

# POWER DINGHY NEWS

January 2024



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# COMMODORES WELCOME

January 2024

Welcome to another year of boat racing and friends. Goodbye 2023 and Gday to the 2024 season.

2023 has been taxing on most people and the year has had some ups and downs. Unfortunately, Kris Parnell has stood down as Commodore and could not continue into this year. Kris's hard work for the club has always been exceptional and has shown the values of a great commodore. Kris will be continuing to help me through the transition and I look forward to trying to do as good a job as him.

The end of 2023 also saw David Mcconkey standing down from the committee. Dave has been on the committee for longer than even he can remember and was also an outstanding Commodore in his own right. Dave was ready for a much-needed break and my pleading couldn't get him to stay. The club thanks Dave for his years of service and this was shown at the ball with David's award of Life Membership. Dave has entered alongside other great club people for Life Membership. He is what most club people should aspire to and has made a difference in our great club.

The new committee has had new faces and some old return to start up the year flying. Late last year I wanted to start the ball rolling and try and get some of the enthusiasm down on paper and everyone jumped at the chance for a meeting. People have been working so hard and continuing from last season that I can't believe the level of work everyone is putting in. Everyone will see this coming into Australia Day and the start of the season. I need to thank one person in particular, "Losty" - he is working so hard on the rule book and messaging almost every day on rules and interpretations. The cleaned-up Rule Book will be out for everyone in the near future. Cheers Losty, I will have to buy you a beer OZ DAY.

Last year was a full-on year for KP, the committee and rules committee with needing to make decisions on rules, race violations and then the back lash of people's interpretations and lack of care of the committee's role and the cCode of Conduct. I am not the sort of person that will take this sort of thing lightly and this is in part why I was asked to put my hand up for this role this year. What happened in the past will be acknowledged by myself and those involved in coming weeks before the start of the season.

Moving forward there will be acknowledgement of the Code of Conduct by every racer before their membership will be accepted by the club. Those not willing to sign off on the Code of Conduct or who are in breach of the Code of Conduct throughout the year, will have their membership either not accepted or removed from the club for the year. This is not a thing that this committee or myself will be soft on this year. No club volunteer needs to be treated poorly in any way in the course of their duties.

**New motors are coming!!**

Most have seen the Facebook post and responded if they want to order a new motor. These new Merc/Tohatsu 9.9 motors will be a great thing for our club and bringing in fresh equipment is amazing for our club for the future. If you haven't already please add your name to the list for a new motor in the 24/25 season.

I look forward to a great season and great fun on and off the water with this fantastic club. Most know my love of the club and boat racing in general and I welcome any input from members new and old to keep improving the club for the future.

See everyone Australia Day, OZZY OZZY OZZY...

