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**NEXT MEETING**

12 February  
8.00 pm  
The Palms  
Cnr Rokeby Road  
& Nicholson Road Subiaco

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**100 Club**



**First Draw at  
12 February Meeting  
\*\*BE THERE\*\***

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**COMMODORE'S REPORT**

It was pleasing to see an improved turnout at the January General Meeting, sufficient members were present to form a quorum and conduct the business of the Club.

It has been said to me many times by members that the General Meetings need to be revitalised with more topics of interest, guest speakers, talk, videos, demonstrations etc. This was high on our 'to do' list early on in the Club year, but has proved a difficult task. The main problem is that there is simply insufficient time after 8.00 pm in an evening to conduct Club business and have an item of interest and allow for some socialising and a drink or two.

There are various statutory meeting procedures that must be followed by incorporated bodies such as ours and these will inevitably occupy some of the evening.

Without doubt, though, the least popular agenda items are the rule and specification amendments. They tend to be poorly debated and the proponents often do not prepare their proposals or their arguments sufficiently well. The issues are often only relevant to a minority of members and discussions are often dominated by a vocal few.

The solution is not obvious to me, dinghy racing is a developmental sport and the rules will thus inevitably need constant fine tuning and modification. The spirit of the competition is often not the most congenial leading to nit-picking and argument over wording and 'small print'— again necessitating changes and clarification to resolve disputes. There is a proposal in this newsletter that rule changes be allowed only at certain meetings during the year — you must decide whether or not this is a workable solution BUT meanwhile there are some things you can do to make our

meetings more efficient and enjoyable, and possibly short enough to allow other activities:

- 1 Ensure that your rule book is current (each page must have "31 January 1994" at top right) and that you have all sections ie PDRC constitution; WASDA competition rules; WASDA specifications (dinghies); WASDA specifications (F8s and Bathtubs); Technical specifications.
- 2 You have a copy of the rule amendments issued September 1995 and titled "PDRC rule amendments January 1994 to September 1995.
- 3 You remain conversant, via the newsletter of any **approved** rule changes since September 1995.
- 4 Remember that **ONLY** rules and specifications listed in 1-3 above are valid. If a rule or specification appears only in a previous rule book or was an unminuted discussion it is **not** now a part of our rules.
- 5 When a motion is put restrict discussion to the matter in hand, do not introduce irrelevant issues.
- 6 Get your facts right — there has been grossly inaccurate information quoted from the floor during General Meetings, intentional or not, it causes confusion and mistrust.

The success and quality of a Club such as ours depends on input from the members and I am certainly not intending that your participation in debate be restricted but I do request that you carefully think through your comments and ensure that what you are saying is relevant, factual and useful.

We gave you a break from events for a period of 8 weeks over the Christmas/New Year period but the next few months it is back on again with a vengeance. By the time you receive this newsletter Busselton will have come and gone and the Rockingham Regatta will not be far away on 18 February. Rockingham is one of our most lavish events with entertainment for the whole family — certainly not to miss. Try to visit Rockingham City Shopping Centre in the week before the event to see the PDRC display.

John Faull is organising a social day when all members will be given the opportunity of trying different boats, motors and to get advice on setting up boats, driving techniques etc. Details will be in the next newsletter.

The Burswood Enduro is on 3 March (note change of date from Club calendar) and we are hoping to exceed the record turnout seen for last year's event. This new venue for the Enduro should make the day even more attractive for competitors, families and spectators alike. This would be an ideal opportunity for you all to have a look at the progress being made on our new clubrooms.

