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MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

We have closed another busy summer season of on water activities and begun the winter programmes.

Themed dinners on a Wednesday evening started with a popular steak and parmy night, many members are enjoying the dining opportunities at the Club. Our sailors are participating in winter racing events including radio controlled yacht racing and the time trialling season is underway for the Power Section.

It's been a busy time on site with works underway on the main wharf and the Junior / Dinghy Facility redevelopment making good progress.

See you at the Club.

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Technology

The new website has been launched. A fresh look for our Club and some great features. We hope all members are starting to use their member portal.

In June we are rolling out the Club app. Members will log in to the app using the same username and password as the member portal on the website. Download the app, 'MemberPoint' and select our Club. More information and instructions are available on the website in the Club Info section.



Junior / Dinghy Facility

We are pleased to report the construction of our new Junior/Dinghy Facility is progressing well and within schedule expectations. This fantastic new building will be the future home for all RFBYC's off-the-beach activities including Junior sailing, adult dinghy sailing, St Ayles rowing and an emerging new member activity - model yacht sailing!



To date, through the amazing and generous support of members, the Club has raised over \$2.5 million in donations, with a total project cost just over \$3 million. To help close the funding gap for the new Junior/Dinghy Facility, the Club is conducting a voluntary fundraising raffle in which all members are able to participate.



Tickets are limited to 2,500 - 1st prize \$10,000, 2nd prize \$5,000 and 3rd and 4th prizes \$2,500 each. At \$100 per ticket, and full take-up, proceeds (after prize money) would be \$230,000 - a significant further step towards 100% funding. The prize-winning tickets will be drawn on Saturday, 26 June 2021 at 18:00 at the Members' Bar.



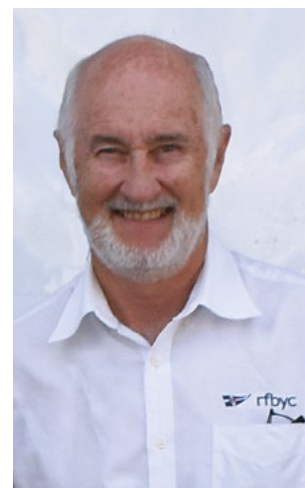
We welcome new applications for membership

It's an exciting time at the Club, our community is alive with activity. There are lots of things happening on Keane's Point with upgrades in the marina and around the grounds. Plenty of opportunities to get involved in our on water activities or just enjoy the social side.

We invite new applications for membership. Visit the membership section of the Club website or get in touch with our Membership Coordinator, Suzzi, for assistance.



ROBERT PARKER COMMODORE



SINCE LAST WRITING the Club concluded a very successful summer sailing season. Closing day on 17 April was beautiful Autumn weather with light breezes, probably a relief to many after a good season of sea breezes. Fleet numbers were excellent. Keelboat prize night on 7 May was great fun. Rear Commodore Ian Burvill will have further details on results for the season. Congratulations to those who took home awards.

Due to parking and capital works restrictions, the Junior & Dinghy Closing Day was split out this year to the Sunday (18 April). It too was a lovely day and the spectacle of all the dinghy fleets in the bay was uplifting. Rear Commodore Scott Monro has a comprehensive report to follow. Suffice to say here that we continue to be a leader in the State, and Nationally, in participation.

The Tropical themed Junior & Dinghy Prize Night held on 14 May was fantastic fun and attended by all four Vice Patrons and partners. The Junior & Dinghy section has full support at all levels of the Club.

Our ongoing major capital works projects continue largely as scheduled on time and cost measures. The new building, for all off-the-beach activities, received its architectural feature 'Aramax' roof in early May. The on-site steel rolling machine was a site to behold and produced the 20 metre plus lengths over 2 days of production. Alignment and structural elements have now been implemented and work continues.

Demolition of the western wharf created an inter-

esting sight in that it looked like we had branched into aquaculture, with 4 ponds within the revealed sub-structure. A time of writing, the entire structure has gone, and piling soon to commence. I thank the owners of the various fleets that needed re-homing for the duration of this work. We were fortunate to have the indigenous elder, Trevor Walley, provide us with a 'Throwing of the Sands' ceremony to ensure good harmony with the important cultural and physical connections with the river.

The Club's new, and much improved, website and member portal were implemented several weeks back. I encourage members to re-visit the website and experience the intuitive and easy to find aspects of it. The Member Portal gives access to your recorded details, transaction balances/history and member directory etc.

Elsewhere in this publication we provide comment on the MemberPoint App and On-Water Pass initiatives. The app is a mobile/tablet-based tool that complements the website and also provides on-water safety tools such as Crew Sign-on and weather

information. On-Water Pass will provide the means to ensure all crew are covered by insurance and facilitate a pathway to membership. General Committee are committed to ensuring the highest level of safety, whilst encouraging participation and equity.

I recently competed in the rejuvenated Commodores Cup race held out of Fremantle Sailing Club in late March! I had the good fortune to draw David Hicks and Jon Sanders AO OBE as my crew on David's boat *Seaflight*. David, at the time, was the youngest non-stop, solo around the world sailor. Jon, of course, needs no introduction.

The Retro Series wrapped up on 18 April after a very successful series. I had much pleasure sailing several times with Manfred Speicher on his beautiful *Bacchante*. RFBYC has now handed the organising authority 'baton' over to Royal Perth Yacht Club.