Cheers

*Chris Johnson*



# ***2024 COMMITTEE***

**Commodore – Chris Johnson**

**Vice Commodore – Alex Foster**

**Secretary – Paula Vagg**

**Treasurer – Mahony Fenn**

**Rear Commodore – Shane Tregurtha**

**Scrutineer – Brett Vagg**

**Newsletter Editor – Graeme Pilmoor**

**Public Relations Officer – Steve Found**

**Property Officer – Brandon Hodges**

**Social Manager – Roland Turner**

**Social Committee - Amy Johnson, Mitch Lanore, Alex Pilmoor, Sam Rowlands**

**Rules Committee - Brett V, Shane T, Todd W, Zac, Bob and Matt T.**

**WARSWA Delegate – Sarah Blake**

**WARSWA Reserve – Alex Foster**

**NADA Delegate – Mahony Fenn**



## ***Race Directors***

**Australia Day Cup - Shane Tregurtha**

**Enduro - Glen Dusenbergs & Jack Joyner**

**Proline Cup - Alex Foster & Harley Watwratrom**

**Outback Regatta - Brett Vagg & Mitch Lagore**

**Mario Ambrosino & Retro Race - Bob Bishop & Graeme P.**

**Nannup Practice day & Prop Test - Graeme P.**

**Nannup Cup - Tyron Wilson**

**Sunnyside Sprint - John Peddel & Chris Whitney**

**Avon Time Trial and Practice - Alex Foster**

**Blackwood Classic 250 - Graeme P. & Two Dogs**

**Commodore's Cup - Chris Johnson**

**Masters Milk Carton Regatta - Graeme Pilmoor**

# 2024 SEASON CALENDAR

**26th January** - Australia Day Cup

Mon 5th February - General Meeting

**18th February** - Enduro

Tue 5th March - General Meeting

**17th March** - Close Enough / Proline Cup

**20th & 21st April** - Outback Regatta, Lake Towerrinning

**5th May** - Mario Ambrosino & Retro Round

Mon 13th May - General Meeting

**26th May** - Nannup Cup Practice & Prop Shape Day

**1st & 2nd June** - Nannup Cup

Tue 11th June - General Meeting

**22nd June** - SunnySide Sprint Practice Day

**29th & 30th June** - Sunnyside Sprint

Mon 22nd July - General Meeting

**3rd August** - Avon Time Trial

**4th August** - Avon Practice Day

**10th & 11th August** - Avon Descent

**18th August** - Avon Presentations

Mon 2nd September - General Meeting

**14th September** - Blackwood Classic Practice ay

**21st to 23rd September** - Blackwood Classic

**29th September** - Blackwood Presentations

**20th October** - Commodores' Cup

Mon 28th - Annual General Meeting

**9th November** - Commodore's Ball

TBC - November - Masters Milk Carton Regatta

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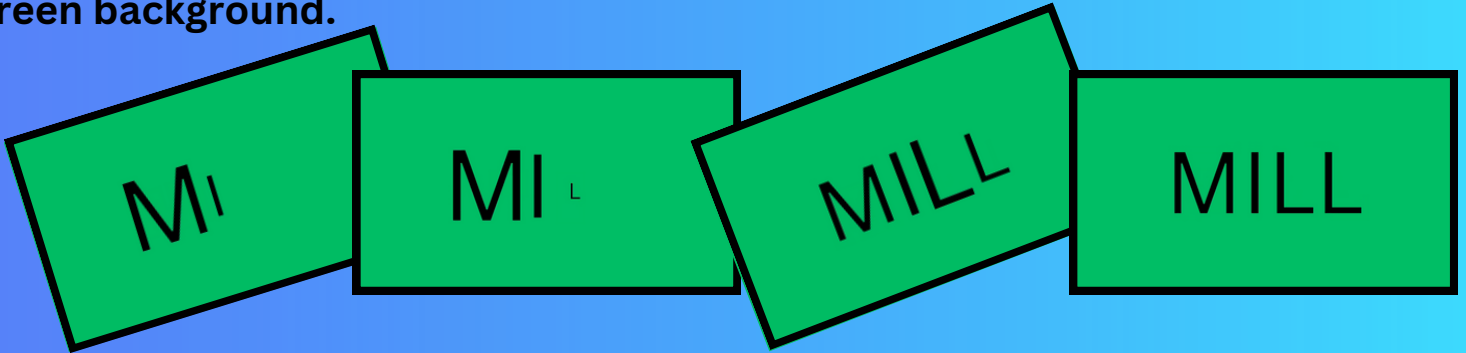
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# MILL START INFO

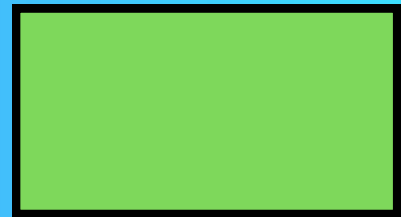
Last year there were many comments made about the flags being hard to see when out on the water. So at the Australia Day event we will be trying a new electronic mill start on the big screen.



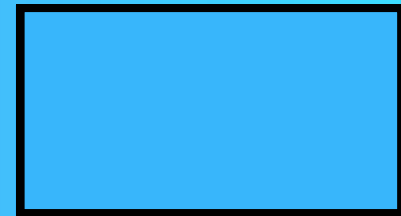
To Begin: The screen will flash MILL on a dark green background.



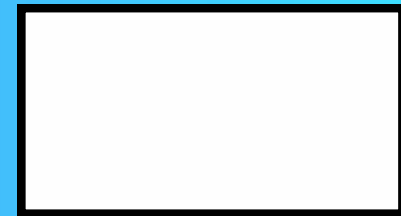
60 will be displayed to begin the one minute countdown, this will be displayed on a light green background. The green background will hold for 45 seconds.



At 15 seconds to go 15 will be displayed on blue background, and the screen will stay blue for 10 seconds.



At 5 seconds to go 5 will be displayed on a white background, and the screen will stay white for for 5 seconds.



