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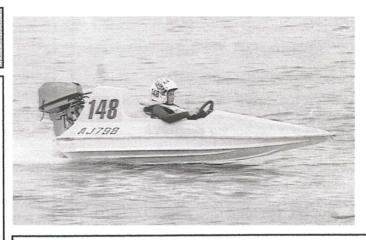
BUNBURY CARNIVAL

RACE DIRECTOR'S REPORT.

For the second year in a row, the Bunbury meeting was dogged by bureaucratic nonsense triggered by the local Sea Scouts booking the water for the same time on the same day. This despite a booking being made well in advance and all necessary bodies being notified. The situation began to approach Monty Python levels when attempts were made to contact Sea Scouts officials. These people ended up claiming they had nothing to do with Scouts and denying that we had spoken to them previously (after several 'phone conversations with the same person on the same number)! If it wasn't for the fact that both Jenny and I had made contact I would have started to think I was going mad (madder?).

rtunately the D.O.T. representative who originally alerted as to the problem managed to sort it out only a day or two before the race – we certainly owe a debt of gratitude to this man!

A decision was made to have a professional commentator and P.A. on the day and to this end, Radio West very kindly arranged to have local star Simon Healy and his equipment at the meeting for at least 6 hours. Unfortunately, Mrs Healy picked the 18th



of October to have a baby and so (understandably) the PDRC missed out. Congratulations to Simon and his family.

The race day itself was something of an anticlimax. The weather was great, the venue excellent and the racing was mostly competitive and exciting.

In an attempt to put a bit more excitement into circuit racing, we introduced a "log jump" (a 6m length of poly pipe suitably modified). This seemed to be a success although it certainly highlighted weaknesses in a couple of boats. I imagine at least a few of the dinghies were "circuit only" boats and not really constructed for jumping.

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COMMODORE'S REPORT

January 1999

I certainly hope that you all had a very merry Christmas and that the New Year will be a happy and prosperous one for you all. It was intended that this newsletter reach you by Christmas, but due to the pre-Christmas rush and the Committee not being able to meet until the new year, it very difficult for this to go to print prior to Christmas. A decision was made at the December general meeting for the Club to have it's own web site on the internet. A company called Best of Perth has been engaged and has started work on our home page. The web site will contain approximately 10 pages of information which will be updated quarterly. Some of the information will need to come from members. This is a very positive step forward to expanding our exposure to prospe new members. The Christmas party held in November attracted approximately 90 people. We had good weather and the food was great. The party animals gave the night a nudge at around midnight by creating a waterfall from the pool (approx. 1m swell) down the stairs to the dance floor where the keen party goers hung on until the Juke box was turned off around 5 am. My neighbours don't seem to talk to me anymore-can't imagine why!! All in all I think a good night was had by all. Many thanks to all of you who helped set-up and clean-up. There were so many of you--too many to name. Thanks also to AAA Marquee Hire for providing the tables and chairs. The Burswood bash had a popular start at around lunchtime. It was a hot day though ended with a comfortable temperature for the BBQ, SGM, and Video night. Thanks to Jarrad Elliott, Jenny Leek, Shane Tregurtha, Rin Rutherford, Paul Griffin for their help with the video night. And of course Jarrad and his officials for the day's racing. The Special General Meeting was held between racing and the video night. It was only held to discuss the issues which confronted Northam's Avon Descent Association. When these issue came apparent quite a few PDRC members decided to become members of NADA directly. The bottom line is the management of NADA was very unsettled and it was the opinion of some members that a presence should be shown, though not to vote. It was however, up to each individual on what they did individually. It still seems to be unsettled at NADA and more information should be available at the next general meeting plus the next news letter. I will keep you posted on the outcome when it becomes more clear. You will notice that there have been a few exciting changes to the calendar for the rest of the year. All in all the changes to the 98/99 calendar will turn out to be different / exciting to what we've had recently. There are also some more social events in the brewing pot such as another video night and a river cruise. Anyone with any ideas, don't hesitate to call your social officer Jarrad Elliott.