With only a slight break in on-water activity, the Power season Opening Day kicked off on 1 May. Rear Commodore Elise Manners and her Club and volunteer team did an amazing job. The weather gods smiled

upon us as well. Elise provides further details herein.

The St Ayles section continues with high participation, enthusiasm and average age! We have had several excellent events including two trips to Collie. Our trip to Kalbarri was cancelled due to cyclone destruction. Our members are to be congratulated for agreeing to donate our paid deposit to the caravan park to assist recovery.

Sadly, due to WA's brief COVID lockdown, we were unable to hold the Anzac Day Dawn event. Much thought and planning had gone into it and I thank John and Di Walsh who joined me at the Club to lay a single wreath to ensure no break in the tradition.

Finally, the Offshore section celebrated the awarding of prizes for the 44th Farrawa Cup on Sunday, 30 May. Congratulations to all prize winners, in all categories. The prestigious Farrawa Cup was won by Simon Torvaldsen in *Atomic Blonde*. RFBYC's Craig Carter took out 3rd place in Division 1 Overall.

Best of luck to those Time Trialling, Frostbiting and dinghying over winter. ■

PETER CHALMER

VICE COMMODORE



HOUSE & SOCIAL

Further to my recent Tidings article about member behaviour and members' responsibility for the behaviour of guests, I am extremely disappointed to report a few recent incidences of inappropriate behaviour towards staff at the Club, in particular younger females. 'Suggestive' behaviour towards any member of staff is never appropriate and the Club will take such events very seriously. Whilst there is almost certainly no ill-intention and it may be considered harmless fun at the time, the perspective from those receiving the comments is usually that of shock, dismay and distress.

The Club has a responsibility to provide a safe working environment for all employees and behaviour of this nature will not be tolerated. I would also urge any member witnessing such behaviour to report it to a duty manager or the CEO immediately.

On a joyous note, our head chef, Derrick, and his wife, Silae have just become proud parents of a baby girl, Dami. Congratulations and our best wishes to you both.

All Club functions have been well received and

attended although both our ANZAC Day Service and our Vintage Vessel and Vehicle Day have suffered either COVID-19 cancellation or weather-based postponements.

Both the Keelboat Prize Night and the Dinghy Prize Night were fantastic evenings. Most outstanding were the Dinghy juniors who planned their own evening and after receiving a few speeches and lots of trophies, spent the night dancing to the Macarena and YMCA.

The Members Bar and Bowline menus have undergone a few tweaks to reflect the change in seasons and to present the best possible choice and value for member satisfaction.

There are ongoing increases in restaurant and bar usage as well as events. Quarterdeck Lunches and New Members Nights are very successful and have been booked to our allowable capacities. More recently, Friday and Saturday night Bowline dining is performing to allowable capacity and is reflective of members enjoyment of their Club. Please don't forget that members receive a 10% discount when using their membership card.

Theme Dinners are always well attended and will commence in mid-June. Please keep an eye on Front of House for these dining opportunities and book early.

A very special event for the diary is the 125th year Anniversary Celebration currently planned for Tuesday, 14 December. It will be a celebration of our Club, its heritage and future successes.

MEMBERSHIP

Member numbers continue to grow and we are now at our highest membership numbers for many years.

For females, these figures show continued steady increases in all age groups. For males, our Under 17s are performing better than the older 18–30yo and 31 plus age groups.

In terms of total participation, females are best represented in the under 30 age groups and almost all of those have shown good increases in the last year and are 25% up over the last 4 years.

New Member Nights are fantastic evenings meeting and celebrating our newest members. These nights are held about every 4 to 5 weeks and all members are

invited to attend. Bowline dinner reservations are available for those proposers wishing to introduce new members to the benefits of the Club's dining areas.

The Club's new website was launched in March and members will have received instructions to enable them to log onto the Member Portal where they can view their account, make payments and access member-only content. This is a major leap forward in terms of member accessibility and I congratulate our all staff, most notably Suzzi and the working group, on their hard work in delivering a website that is such an improvement.

Along with the website, our MemberPoint app, designed for use on smart phones and tablets, will be launched soon to all members. MemberPoint will give members access to their account, transaction history, fresh news blog, upcoming events, crew finder, boat finder as well as enable members to sign-on for on-water activities.

More on this topic can be found on the next page. I look forward to seeing you at the Club.

IAN BURVILL

REAR COMMODORE SAIL



A GAINST EXPECTATIONS, we were able to sail for nearly all of the summer season. A total of 83 yachts competed in our Keel Boat Closing Day on 17 April. On the same day, 17 yachts competed in RFBYC's Roland Smith Ocean Race. The light winds made for a long race on the ocean.

Our youth sailors completed their WA Tour in April. Congratulations to Will Boulden's *Alpha Racing Team*, which won the series. RFBYC teams took out the next three places with Ethan Prieto-Low's *Calypso Racing Team* second, Marcello Torre's *Columbo Racing Team* third and Lucy Alderson's *Akami Race Team* fourth.

In mid-April, RFBYC won the 2021 Inter Club Championships. Congratulations to the following teams (and skippers): Veterans (Michael Manford), Women's (Sandy Anderson) and Open (Will Boulden and Ethan Prieto-Low).

