdrawn from the event will be towed to the nearest downstream checkpoint.

COURSE DETAILS: Approx. distance 40 km. Competitors will race up stream through large pools. Ti-trees one rapid and log obstacles.

All craft will stop at a restart area. Event will restart heading downstream to Bridgetown.

REFUELLING: There will be no refuelling during the event.

FINISH: Blackwood Park Bridgetown.

PRESENTATION: Blackwood Park, Bridgetown following completion of event

## NOTE: RATION PACK REQUIRED

## COMING EVENTS

### SUNNYSIDE DOWN

SUNDAY 9TH JULY, 1995

### GENERAL MEETING

MONDAY 10TH JULY, 1995

### SOCIAL NIGHT - MELBOURNE CUP IN JULY

FRIDAY, 14TH JULY, 1995

### AVON SCRUTINEERING

SUNDAY, 23RD JULY, 1995

### AVON DESCENT

5TH-6TH AUGUST, 1995

REMINDER All membership fees are now due.

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REMINDER

All drivers note that it is in your best interest with the Avon coming up shortly, that for safety reasons your deckie can drive and handle your boat

# FOOTHILLS MARINE P.D.R.C. STATE CHAMPIONSHIP 1994/95

## TOP TEN FINISHERS

### 10HP SPORTS

M. Chittick 783  
D. Peach 783  
F. Berloth 692  
P. Hink 520  
G. Hall 466  
J. Skewes 440  
J. Howarth 358  
R. Cracker 281  
T. Maxfield 281  
J. Haynes 280  
G. Pouw-Bray 252

### 8HP SPORTS

K. Bolvary 592  
T. Williamson 501  
D. Austin 440  
I. Williamson 407  
J. Goodbody 400

K. Green 400  
J. Branson 327  
L. Norton 260  
K. Williams 260  
D. Medcalfe 240  
F. Berloth 240

### 8HP STANDARD

P. Kinnersly 987  
G. Massam 987  
G. Barndon 707  
M. Barndon 707  
G. Paull 468  
R. Payne 368  
J. Spanghero 354  
A. Bijl 354  
J. Street 303  
J. Haynes 278  
S. Maxwell 252

### FORMULA 8 LADIES

T. Webb 540  
K. Barden 320  
R. Rutherford 300  
J. Brooker 280  
J. Webb 240  
C. Skewes 160  
L. Brooker 60  
T. Ryan 60

### FORMULA 8 MENS

D. Rutherford 500  
B. Fairhurst 380  
G. Massam 340  
J. Haynes 220  
T. Wilson 140  
S. Penglase 106  
G. Paull 60  
B. Barden 20

### ROOKIES

D. Brooker 460  
J. Paull 440  
P. Barden 406  
T. Wilson 346  
S. Barden 340  
J. Green 280  
L. Watson 140

### BATHTUBS

M. Chittick 420  
B. Watson 340  
J. Ferguson 226  
D. Austin 200  
B. Fairhurst 112  
S. Bennett 106  
T. Williamson 80  
J. Street 40  
J. Haynes 21

NOTE: All of the above points are overall points prior to the worst event points being dropped for state championship.

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Time is running out for the Avon.

## SPITPOST MARATHON 1995 RESULTS

### 8HP STANDARD CLASS

1st Boat 139 1.11.55  
Shane Tregurtha Daniel Curry  
2nd Boat 081 1.12.50  
Greg Barndon Margot Barndon  
3rd Boat 127 1.13.59  
Peter Kinnersly Ven Bowness  
4th Boat 028 1.14.02  
Brent Barden Kerry Barden  
5th Boat 174 1.18.08  
Glen Paull Ray Payne  
6th Boat 148 1.27.51  
Keith Brooker Lesley Brooker  
7th Boat 197 1.29.05  
Stuart Maxwell Neil Marsh  
8th Boat 142 1.29.07  
9th Boat 161 1.39.07  
10th Boat 085 1.39.30  
11th Boat 181 1.39.40

### 8HP SPORTS CLASS

1st Boat 064 1.09.53

Kim Bolvary Darren Austin  
2nd Boat 105 1.12.10  
Russell Wilson Tyron Wilson  
3rd Boat 144 1.14.35  
Jay Branson Cyril Branson  
4th Boat 107 1.17.37  
Bradley Watson Jeffery Taylor  
5th Boat 173 1.21.38  
Kevin Williams Luke Norton  
6th Boat 051 1.21.46  
7th Boat 125 1.22.23  
8th Boat 054 1.24.20  
9th Boat 184 1.33.26

### 10HP SPORTS

1st Boat 124 1.04.40  
Frank Berloth Justin Ferguson  
2nd Boat 003 1.11.20  
Geoff Hall Debbie Medcalfe  
3rd Boat 117 1.12.54  
Justin Skewes Peter Hink