*Keith Brooker*

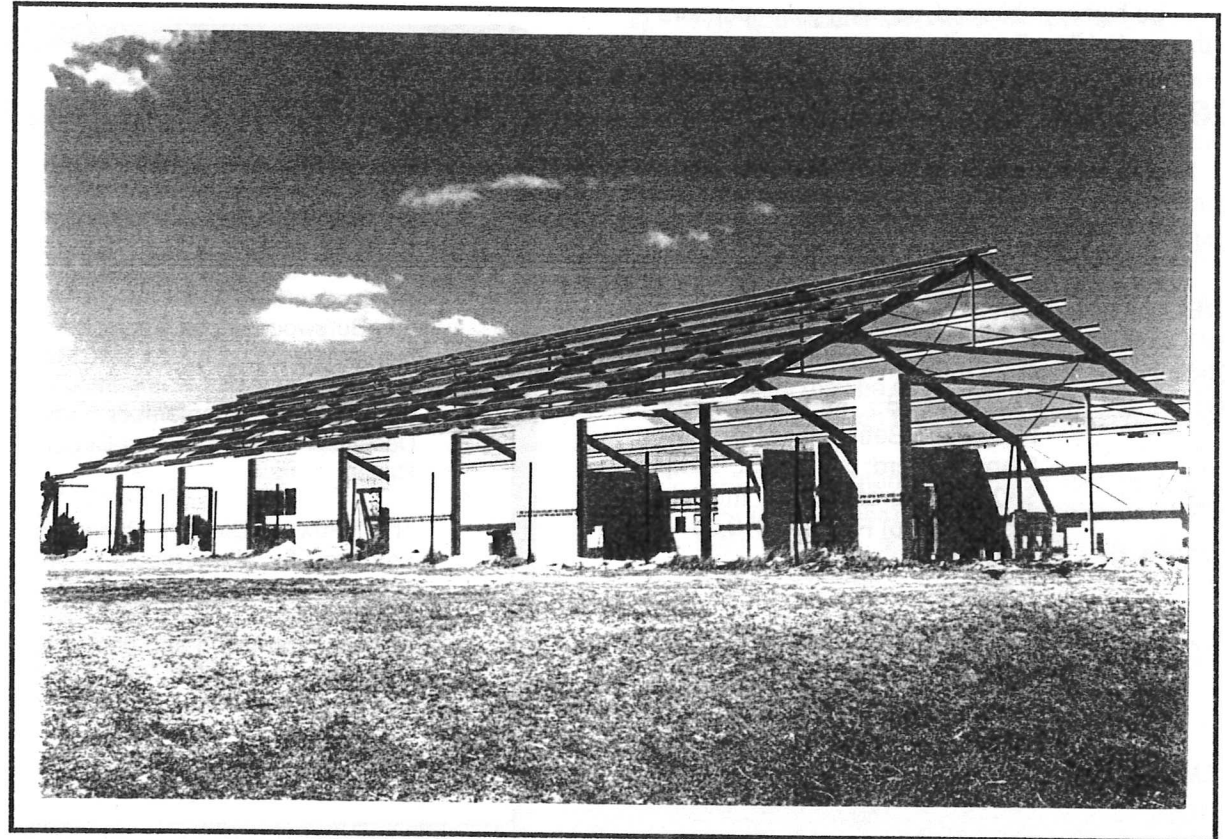
**BURSWOOD UPDATE**

The Burswood clubrooms are now under construction after a few technical hitches that the new committee (made up two delegates of each of four clubs) faced. As we are all aware, the location is superb and you will not buy better, which I think is why the local council made it extremely difficult in approving plans and issuing a building licence. This process took up the majority of the new committee's time six months prior to tender at the same time as organising the constitution etc.

Once plans were finally approved in principle by the council back in November, the documents were put out to tender with seven builders invited to tender which closed on 8 December 1995.

Because the tender documents included bar facilities and dividing operable walls etc it made the tender results high. Once the committee had these results they decided to have a builder project manage the job for them on a cost plus basis, cutting out areas that were not required as yet.

The builder commenced work on 4 January 1996 and as of 31 January all brick work was complete, structural steel alterations nearly complete and the roof timber to the verandah and toilet block started. The roof will be to lock-up stage by the end of February. The building will no have ceiling or interior fit out as yet although the toilets and changerooms will be completed.



All clubs should be able to start using the facilities in late March.

The committee meets early February to start implementing ways on how to make it operate and run for us all. They are also looking at all options in the way of leasing out the kitchens and dining room and also renting the building for other functions when not in use.