Over Easter, Cam Owen and Suzzi Ghent defended their state championship in the Hobie 16 class. It's great to have a champion like Suzzi organise offshore events for our Club and for Offshore Racing WA ("ORWA").

Craig Carter's team on *Indian* capped off the offshore season with a stellar performance in the Fremantle to Exmouth race. They were fastest overall and first in Division 1 under IRC, ORCi and PHS systems. This took them to first place under IRC in ORWA's Blue Water Series. Daniel Cannon, with *Cannonball*, narrowly missed out on winning IRC Division 2 in that series, after a three-way countback.

I'd like to welcome the newest and smallest keel boat fleet to the Club. Over the past few months, several members have purchased Dragon Force 65 radio-controlled yachts and have been racing on an informal basis. Many of the owners are high level sailors, so the competition is fierce.

It was wonderful to see Australian Sailing recognise the Club as the top Discover Sailing Centre in Australia. This is a credit to the

hard work put in by Chelsea Hall, Shelley White, Jade Lane, Debbie Blaauw and our many instructors.

In April 2021, John Taylor was awarded the *Ron Tough Yachting Foundation Gold Medal for Outstanding Contribution to Sailing*. This was well deserved, after years of dedication as a race officer.

The Club was fortunate to be able to hold the Keel Boat Prize Night on the scheduled date of 7 May. The Farrawa Cup Awards Night had to be postponed, due to the late April lockdown, but was well attended on the revised date of 30 May. That same day, 24 boats sailed in the first race of the Keel Boat Frostbite series.

The Club has introduced Crew Sign-on via Member Point, a phone and tablet-based app, for the Keel Boat Frostbite series. This initiative will improve safety, by the Club knowing

who is on board each boat and their emergency contact details. The associated On-Water Pass system will facilitate compliance with the Racing Rules of Sailing rule 46, the Club's By-Law 3.25 ("A regular crew member shall be a member of the Club") and will provide personal accident insurance via Australian Sailing. The introduction of this system is initially on a voluntary basis, so I'd encourage skippers to give it a try.

After a successful summer season, I'd like to thank the tireless efforts of our staff who make our sailing happen. This includes sailing administration and training staff, the bosun and grounds staff, the CEO and general administration, Keith on the front gate, and all our bar and catering staff. I'll close by thanking all the volunteers, who assist on and off the water. ■

SCOTT MONRO

REAR COMMODORE JUNIORS



THE DINGHY PRIZE NIGHT was a huge success and a great evening of celebration for our Junior and Dinghy sailors. It was a very colourful occasion with everybody dressed in their favourite 'Club Tropicana' attire. The speeches and awards were deliberately brief, which allowed sailors and parents to socialise and dance for most of the evening.

Mia Lovelady was awarded the Junior Club Person of the Year for the 2020/21 sailing season, receiving the Huck Scott Perpetual Trophy. Mia has been a very active and loyal Junior member for 9 years, has represented the Club at State and National Competition in Optimists, Lasers and 29ers, and has served as a past Junior Captain. Mia continues to sail the 29er and is currently a member of the WA State Squad (WASS). She is also a valuable member of our

coaching team. Congratulations, Mia!

Despite the ongoing travel restrictions, some of our Junior and Dinghy sailors did manage to travel interstate and compete in National Competition at the end of the summer season of sailing. A special mention to Jasper Stay, Thomas Cooper and Nicholas Cooper who competed in the Optimist Australian Championship in South Australia, and Will Boulden, Max Godfroy, David Tucker and Nick Deussen who compet-

ed in the Moth Australian Championship in NSW.

There has been solid progress on the construction of the new Junior Dinghy Facility over the last three months. The Junior members are very excited at the prospect of having a new Facility at the end of this year which will feature a large Club Room, dedicated training and meeting rooms, new toilets and showers, storage facilities, canteen and even a gym. The staff are also looking forward to the larger administra-

tion office and adjoining coach room. The facility is certainly bigger than initial expectations and the fancy Aramax roof is a 'stand out'.

RFBYC continues to be acknowledged by Australia Sailing as the No. 1 Discovery Sailing Training Centre in Australia, recording over 1000 participations in training courses over the 9-month period, July 2020 to March 2021. We are all very proud of this ongoing achievement. ■

DINGHY PRIZE NIGHT - 2020/21 SAILING SEASON - MOST NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

JUNIOR CLUB PERSON OF THE YEAR MIA LOVELADY
HUCK SCOTT PERPETUAL TROPHY

MOST IMPROVED AWARDS

OPTIMIST (I)	ISABELLE CHARLY
OPTIMIST (O)	JASPER STAY
O'PEN SKIFF (I)	HUDSON ARMSTRONG
O'PEN SKIFF (O)	BRENN ARMSTRONG
ORANGE FLEET	ASHA & SIENA JOHNSTON
GREEN FLEET	EDWARD YU, ADISON BATES
JUNIOR SKIPPER	THOMAS COOPER
DINGHY SKIPPER	XAVIER BATES