Dennis Peach



STATE CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS

8HP Standard				
Alan Bijl	373			
John Spanghero	367			
Steve Brown	306			
las Grivas	246			
Simon Chapman	246			
Rob Branson	240			
Peter Barden	226			
Kylie Martin	220			
Kate McKenzie	220			
Luke Eagleston	220			
8HP Spor	rts			
Jay Branson	500			
Matt Branson	500			
Scott Bennett	412			
Tyron Wilson	280			
Glen Dicarlo	267			
Brad O'neil	267			
ve Krause 25				
Brent Barden 2				
Kerry Barden 24				
Dennis Peach				
10HP Spo	rts			
Jarrad Elliott	428			
Dan Rutherford	428			
Tyron Wilson	374			
Russell Wilson 3:				
Cliff Hills 2				
Dennis Peach 28				
Justin Skews 24				
Justin Howarth 24				
Todd Williamson	242			
Ian Williamson	242			

BUNBURY CARNIVAL

As a training exercise for river racing, the improvement in jumping technique from the first try to the final heat was incredible for those watching from the shore. Some spectacular loses were captured on video along with some equally spectacular successes. Hopefully we will incorporate the footage of this in the video night we've all been waiting for. The best overall jumping performance of the day was judged to come from Todd Williamson, who drove with Aaron Steenbholm? in 8 hp and Ian (Dad) in 10hp. Todd seemed to have an ambivalent attitude to the jump after heat 1 of 10 hp when the jack flew to bits after a particularly nasty

impact with the "soft" log. Hasty repairs were carried out and they went on to win the day.

Another change to standard procedure was the introduction of the long-awaited plastic buoys. Kevin Goodall mooted their introduction over 12 months ago and a trial was carried out with a PVC buoy at several races last year. Following the apparent success of this trial, we fabricated 13 new buoys using high-impact MDPE pipe. It would appear only minor modifications will be necessary to make these a successful and permanent feature of future circuit races. Constructive criticism would be appreciated from all concerned.

It was great to see the Rookies racing again. Standard of driving was, I thought, very good and an impressive degree of good sense and concentration was demonstrated. It would appear F8 racing has a stable future. As usual, the F8's and bathtubs put on a good show – entries were quite good for the first race of the season too. Not many spills and great racing featured. Jarrad Elliott may not think so. His brand new tub featured in a prang in the first heat and was out for the day!

Thanks to all the people who helped put the day together – despite such a rocky start, it went off without a hitch.

Dave Sampey (NADA Scrutineer) attended the meeting to learn more about our racing and very kindly offered to handle the scrutineering for the day. His help and input was appreciated.

Thanks also to the Bunbury Power Boat Club who opened their Clubrooms early, gave us access to toilet facilities, put on a sausage sizzle for lunch and provided the use of the premises for the presentation.

See you next year.

Rin Rutherford.



ROOKIES F8

Scott Goodbody

Danika Barden

011 Scott Bennett (Jnr)

116 Shane Barden

144 Matt Branson

5th

Graham Brooker,e

Place Craft Driver

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8 HP STANDARD Place Craft Driver Co-Driver D. Peach T. Wilson 193 2nd J. Branson M. Branson 3rd 167 T. Williamson A. Steenbhom K. Williams R. Branson 5th 116 P. Baden L. Eggleston **8 HP SPORTS** Place Craft Driver Co-Driver 193 D. Peach T. Wilson 167 T. Williamson A. Steenbhom 2nd K. Williams 3rd R. Branson S. Bennett 033 N. Love 5th J. Branson M. Branson 116 P. Baden L. Eggleston M. Hall 7th 053 L. Eaton 8th 130 I. Tyrrell M. Tyrrell 10 HP SPORTS Place Craft Driver Co-Driver 167 I. Williamson T. Williamson 185 D. Rutherford J. Elliott 2nd 3rd G. Barndon M. Barndon 4th 144 J. Branson R. Branson 5th 193 D. Peach P. Kinnersly J. Ferguson T. Wilson 117

