

Burswood Carnival



RACE REPORT

By Rin Rutherford

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The carnival started inauspiciously on Saturday when a short chop and a reasonably brisk sea breeze assisted Jacci to perform the first flip. I have ever seen an F8 do when practicing. Very similar conditions on the race day saw Belinda do the very same thing! Attendance in the Rookies, F8's and Tubs was excellent (9 tubs) with a great day's racing despite the unusual conditions. Rookies were impressive in the first circuit race of the season with hardly any "edge of the seat" stuff for parents at all. Young Mr Bennett performed very impressively in his immaculate boat to take a clean sweep of all the heats. It would seem good preparation makes a big difference.

There was some excitement in

Ladies F8 due to Belinda's performance and the problems associated with getting used to the (temporary I hope) new timing sequence from our starting lights. Kasey's win again shows what preparation (and an exhaust tube) can do.

An unusually large field of Men's F8 saw good competitive racing in the difficult conditions. Brent drove very well for his win.

Tubs were, as usual, entertaining with Jarrad providing the first flip. Dan managed to destroy a propeller (his best one of course) and snap the skeg off his Suzuki and Ryan seemed to spend most of his time upside down!

David had his first big win with a huge increase in confidence and concentration and then tried to put it down to exhaust tubes!

Dinghies also raced hard with amazingly few incidents in the trying conditions.

The ongoing tussle between 142 and 021 entertained everyone and continued through all three classes. Jay and Nathan ended up winning the day over Glen and Brad in the 8hp classes, but lost out in 10hp.

Tyron and Arron won 10hp (over Glen and Brad) in a very controlled display of smooth driving. Keith and Chris put on a show by flipping their duck twice - obviously trying hard.

The amazing John Haynes put in his last race in a tub (again), then went on to compete in all three dinghy classes!

Brad Watson put on the driving display of the day when the boat spat his deckie out in the middle of a race in front of the start buoy. Brad looped around, hauled his man in SAS-style and kept going - all without coming off the plane!

Thanks to all the people who jumped in and helped, but particularly to Nick and Julie Thompson who did a fantastic job with the food supply with only a couple of day's notice.

Craig Baskerville arranged some great prizes from Kellogg Australia, then spent the entire race day in a rescue boat. Scarborough Hardware also supported us with prizes. Thank you.

See you next year!
Rin and the team.

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26TH JAN 2000

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8TH NOVEMBER 1999
7.30 PM SHARP
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I am pleased to report that the move from Augusta to Burswood for the Blackwood presentations was a sound decision. There were approximately 140 people in attendance including various sponsors who were provided with lunch and refreshments as thanks for their support. To all those people who assisted on the day and the winners who displayed their boats, thank you.

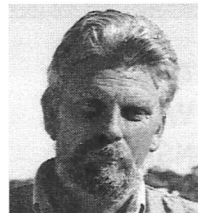
From all reports The Kelmscott Show went exceptionally well. Kasey and Laura put on a great presentation with the help of numerous club members who volunteered their support at the end of the last general meeting.

On the WASA issue and the club rooms, the BIA has been asked to produce a letter of intent. I hope this will provide us with an outline of where they will see their withdrawal from WASA going. When we receive this letter, the situation will obviously be clearer and decisions can be made regarding new partners in WASA. Currently the Marathon Club and Canoe Association are showing some interest in coming onboard. There is a meeting of the WASA board prior to our next general meeting and accordingly I will provide members with an update.

Our first circuit race for the season at Burswood produced a large field of entrants in all classes. Rin and the GFR team provided competitors with a fairly intense day of racing with the last heats on the day consisting of 15 ten horse power craft racing for podium places. As with every new start to the circuit racing season there is a certain amount of enthusiasm; this year the enthusiasm was running extremely high. This I hope was due to optimism that the racing in the eight horse power classes would be much closer due to the rule change allowing exhaust tubes in the Mariner engines.

The venue for our Christmas party has not been decided as yet. At our next general meeting it should be discussed and a decision made. Christmas is drawing nearer; please give it some thought before the next meeting.

Yours sincerely
Russell Wilson

**COMMODORE'S REPORT****THE BIRTH OF THE BATHTUB**

Nanaimo Harbor in Canada was the scene of the first bathtub race extravaganza in 1967. As the City of NANAIMO's "Centennial Event" that year, close to 200 tubbers entered the fun competition and amazingly, 47 completed the 36 mile course to Vancouver's Fisherman's Cove across the straits of Georgia. Times have changed and now the "Great Race" finishes at Departure Bay in Nanaimo, covering a very grueling course that leaves Nanaimo harbor, circles Entrance Island, thence up to and around Winchelsea Island and then back to Nanaimo. In the early days, it was indeed a challenge to get past the starting line in the choppy confusion caused by an extra 785 observation and escort craft in Nanaimo harbor.