MOST VALUABLE DINGHY CREW

GEORGE ELMS

CLUB CHAMPIONS

OPTIMIST (I) 2020	THOMAS COOPER
OPTIMIST (I) 2021	NICHOLAS GILLHAM
OPTIMIST (O)	JASPER STAY
O'PEN SKIFF (O/I)	BRENN ARMSTRONG
MIRROR	PETER & JANINE JUDGE
LASER 4.7	DOMINIC BEER
LASER RADIAL	DAVID JOYCE
LASER STANDARD	GRANT LOVELADY
WASZP 6.9	JAMIE BOUGHER
WASZP 8.2	MICK HONAN
29ER	ZACHARY SPRUNT & VASSILIS KATSAITIS

ELISE MANNERS REAR COMMODORE POWER



THE 2021 POWER TIME Trialling Opening Day was held on Saturday 1 May 2021 under brilliant blue skies. Even though we had some remaining COVID restrictions, we still managed to get 18 nominations with 13 power boats, both classic and modern, rafting up along the main wharf after the short time trial.

The band 'Stray Dogs', played us through the afternoon and the West Winds Gin Bar was strategically placed, making the day a great success. It was fabulous to see some new faces out on the water and on the wharf afterwards. I certainly hope to continue to see them, and other new and seasoned time triallers, competing regularly.

RESULTS FOR THE DAY

Equal first on 3 points lost were *Havana* Tim Cummins and Ken Stevenson and *Liberty* David Russell-Cargill and Scott Baumgartel. Third place on a count back went to Steven Lewis and Emma Lewis on *Inkognito* with 5 points lost.

As mentioned in my previous Tidings article, Camp

Quality Family Fun day was held Sunday 28 March. The weather gods shone down on us with brilliant blue skies and light winds, making perfect conditions to take the families for a cruise down river and through the bridges, with some boats sneaking around to fishing boat harbour. We had 14 member boats taking out approximately 140 people, 74 of which were children under the age of 19. The families and volunteers then enjoyed a spit roast and paella on the upper lawn at RFBYC. The day was a great success thanks to the members who volunteered their boats and their time to this worthy day. Thank you to all and I look forward to next year's event being bigger and better.

At the time of writing this, we have already had one out of the eight state teams events scheduled for this season. This was run on Saturday, 22 May hosted by SoPYC with our very own *Havana*, Tim Cummins and Ken Stevenson, winning with least points lost of 6! Well done guys! The second heat is due to be held on Sunday, 6 June in conjunction with the Lloyd Anderson hosted by CYC and the third state event is scheduled for Saturday, 19 June in conjunction with RPYC's Searfarers Marathon. Good luck to all our team members!

Socially, on Saturday, 3 July we have planned a cruise up to Elizabeth Quay with a set menu lunch at The Reveley before head-

ing up to the roof top bar. Details for this event are on the website as well as in your weekly Gybe Sheet. There will be Club boats organised for the journey up and back and places are limited so be sure to book early to avoid disappointment!

We have a total of 37 nominated for this season and I would love to see this number participating regularly. If you are interested in joining the time trialling community and need some help getting started, please email Sharon Skinner at power@rfbyc.asn.au or call 9286 8200. It is never too late to join in the fun.

I look forward to seeing you out on the water or around our beautiful Club very soon.





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THE LAST SIX MONTHS

LAST YEAR, I SPENT JUST OVER 3 months training in locations such as Coffs Harbour, Mooloolaba and Noosa with the Australian Sailing Squad. It was the best solution to not being able to go overseas, while training with some of the best Laser sailors in the World, under Michael Blackburn (Laser coach). Over summer, competing in the RFBYC ICR along with Laser events out of FSC and the Youth event out of SOPYC was a surreal feeling being able to race again.

I managed to place second at the ICR, just behind Swifto. I managed to pip him by winning the Laser event (replacement nationals) at FSC and I then went on to win the U21 at the SOPYC Goolugatup regatta in January. Later that month, while Perth was in a five-day lockdown, I received a phone call saying that I was selected into the Australian Sailing Squad as part of the Laser Men's Team. Since there haven't been any overseas competitions, selection was based on the domestic camps on the east coast last year along domestic events over summer and my previous European event results, where I got a silver medal at the Youth Worlds. Getting into the squad was something I've been aiming for since moving into the Laser Standard just under two years ago. Within two days of the selection advice, I packed my gear and left for Sydney.

The Laser team were having a few training camps in Sydney out of the National Training Centre (NTC) – at Middle Harbour Yacht Club – as the lead up before Matt Wearn left for overseas to compete and then onto the Tokyo Olympics.

In the following three months my week consisted of sailing five days a week with the squad, gym/cycling, and coaching, along with full time university classes online. The lifestyle of just focusing on sailing every day improved my overall sailing a lot. I was able to spend a lot of quality hours on and off the water with the best Laser group in



images above: the squad on transit to our accommodation in Mooloolaba (Swifto behind the camera)

the world. However, I found the change to managing full time training in Sydney every week quite hard being away from my strong support network at home. Eventually I managed to move into a solid routine with a good support network which helped with balancing all the training loads, doing university and sailing at a high standard each day.

In April, overseas events were cancelled so the rest of the squad stayed in Sydney to train in the lead up for Matt to go to the Olympic Games. At the same time, the bubble to New Zealand opened so current bronze medalist from Rio Olympics, Sam Meech and previous World Number 3, George Gautry came over for a 5-week training block. Training with international sailors added a lot to the intensity

and training of the group. At the end of this block, we travelled up to Lake Macquarie for a regatta. Over the 6 days, including the medal race, I finished 5th overall which I thought was solid and showed I was on the right track.

