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8.00 pm  
The Palms  
Cnr Rokeby Rd &  
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# CHRISTMAS



## Edition

Merry Christmas to all  
Members and Families from the  
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Committee of the PDRC

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## COMING EVENTS

7 DECEMBER	CHILDREN'S XMAS PARTY
8 DECEMBER	BURSWOOD CUP
9 DECEMBER	GENERAL MEETING
25/26 JANUARY	BUSSELTON FESTIVAL

**RED FLAG  
REMINDER**

24th December is only  
one sleep until Christmas

## COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

December 1996

On behalf of the PDRC Management Committee I would like to wish all members a happy and safe Christmas and a prosperous and successful New Year. Those of you that took the opportunity of partying with Club members at the Good, Bad and Ugly last Saturday may well still be nursing hangovers — an ideal way of clearing the cobwebs would be to join us at Adventure World this Saturday (7 December). Places are still available at the reduced Club rate — ring the Secretary for details and to book your place.

The Busselton Festival on the Australia Day long weekend in January (25-26) is another good opportunity to get away from the city for a few days, relax and enjoy the circuit racing at ocean racing. This year, all going well, we are returning to circuit racing on the Vasse River, environmental conditions have prevented this for the last three years. It is a perfect venue for spectators with the action literally at your feet, the whole course in full view and a grassy, shady area to sit.

This time last year we failed to attract a quorum at either the December or January General Meetings. I encourage as many of you as possible to attend the December meeting as the Committee is presenting important proposals regarding helmets. If there is no objection at the December General Meeting we will not be holding a January meeting — it will give everyone a break and hopefully mean that we do not waste time holding non-quorate meetings that cannot conduct business.

*Keith Brooker*



## IT'S SHOW TIME!!

After the successful PR exercise at the 1995 Kelmscott Show, the PDRC again set up a display of craft, photos etc at the 1996 event in Kelmscott.

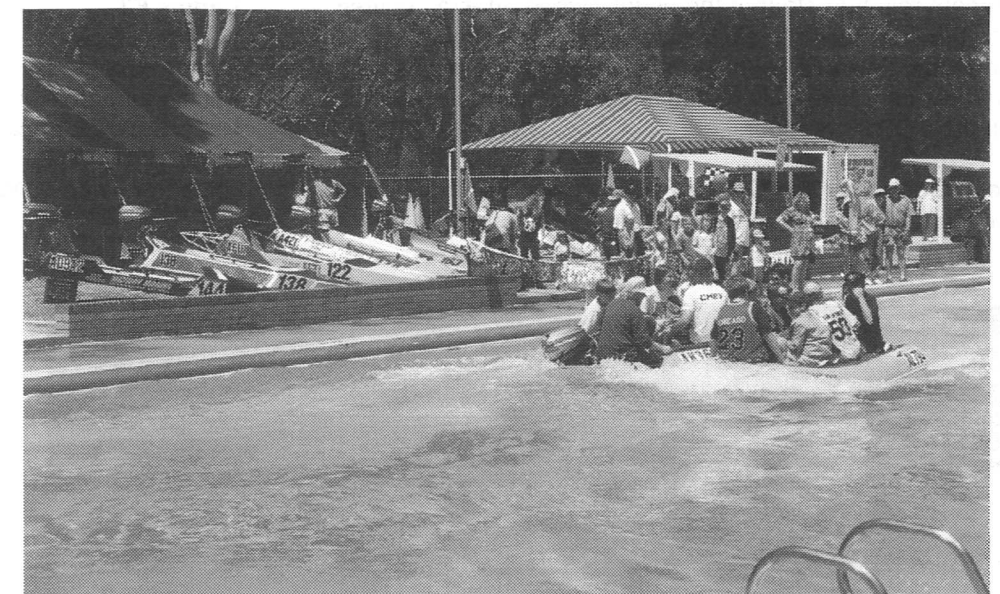
With the large array of Dinghies, Formula 8s and Bathtubs along with the extremely popular Rubber Duck Rides around the pool, the PDRC was by far the most popular display attended by the public. There was a constant line of people awaiting their turn in the rubber ducks as both our recovery boats went non-stop for 6 hours.