This could provide income to totally finish the building without any hindrance to any of the four clubs.

Should any member be interested in more information the contact number of our two delegates have always been made available.

**Your delegates for Burswood are:**

Greg Johnson 018 948 055  
Jeff Hodgkinson 367 8920

**Editor's Note:**

The Committee Dennis refers to in this article is the Committee of the Western Australian Recreational Watersports Association.

*Dennis Peach*

## ROCKINGHAM BEACH RESORT ROCKINGHAM REGATTA 1996

The great family day event is back again, bigger and better with sponsorship from the Rockingham Beach Resort. The Rockingham Regatta will have a fully licensed, undercover bar with table facilities. Please no BYO (support our sponsors). The sausage sizzle will be in action, icecreams, a fun castle and fun rides for adults and kids, toilet facilities and all for the family to enjoy while they watch the events on the water.

Bring your beach umbrella for shade; all your family and friends (if you haven't got any — hire some) and come down to Mangles Bay with your racing outfit.

The event will be highly publicised, so bring your sponsors and show them what it's all about.

## ROCKINGHAM BEACH RESORT ROCKINGHAM REGATTA 1996

**DATE:** Sunday 18 February 1996  
**LOCATION:** Mangles Bay, Peron Point Road, Rockingham  
**RACE DIRECTOR:** Kim Bolvary ☎ 015 448 999  
**ASSISTANT RACE DIRECTOR:** Gary Evans  
**CLASSES:** Formula 8 Ladies, Mens, Rookies; Bathtubs: Dinghies; 8 hp Standard; 8 hp Sport, 10 hp  
**ENTRY FEE:** \$30.00 per craft; \$50.00 multiple (same ID No) Rookies \$10.00  
**SCRUTINEERING:** 8.00 am  
**BRIEFING:** 8.45 am  
**START:** 9.00 am  
**RACING FORMAT:** AM Rookies, Bathtubs, Ladies F8, Mens F8 - 5 heats alternate PM Dinghies 10 hp Sports, 8 hp Sports  
**REPLACEMENT PARTS:** As per WASDA Power Dinghy Spec 10.3  
**RECOVERY:** Recovery craft will be on course  
**F8 SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS All Classes:** The Transom height shall not be capable of being adjusted whilst underway.  
**CATERING:** Sausage sizzle, licenced bar and icecream van on site  
**PRESENTATION:** Rockingham Beach Resort Marquee: Start Line

**We urgently require time keepers, recovery crew and officials for this event.**  
**Contact Race Director**

Event sponsored by  
**ROCKINGHAM BEACH RESORT**  
 ROCKINGHAM

## ROCKINGHAM REGATTA DISPLAY

The PDRC will be conducting a display of Dinghies, Formula 8s and Bathtubs at Rockingham City Shopping Centre from 12-17 February. We are looking for people to assist on Monday 12 February in the morning to set up the display and deliver boats.

*If you can assist  
 please contact Peter Street  
 telephone 249 3062 mobile 018 900 340*

## NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

Contrary to the belief of several of our members who attended the Club's January meeting and voiced concern that they have not received information in respect to the Burswood clubroom project, please note that all information that has been available was printed in the August, September and December issues of Power Dinghy Racer.

The Power Dinghy Racer is produced for all members of our Club and members are encouraged to contribute with stories, information and photos to keep this newsletter interesting and informative for all to read.

*Peter Street Public Relations Officer*

## COMING EVENTS

**100 Club first draw:** Monday 12 February  
**Rockingham Regatta:** Sunday 18 February  
**Burswood Enduro:** Sunday 3 March  
*Note change of date of Burswood Enduro*  
**Frederickstown Cup:** Sat - Sun 6 -7 April

## BLACKWOOD CLASSIC Sponsorship Forms

The ACTIV Foundation are concerned that they have only received a small number of sponsorship forms from the 1995 Blackwood Classic.

Members are asked to please honour these forms now by forwarding to the ACTIV Foundation or contact Lynne Berloth on telephone 398 1800.