After the regatta on the lake, I was planning to come home but WA went into another lockdown, so I went back to the NTC in Sydney instead and did some more training with Michael Blackburn before heading up to Mooloolaba, QLD for the next camp.

Last year, the camp in Mooloolaba was so good. Warm conditions, sea breezes and big swell. This year, conditions for the first week of train-

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ing included light winds and sunny days which was really good. We started another regatta in the second week, with the same format as Lake Macquarie. The conditions for the regatta were cold, wet and windy. I started the regatta well but was unable to maintain my scores in the last few days on water and finished in 4th overall. Again, the event was solid for my development and, in each training block, I'm constantly learning about the standard needed to sail well and what I need to work on before the end of the year.

I'm currently on my way home to Perth for a week off prior to returning to Queensland for another training block out of Yeppoon. After the two-week block in Yeppoon, we drive the boats up to Cairns for the last camp before Matt and Michael fly to Tokyo for the games. At this stage, when the last camp finishes, I hope to come home in July and have a month of training before I can go away to compete. I'm hoping to go to the U21 Worlds in Weymouth and Men's Worlds in Barcelona. As always, things change quite rapidly but all my training will be working towards Worlds later this year or early next year where I hope to compete.

The ability to go interstate last year, and currently this year is possible due to the big support network at home. A big thanks to RFBYC for their ongoing support with my sailing as I continue to learn and gain more experience in my laser campaign.



above: Sailing out of the Heads in Sydney

below: Sailing off Fremantle during Summer.



DRAGONS ON THE SWAN

A GATHERING OF OVER 30 SAILORS attended the annual AGM of the Western Australian International Dragon Class Association in the Athol Hobbs Room on Wednesday, 19 May 2021. The Club's International Dragon Class reported a first class 20/21 Season, despite COVID-19. An even more active forthcoming summer season is likely given the planned events and activities.

President Rod Williams reported that only one race had been missed due to COVID-19 during the season. The strength of the fleet was apparent with an average of 12 boats competing in each race and 19 overall out on the Swan. It is hoped that 2021–22 will witness all 29 Dragons on the register out racing. These numbers are by far leading the participation rates compared with all other states. And it is clearly the premier one-design class at RFBYC!

The past season was also a standout for the special events held including the Saracen Plate for the Women's Helm Regatta which had 12 teams participating. The excellent conditions on the day and into the evening ensured that the 'Pizza and Shiraz Presentation' hosted on Willy and Mimi Packer's terrace was a great gathering for owners, helms, crew, race officials, Dragon friends and family.

WA was one of few States that managed to get a State Championship Regatta completed on time, again in great conditions on the Swan. Hughie came out to play on every occasion. 15 Dragons contested the Championship under the excellence of Race Officer Geoff Brown and his band of volunteers.

Treasurer John Anderson reported a very healthy COVID-free state of financial affairs with all in attendance appreciative of the 100% discount on membership for the

year, but equally welcoming of a return to a modest annual fee for the forthcoming year. Of special note, and indeed fostering great pride among the many Dragon sailors who commenced as junior sailors at RFBYC, was the donation of \$10,000 from the Association to the Club's new Off The Beach Clubhouse Facility. There are a special many Dragoners who commenced as RFBYC dinghy sailors and there is a special few who didn't but who acknowledge the importance of such a strong foundation for crew and camaraderie.

Speaking of camaraderie and friendships, the Handicapper's Acquittal Report was well received by nearly all! Steve Cole provided a clear explanation of the various components of the handicapping system and indicated the overall 'fairness' of the system with the reasonable sharing of place-getters across the fleet and an effective reduction in the average finishing time-spread after handicap adjustment.

Looking toward 2021–22 Season, it is exciting to note that six crews have indicated contesting the Prince Philip Cup 2022 in Sydney. The 2021 Regatta was COVID-cancelled so the enthusiasm has been building and it is likely WA will have the biggest contingent of entries of any State including NSW. There will be a 'draggin' of Dragons across the Nullabor after Christmas!

Perhaps helping to make it possible to have such a great number interested in the National Championship is the training and opportunity to sail a Dragon that has been provided by the Association and Club Members this year. Several of the teams will have crew sourced from the Women's Helm Regatta, which is proposed to be held again in early October. Complementing this is the Saturday morning training that some owners have hosted giving novices and experienced hands more time on the water. In the coming year training will go up a notch with provision of a training yacht, *Gilt Dragon*, generously restored and made available by Ian Malley and Ray Chatfield.

Also looking toward the future of the fleet a word of encouragement from the Association for owners who have had trouble getting on the water, start planning now and take advantage of the training opportunities. The RFBYC fleet is one of the best it has ever been and Dragons are back in demand. If lying fallow, then consider selling well before the start of the next season so new owners can get ready and be on the water for Opening Day 2021–22.

If you are looking for a Dragon to buy, or for current information on the Australian International Dragon Class, check the website www.dragonclass.org.au

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OPTIMIST NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

ADELAIDE

MY RECENT TRAVEL TO THE Adelaide Optimist National Championships was to a short, noticed regatta and I wasn't going to be able to go until the very last minute when my friend's family offered to take me with them. My preparation was slim, but I wanted to go to get an idea of what I am up against for 2022 Nationals in Fremantle.