BUNBURY CARNIVAL





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	2nd	185	Rebecca Rutherford
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	4th	127	Venn Bowness
	5th	011	Casey Coates
	6th	017	Belinda Wood
	7th	144	Marie Branson
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	2nd	162	John Goodbody
	3rd	144	Jay Branson
	4th	127	Brent Baskerville
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	1st	183	Dan Rutherford
	2nd	167	Todd Williamson
	3rd	005	Tyron Wilson
	4th	054	Jarrad Elliott

BURSWOOD BASH 1998 REPORT

A larger than normal circuit greeted racers for this race. Some happy, some not. Good to see a large field of all boats. Racing was clean and fair for the most part with only one major bingle in the Mens F8. No injury to person or boat. Thanks to P.D.R.C. for sponsoring the event. Jenny Leek, Leslie Brooker and Karen Goddard for sausage sizzle. Scott Bennett, Justin Ferguson, Kerry Barden, Jan Bennett for lap counting. Craig and Brent Baskerville, Jaime Webb, Todd Williamson & Lee Goddard for rescue and to anybody else I have missed out, thank you.

This was my first race as a Director and can only say to those of you that haven't had a go yet, it was fun, and I only hope we get some new blood in 1999 with some fresh ideas to keep circuit racing interesting.

RACE DIRECTOR: JARRAD ELLIOTT



VIDEO NIGHT

A great night started with a good feed. With salads and buns supplied it was left to the master chefs to burn a few steaks on the barbie. The bar was open and alcohol was flowing well. A few hiccups with the video projector at first but these were soon sorted out and the videos started playing. By far the favorite of the night was the combo of Bunbury and Northam 1998. Put together by Paul Griffin. Thanks to Paul for going to so much effort to put this together. Only a few videos were seen so another video night is in the planning so be warned. Thanks to Rin Rutherford for the projector and Jenie Leek for the salads and buns. Shane Tregurtha and Dan Rutherford for helping behind the bar.

Thank you to all who brought your precious videos along on the night.

Jarrad Elliott

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	1st	162	Scott Goodbody
	2nd	145	Scott Bennett (jnr)
	3rd	116	Danika Barden
	4th	148	Graham Brooker
	5th	124	Samantha Berloth
		L	ADIES F8
	Place	Craft	Driver
	1st	183	Jenie Leek
	2nd	185	Rebecca Rutherford
	3rd	011	Kasey Coates
	4th	017	Belinda Wood
	5th	250	Jaime Webb
	6th	127	Venn Bowness
	7th	158	Lisa Watson
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	3rd	127	Brent Baskerville

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Lee Goddard

Place	Craft	Driver
1st	054	Jarrad Elliott
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3rd	116	Shane Barden
4th	167	Todd Williamson
5th	048	David Brooker
6th	162	Tyron Wilson

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS

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Dan Rutherford Todd Williamson	290 270	Formula 8 Ladio	es
Jarrad Elliott Shane Barden Tyron Wilson Justin Ferguson	230 130 86 80	Jenie Leek Rebecca Rutherford Casey Coates Ven Brownless	350 250 210 156
Matt Branson John Haynes	56 56	Jamie Webb Belinda Wood	130 116

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David Brooker

Shane Tregutha





Maree Branson

Lisa Watson

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REMAINDER OF 1998/99 CALENDAR				
11 Jan 1999	1 Jan 1999 General Meeting Burswood			
26 Jan 1999	The Australia Day Carnival	Burswood		
8 Feb 1999	General Meeting	Burswood		
14 Feb 1999	Mindarie Regatta (to be confirmed)	Mindarie Keys		
20 Feb 1999	20 Feb 1999 Golf Day Burswood			
6 Mar 1999	Bathtubs & F8's (Vasse River or Port Geographe to be confirmed) Busselton			
7 Mar 1999	Dinghies Ocean Race Busselton			
8 Mar 1999	General Meeting Burswood			
28 Mar 1999	Burswood Enduro (under lights to be confirmed) Burswood			
12 Apr 1999	General Meeting/Annual General Meeting Burswood			
25 Apr 1999	Rookies Presentation Day Burswood			
1 May 1999	Commodore's Ball and Presentation Night Burswood			