At the end of the 60 seconds, GO will be displayed on a yellow background.



Jump starts and all other details will be as usual. The standard flags will be in use during actual racing.

# NEW MOTORS AVAILABLE

## TOHATSU D2 9.9'S FOR SALE

(APPROXIMATE COST) **\$2600**



Brad Kitcher has researched the possibility of getting an exemption for the supply of 2 stroke motors into WA. After going through the process it became apparent that the amount of motors needed to be bought out-weighed his needs. After getting all the paperwork completed he has now passed it onto myself to offer to the motors to club members for purchase.

So, we have available to us as a club 9.9 D2 Tohatsu/Mercury outboards. There are some rules in owning these motors and they can not leave the club for 3 years.

We need to purchase a minimum of 35 outboards by the end of the 24 month period of exemption, which has already started.

A local marine company has offered to help us get these motors through and delivered to WA.

Minimum orders of 10 at a time. Freight costs may differ on orders, making costs go up slightly as time goes by.

There is paperwork and ongoing records required for every single motor we purchase and they are intended for racing use and not just for people to put in their sheds.

And once again, they can't be sold outside of the club for a period and this is monitored by the government.

At the moment the ball park figure of a single motor in a 10 motor minimum order will be around \$2600.

As a club, we need to get behind this. If we can not fill the 35 minimum order, I would say this will not be available again.

I would like to start a register for anyone wanting to purchase one or more of these motors. Once we start the list, I will show everyone the requirements for buying one and who and when to pay. Orders will go through the dealer and motors will be received by the dealer once shipped.

Please register your interest with Chris Johnson via email, phone or facebook.

*Chris Johnson*



# GENERAL CODE OF CONDUCT

Power Dinghy Racing Club of WA endorses the following code of conduct for our members.

This code of conduct is underpinned by the following core values.

- To act within the rules and spirit of our sport.
- To display respect and courtesy towards everyone involved in our sport noting that everyone in an organisational role is doing so as a volunteer.
- To prioritise the encouragement and safety of new and junior members into our sport.

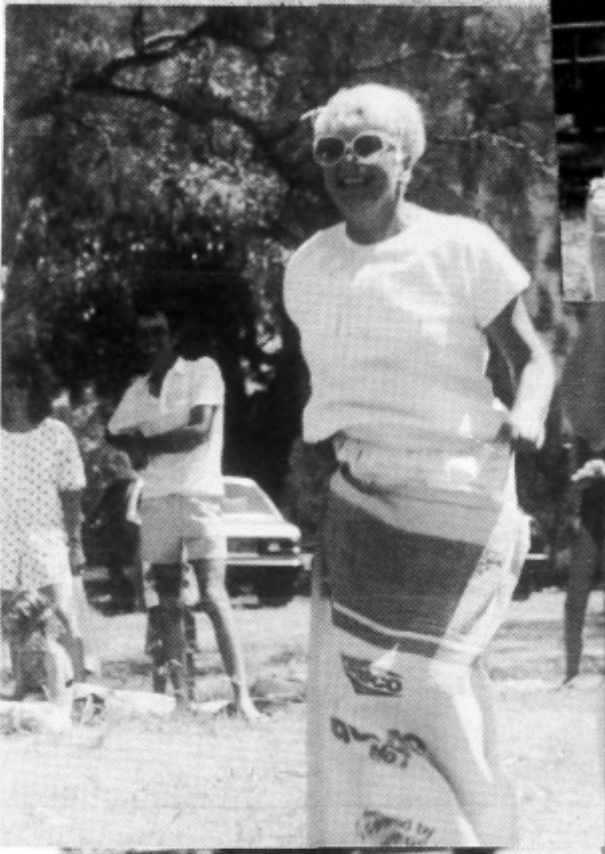
A member shall:

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of others.
- Be fair, considerate and honest in all dealing with others.
- Be professional in, and accept responsibility for, your actions.
- Be aware of, and maintain an uncompromising understanding of and adherence to, Power Dinghy Racing Club of WA Constitution, Competition Rules and Specifications documents.
- Act in a way that provides a good example to junior and new members to the club.
- Refrain from any form of harassment of others.
- Refrain from any behaviour that may bring the Power Dinghy Racing Club of WA into disrepute.
- Provide a safe environment for the conduct of racing power dinghies and training.
- Be a positive role model.
- Understand that race teams are responsible for the behaviour and actions of their support crew and affiliates at race events and weekends away with the club.
- Be aware of the constitution paragraph 20. "Discipline" specifically 20.1 relating to "reasons".
- Understand that the competition rules and specifications documents are the responsibility of all members. Utilise the rule proposal process to maintain workable documents for the current racing format.
- Understand that it is management committees responsibility to uphold the rulebook as it reads.