I was very lucky to get the opportunity to get coaching with Rob and Tom Brewer for two days leading up to the racing.

On the first day of competitive racing, I sailed in some of the biggest swell I've ever sailed. With 15 knots gusting 20! It was great fun and I got stuck into the race scoring a good 6th and 9th. I was happy to end the first day sitting at 5th on the leader board and very excited with what this Regatta might bring!

The second day's racing wasn't as good, with a 14th, 11th and 8th. I knew I had the potential to do better but I was happy that I could drop those races and get better scores the next day.

On the 3rd day of racing, I was feeling awesome having some very good races. I achieved an 8th, 2nd and a 5th, but on one of my races

the jury pinged me for sculling. I was on the start line and incredibly eager to do well, my competitive edge took the better of me and I was pinged again by the jury! I sailed the race very deflated and frustrated.

I got 33rd but little did I know that because I had been pinged twice, I would be automatically disqualified from the race – incurring a 69-pt. scoring penalty! I found out later when I returned to land that if I had retired from the race, I would have been able to drop the penalty! This was a huge lesson that I won't ever forget – I incurred a 69 undroppable penalty and I could have just retired and dropped it!

My final day was all about staying optimistic, sailing hard and not making any mistakes, I was very aware that I could have my card marked by the jury; one slip could

cost me the whole regatta. I was steady 9th and 9th in the final races.

My overall place was 14th. I worked out I could have got 4th if I hadn't gotten the penalty.

I was definitely really grateful to be given the opportunity to sail at the Optimist national championships in Adelaide and thank you for the support. I learned some very valuable lessons and feel like I'm closer to achieving my goal of top 5 at Nationals and getting the opportunity to sail at worlds!

I've made some friends that I look forward to seeing in Fremantle 2022. And look forward to representing RFBYC and WA at the 2022 Nationals!

You can find my results on the AIODA Facebook page. ■

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As a wrap of the year gone by, congratulations go to the following:

WAIDA STATE CHAMPION

WILLY PACKER

SCOUNDREL

WAIDA HANDICAP WINNER

IAN MALLEY

SAPHIRA

WOMEN'S HELM CHAMPION

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THANK YOU TO:

- Peter Hay for his ongoing support as Patron of the Association,
- RFBYC Fleet Captain Kevin Palassis,
- Retiring Association Office Bearers Jennie Fitzhardinge, John Longley and Simon Prosser
- New and ongoing Association Office Bearers – Rod Williams (Pres.), John Anderson (Treas.), David Meager (Sec.), Jack Lynn, Gerry McGann, Willy Packer and Ian Malley (Tech.).
- Flag Officers and Sailing Administration at RFBYC.

Hope you all get a chance to sail a Dragon on the Swan during the Winter Series or the Thursday afternoon races and see you at the Dragon Bar come summer 2021–22. ■



Nicholas Cooper achieved 1st place in his final race!



The Cooper brothers at the Optimist Nationals.



*left and centre: beach launching
far right top and bottom: the swell on Day 1*



YOUNG RFBYC SAILORS AT THE AUSTRALIAN OPTIMIST NATIONALS

THE ANNUAL Australian Optimist National Championships were hosted by the Adelaide Sailing Club in April 2021. In total, 95 junior sailors from every state attended the regatta with four WA sailors crossing the border including Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club brothers Thomas and Nicholas Cooper, along with Jasper Stay.

The weather conditions in Gulf St. Vincent provided a significant test of sailing skills with Day 1 delivering 20 knots and 1.5–2.0m swell thanks to ex-TC Seroja. Both Intermediate and Open fleets did well just to make it to the start line without breaking any gear in the extreme conditions. The wind settled in the 5–10 knot range for the remainder of the regatta and light-weather sailors that picked the wind shifts and sailed on the favoured side of the course had the most success.

Sailing in Open Fleet, Thomas finished 41st overall and was very pleased with his results. Thomas' highlights included a 15th place in the final race of the regatta and apparently he also really enjoyed sailing in the large swell!

Jasper Stay finished an impressive 14th overall.

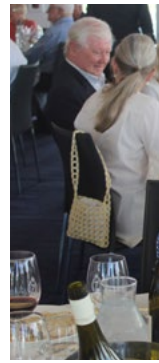
Nicholas finished 6th overall in the Intermediate fleet, which was a fantastic effort for an 8-year-old. Nicholas' highlights included a 1st place in the final race, learning how

to pick the wind shifts and making new friends.

Travel to the regatta was supported by a grant from RFBYC and the Western Australian International Optimist Dinghy Association (WAIODA).

The regatta was a great learning experience for the young sailors and they're now looking forward to racing in the calmer waters of the Swan River during the RFBYC 2021 Winter Sailing Series. ■







FERRY WARS

Rottnest ferries and the Perth ferry wars of the 1960's

The Over 30 Crew Lunch was held on Friday, 23 April with 100 members in attendance. Guest speaker Gerry McGann entertained us with stories about his family's historic connection to the Rottnest ferry service. In particular the *Islander* which his father had purchased in 1947.