NORTHAM REGATTA

Most of the competitors arrived at Northam Weir around

12.30pm without any problems. Except for one. If you don't know where Northam is, don't go up the Great Northern Highway because Bindoon is a long way away, but this competitor eventually found Northam.

Racing started at 2pm with 2 heats each of dinghies. All the Rookies' racing was completed Saturday. Congratulations to these youngsters, with 2 new rookies racing their first event. There wasn't much damage done to people or craft even though one young fellow decided, half way through a heat, to head to the pits in a

y and collided with another boat. Formula 8's and tubs followed the dinghies. A few competitors in all classes did miss some bouys, but the day's racing was quite successful. The festivities finally started at The Watson's residence after some members were sent on a wild goose chase by Greg. The BBQ was lit, the eskies open and the bourbon stand ready.

The special thanks should go to Brad, Justine, Allison and Jarrod S. for saving all party goers from a violent headache next morning. After the first bottle was gone, the second started with their "brew" - cold tea. Justin F. reckoned cold tea wasn't bad after him and some others drank a liter and a half with coke. Day 2's racing started around 10:15am in reverse

er to Saturday. Jarrad E. has got to __n to pull his head in - when rounding buoys, cause they hurt a little. After being checked out by Doctor Keith he didn't have concussion but I could hear the cursing. Brad W. found out how deep a prop can go into a Kevlar boat after a slight mishap on one corner. But otherwise the days racing ran smoothly.

Racing concluded at around 3.00pm with presentations being held on the riverbank. Everyone headed home, except Tyron who was still trying to remove his motor from the boat. Hey young fella - don't forget to undo both clamp brackets and the bolts. It will come off easier then. I heard they got home at 1.00am.

Many thanks go to all those who helped. Especially lap counters Kim and Narelle. Without these people races don't happen.

Neville Watson

10HP SPORTS			
Place	Craft	Driver	Co-Driver
1st	185	D. Rutherford	J. Elliott
2nd	167	T. Williamson	I. Williamson
3rd	144	J. Branson	S. Tregurtha
4th	162	D. Peach	T. Wilson
5th	081	G. Bardon	K. Coates
6th	158	B. Watson	S. Krause
7th	111	J. Haynes	N. Lawrence
		8HP SPORTS	
Place	Craft	Driver	Co-Driver
1st	162	D. Peach	T. Wilson
2nd	144	J. Branson	M. Branson
3rd	167	T. Williamson	D. Rutherford
4th	165	A. Bijl	G. Craine
5th	061	K. Outram	N. Thompson
6th	033	N. Love	B. Wood
7th	111	J. Haynes	N. Lawrence
		8HP STANDARI	D
Place	Craft	Driver	Co-Driver
1st	162	T. Wilson	D. Peach
2nd	167	D. Rutherford	T. Williamson
3rd	144	J. Branson	M. Branson
4th	111	J. Haynes	N. Lawrence
5th	033	N. Love	B. Wood
6th	165	A. Bijl	G. Craine
7th	061	K. Outram	N. Thompson
8th	134	C. Dannolly	B. Geary



ROOKIES F8			
Place	Craft	Driver	
1st	162	Scott Goodbody	
2nd	145	Scott Bennett	
3rd	148	Graham Brooker	
4th	124	Samantha Berloth	
5th	125	Chris Whitney	
]	LADIES F8	
Place	Craft	Driver	
1st	183	Jenny Leek	
2nd	011	Kasey Coates	
3rd	127	Ven Bowness	
4th	185	Rebecca Rutherford	
5th	017	Belinda Wood	
6th	158	Lisa Watson	
		MENS F8	
Place	Craft	Driver	
1st	127	Brent Baskerville	
2nd	017	Jamie George	
3rd	125	Ryan Whitney	
4th	011	John Coates	
5th	145	Craig Baskerville	
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NOTICE TO ALL DINGHY RACERS