Ferguson again set the swimming pool "alight" with an exciting display of rubber duck driving, drawing large crowds to the stands as he found various ways of throttling around the pool area and receiving loud applause from the spectators after each performance.

The display brought in several people interested in joining our Club, with the biggest interest in the Formula 8s. With the 1995 event being very successful, 1996 far outweighed '95. When you are told numerous times by children that this is the first time they have been in a boat or "Are you coming back next year", it makes it all worthwhile.

Special thanks to Craig Smetherham for organising the event for us with the Show officials, setting up the display and for the use of the swimming pool. Also thanks to those who assisted with boats, display material and driving the rubber duck — Justin Ferguson, David Brooker, Jay Branson, Keith and Lesley Brooker, Karen Smetherham, Dennis Peach, Jenny Leek, Frank Berloth, Jarrod Street, Scott Bennett.

*Peter Street  
Publicity Officer*





## ACTION A PLENTY AT NORTHAM

Recent rain had cleared the usually weed affected course for the 1996 Northam Festival. With a good field of Bathtubs, Formula 8s and 10s and Dinghies, the weekend was set for action-plus on the tightest circuit racing course on the PDRC calendar.

John Goodbody and Dennis Peach teamed up together to run in the 10 HP Class and from the start let other



### Ladies F8

A new paint job and the Suzuki now set up to race, means trouble for Jamie Webb's competitors as she is out for this year's State Championship. Newcomer Trevlyn Ryan had a good day out as the 124 Jennie Leek Formula 8 appeared to be down on speed.

### Mens F8

Although the Men's F8 field was down on last season, the main battle of the day was between the Branson racing team boats of Jay and Rob Branson having a couple of great tussles along with Daniel Rutherford as David Brooker and Jeremy Paull, both Rookies last season had good outings in the Senior Class.

### Matthew Branson Grabs The Cheque

Young Matthew Branson kept up the team's high standard with a win in Rookie Class as the Rookies all put on a fine performance. Scott Goodbody collected a trophy after having his F8 airborne on numerous occasions. With a few more races under his belt he will be a major threat in this class.

### Bennett Takes Out The Tubs

With a consistent run Scott Bennett picked up the major trophy as the large field of Tubbers put on a great spectacle for the crowd. The boys shunted each other around the early buoys in a mass of white water. Geoff Massam is showing improvement in his tub driving as is L. J. Rutherford. Justin Skewes came under the eye of the officials after a bit of aggression as Jarrad Elliot collected his first heat win in the fluoro machine. Brad Watson was back to form of old until he had the flip of the day, end for end.

Thanks to the Watson Family for their hospitality in opening up their property for members over the weekend and to Neville Watson as Race Director, Justine, Tamara and Sandra as lap counters, Glen Skewes, Jeff Taylor and all those who assisted in the recovery boats over the weekend.

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competitors know they had their work cut out. They made a clean sweep of their class, while the 052 Microserve rubber duck was at the other end of lady luck with mechanical problems on both days.

Dennis Peach continued his run of trophy collecting. With Tyron Wilson as deckie, they had the Suzuki humming, taking the honours in most heats of Sports and Standard, sometimes working their way from the rear of the field as boats tumbled and deckies fell out in their wake.

Jay and Marie Branson were having a better weekend than Bunbury, also Steve and Murray Brown may get the circuit racing bug after a good outing at Northam. Newcomer to Senior racing David Brooker with Jamie Webb as crew had things under control or so they thought until a big flip on the first buoy as Brad Watson and Craig Taylor also had their problems, Brad mainly trying to keep Craig in the boat.

The 139 Complex Ceiling duck took full advantage of its stability to barge through the congestion of the start to give the 106 boat a run for their money as did Jamie George and Peter Barden who handled the 113 boat very well although a little keen on a couple of starts.