“Emmett McGann went to buy his young sons a dinghy at a military auction in 1947 and came home with a ship that changed the way Perthites visited Rottnest. The *Islander* was the first fast ferry to Rottnest and allowed day-trippers 4 hours on Rotto, something the earlier slow, steam-driven

vessels could not accomplish. Alas the monopoly through the 1950's changed with competition appearing in the early 60's, resulting in the 'Ferry Wars'. The 'wars' led to some exciting races to Rottnest, my dad's broken jaw, one sinking, one arson attack and bodies in the river.” Gerry is Emmett's youngest son. ■



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John Hullet

charlie STRUE

The Zephyr was heading homewards
from Rottnest to the Swan
with Charlie's hand upon the wheel
his to love and conn

The throbbing of her engine
the turning of her screw
the hissing wheeze of steam and smoke
were life to Charlie Strue

Her funnel dipped beneath the swell
her canvas cover drumming
her bow embraced by briny lips
her decks awash and running

The women on the upper deck
some looking drawn and pale
the men were on the lower deck
roisterous drinking ale

The children ran between the two
their spirits wild and free
possessed by her abandoned joy
as she embraced her sea

When up stepped a rather pompous gent
a sassenach of letters
and said if she'd but face the wind
by gad she'd ride the better

Then Charlie ceased to suck his pipe
and pulled his briar out
and said in quiet measured tones
he'd ne'er been known to shout

"Ships be made to pitch and roll
'tis wisely said and true
let the buggers pitch and roll
thank ye but we'll make do"

The days of steam have long since gone
and Charlie is no more
yet the Zephyr's bell still rings to tell
of the forgotten days of yore

Following the recent talk by Gerry McGann, my interest was sparked by the mention of the *Zephyr* as the earliest Rottnest Ferry. The skipper of the *Zephyr* was Charlie Strue. The incident described in my ballad was told to me by my father-in-law Ron Waterstrom who occasionally served as a volunteer on the *Zephyr*.

Ron was a former Rear Commodore Power at our Club. The *Zephyr's* bell mentioned in the ballad now serves after yacht races at Fremantle Sailing Club. so it survives. The rolling action of the *Zephyr*, described graphically by Gerry McGann, I also featured in my ballad. ■



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MOTH NATIONALS 2021

LAKE MACQUARIE, NSW

IN STRANGE TIMES with the COVID pandemic still halting vast amounts of domestic and international travel, it was looking like a national championship for the Moth class in the 2020/2021 summer would be a tall order to fill.

Thankfully good governance from national class president and RFBYC member Nick Duessen paved the way for a fantastic national championship to be held at Wangi Sailing Club on Lake Macquarie, NSW.

The event was held outside of the 'usual' national championship period of December/January because of COVID restrictions, so it was decided at late notice to be held during the early stages of April. Over 40 boats attended the event from around Australia, which again is a credit to Nick and his team.

Four RFBYC members took the gamble to flee the WA bubble, with fingers crossed that our Premier wouldn't swing the axe and close the border if somebody on the east coast sneezed. Our WA team of four consisted of Nick Duessen, Max Godfroy, Dave Tucker and myself.

Sailing on Lake Macquarie is very similar in condition to that of the Swan River, however with the event being held in April, the wind was al-

ways going to be very hit and miss! These testing conditions presented themselves at the regatta with one day cancelled due to strong winds and the others being sailed in very puffy and shifty conditions or glass outs.

The Australian moth fleet is the most competitive of the wider global moth fleets and possibly the most competitive fleet of all classes globally. Having handfuls of Olympic medallists and America's Cup champions, both past and present competing regularly. The regatta was eventually won by class veteran and America's Cup/Sail GP expert Scott Babbage, followed in second by 2016 laser Olympic gold medallist Tom Burton. Rounding out the podium in 3rd, and in 4th place, saw two past moth world champions from the last decade Josh McKnight and Joe Turner. The RFBYC squad, much like the wind for the regatta were a little hit and miss! Nick Duessen looked like he spent all of

his energy organising the event (of which he did a fantastic job) and finished in 24th. Dave Tucker took some big learnings in his first national championships and finished one place ahead of Nick in 23rd. Max Godfroy probably needs to have a word with the weather man, as the conditions we had for the most part didn't require his weight, size and strength, which ended up placing him in 12th. As for myself, a very inconsistent performance often saw me leading and placing in races and then throwing away positions like it was going out of fashion, ending up landing me in 7th.

All in all the event was very enjoyable, especially considering we hadn't travelled or sailed outside of WA for over a year. Full credit to the national association and Wangi for making the event happen and hopefully we can do it all again next summer! ■

Susan Ghent



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2020-2021 SEASON 44TH FARRAWA CUP SERIES

*Two inshore passage,
two return ocean races.
All races to count.*

*this image:
Atomic Blonde,
first overall.*



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2020-2021 FARRAWA CUP SERIES PRESENTATION

DOLPHIN RACE GORDON CRAIG OCEAN RACE 73RD BUNBURY & RETURN OCEAN RACE ROLAND SMITH OCEAN RACE

TWO INSHORE PASSAGE, two return ocean races. All races to count. The Rockingham Race Regatta played host to the WA IRC State Championships and was an excellent weekend away for the sailors and our power section too.

How amazing the yachts look racing so close to the local beaches.