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## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY AND BOAT RALLY

On Sunday morning nine families plus Stretch and his deckie launched their craft at Maylands boat ramp ready for the start of the Boat Rally. We were all timed out and given questionnaires to complete. The Wilson family were first followed by the Watson's and then the rest. The boats varied from 8ft to 23ft and all shapes and colours. One of the questions was to find a Disney band aid so everyone was looking for a chemist on the river. The first boat to Mulberry Farm was Jan and Tyron Wilson, but don't forget that the rally is done on time as well. Another five families then arrived by car as the believed that the road was the way to go.

If one thought that the fun finished when the younger set brought their boats to the Mulberry Farm jetty, they had another think coming. Lollies and ice creams were being detoured at a great rate of knots. With the temperature in the high 20's, the swimming pool was getting a great workout by the younger set, the oldies settled back to the shade, a few drinks and Bar-B-Q ing lunch.

Tummy's full, the fun started, the hay rides with "El Supremo" at the wheel, singing "Old McDonald" in various keys could be heard all over Mulberry Farm. The games got under way with the Club's newest Dad, Jay Overstone as games co-ordinator. Egg and Spoon, Sack Races and the old 100 yard sprint, out did the "Comedy Company".

If you think a beach landing is worth protesting, then "El Supremo" was well within his rights to protest against a certain Northam Farmer for garnishing his face in the Egg and Spoon race.

Brent Barden was missing for some time but was found fast asleep under a shady tree. Son Peter was quick to wake him up to let him know what he was missing out on.

Dancia and Jacinta Mora are chips off the old block (Rod) were heard singing all over the farm.

Rachell Hall was having a great time winning races and her dad Jeff was not to be seen for the sack race.

Stacey and Stephen Hinks kept Peter on his toes.

Kevin Green has a new deckhand coming up, with Justin not wanting to get out of a boat and life jacket.

Sarah Tully had dad well in hand encouraging him in the Egg and Spoon race.

Jayne David and Graham Brooker had a great day with grandparents looking on.

The Thomas family I am sure had a great time.

With the fun reaching great heights Santa "Glen" Claus arrived on the "Rural Sledge" Ho, Hoing to the excitement of all the kids. Santa presented presents to 34 up and coming racers.

Young Ben Evans is still trying to figure out how Santa knew his name.

On the return trip everyone was in fine from including Stretch who can't read a speed sign. Tyron Wilson was king for a day taking all the boys for a ride in dad's new rubber boat. John Goodbody and Kevin Green took off on their own in their little machine. We now know how he usually wins the Blackwood, we all took great interest in his driving skills. Stretch and his deckie were giving Robert de Joode free lessons on how to operate a boogie board at high speed with only skimpy underwear on. The Watson girls thought it was great value. Rob got his hair wet but didn't seem to mind. Then the fun started, Russell gave Stretch a bucket thinking he had a leak in his boat but Stretch had other ideas and set about cooling a few people down with buckets of water. The Berloth family got their fair share, they would have been better swimming home.

A great day was had by all. A special thanks to Russell for the venue, Colleen and Lynne for the organising of the day.

### RESULTS

- 1ST: Scott Goodbody  
Rebecca Green  
Justin Green
- 2ND Tyron Wilson  
Jan Wilson
- 3RD The Berloth Clan

## P.D.R.C. COMMODORE'S REPORT

I have read the coroner's report into this year's Avon Descent fatality. There are as you would expect a number of recommendations to be taken on board by NADA. With this in mind, there will no doubt be changes on the cards for next year.

After the Avon Descent briefing on February 10th, all these relevant details should be a lot clearer. One major change which I will now let you in on, will be the requirement for all competitors in this year's Avon Descent to have completed in two other WASDA sanctioned events excluding the Blackwood Classic 250 from October 1st, 1991 to August 1st, 1992 to be eligible to complete.

So, for those of you who have not been seen at race meetings so far this season, dust off your boat and make some fast appearances.