## THE NORTHAM FESTIVAL 1996 RESULTS

### Dash for Cash Results

Standard	Brent and Kerry Barden
Sports	Shane Tregurtha - Simon Eaton
10 Hp	John Goodbody - Dennis Peach

## THE NORTHAM FESTIVAL 1996 RESULTS

### 10 Dinghies

1	193	John Goodbody/Dennis Peach
2	081	Greg Barndon/Margot Barndon
3	117	Justin Skewes/Jarrold Street
4	105	Russell Wilson/Tyron Wilson
5	144	Jay Branson/Maree Branson
6	052	Mike Lenz/Miriam Gravestock
6	167	Ian Williamson/Todd Williamson
6	183	Rin Rutherford/Jennie Leek

### 8 HP Sports Dinghies

1	106	Dennis Peach/Tyron Wilson
2	142	Steve Brown/Murray Brown
3	139	Shane Tregurtha/Simon Eaton
4	167	Todd Williamson/Jennie Leek
5	113	Jamie George/Peter Barden
6	144	Jay Branson/Maree Branson
7	052	Mike Lenz/Miriam Gravestock
8	110	John Coates/Kasey Coates
8	093	Craig Taylor/Brad Watson

### 8 HP Standard Dinghies

1	106	Dennis Peach/Tyron Wilson
2	167	Todd Williamson/Jennie Leek
3	142	Steve Brown/Murray Brown
4	113	Jamie George/Peter Barden
5	139	Shane Tregurtha/Simon Eaton
6	110	John Coates/Kasey Coates
7	148	David Brooker/Jamie Webb
8	144	Jay Branson/Robert Branson
8	093	Craig Taylor/Brad Watson
8	081	Glenn Paull/Jeremy Paull
8	028	Brent Barden/Kerry Barden

### Dash For Cash

#### 10 HP Dinghies

1	193	29.22
2	081	30.99
3	167	31.75
4	105	31.75

#### 8 HP Sports

1	139	33.13
2	113	33.29
3	106	33.37
4	144	33.84

#### 8 HP Standard

1	028	32.53
2	113	33.03
3	139	33.32
4	142	33.79

### Formula 10

1	183	Daniel Rutherford
2	144	Jay Branson
3	105	Tyron Wilson
4	185	Rebecca Rutherford
5	184	Tryon Morey

### Formula 8 Mens

1	144	Jay Branson
2	148	David Brooker
3	174	Jeremy Paull
4	044	Robert Branson
5	110	John Coates

### Formula 8 Ladies

1	250	Jamie Webb
2	174	Trevlyn Ryan
2	110	Kasey Coates
3	144	Maree Branson
4	124	Jennie Leek

### Bathtubs

1	150	Scott Bennett
2	005	Justin Ferguson
3	117	Justin Skewes
4	054	Jarrad Elliot
5	112	Geoff Massam
6	167	Todd Williamson
7	093	Brad Watson
8	139	Shane Tregurtha
9	183	Daniel Rutherford

### Rookies

1	044	Matthew Branson
2	113	Shane Barden
3	162	Scott Goodbody
4	093	Lisa Watson
5	028	Danika Barden







**PDRC Children's Christmas Party**  
**DATE:** Saturday 7 December (day before Burswood Christmas Bash)  
**VENUE:** at Adventure World  
**TIME:** 10.00 am to 5.00 pm  
**COST:** \$16 per head, adults and children  
 (normally \$22.00 adults \$18.00 children)  
 Under 5 years old free

- \* Nothing else to pay for a whole day of entertainment  
 which includes Spectacular Diving Display — 25 metre dives into a 3 metre pool
- \* Free rides and fun for ALL ages
- \* Father Christmas
- \* Reserved area for exclusive use by PDRC



