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 (they're back!!)

Next Meeting

10 June 1996

8.00 pm

The Palms

**Cnr Rockeby Rd &
 Nicholson Rd, Subiaco**



A NEW CLASS OF EVENT — "DISTANCE RACES"

For some years now the PDRC has had a 3 tier entry fee system for our races — \$60 for river races, \$45 for intermediate races and \$30 for circuit races.

The time has come to formalise this arrangement, to classify each event and to review the competition points allocated to each event.

We are proposing therefore that the events that have historically been charging a \$45 entry fee be classified as DISTANCE RACES and that they be worth 200 competition points for finishing and 100 points for starting but not finishing.

In future when the Club calendar is published the events will be classified as one of either RIVER, DISTANCE OR CIRCUIT.

If this proposal is accepted at the June General Meeting the 1996/97 Calendar will be classified as follows:

RIVER RACES	DISTANCE RACES	CIRCUIT RACES
\$60 entry, 250 points for finish, 125 points for starting	\$45 entry, 200 points for finish, 100 points for starting	\$30 entry, 150 points for finish, 75 points for starting
Nannup Cup Sunnyside Down Frederickstown Cup	Spit Post Marathon Peel Pursuit Busselton/Meelup ocean race	Bunbury Carnival Northam Regatta Burswood Cup Rockingham Regatta Burswood Enduro

Next Event

Sunnyside Down

14 July 1996

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COMING EVENTS

- 2 JUNE NANNUP CUP
10 JUNE GENERAL MEETING
14 JULY SUNNYSIDE DOWN

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

JUNE 1996

Included with this issue of Power Dinghy Racer is an updated list of approved changes to the WASDA competition rules and specifications and to the PDRC constitution. Please ensure that you are familiar with these amendments and that you consult them, in conjunction with the 31 January 1994 'yellow book', when checking rules and regulations. It is in your interest to keep yourself up to date with the rule book, it is obvious from comments made from time to time that a lot of members do not know the rules as well as they should. Remember also that if it is not in the 31 January 1994 book or the amendments dated 21 May 1996 it is **not** a WASDA regulation!

The Blackwood River Sports Club have indicated that they are not in a position to run the Blackwood Classic 250 for this year. Lynne Berloth has agreed to be race organiser again this year and I have asked her to go ahead and put together a Blackwood Organising Committee. Lynne will very much appreciate hearing from anyone who would like to assist with the organisation of this event — **please consider helping out and not just leaving it to the dedicated few.**

At the 13 May General Meeting we were fortunate to be able to fill the committee positions that were left vacant at the AGM. Congratulations to the new committee members: Treasurer - Lesley Brooker; Property Officer - Jarrad Elliot; Public Relations Officer - Peter Street (with Ken Goodall) and Safety Officer - Geoff Hall.

The dinghy season started on 19 May with the Spit Post Marathon — what a turnout! 38 boats made an impressive sight lined up on the beach at Point Walter. This is a really positive sign that our sport is flourishing, especially as a good numbers of boats and competitors were either first-timers or returning after a long break from dinghy racing. Thanks to Arthur Fairhurst, his family and helpers for a well run and enjoyable race.

Keith Brooker

MEMBERSHIP 1996-97 FEES

Full membership	\$55.00
Licence, Public Liability insurance	\$67.00
total	\$122.00
Race ID	\$15.00
Family membership + Race ID	\$274.00
Junior membership (14-17 years)	\$55.00
Rookies (10-14 years)	\$40.00



**Avon Scrutineering
only 6 weeks
to go!!!**

**FREEMASON'S HOTEL
SUNNYSIDE DOWN**

- DATE:** Sunday 14 July 1996
RACE DIRECTOR: Glen Skewes Ph 537 6621 or 015 381 567
SCRUTINEER: Justin Ferguson Ph 015 442 668
ENTRY FEE: \$60.00 per craft
ENTRIES: Available from registration on day at Bridgetown - Start line This is a CLOSED event. ALL COMPETITORS MUST BE FINANCIAL CLUB MEMBERS
EVENT: 10 HP Sports, 8 HP Sports, 8 HP Standard
CLASSES: 8.00 am Start line
SCRUTINEERING: 8.45 am Start line
BRIEFING: 9.00 am Blackwood River, Blackwood Park, Bridgetown
START: As per drivers finish position 1995 Sunnyside. Balance of entries by ballot
START ORDER: Single craft 30 second intervals. Motors must not be started until craft enters water
START PROCEDURE: As per WASDA power dingy specifications 10.1
REPLACEMENT PARTS: Entrants withdrawing during race MUST notify an official. Failure to do so will incur a \$100 penalty
WITHDRAWALS: A sweep boat will cover the course. Boats withdrawn from the event will be towed to the nearest downstream checkpoint.
RESCUE: 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. There will be no refuelling during the event.
COURSE DETAILS: Blackwood Park Bridgetown
REFUELLING: There will be no refuelling during the event.
FINISH PRESENTATION: Blackwood Park Bridgetown