## BUSSELTON FESTIVAL RESULTS

### Rookies

1	028	P Barden
2	113	S Barden
3	174	J Paull
4	144	M Branson
5	148	D Brooker
6	008	J Green

### Ladies Formula 8s

1	183	R Rutherford
2	144	M Watt
3	124	J Leek
4	250	J Webb
5	110	K Coates

### Mens Formula 8s

1	183	D Rutherford
2	105	T Wilson
3	174	G Paull
4	144	J Branson
5	184	T Morey
6	122	G Massam
7	110	J Coates
8	148	K Brooker

### Bathtubs

1	117	J Skewes
2	167	T Williamson
3	138	J Street
4	150	S Bennett
5	005	J Fergusson
6	183	D Rutherford
7	184	T Morey
8	139	S Tregurtha

### 10 hp Sports

1	111	J Haynes/C Abbott	46 04
2	052	M Lenz/K Pozzi	46 55
3	183	R & D Rutherford	49 30
4	124	G Hall/G Massam	57 49
5	117	J Skewes/P Hink	1 10 22
DNF	144	J & C Branson	

### 8 hp Sports

1	167	I & T Williamson	50 05
2	105	R & T Wilson	52 12
3	064	K Bolvary/D Austin	53 02
4	005	J Fergusson/J Elliot	54 24
5	173	K Williams/L Norton	57 29
6	051	C & S Hills	1 03 13
7	110	J & K Coates	1 12 04
DNF	155	J Taylor/C McDonald	

### 8 hp Standard

1	081	G & M Barndon	50 09
2	139	S Tregurtha/D Currey	50 10
3	138	J Street/S Bennett	50 34
4	165	A Bijl/J Spangero	52 12
5	021	G Dicarlo/L Teraci	58 44
6	044	R Branson/B Berger	58 44
7	174	G Paull/B Barden	1 01 58
8	184	R Ellis/T Morey	1 03 43
9	170	D Culley/M Martin	1 04 10
10	130	I & M Tyrell	1 06 36
11	093	C Taylor/N Watson	1 10 36
DNF	056	R Cahill/A Garland	
DNF	039	L & S Goddard	
DNF	127	P Kinnersly/V Bowness	

## UPGRADING OF GENERAL LICENCES

You will see from this newsletter that a motion was passed at the January General Meeting that gives the Management Committee the option of considering applications for the upgrade of a General Licence to a 10 HP Licence for an individual event.

The Committee resolved at the 16 January Committee meeting that any such application must follow the following protocol.

- The application must be in writing.
- The application must be submitted to the Management Committee one week prior to a gazetted Committee Meeting.
- Any applications will only be considered at a gazetted Committee Meeting.
- The applicant is to supply a detailed racing history, for consideration. This history must contain: all races the applicant has nominated for, all races completed by the applicant, the event position gained by the applicant, the points allocated to the applicant (both championship and licence points).
- Applicants must nominate the craft that they intend to participate in, along with the driver of the craft.
- They must be able to provide correctly fitting 10 hp helmet and safety equipment, relevant to the event.
- Applicant may be requested to attend the Committee Meeting at which their application will be considered.

### Note

The Management Committee has no authority to over-ride any supplementary regulations pertaining to minimum age specifications directly relating to a specific event.

If you intend making an application for a licence upgrade for an event please ensure that you follow the protocol or the application will be rejected.



GFR RacingTeam member Tyron Morey in action at Burswood Spectacular, December 1995.

### 1996 BUSSELTON FESTIVAL Race Report

For the second consecutive year the Vasse River in Busselton was closed to aquatic activities because of algal bloom but by means of some considerable negotiation Glen Paull was able to secure us a new location at Wonnerup. Nine am start time and the water was less than knee deep, but the tide was coming in fast and a delay until 9.30 am gave excellent racing conditions.

#### F8 Mens

A record field of eight craft hit the water. Daniel Rutherford's much improved starts and consistent speed again paid off. The last race was less predictable with a very close start, some of the quicker boats had to work their way through the field, Glen Paull and Geoff Massam fell in the hole locked together whilst overtaking the two geriatrics, Brooker and Coates, who fought a slow motion battle for the last two places.