**BYO lunch, BBQ available or buy food on site**

PLEASE RING JENI LEEK ON CLUB PHONE 248 3356 TO BOOK YOUR PLACES

**BURSWOOD CHRISTMAS BASH**  
**SUNDAY 8 DECEMBER 1996**  
**FORMULA 8s, FORMULA 10s**  
**and BATHTUBS**

#### Supplementary Regulations

**Location:** Burswood Clubrooms  
**Race Director:** Kevan Goodall  
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**Scrutineer:** Justin Ferguson  
**Entry Fee:** \$30.00 per craft: Multiple \$50.00  
 (same race ID) Rookies \$15.00  
**Classes:** Ladies, Mens, Rookies,  
 Formula 8, Formula 10,  
 Bathtubs  
**Scrutineering:** 9.30 am  
**Briefing:** 10.15 am  
**Start:** 10.30 am  
**Start Order** Ladies Formula 8, Mens  
 Formula 8, Formula 10s,  
 Bathtubs, Rookies  
**Replacement Parts:** As per WASDA Power Dinghy  
 Spec 10.3  
**Scrutineering Requirements:**  
 As per Circuit Racing, Bathtub  
 and Formula 8 Competition  
 Rules  
**Recovery:** Recovery craft will be on course

**All boats to be in pit area in start-like  
 condition for scrutineering by 9.30 am**



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 and the Ugly Restaurants**

#### FREDERICKSTOWN CUP: ALBANY

Several members have already approached me in regards to the Easter event planned for Albany. For those who are not aware, local authorities ruled against the running of the 1995 event after having competed at Albany for the previous 10 years.

A full application has been forwarded to all governing bodies to again conduct this event over the 1997 Easter weekend. To this date we have not received written approval from either parties but I will keep members informed so accommodation bookings etc can be made.

*Peter Street*

#### JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

Over the last few years the PDRC has found it difficult to get quorum of members at the January meeting due to holidays etc.

It has been decided that unless members have a specific subject to discuss in January, the January General Meeting will be combined with the February meeting on the 10th February.

Should you have any objections to this decision please contact the Club Secretary no later than 9 December.

## HEAD CASES

The question of what we should be wearing on our heads has been a controversial issue for as long as we have been racing dinghies. Over the years our regulations have gone from extreme to extreme; I raced my first Avon Descent 12 years ago wearing a plastic canoe helmet and now our 10 HP Class wear full face helmets that far exceed the requirement of road going motor cyclists.

The current WASDA regulations require that all competitors wear a helmet whilst racing. There are two requirement levels, depending on the Class of racing.

- 1 All Classes, except 10 HP Dinghies
  - a) conform to AS 2063
  - b) provide protection to forehead, temples and ears
  - c) non-elastic chinstrap
  - d) in good repair
  - e) other helmets **not meeting AS 2063** may be approved by WASDA

- 2 10 HP Dinghies
  - a) Conform to AS 1698 and Snell Dot 128 (wetstream)
  - b) in good repair

Two relevant decisions have been passed since these rules were promulgated:

- 1 The 'Gath' surfing helmets were approved for use by all Classes except 10 HP dinghies.
- 2 A motion was passed that "By 1st May 1998 all power dinghy competitors must wear helmets carrying Association Standard 1698 and comply with Snell Dot 128 (wetstream)."

OK so that is the situation at present. If nothing happens then you will all be wearing the current 10 HP helmets in 18 months time.

The Committee decided therefore that it was time to review helmets and come up with a new set of recommendations. The first task was to assess the standards and see which standards are applicable to our sport.

AS (Australian Standard) 2063 is the minimum requirement for cyclists.

AS 1698 is the minimum requirement for on-road motorcycle use.

The Snell foundation is a non-profit American organisation founded in 1957 to promote better helmets after the death by head injury of race car driver Peter Snell.

There are various Snell standards but they fall into three categories:

- M for motorcycle (eg M95 is a motorcycle helmet conforming to the 1995 standard)
- B for bicycle (eg B94)

SA for racing (SA helmets require flammability testing, allows narrower visual field and requires rollbar impact test).

Whilst researching these standards we found evidence (from the Snell Foundation themselves) that the Australian Standards are more stringent than the Snell standard. As we race in Australia and will be purchasing helmets in Australia for use in Australia on (mostly!) Australian heads, the PDRC have decided to use the Australian Standard as our benchmark.

I then called a joint meeting of the PDRC Management Committee and the PDRC Rules Committee — this group constitutes a good representation of racers from all Classes including parents of Rookies.

This joint meeting looked at examples of various helmets — BMX helmets, down hill cycle helmets, motocross helmets and motor cycle helmets.