NOTE: RATION PACK REQUIRED

Event Sponsored by
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RULE PROPOSALS

1 It is proposed that the number of WASDA competition points required to obtain a 10 HP Class licence be reduced from 5000 to 3000. The Committee is of the opinion that a driver who has completed sufficient events to accrue 3000 points (which would take 1½ years of completing every event) is experienced enough to move up to the 10 HP Class.

Proposal: Competition Rule 22.13 (10 HP licence) amend section (a) iii to read " have accumulated 3000 points as a driver in accordance with the table in 22.14".

Proposed: Keith Brooker Seconded: Dennis Peach

2 **Distance Races**
(see article on distance races in this issue)

It is proposed that the table in competition rules 22.14 (page 48) be amended to read:

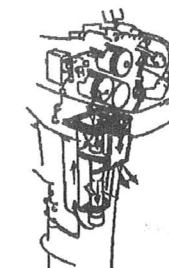
22.14 Points for a WASDA Competition Licence

Event	Finishing	Starting	
Avon Descent	500	225	no change
Blackwood Classic 250	500	225	no change
Other river race	250	125	currently 100 for starting
Distance race	200	100	NEW
Circuit race	150	75	no change

Proposed: Peter Street Seconded: Justin Ferguson

POST RACE SCRUTINEERING

Following discussions at the May meeting of the Rules Committee, it has been decided that a competitor's motor may be selected at random for full scrutineering. Should the motor be found to be legal as per WASDA Technical Specifications a reimbursement of \$100.00 will be given to the competitor to assist with gasket costs etc. This reimbursement will only be applicable for PDRC Club events.



A ROUGH RIDE AT THE SPIT POST

Rin and Daniel Rutherford must be wondering what they have to do to win a dinghy race as they led a field of 38 entries around the Swan River until a prop dropped off a short way from home, and over they went. This opened up a 10 HP battle between Mike Lenz and Kim Pozzi and Greg and Margot Barndon, with the 124 machine of Frank Berloth and Stuart Maxwell hot on their heels. As a mixture of power craft and strong breeze created very tricky conditions, causing a few flips and many an airborne boat. The 005 boat had a battle in the large swell (a bit short eh!) as Adrian Griffin and Rebecca Rutherford also had a boat that didn't adapt to conditions.



The 064 outfit (Kim Bolvary and Darren Austin) were hounded all day by Jay Branson and Marie Watt (22 seconds apart at the end of the day) as both crews pushed their outfits to the limit, putting on a great spectacle as they neared Childey Point. Jarrod Street and Scott Bennett had their first sports outing with a new boat but had to endure a broken jack to settle for third from the Milner rubber duck, also with a jack problem.

Standard Class were slightly better suited to conditions as Shane Tregurtha and Tony Palfrey continued on their winning ways as Andy Peppercorn's rubber duck showed enormous improvement, from Burswood's event, to collect his first trophy as the Cooling Bros Glass entry of Brent and Kerry Barden brought the first Standard Class glass boat home into third, after having a tough time in the rough patches.

Kylie and Caroline in 022 "The Miss Maude's outfit" had a great run in their first Power Dinghy outing, running in second place (Standard Class) until a bit of over enthusiasm put them in the drink. Don't worry Ladies, we've all done it!!

Some of our ex-Rookies ventured onto the river for their first outing, with David Brooker skippering our Commodore Keith and Tyron Wilson teaming up with Ben Fairhurst. Well done boys, you did an excellent job in difficult conditions.

Jarrad Elliot had one of his best days with new deckie Leon (4th place), as Craig Taylor and Jamie Webb discovered that borrowed outfits just don't work.

It was good to see the rubber duck brigade line up again although our resident hairdresser was probably wondering what she was doing out there (is it a rig or Michelle?).

Well done to Race Director Arthur Fairhurst, Officials, Recovery and Marker Boats.

