



# Power Dinghy Racer

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9th March 1998  
 8.00pm  
 Burswood Clubrooms

# New venue proves a winner



A heat of the 8HP class are lined up and ready to jump with spectators taking advantage of the surrounding limestone walls

Rather than having another race down at Burswood in lieu of losing a good venue like the Rockingham Regatta, Port Bouvard was found with only a few weeks before the date. It turned out to be one of our best circuit racing venues. With a Marquee, PA System, toilets, chairs and sausage sizzle set up on the beach area, the Port Bouvard canals made for great spectating by members and general public with the event being published in local newspapers. Starting off with Rookies, the rest of the F8's and tubs saw quite a few craft rubbing paint with few exiting with flips. A new form of standing starts was tried for F8's — will this continue? Once again Shane Barden took out 1st place in Rookies with Scott Bennett Jnr making his debut in collecting his first trophy after only 3 races. (Prize money must make a difference). Very close racing in ladies

F8's saw Jennie Leek in fine form with her or somebody's Suzuki taking out first place on countback over Kerry Barden. Jeremy Paul (25 Pts) and Peter Barden (20 Pts) seemed to have the circuit to themselves way ahead of the rest whilst in Bathtubs Jarrad Elliott cracked his first win on countback over Scott Bennett in second place. (See what you can do without hangovers Jarrad. Remember Northam, probably not eh!!) After a short lunch break, dinghies also started with a standing start. This still managed to confuse a few boats and after the first heat in standard class the format was changed. It ended up being one lap around the island into 3 circuits around the course. Steve Brown/Shane Ballerine and Glenn Paull/Jeremy Paull had legs on Tyron Wilson/Dennis Peach, although Tyron Continued back page. . . .

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### COMMODORE'S COMMENTS MARCH 1998

Last month saw a totally new racing venue, Port Bouvard, and what a great venue this was. Canals not connected to the main Dawesville cut provided us with a new exciting circuit. With Port Bouvard themselves providing \$1,500 as main sponsor of the event, we were enabled to hand out substantial prize money along with the normal trophies. Lets hope we can keep this one on the calendar.

The AGM is not very far away so it is now time to start thinking about the 1998-1999 Committee. You will find job descriptions and nomination forms in this issue.

Shortly after the AGM will be the Commodore's Ball on May 9, so keep those dates free. The Ball will be at the Burswood Clubrooms. Be sure to read next months newsletter for further details.

It was very dissapointing after Peter Street gave his Burswood report at the last General Meeting making special mention of returning chairs to the far end of the hall when finished with them etc. only to walk back inside the hall after everbody had left to find everbodies chairs exactly where they had left them with some members not even having the energy to help their empties find a bin. Seeing that very few of you bring your mothers along to clean up after you, how about pitching in and doing your bit to help rather than leaving it to the same few. After all, IT'S YOUR CLUB TOO!!

*Dennis Peach*

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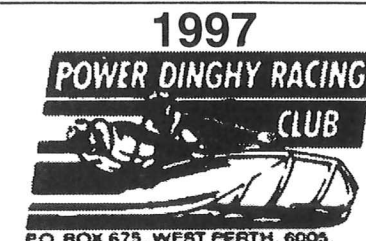
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**8HP STANDARD**  
Steve Brown 720  
Shane Ballarine 720  
Kerry Barden 466  
Glenn Paull 448  
Jarrod Elliot 442  
Brent Barden 426

**8HP SPORTS**  
Blaise Paris 380  
Donna Elliss 380  
Jarrod Street 322  
Tom Hodgkinson 280  
Michael Prosser 280  
Cliff Hills 260

**10HP SPORTS**  
Jon Faull 526  
Russell Wilson 512  
Dennis Peach 361  
John Goodbody 361  
Russell Wilson 347  
Justin Skewes 301

**FORMULA 8 WOMENS**  
Kasey Coates 220  
Kerry Barden 200  
Jenni Leek 200

**FORMULA 8 MENS**  
Jeremy Paull 240  
Peter Barden 200  
Josh Coulter 100  
Jamie George 80

**BATHTUBS**  
Justin Ferguson 260  
Scott Bennett 180  
Jarrod Elliot 146  
Todd Williamson 106

**ROOKIES**  
Shane Barden 300  
Danika Barden 220  
Scott Goodbody 140

NOTE: These results do not include Port Bouvard



ALL PERPETUAL TROPHIES WILL BE NEEDED FOR PRESENTATION AT THE END OF THE 97/98 SEASON. PLEASE RETURN THEM TO KEVAN GOODALL ASAP.

Port Bouvard continued. . .

managed to peg them back around the tight circuit to take out first in standard class. This was not the case in Sports Class where once Dan Rutherford and Scott Bennett had taken the lead in all heats, there was no catching them obviously ending up in first place. 10HP was not so tame with Jan and Todd Williamson flipping onto the rocks on the lap around the island and Mike Lenz and Tyron Wilson trying to move a few rocks with their boat without success (anyone would think it was an Avon). But Greg and Margo Barndon still took the money and 1st place for the day. Jay Branson and Shane Tregurtha took out 2nd place, 1 point in front of Justin Ferguson and Leanne Chapman in the Allbuild bathtub (yes, bathtub) All in all it was a great days racing. Many thanks to Lee Goddard for being Race Director at short notice. Also, to all those who helped — Karen Goddard, Dianne Street, Justin Howarth, Colin, Leonie McGlew, Jan Bennett, Trevor Bennett, Dale Goodbody, Tom Wilson, Kim, Sudden Impact Sign crew, Peter Street for the commentary and anyone who gave a hand. Thanks also to the Sponsors, PORT BOUVARD, FAIRBRIDGE REALTY, TONY L'ROGI RESTUARANT, WINNING VAN MOOLEN BUILDERS.

## Help Wanted

Help is required to run the bar for a fundraising exercise for WARWSA on Easter Monday evening at the Burswood clubrooms. Anybody who can assist can contact Dennis Peach.

## Return your perpetual trophy

Anybody who is in possession of a perpetual trophy could they please return them to Kevan Goodall as soon as possible.

## A new class of racing

The idea has been circulated among members of the club for the club to consider the amalgamation of the 8HP standard and sports class to provide a single class of racing similar to 10HP. Various arguments are put forward to support this idea including simplifying the administration of the classes, improving the level of competition in 8HP and provide a better environment for people to become familiar with surfacing props and racing conditions likely to be experienced in the 10HP class before progressing to the this level.

This may also serve to make it easier for spectators to understand the structure of the field during races with only two separate classes and closer racing, rather than three classes with a wider spread. Also new members of sport will have a simple choice of what class to race i.e. 8HP, and the requirements to graduate to 10HP racing. Other spinoffs may be increased prize money for classes, or potentially the prize money making it further down the leader board.

This idea is likely to be discussed at future meetings so if you want your opinion to be heard you will have to be there. You can be sure that there will be some emotional debate on the issue as the standard class has been with us for a long time. But the days when it provided a cheap form of racing are long gone. (Just ask any Avon winner in this class.) So it is worth considering the positive effect this change may have on the rather than only considering what suits you at the time.

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