We inspected them and compared them to our existing helmet range — the Gaths, Cobras, Laser wetstream and Scott Aspens.

After much deliberation the group have come up with the following recommendations:

- 1 The current WASDA Dinghy Specification 7.2 and 7.3 and Formula 8, Formula 10 and Bathtub Specification 7.2 be replaced with the following:

#### 7.2 Helmets (All Classes except 10 HP dinghies)

Each competitor entered in an event shall wear a helmet that

- a) Meets Australian Standard 1698
- b) Has been approved by and appears on a list provided by the PDRC Management Committee and Rules Committee
- c) Provides protection to the forehead, temples and ears
- d) Chinstraps must be fitted with an approved quick release mechanism (if this mechanism is not a standard fitting on a particular helmet it must be fitted by an authorised dealer for that helmet).
- e) The Identification Number shall be displayed on both sides of the helmet. Each digit of the ID number shall be black, measuring a minimum of 70mm high and 10 mm in width, displayed on a solid canary yellow background measuring not less than 10 mm larger than the overall dimensions of the number.

#### 7.3 Helmets (10 HP Dinghies)

Each competitor entered in an event shall wear a helmet that complies with Specification 7.2 and shall be a full face helmet or shall provide protection to the chin and mouth by means of a chin and mouth guard.



- 2 The above specifications become mandatory on 1 May 1997.
- 3 Any helmet (including Gath helmets) not conforming to specifications 7.2 or 7.3 will not be permitted after 1 May 1997.
- 4 The addition to specification 7.2 that "By 1st May 1998 all power dinghy competitors must wear helmets carrying Australian Standard 1698 and Snell Dot 128 (wetstream)" be deleted.

The points 1-4 above will be put as formal motions at the December General Meeting. They have the unanimous approval of the PDRC Management Committee and Rules Committee and are proposed and seconded by the entire Committee.

The following helmets have been inspected and approved:

Manufacturer	Model	Type	Price	Sizes	Weight	AS1698	Comments
AGV	Blitz	Open face, detachable chin and mouth guard	\$99	58-62 EES - EEL	1097 g	✓	D ring chin strap must be replaced with quick release (\$10 extra)
Laser	MX5	Full face	\$179	ES - EL	1380 g	✓	Quick release buckle, removable liner
Laser	Wetsteam	Full face	\$280 - 300	S - L	1630 g	✓	Designed for jet ski use. The currently approved 10 HP helmet

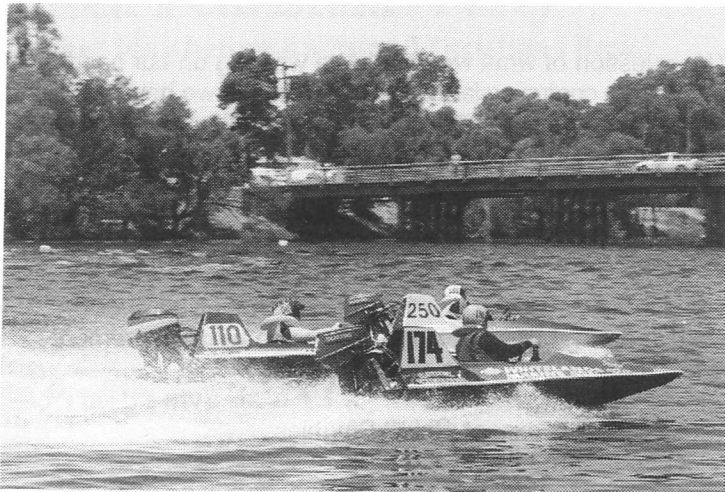
Remember that other helmets, even if they meet AS1698 are not approved for use until they have been inspected and approved by the PDRC Management and Rules Committees. The reason for this is that AS1698 includes all motorcycle helmets, some of the large bulky and heavy helmets with very absorbent padding will obviously not be appropriate for our use.

All three of the newly approved helmets are available from Helmet House 911A Albany Highway, East Victoria Park and motor cycle accessory dealers.