After being pounded around in a dinghy for 12 years there's nothing like sitting out on the water in a bit of comfort, watching a whole group of idiots tear around the river!

Peter Street



Frank Berloth and Stewart Maxwell in action at the Spit Post Marathon

SPIT POST MARATHON 1996 RESULTS

8 HP STANDARD

139	S Tregurtha/T Palfrey	1.10.07
028	B Barden/K Barden	1.12.36
102	A Peppercorn/M Parish	1.13.54
054	J Elliot/L Wilcock	1.14.44
174	G Paull/J Paull	1.17.21
044	R Branson/C Branson	1.18.54
148	D Brooker/K Brooker	1.20.31
039	L Goddard/C Goddard	1.22.46
185	T Morey/J Leek	1.23.03
106	T Wilson/B Fairhurst	1.23.47
186	I Cameron/M Delborello	1.27.13
056	R Cahill/J Howell	1.29.05
105	D Phillips/L Buurman	1.30.58
047	D O'Neil/J O'Neil	1.37.33
103	A Bartlett/S Magill	1.41.05

8 HP SPORTS

064	K Bolvary/D Austin	1.05.09
144	J Branson/M Watt	1.05.31
138	J Street/S Bennett	1.11.57
061	P Milner/M Thomas	1.15.10
110	J Coates/K Moore	1.18.11
201	B Kitcher/R Taylor	1.23.42
171	H Burgess/D Stubbs	1.25.45
087	R Franklin/R Franklin	1.32.37
170	D Culley/M Martin	1.37.57
060	C Taylor/J Webb	1.41.00

10 HP SPORTS

081	G Barndon/M Barndon	1.00.30
052	M Lenz/K Pozzi	1.01.11
124	F Berloth/S Maxwell	1.02.22
005	J Ferguson/D Peach	1.02.43
166	I Williamson/T Williamson	1.06.05
003	G Hall/G Massam	1.06.13
117	J Skewes/P Hink	1.07.10
184	A Griffin/R Rutherford	1.11.52
111	J Haynes/J George	1.17.36

DNF

183	R Rutherford/D Rutherford
022	K Martin/C Edmiston
128	G Bordas/G Marinkovich
096	T Overstone/D Snooks

OVERALL

1	081	1.00.30	10
2	052	1.01.11	10
3	124	1.02.22	10
4	005	1.02.43	10
5	064	1.05.09	SP
6	144	1.05.31	SP
7	166	1.06.05	10
8	003	1.06.13	10
9	117	1.07.10	10
10	139	1.10.07	ST
11	184	1.11.52	10
12	138	1.11.57	SP
13	028	1.12.36	ST
14	102	1.13.54	ST
15	054	1.14.44	ST
16	061	1.15.10	SP
17	174	1.17.21	ST
18	111	1.17.36	10
19	110	1.18.11	SP
20	044	1.18.54	ST
21	148	1.20.31	ST
22	039	1.22.46	ST
23	185	1.23.03	ST
24	201	1.23.42	SP
25	106	1.23.47	ST
26	171	1.25.45	SP
27	186	1.27.13	ST
28	056	1.29.05	ST
29	105	1.30.58	ST
30	087	1.32.37	SP
31	047	1.37.33	ST
32	170	1.37.57	SP
33	060	1.41.00	SP
34	103	1.41.05	ST

COMMODORE'S BALL — GALA NIGHT OUT

No sex, no drugs, just Rock 'n' Roll, as members and guests danced until the early hours at the 1996 Commodore's Ball. With tables littered with rapidly emptying bottles of wine, and the buffet dinner settling in stomachs, the trophy presentations began.

Going home with a big smile was Greg and Margot Barndon, winners of the PDRC and WASDA State Championships, taking home the Mariner outboard — thanks to Foothills Marine.

The speech of the night went to Ian Williamson who gave us a quick (one hour) summary of his year's racing. Some of our younger members got into the spirit of getting the annual event back to a ball with tuxedos and stretch limos and even a couple of hair cuts (although no one can match Geoff Hall's!).

For the trophies thanks to GFR Industries and Rin Rutherford (Presenter), Cooling Bros Glass Co, Brent Barden (Presenter) and Lynne Berloth for presenting the WASDA trophies, Glen Skewes and our major sponsor Foothills Marine, Gary and Irene Tinley.