Don't forget committee positions are being vacated in April and for the Club to continue, we need to find some new blood. If you think you have the ability to fulfill the job, then please let me know prior to March 9th, 1992.

### NEW PDRC OFFICE NUMBER 490 1714

Office manned between 10.00a.m. and noon  
Monday to Friday. Answering machine  
after hours.

Secretary is LYNN BERLOTH

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**RED FLAG  
REMINDER**

**COMMITTEE POSITIONS TO BE VOTED ON  
13 APRIL 1992**

# MIX 94.5 MASTERS® MILK CARTON REGATTA



It was a beautiful spring day with perfect blue sky and glass-like water. We started early, arriving before 7 so we could bring the boat into the beach and get all the set up done before any public arrived. By 8 we were done, and after a quick breakfast at the Dome we waited for the festival to begin. 94.5 Pete and Kymba were there live as well as Old Macdonald's Travelling Farms, Masters Cows, face painting, kids inflatable water slide and some fun stalls were to make the day for everyone.

At 10 am things kicked off with the live broadcast on 94.5 starting and all the activities getting underway. Masters supplied the refreshments with free samples being given to everyone. Pete and Kymba started the water activities off, taking their craft built by Subiaco Mens, Shed, out for a water test. After a bit of a wobbly start Pete and Kymba got out on to the water, the craft, a simple row boat design, went well and had only a few cartons fall off as they traversed the course. With the course now tested it was time to begin the racing.

Race 1 - Saw the first of the home made boats enter the water. Masters Moo Tineers took an early lead and never looked back taking the first race with little competition. Back in the pack many of the boats were struggling for stability or just sinking, which only made it more of a spectacle.

Race 2 - Our race. As we waited on the start line, tension was high as we ended up in a bad place on the grid with little to no room to paddle. As the start horn sounded, Sam and Alex started to paddle, almost submerging the MSS crew, whose craft was already lacking buoyancy so a wave of water from our paddles didn't help. Alex and Sam tore out of the gate taking an early lead.



# MIX 94.5 MASTERS<sup>®</sup> MILK CARTON REGATTA



Before the race started the Nauti Buoys and the Bartons looked to be our real competition, however as soon as the race started the Nauti Buoys craft had a catastrophic failure causing one crew member to be left in the water slowing their take off. The Bartons on the other hand were hot on the tail of Sam and Alex, looking to close the gap, they tried to increase their pace only to roll the craft and allow Sam and Alex to take Race 2 with a full half lap lead. So much of a lead they were almost forgotten as all the action was happening behind them with a 4 way battle for second. Alex and Sam were back on the beach with a drink in hand when somehow the Nauti Buoys over took Cow Shark and Wally Wafarers to take out second place.

Race 3 - Was another great race with lots of mishaps and capsizes, but Hovertron was the clear winner as they led from start to finish in their transforming craft.

It was a wonderful day for all and the win was a bonus. We took our craft home and are now planning next years event.

For 2024 I want PDRC to have the biggest craft there. To do this I need lots of masters 600ml milk cartons, so many its ridiculous, 3 thousand would be great.....

The 2 main ideas are a large Castle or a Trophy both built on a large pontoon setup so we can reuse this years cartons in the 2024 race and maybe then use all of them in the 2025 race.

The Trophy would just be a big box with this years boat on top and a plaque that says 2023 Race 2 winners. The castle would mean the destruction of the 23 craft to use the components in constructing the castle with parapets and maybe even a cannon on top (or a rookie with a super soaker). Both Crafts in 24 would be powered by 4 paddlers (Light volunteers required) and if all goes well, in 2025 we can use the trophy or castle as the centre for our massive battleship craft. It would be powered by 6 paddlers with 2 rookies manning the gun turrets. It's a big plan but anything is possible if we can just collect all the cartons.