Worth a mention are some of the latest Down-Hill cycle helmets. These helmets are very light and strong and would easily meet all of our criteria **except** that they do not carry any Australian Standard. Laser, for example produce a full face carbon-fibre helmet that will sell for \$189 (it has only just come on the market). The importers tell me that it will cost them \$10,000 to apply for AS Certification. They can sell the helmet in Australia by displaying a "For off-road use only" sticker.

It was a unanimous decision by the PDRC Committee that **only** helmets with AS1698 Certification will be permitted for dinghy racing, the down-hill helmets and BMX helmets will therefore not be approved.

If you have any queries regarding the new helmet regulations come along to the 9 December General Meeting.



FORMULA 8 DRIVERS TRAINING COURSE

A COMPULSORY TRAINING COURSE in safety, driving techniques, starts etc will be conducted for all Formula 8 drivers, Senior and Rookie, who are competing in their first season of racing.

The course is also open to all Formula 8 drivers or persons interested in competing in a Formula 8 this season, should they wish to attend.

The training course will be conducted at Burswood on Sunday 8 December 1996 at 9.30 am sharp (preceding the Burswood Bash event).

All those attending the course, if competing that day, must have their craft prepared for scrutineering prior to the commencement of the safety course.

For further information contact:  
Arthur Fairhurst ☎ 459 8360

BUSSELTON FESTIVAL 1997

**Saturday 25 January** - Formula 8 (all classes) and Bathtub racing. An exciting location at Busselton in the Vasse River, behind the Shire Offices.  
**Sunday 26 January** - Dinghy racing - our one and only ocean event, an exciting 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 last 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?

SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

**DATE:** 25 - 26 January 1997  
**RACE DIRECTOR:** Glen Paull 097 524 749

SATURDAY 25 JANUARY 1997

**CLASSES:** Ladies F8, Mens F8, F10, Rookies, Bathtubs  
**LOCATION:** Vasse River, Busselton, behind the Shire Offices  
**ENTRY FEES:** \$30.00 per craft: Multiple \$50.00 (same race ID) Rookies \$10.00  
**SCRUTINEERING:** 8.30 am  
**BRIEFING:** 9.15 am  
**START:** 9.30 am

SUNDAY 26 JANUARY 1997

**CLASSES:** 8 hp standard, 8 hp sports, 10 hp dinghies  
**LOCATION:** Meelup Bay  
**ENTRY FEES:** \$30.00 per craft  
**SCRUTINEERING:** 8.00 am  
**BRIEFING:** 8.45 am  
**START:** 9.00 am

**SCRUTINEERING REQUIREMENTS:**  
Flags and flares - Dinghy events - as per dinghy specs 7.8 and 7.9.  
**REPLACEMENT PARTS:**  
As per WASDA Power Dinghy Spec 10.3  
**RECOVERY:**  
Recovery craft will be on course both days  
**ACCOMMODATION:**  
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**PRESENTATION:**  
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BUNBURY CARNIVAL 1996 RESULTS

Formula 8 Mens

1	174	Jeremy Paull
2	144	Jay Branson
3	044	Robert Branson
4	110	John Coates
5	148	David Brooker

Formula 8 Ladies

1	110	Kasey Coates
2	250	Jamie Webb
3	124	Jennifer Leek
4	144	Maree Watt
	174	Trevlyn Ryan

Formula 8 Rookies

1	044	Matthew Branson
2	110	Shane Barden
3	162	Scott Goodbody
4	028	Danika Barden

Bathtubs

1	117	Justin Skewes
2	150	Scott Bennett
3	167	Todd Williamson
4	054	Jarrad Elliot
5	112	Jeff Massam
6	005	Justin Ferguson

Formula 10s

1	185	Rebecca Rutherford
2	183	Daniel Rutherford
Equal 3rd		
	105	Tyron Wilson
	144	Jay Branson
5	184	Tyrone Morey