From the mayhem of the first bathtub race 33 years ago, the "NANAIMO TO NANAIMO INTERNATIONAL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP BATHTUB RACE & 4

Nanaimo Marine Festival has evolved. Where once a select band of tubbers were the highlight, they now share the spotlight with many other land and water events which are interesting and often spectacular to watch. In early July, "Bathtub Race Month" the Greater Nanaimo Chamber of Commerce sponsors a fun competition, the "Spirit of Tubbing Awards", which encourages the entire business community to get in the "Bathtub Spirit" by decorating their businesses in the Marine Festival theme and

having their staff dress in "Official" Bathtub Race T-shirts. Judging takes place mid-month and awards for different categories are handed out during the Marine Festival week. The unofficial start of the Nanaimo Marine Festival begins in the first week of July with the Tubbin Time Tonic contest where local "Mixologists" from all the pubs in

Ever wondered what Mermaids, Eggs and Bank Managers have in common?

Nanaimo are encouraged to enter their secret alcoholic recipes for judging. The winning drink becomes the official Cocktail of the Nanaimo Marine Festival. The crowning of the Miss Nanaimo Ambassador at the Miss Nanaimo Pageant takes place in the evening at Beban Park auditorium on the 2nd Saturday in July. Miss Nanaimo is then officially crowned "Mermaid Royalty" to reign over all the festivities during the Marine Festival. The Wednesday after this crowning sees the unveiling and cutting of the "Official" Nanaimo Marine cake.

The "Official" start to the 4 day Nanaimo Marine Festival kicks off with the opening of the Marine Festival Food Fare, Kiddies Harborside Playlot, Kiddies Karnival and then on to the city center where the Nanaimo City Centre Association (NCCA) unveils it's 3 day "Bathtub Street Fair". This Fair includes many zany events such as the Bank Managers' Tricycle race, Egg Toss Contest and the World Champion-

ship Waiter's Race. Mid morning on the 3rd Saturday of the month the annual Sailpast on Wheels Fun Parade takes place through the city centre followed by the NCCA sponsored Bathtub Street Fair events downtown and at Swy-a-lana Lagoon & Maffeo Sutton Parks. In the evening the pace really picks up with the traditional

"Sacrifice to the Bathtub Gods" boat burning ceremony. The evening is concluded in spectacular fashion with a full-on

lights, music and fireworks display. The "Great Race" starts at 11.00am the next day with literally thousands of spectators lining the harbour banks. What faces the drivers is a 2 hour challenge of man and machine against the power of the sea. All in all the festival, race and presentations take in four full days of fun and activities for the young, old and in between. It truly is a fabulous spectacle; a great event that is unrivalled anywhere in the world. You could be part of it too!

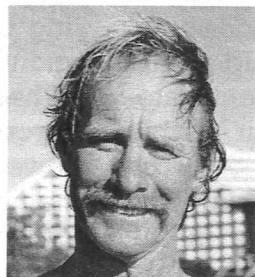
The PDRC is endeavouring to send the 1999/2000 season's Tub champion to Canada to compete in next year's championships.

If you raced in the October Burswood Carnival, your'e still in with a chance. Full details are on page 6.

More information regarding the World Champships can be found on:
<http://bathtub.island.net>

PDRC MEMBER PROFILES

GARY McNAMARA



AGE: 49
1ST JOINED CLUB: 1977
OCCUPATION: BUILDER
BIGGEST THRILL: SKYDIVING
CURRENT RACING CLASS: 10 SPT DINGHY
PREVIOUS RACING CLASS: 8 STD DINGHY
PASSIONS: BOATS IN GENERAL
DISLIKES: BLACK OLIVES & CAMP PIE
HOBBIES: DEEP SEA DIVING
FAVORITE MUSIC: "10HP AT 6000RPM"
FAVORITE FOOD: LOBSTER
LIVES: YORK ON AVON

PAUL GAULT



AGE: 21
1ST JOINED CLUB: 1992
OCCUPATION: AGRICULTURAL CONSULTANT
BIGGEST THRILL: WATCHING COLLINGWOOD WIN
CURRENT RACING CLASS: 10 SPT DINGHY
PREVIOUS RACING CLASS: 8 SPT DINGHY
PASSIONS: SPORTS & DONNA
DISLIKES: PEOPLE WHO DISLIKE ME
HOBBIES: ANY SPORTS
FAVORITE MUSIC: ROCK
FAVORITE FOOD: SEAFOOD
LIVES: YANGETUP

GALLOPING GLENN



Respected member Glenn Paull is almost ready to embark on the experience of his lifetime. He's going around Australia in "Bus". Glenn has recently purchased a "full-on" retrofitted Denning Coach.

Originally the coach started life as a 45 passenger unit, and has now been converted to birth 5 adults. It comes complete with full size walk-in shower, hot water service, toilet, air conditioning and heaps of other features. We all wish Glenn safe and happy travelling.