#### F8 Ladies

Rebecca continued the Rutherford rout but her domination could be under threat from Maree Watt who, in only her second event is proving a formidable rival. Despite mechanical problems with 124 Jenny Leek managed to hold third place.

#### F8 Rookies

Peter Barden's first outing with Suzuki power paid off as he finally got the upper hand on his Mariner powered brother Shane. The return of Justin Green in red boat 008 was a welcome addition to the Rookie's fleet.

#### Bathtubs

The tight course meant full on racing with plenty of spills and thrills at the first turn. Justin Ferguson spat the dummy after three boats flipped and a restart was called. Justin Skewes and Todd Williamson fought an extremely close battle with first place being decided on count back.

#### Dinghies — Meelup to Busselton Ocean Race

After many years of smooth conditions in Meelup Bay for the start, many of us were surprised to see one metre waves breaking on the beach. By start time the chop had eased a little but it was still sufficient to make the start difficult for some, and most deckies were glad to be underway after holding their boats in chest high water. The new rubber duck of John Haynes, 13 feet 3 inches of bright white boat looked magnificent and was to prove itself first time out.

The strict instruction to keep inshore and the requirement to be checked off at Siesta Park were well heeded but as it was everyone hugged the coast looking for shelter. The Allbuild team in 005 had to return to the beach to change motor height (a consequence of losing the motor overboard during practise) but did well to pull back to 4th place in 8 hp Sports.

Justin and Peter in 117 took it very easy and seemed to enjoy themselves at the leisurely pace. PK and Ven in 127 found their boat and bodies were certainly not enjoying the ride and look advantage of the checkpoint at Siesta Park to pull out. The roughest water was around the jetty and most crews were sitting on the transom when running down to the finish line desperately trying not to nose dive.

What a finish in 8 hp Standard! 081 and 139 were neck and neck all the way down the jetty, there was literally nothing between them until Greg managed to catch a wave and surf over the finish line 1/100th of a second ahead of Shane to take first place.

#### Acknowledgements

Glen and Kate Paull for all the preparation, organisation and race directing, a well run weekend, it was especially pleasing to know that, by using mobile telephones and marine radios all boats were accounted for at all times on Sunday.

Glen Skewes - Pit Marshall both days.  
Rob Branson, Nathan Burke — Flags  
Ven Bowness, Tammy Paull, Kerry Barden, Greg Barndon — Timekeeping  
Jamie George, Peter Hink, Geoff Massam, Clinton Abbott, Peter Kinnersly, Rebecca Rutherford, Jamie Webb — Rescue boats  
Keith Heyter, Bill Butlin, Ted Whitney, Keith Brooker and PV15 — large boats.  
Greg Barndon — Scrutineer  
Peter Barden — Assisting scrutineer and general dogsbody  
Peter Hink — Towing Club trailer  
Lesley Brooker — Sausage sizzle (another \$246 profit!)  
To others that I have not mentioned — thank you.

#### Special thanks to event sponsor

The Esplanade Hotel  
Busselton

### FOUND



Left at sausage sizzle  
Busselton Festival

Contact Lesley Brooker on 439 1879  
if you think it may be yours



### FOOTHILLS MARINE WASDA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP 1995/96

#### FORMULA 8 MENS

D Rutherford	380
T Wilson	320
G Paull	240
J Branson	180
T Morey	80
J Coates	12
K Brooker	7
G Massam	6

#### FORMULA 8 LADIES

R Rutherford	380
J Webb	260
J Leek	200
M Watt	140
C Coates	86
C Skewes	80
J Watson	66
L Brooker	20

#### 8HP STANDARD

Barndon	800
M Barndon	800
G Paull	538
R Payne	532
J Street	348
B Barden	347
K Barden	341
S Tregurtha	287
D Currey	286