8 HP Standard

1	139	Shane Tregurtha/Simon Eaton
2	081	Dennis Peach/Tyron Wilson
3	167	Todd Williamson/Jenni Leek
4	113	Jamie George/Peter Barden
5	130	Ian Tyrell/Michael Tyrell
6	005	Justin Ferguson/Jarrad Elliot
7	174	Glenn Paull/Jeremy Paull
8	150	Scott Bennett/Simon Bastion
9	110	John Coates/Kasey Coates
10	148	David Brooker/Jaime Webb
11	044	Robert Branson/Justin Watt
12	053	Matthew Hall/Jay Branson
13	010	Brett Stolp/Dick Stolp
14	067	Ross McKinlay/Andrew Gamble

8HP Sports

1	081	Dennis Peach/Tyron Wilson
2	144	Jay Branson/Maree Watt
3	005	Justin Ferguson/Jarrad Elliot
4	167	Todd Williamson/Jenni Leek
5	139	Shane Tregurtha/Simon Eaton
6	164	Kim Bolvary/Leslie Brooker
7	113	Jamie George/Peter Barden
8	130	Ian Tyrell/Michael Tyrell
9	110	John Coates/Kasey Coates
10	052	Rohan Cahill/John Howell

10 HP Sports

1	081	Greg Barden/Glenn Paull
2	167	Ian Williamson/Todd Williamson
3	163	John Goodbody/Dennis Peach
4	005	Justin Ferguson/Jarrad Elliot



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STATE CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS  
(see next column)

**8 HP STANDARD**

Shane Tregurtha	700
Tony Palfry	580
Kerry Barden	526
Brent Barden	526
Glenn Paull	284
Steve Brown	284
Murray Brown	272
Robert Branson	236
Cyril Branson	224

**8 HP SPORTS**

Jay Branson	566
M Branson	546
Kim Bolvary	507
Tom Hodgkinson	300
Darren Austin	300
Donna Elliss	220
Scott Bennett	213
Jarrod Street	213
Lesley Brooker	206

**10 HP SPORTS**

John Goodbody	466
Russell Wilson	460
Frank Berloth	386
Kevin Green	360
Jon Faull	300
Justin Howarth	300
Garry Tanner	280
Grant Pouw-Bray	266
Ian Williamson	232

**ROOKIE F8**

M Branson	100
S Barden	80
S Goodbody	60
L Watson	40
D Barden	20

**BATHTUBS**

S Bennett	180
J Skewes	160
J Ferguson	86
T Williamson	80
J Elliott	80
G Massam	26

**FORMULA 10**

D Rutherford	180
R Rutherford	140
T Wilson	120
T Morey	40

**FORMULA 8 MENS**

J Branson	180
J Paull	160
R Branson	100
D Brooker	100
J Coates	60

**FORMULA 8 LADIES**

J Webb	180
K Coates	170
T Ryan	90
M Branson	80
J Leek	80

**BUNBURY CARNIVAL**

Everything was looking good for the start of the annual Bunbury Carnival, the weather was fine, the PA was set up, boats were arriving early, ready for scrutineering, umm, speaking of scrutineering, where is the scrutineer?? Well the scrutineer and his partner in crime were still looking for the car keys, to which a quite frazzled assistant race director was not very impressed...

But anyway, Kim Bolvary and Ian Williamson came to the rescue providing marvellous scrutineer work, and so we were finally underway.

First up after a welcoming word from sponsor and race director Rin Rutherford, were the Mens Formula 8's. After quite a spectacular heats Jeremy Paull and Jay Branson were equal on points, but Jeremy eventually took the honours after a countback, with Robert Branson, John Coates and David Brooker in 3rd 4th and 5th positions.

Kasey Coates caused an upset to take out Ladies Formula 8's with Jamie Webb and Jenie Leek fighting it out for second and third with only a point in it. Not too far behind was Maree Watt and Trevlyn Ryan in her first race, at times bashing her way through the course, to come equal on points with Maree.

Unfortunately there weren't enough entries for a class in Rookies, but the racing went on regardless. The two newcomers for the season, Scott Goodbody and Danika Barden handled the course well, but not well enough to hold off Matthew Branson, flying along just holding off Shane Barden in the Coates' s machine.