It has been noted by officials and committee members of late that competitors are not obeying simple P.D.R.C. rules and regulations. The most popular contravention's have been disobeying the red flag, no helmets in practice, no lifejackets in practice, and not practicing in an anti-clockwise direction. Before the buoys are set and once racing has concluded and they have been removed you should still maintain an anti-clockwise direction. Members should also make themselves more aware of the rule book in relation to age limits, drivers points etc. before registering themselves or crew in a particular event.

Dennis Peach

RACE DAY BURSWOOD MIDARIE REGATTA (TO BE CONFIRMED) Sun 14th February 1999 DATE: DATE: Tue 26th January 1999 RACE DIRECTOR: Jamie George Lee Goddard RACE DIRECTOR: Rin Rutherford SCRUTINEER: Rin Rutherford **SCRUTINEER:** ENTRY FEE: \$30 per craft ENTRY FEE: \$30 per craft Multiple entries \$50.00 (same id) Multiple entries \$50.00 (same id) Available at registration on the day ENTRIES: **ENTRIES:** Available at registration on the day Formula 8 Ladies, Formula 8 Men. Formula 8 Ladies, Formula 8 Men, **CLASSES:** CLASSES: Rookies, Bathtubs, 10hp Sports, 8hp Rookies, Bathtubs, 10hp Sports, 8hp Sports, 8hp Standard Sports, 8hp Standard **SCRUTINEERING:** 8.30am Saturday SCRUTINEERING: 9.00am BRIEFING: 9.15am on day 9.45am BRIEFING: 9.30am START: START: 10.00am Dinghies F8's Tubs START ORDER: .am Rookies Bathtubs Ladies, Mens F8s START ORDER: .pm Dinghies 10Hp Sports 8Hp sports f8's Tubs Dinghies 8Hp standard As per P.D.R.C. power dinghy REPLACEMENT REPLACEMENT As per P.D.R.C. power dinghy specification 10.3 specification 10.3 **PARTS:** PARTS: As per circuit racing, bathtub, and F8 **SCRUTINEERING** As per circuit racing, bathtub, and F8 SCRUTINEERING **REQUIREMENTS:** competition rules. REQUIREMENTS: competition rules. Recovery craft will be on the course. **RESCUE:** Recovery craft will be on the course. **RESCUE:** T.B.A. **COURSE DETAILS: COURSE DETAILS:** Varies PRESENTATION: Following completion of the last event Following completion of the last event PRESENTATION: CATERING: T.B.A. **BBQ CATERING:** ACCOMMODATION: N/A ACCOMMODATION: N/A After scrutineering PRACTICE After scrutineering PRACTICE LOCATION T.B.A.

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8Hp Sports boat 162 time 33.82 sec

8Hp Standard boat 162 time 33.34 sec

DINGHY DITTIES

A certain member was reported to be very close to his male family doctor and is looking forward to his prostrate examination in the not too distant future. Give the Doc a big kiss for us all.

One member got so confused on a recent trip to Rottnest he climbed from his mate's boat into what he thought was his tender only to find it tied up to the boat next door. Returning to mate's boat to get a second opinion. When they both returned from the inspection the rest of the crew were in fits of laughter when they revealed the dinghy was different in size, colour, and motor size. Needless to say it was the wrong dinghy!!!!!

DINGHY DITTIES BROUGHT TO YOU BY WHOM??????????



By the next issue we may have the PDRC's own web site to visit. If anyone has some web site addreses, which could be of interest to the Club Members could you please let Kevan or Jenny have them so we could put them in the next news letter eg: Canada, U.K., South Africa, U.S.A, New Zealand!!!!!

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