All the boring stuff out of the way and the band fired up with some "good old rock 'n' roll" with Fred and Ginger Skewes tripping the light fantastic. The dance floor remained packed until stumps were called at around 1.30 am. By the end of the night the women were still looking glamorous but some of the guys were looking fairly shabby. Jarrad Elliot saw his trophies tumble down the stairs without him (he was

later seen madly in love with a letterbox and fertilising gardens).

It was great to see 95% of guests stay until the end (even if they can't remember) as the bar staff will verify (what a great job they did for inexperienced bar staff). To all those that helped set up the hall and clean up after — *thankyou!!*

Hopefully we'll be at Burswood for the 1997 Commodore's Ball, so put it in your diary for a bigger and better event.

Best Member Trophy	Kerry Barden
Commodore's Trophy	Peter Street
Junior State Champion	Shane Tregurtha
WASDA State Champions	Greg & Margot Barndon

Peter Street

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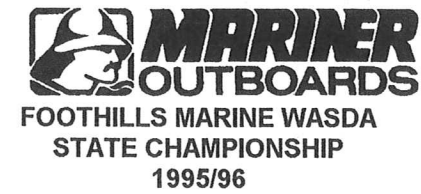
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Daniel Rutherford	620
Tryon Wilson	540
Glen Paull	440
Jay Branson	266
Tyrone Morey	166
Geoff Massam	66
John Coates	39

LADIES FORMULA 8

Rebecca Rutherford	680
Jamie Webb	440
Jennifer Leek	420
Kasey Coates	152
Colleen Skewes	80
Kerry Barden	80

ROOKIES

Shane Barden	460
Jeremy Paull	440
Peter Barden	420
David Brooker	280
Matthew Branson	180
Lisa Watson	38

BATHTUBS

Justin Skewes	460
Jarrod Street	400
Scott Bennett	346
Justin Ferguson	340
Todd Williamson	340
Darren Austin	140
Gary Evans	100

8 HP SPORTS

Ian Williamson	582	482
Todd Williamson	582	482
Jarrad Elliot	448	446
Justin Ferguson	441	440
Kevin Williams	521	340
Luke Norton	521	340
Jay Branson	394	312
Kim Bolvary	346	260
Darren Austin	346	260
Russell Wilson	200	180
Tyrone Wilson	200	180
Scott Bennett	461	140



10 HP CLASS

Justin Skewes	860	660
Peter Hink	860	660
Mike Lenz	502	502
Kim Pozzi	502	502
John Haynes	261	261
Clinton Abbott	261	261
Geoff Hall	348	207
Frank Berloth	442	201
Justin Ferguson	180	100
Russell Wilson	280	80
Gary Tanner	280	80
Debbie Medcalfe	80	80
Grant Pouw-Bray	241	80

WASDA PDRC

8 HP STANDARD

Greg Barndon	980	700
Margot Barndon	980	700
Shane Tregurtha	527	527
Glen Paull	664	324
Ray Payne	658	318
Daniel Currey	286	286
Jarrod Street	414	248
Tyrone Wilson	160	160
Alan Bijl	194	107
John Spanghero	194	107
Peter Kinnersley	221	94
Ven Bowness	107	94



NOTE TO ALL RACERS

1 Bolt your motors on, don't rely only on your clamp brackets !!!
2 Can your deckie drive your boat, if not why !!

RED FLAG REMINDER
Membership fees are now due, you must be financial to race!!

**100 Club
May Draw Winners**

1st G Pouw-Bray	No 55 \$500.00
2nd PDRRC	No 89 \$100.00
3rd Kim Bolvary	No 64 \$100.00
4th Ian Williamson	No 66 \$100.00
5th Kevan Goodall	No 37 \$100.00

BE AT THE JUNE MEETING



FOR THE FINAL DRAW

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DINGHY DITTIES

We're Back!!!

Few more new boats on the water for Avon '96, the 081 boat to be replaced and powered by 10 HP maybe Tohatsu. John Faull also in the workshop along with Jeff Hodgekinson and son Tom.

Don't be surprised to see the Wilson Team in a new design rubber duck. Have you ever seen Russell in rubber!!

Flying Frank Berloth has been collecting outfits from everywhere. He will need a dart board to chose what to race.

Amazing how people are looking for a lightweight deckie after one of our Juniors advertised last month. You might be surprised to see who jumps in with him during the circuit racing season.

One long-time racer has parted with his son and may move into 10 HP with an ex top-runner.

What design will GFR come up with next, as the super quick 184 may go on the market shortly?

Will we see 10 HP Formula 8s in 1996??

*Dinghy Ditties
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