STATE CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS SEASON 99/00

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS SEASON 99/00 CONTINUED

Ladies F8

Kasey Coates	100
Rebecca Rutherford	80
Jacci Palfrey	60
Laura Eaton	40
Belinda Wood	20

8HP Standard

Nathan Love	622
Steve Brown	560
Keith Outram	485
Nick Thompson	445
Kelly Cornelius	360

Mens F8

Brent Baskerville	100
John Goodbody	80
John Coates	60
Trevor Bennett	40
Ryan Whitney	20

8HP Sports

Glenn Dicarlo	960
ad O'neil	960
Wayne Bell	341
John Coates	300
Justin Street / Lincoln Walker	222

Bathtubs

David Brooker	100
Geoff Massam	80
Dan Rutherford	60
Todd Williamson	40
Shane Bardon	20

10HP Sports

Tom Hodgkinson	380
Tyron Wilson	360
Michael Prosser	340
Grant Pouw-Bray	321
Frank Berloth	321

Rookies

Scott Bennett	100
Graham Brooker	80
Scott Goodbody	60
Samantha Berloth	40
Danika Bardon	20



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REMEMBER THE CUTOFF TO GET ARTICLES ETC. INTO THIS NEWSLETTER IS THE 25TH DAY OF THE PRECEDING MONTH. INFORMATION MUST BE ON DISC OR EMAILED TO THE EDITOR: paul@gfr.com.au

TO HELP "CLEAN UP" OLD ADS, PLEASE ADVISE THE EDITOR WHEN YOUR ITEM IS SOLD.



The Bennett 145 F8 rig is sure to impress this season.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF RULE CHANGE

At the last general meeting (11th OCT 1999) a vote was taken on a change to rule 8.35.

The change was passed :
(51 for, 40 against).

The revised rule now reads:

Exhaust tube part
- 41344A3
may be fitted to 8HP
Mariner/Mercury engines used
in Bathtub, F8 and Dinghy
events.

(change was to add the
word Dinghy)

TUBBER TO TOUR CANADA

A chance of a lifetime exists for the season's Bathtub Champion!!!

We are endeavouring to organise for the Bathtub Champion (season 1999/2000), a trip to Canada to compete in the World Championships in July 2000. Our Canadian counterparts are very keen to have us participate in their event by supplying a competitive tub, motor, race gear and chase boat.

The World Championships is a huge affair and held in Nanaimo Harbour, the Bathtub Capital of the world and the place where bathtubs were born. (Read all about it on page 3)

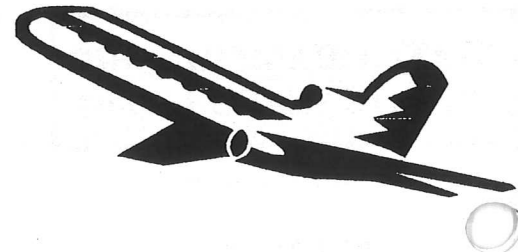
Tony Maxfield spoke of the race and the Canadian people and their hospitality at our October General Meeting. It really did sound fabulous.

So come on Tubbers, get in the race, be there!!!

To be eligible for this prize you must race in all events during the season, including the first race at Burswood on 24th October.

(Don't forget on Australia Day, double points will be awarded.)

Go For It!!! Make it happen for you.



NORTHAM FUN DAY

DATE: SATURDAY 13th NOVEMBER

RACE DIRECTOR: NEVILLE WATSON

SCRUTINEER: LISA WATSON

ENTRY FEE: \$ 1.00 or a COLDIE

CLASSES: DINGHIES

SCRUTINEERING: 1 PM

BOATS - AS PER PDRC RULES

BODIES - AS PER PDRC RULES

MOTORS - IF THE DECKIE CAN
CARRY IT, BRING IT.

PROPS - IF IT FITS, USE IT!

REPLACEMENT PARTS: HEAPS

BRIEFING: ASAP PRIOR START

START: 2.30PM

START ORDER: BY CLOCK AND FLAG

RULES: MAYBE

RESCUE: JAMIE GEORGE & TRAILER

COURSE: SMALL

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DATE: SUNDAY 14th NOVEMBER

RACE DIRECTOR: NEVILLE WATSON

SCRUTINEER: FRANK BERLOTH

ENTRY FEE: \$30
MULTIPLE \$50 ON THE DAY

CLASSES: F8, TUBS, 10HP SPORTS,
8HP & ROOKIES

SCRUTINEERING: 8AM

BRIEFING: AFTER SCRUTINEERING

START: 10AM

ORDER OF START: F8's, ROOKIES, TUB's,
10HP, 8HP

REPLACEMENT PARTS: AS PER PDRC RULE BOOK

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(Ladies FB's) placed 3rd at the Burswood Carnival.

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If you can help with:

- * Sausage sizzle
- * Recovery
- * Pit Marshalling
- * Lap Scoring
- * Other Support Activities



PLEASE CONTACT A COMMITTEE MEMBER

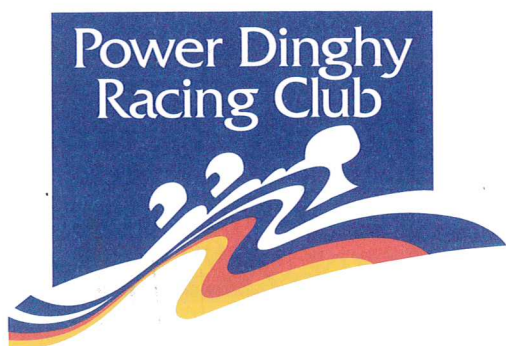
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