#### 8HP SPORTS

I Williamson	421
T Williamson	421
S Bennett	401
K Williams	401
L Norton	401
K Bolvary	346
D Austin	346
P Tregurtha	340
G Evans	320

#### 10 HP SPORTS

J Skewes	640
P Hink	640
F Berloth	421
G Hall	321
W-Bray	241
J Paull	207
V Miragliotta	207
R Wilson	200
G Tanner	200

#### BATHTUBS

J Street	260
T Williamson	240
S Bennett	226
J Skewes	200
J Ferguson	140
D Austin	100
B Barden	40
DRutherford	24
T Morey	24
S Tregurtha	18

#### ROOKIES F8

J Paull	300
S Barden	280
P Barden	280
D Brooker	180
M Branson	160
L Watson	12
J Green	6

### FOR SALE

Wet suit Body glove Size M  
long legs and long arms  
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2 x V hull tubs \$75.00  
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Kevlar Boat \$1,200  
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Boat 117 3rd 1995 Avon 10 HP  
Exc Condition

also

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Complete rig Race ready  
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☎ Tay 302 1202

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Jarrod Street

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### RULE AMENDMENTS

#### Passed by members January 1996

The following rule proposals were passed by members at the January general meeting

1 Power Dinghy Standard Class 3.7 be altered to read:

Only propellers as supplied by the manufacturer of that model motor shall be used. Bronze propellers shall not be used. Propellers shall be not altered, ground or thinned on the back or face. Damage to the leading edge may be repaired by any means. The point at which the leading edge becomes the face or back shall be 5 mm from the edge of the propeller.

Proposed: Brent Barden  
Seconded: Peter Kinnersly

2 A member of a club has the right to apply to their club committee for an age limit reduction from general licence to a 10 HP licence for each particular open or closed event. The club committee has the right to approve such an application on individual merit and experience.

Proposed: Russell Wilson  
Seconded: Ian Williamson

### RULE PROPOSALS

To be debated and voted at the February General Meeting

#### New Proposals

Addition to Rule Book

Rule amendments may only be voted on quarterly ie at the February, May, August and November general meetings.

Proposed: Neil Manning  
Seconded: Paul Waldoock

F8 Competition Rules  
The following proposal to be added to F8 Competition Rules and Specifications.

The transom height shall not be capable of being adjusted whilst the craft is underway.

Proposed: Peter Street  
Seconded: Greg Barndon

Add Specifications

8 hp Standard Class, 8 hp Sport 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

## BURSWOOD ENDURO

## AVON 1996

The 1996 Avon Descent is alive and well despite losing Caltex as a major corporate sponsor. The NADA Committee have been working hard and have secured several sponsors to ensure the success of the 1996 Descent.

The word from NADA is that the 1996 event will be bigger and better than ever, so start laying up those new boats and let's see a big field on the water this year.

The Burswood Enduro (formerly Baldivis Rally) will be conducted at Burswood on Sunday 3 March 1996. The format will be slightly altered from last year but will involve an approximate 50 lap course with fuel stops and propeller changes. Each craft will again be allocated limited fuel to start the event and for fuel stops. A support crew of no more than two will be permitted to assist in pit area. The Enduro will be for dinghies with all classes on course at the same time making for an exciting event.

Support events will be Heat 6 of the Formula 8 and Bathubs WASDA State Championships.

If you can assist with recovery, pit area etc please contact Race Director Keith Brooker telephone 439 1879 after hours or work 360 2326.

**NOTE CHANGE OF DATE FROM CLUB CALENDAR**

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### WHAT KIND OF MEMBER ARE YOU?

Are you an active member,  
The kind that would be missed;  
Or are you just content  
That your name is on the list.

Do you attend meetings,  
And mingle with the flock,  
Or do you stay at your home  
And criticize and knock

Do you ever work on committees,  
To see there is no trick,  
Or leave the work to just a few  
And talk about the clique.

So, come to the meetings often,  
And help with hand and heart,  
Don't be just a member  
But take an active part!

*Author Unknown*

### NEXT MEETING

12 February 1996  
8.00 pm  
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## 100 Club



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