Graeme Pilmoor



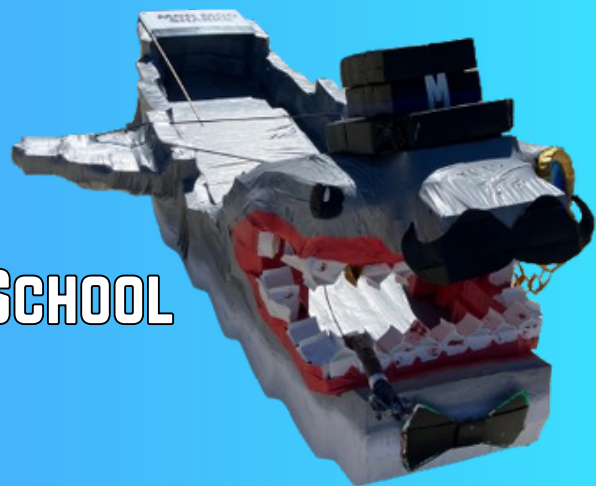
# PUBLIC VOTE WINNERS



**MOO MOO SHARKS**

**BY**

**MIRRABOOKA HIGH SCHOOL**



**2ND = WALLY WAYFARERS**

**3RD = SHIP BOX**

# OTHER ENTRIES



## OH YEAH BUOY



## KINGSLEY FOOTBALL CLUB



## COW SHARK

## THE FLOATING FAIRIES & THEIR MAGICAL UNICORN BOB



## WINNERS RACE 1 MASTERS MOO TINEERS

# WINNERS RACE 3 HOVERTRON



## DA BUOYS

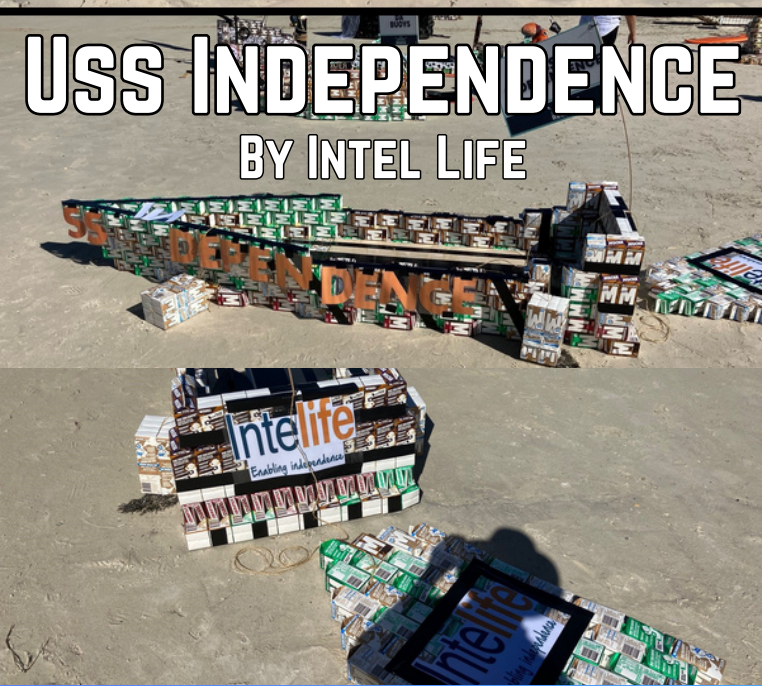


## MASTERS OF THE UNIVERSE



## THE BEEF

# USS INDEPENDENCE BY INTEL LIFE



## THE KARMA KREW

# OTHER ENTRIES

## THE BARTONS



## NAUTI BOUYS



## MSS



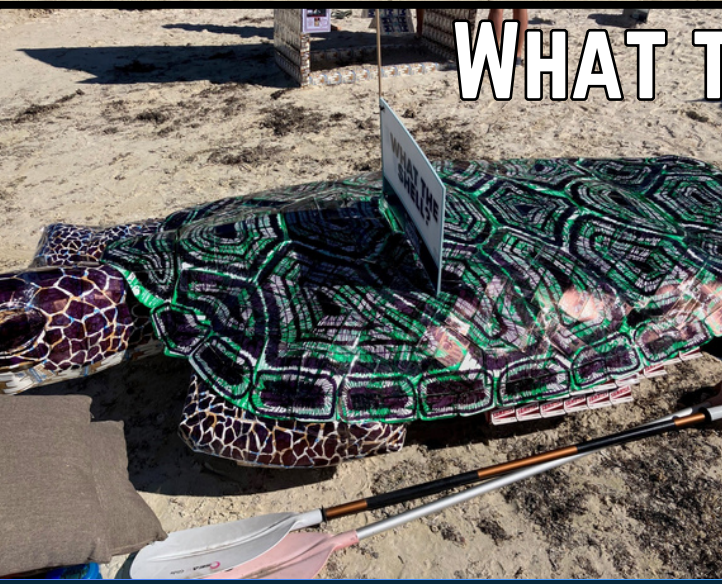
## DCR PIRATES



## THE BLACK PEARL



## WHAT THE SHELL



# AUSTRALIA DAY 2024



**Friday 26th January 2024**  
**Burswood Clubrooms**  
**Race Director: Shane Tregurtha**  
**(0419 045 674)**

Start the racing year off with a bang on Australia Day. All classes will be racing as well as F8s & Tubs, so get your rigs together and come on down.