Formula 8's came to a conclusion and the bathtubs headed out with six entries. Justin Skewes and Scott Bennett fought it out with Justin taking the honours in the end on a countback. Jarrad Elliott and Jeff Massam, both in their first Bathub race, were having their own private battle with Todd Williamson and his new pink tub, in the middle of the field, with Justin Ferguson spitting the dummy and blaming everything (especially the MARINER!) but himself for his last position.

The start of the Formula 10 season got underway with a full class. The racing was fast and furious with a few anxious faces at one turn where Rebecca Rutherford was sandwiched by her rival brother Dan Rutherford, and Jay Branson. Of course she came out of it OK and went on to win all but one heat, and first position overall. Dan came in second and Tyron Wilson and Jay ended up with equal 3rd position, closely followed by Tyron Morey.

Fourteen boats and crews made for a spectacular race in the 8 HP standard competition. Heaps of banging and



crashing around buoys, a lot of yahoo and yehaa-ing from 167 and everyone had a ball. Shane Tregurtha and new deckie Simon Eaton took out first leaving Dennis Peach with Tyron Wilson, and Todd Williamson with Jenie Leek to fight for second place, which went to Dennis and Tyron on a countback.

8 HP Sports was just as exciting with nearly all 10 entries involved in a spectacular crash at the first buoy. Lesley didn't think it was that fantastic when she was left with a very ugly bruise and lump on her leg, to which, mind you, a lot of people are trying to lay claim and take the credit for it. Lots of people falling out of boats and bouncing off that blue rubber one, still more yahoo and yehaa-ing from 167 and crews were still having a ball. Dennis and Tyron held off Jay Branson and Maree Watt to place 1st, while 3rd place was decided by a countback and given to Justin Ferguson and Jarrad Elliott over Todd Williamson and Jenie Leek, and Shane Tregurtha and Simon Eaton.

Not enough entries for the 10 HP class (an obvious lack of GFR entries) saw only four craft in the water. It was close racing between the new team of Greg Bardon and Glenn Paull and Ian and Todd Williamson, with Greg and Glenn hanging on to first position by 1 point. John Goodbody and deckie Dennis Peach came in for third, and when the boat of Justin Ferguson and Jarrad Elliott fell apart, they decided to chuck it in prematurely.

Overall, we thought it was a great day of racing, the Formula 10's started off the season well with all those that raced them claiming it was the best thing ever. Thank you to all those that helped out, the Bunbury Power Boat Club for the sausage sizzle, and to GFR Industries for the sponsorship.



## DINGHY DITTIES

**T**rying to show up the more senior members at Neville's on the weekend, our young (but rather tall) member retired to his tent early on Saturday night, and to everyone's shock, it was with an even younger groupie. But, trying to console his devastated co-driver on Sunday, he told her he still hasn't lost his (ahem!) innocence. Well at least that would have justified his poor performance – on the water on Sunday I mean!!

**G**reat weekend was had by quite a few members at Rottneest last week. Not mentioning any names (John Goodbody) was seen entertaining the crowds by walking on his hands and cartwheeling across the island. Not forgetting the 3-tiered dancing with some young floozies which had quite a few people impressed.

**R**umour has it, the crew of boat 162 have been getting in a lot of practise for the next circuit race. Not only have they been seen rolling around the floor together at a certain residence in Mirrabooka, but at 3am in Thomson's Bay! I think that's going a bit too far ...

**J**ust in time to celebrate with the "oh so mature" adults at the Christmas party, Shane Tregurtha has finally reached the big 18!! Congratulations!!!

**A** word of warning – next time someone turns up in an unpainted bathtub, don't hassle him. He might just take a leaf out of 054's book and then you'll be sorry!!!

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### EASTERN STATES TRIP – MARCH 1997

Organisation is well underway for the Dinghy Racing Excursion to tackle a couple of rivers in conjunction with our Power Dinghy counterparts in NSW.

Ten members have already made a commitment and have met to start organising themselves. There are still places available – if you are at all interested in this venture ring Dennis on 370 5678 (w) or 041 141 4443.

To raise money towards this trip the organisers are intend holding a quiz night on Saturday 18 January, further details will be in the January newsletter.

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