BBQ Facilities available for use, BYO Food and Drinks. Water Slide for the kids and free icy poles to help keep ya cool.

Let's have a big start to the 2024 season. Hope to see as many of you as possible.

As usual if you sign up on Australia Day the \$50.00 Race ID fee will be waived.

**Scrutineering / Practice from**  
**7:00 AM**

(no boats on water till passed Scrutineering)

**Race Briefing F8 & TUBS 8:00am**

**Racing from 8:30am**



## **Supplementary Regulations'**

The Australia Day race is a closed event conducted under the competition rules of The Power Dinghy Racing Club of WA. The race director may make a ruling on any matter not specifically covered by the competition rules or supplementary contained in this publication. The Australia Day event is round 1 of the Club State Championship and will carry Championship points as per rule 1822. Jump starts: Procedure as per rules 1009/1013. Only 2 heat restarts will be allowed. All craft incurring breakdowns or flips will be allocated 5min to restart thier engine before the mill flag goes up for the next heat from the time the craft enters the pit area or lands on the beach. If a craft races in multiple classes they will only be eligible for championship points for one nominated class. All championship points from each class will only be applicable to those craft that have nominated for that particular class. Any podium finishes will be recognised in each class but point allocation will be as previously stated.

**All craft will be subject to scrutineering prior to competition (including F8's & Tub's).**  
**Standard and Super Standard entrants will be subject to a carby check prior to competition.**





## Supplementary Regulations - The formal bits

**Event:** Australia Day Cup

**Date:** Friday, 26 January 2024

**Location:** Burswood Clubrooms

**Event Type:** Rookie Event

**Race Director:** Brett Vagg

**Judge:** TBA on the Day

**Time Keeper:** TBA on the Day

**Flag Marshal:** TBA on the Day

**This Event will be part of the Championship Season.  
Points will be awarded towards your season championship**

**Entrance Fee is Per:** Person

**Entries Open:** 7:00 26/01/2024

**Entries Close:** 9:00 26/01/2024

**Single Class Entry:** \$30.00

**Multi Class Entry:** \$40.00

**Race Briefing Starts : 8:00 AM Burswood clubrooms**

**Eligible Classes:** Rookies, F8s, Tubs, Dinghy & Adventure Classes

**Race Type:** Circuit Race - 3 heats

**Course Description:** Long Circuit Race 5 laps per heat, every class.

**Check points:** No Checkpoints, its just a circuit

**Starting Format:** Dinghies / Adventure - Beach Start - engines running - in neutral.  
Other classes - Mill Starts

**Time Keeping:** Timing will be manual kept by the time keepers

**Handicapping:** There will be no handicapping for this event

**Winner:** First will be awarded to the best of the 3 heats

**Scrutineer:** Brett Vagg

**Scrutineering Time:** 7.30 F8s & Tubs, Dinghys approx 11am

**Scrutineering location:** Burswood Clubrooms

**Pre-Scrutineering:** NO

**Date:** n/a

**Time:** n/a

**Pre-Scrutineering details:** Special exceptions maybe made at the sole discretion of the Scrutineer

**Rescue and Recovery:** Rescue Dinghy will be present on water or beach during racing.

**Pit Area:** Pit area is open to all, all day

**Replacement parts:** Parts can be replaced between heats but no time will be given

**If you wish to make a protest a fee of \$100.00 applies and needs to be paid to the race director at the time of the protest.**

**Penalties for breaches:** are at the discretion of the race director

**Other info:** None

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# Australia Day Course

Main Course  
in blue.

Beach Start  
in Green.



# WANT TO RACE IN THE AVON DESCENT?

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# 2024 Season Opener



**Friday 26th January 2024**  
**Burswood Clubrooms**  
**1 Camfield dr Burswood**  
**Race Director: S. Tregurtha**



**Come down and start your journey to the Avon Descent**