35 young sailors were part of the event and we again awarded a full set of wet weather gear to one of the lucky youth thanks to our generous sponsor Gill Marine.

What a great initiative from our Club Offshore Committee that has been running since 2017.

On Friday 12 February the 73rd Bunbury and Return Ocean Race got underway at lunch time in a developing sea breeze well done

to the 20 teams who took on the challenge.

Our offshore season closed with the Roland Smith Ocean Race on Saturday 17 April 2021. A popular coastal race inside Rottnest Island and the Perth coastline. ■



above left: RFBYC Volunteers, thank you!



above right: Team RFBYC Offshore Racing.

facing page, above: Checkmate, second overall.
facing page, below: Obsession, third overall.



2020-2021 SEASON 44TH FARRAWA CUP SERIES

OVERALL IRC COMBINED

1ST	ATOMIC BLONDE	SIMON TORVALDSEN	RPYC
2ND	CHECKMATE	GEOFF BISHOP	FSC
3RD	OBSESSION	PAUL ARNS	FSC
4TH	CRUSH	DAVID DAVENPORT	EFYC/FSC/RFBYC
5TH	AL FRESCO	JOHN RAYNER	FSC

DIVISION ONE IRC

1ST IRC	CHECKMATE	GEOFF BISHOP
2ND IRC	OBSESSION	PAUL ARNS
3RD IRC	INDIAN	CRAIG CARTER

DIVISION ONE PHS

1ST PHS	AL FRESCO	JOHN RAYNER
2ND PHS	CHECKMATE	GEOFF BISHOP
3RD PHS	OBSESSION	PAUL ARNS

DIVISION TWO IRC

1ST IRC	ATOMIC BLONDE	SIMON TORVALDSEN
2ND IRC	CRUSH	DAVID DAVENPORT
3RD IRC	CIRCA	BILL HENSON

DIVISION TWO PHS

1ST PHS	FOURTH DIMENSION	LYN POWELL & IAN WHITEHEAD
2ND PHS	CIRCA	BILL HENSON
3RD PHS	ATOMIC BLONDE	SIMON TORVALDSEN



facing page, left to right

top row: Atomic Blonde, first overall.

second row: Checkmate, second overall.

third row: Obsession, third overall; Indian; Al Fresco.

fourth row: Crush; Circa; Fourth Dimension.

above: Top Three overall.



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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

Membership applications (with signature and endorsement of two Members with five+ years membership) must be submitted to the Membership Coordinator by post, deliver to the Club, or email to, membership@rfbyc.asn.au

- Submit completed application forms to the Club by the last Monday of the month.
- General Committee reviews applications on the last Tuesday of the month.
- Ordinary membership applicants will be invited to attend an interview with the Membership Committee on the second Monday of the following month or thereafter.
- Membership applications are placed on the notice board for a period of 26 days (except Juniors).
- All membership applications which progress to the final stage of the membership process will be ratified by General Committee on the last Tuesday of the month.

MEMBERSHIP

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ASTERN THE DUKE AND THE DRAGON



PRINCE PHILIP HAD A LONG ASSOCIATION with the International Dragon Class. Gifted the Dragon *Bluebottle* in 1947 by the Island Sailing Club, Cowes, as a wedding present, the Duke sailed her competitively and a young Prince Charles was later pictured on board.

Bluebottle was sailed by the Duke together with friend and famed yachtsman Uffa Fox. A number of competitive crews put *Bluebottle* through her paces and in 1956 Graham Mann skippered her to Bronze at the Melbourne Olympics. *Bluebottle* remained 'The Royal Dragon' until 1962.

Steve Craig, father of Jill Cassidy and father-in-law to John Cassidy, and former RFBYC Commodore and Vice Patron, crewed for the Duke on *Bluebottle* in the late 1950s whilst living in the UK with his wife Barbara and four daughters. Steve purchased DKA3 *Heather II* (built 1950) and became an early member of the RFBYC Dragon fleet.

In 2001, after 40 years' service as a sail training vessel, the Duke of Edinburgh loaned *Bluebottle* to the National Maritime Museum in Cornwall. Most recently she has been restored by the Royal Yacht Britannia Trust and is due to compete for the Edinburgh Cup in the UK in August 2021.

The Duke's influence on the Dragon class extended beyond owning and sailing *Bluebottle*, benefiting Dragon class sailors world-wide, and particularly here at RFBYC, as a class that has bred world champions and continues to flourish.

As a result of the Duke's keen interest in the Dragon class and Australian's keen interest in everything British post-war, together with its selection as the Olympic Keelboat for the Melbourne Olympics, the class began to grow rapidly in Australia. In the late 40s and early 50s yachtsmen trying to establish the Tumblaren Class (refer *Haze RF 4*) in Australia started to desert them for the Dragon Class

In 1953 the Prince awarded the 'Duke of Edinburgh Cup' to the winner of the Canadian Championship and the 'Edinburgh Cup' for the British Champion. There were 20 Dragons also racing in Australia and the Australians thought it would be a good idea to have a

trophy for their competition. NSW Dragon crew Puffy Buxton was an old school mate of Commander Michael Parker, then aide to HRH Prince Philip, and it is understood that Puffy 'organised' the Australian Trophy through this connection.

The first Prince Philip Cup was presented in February 1954 after the Royal Yacht *Gothic* sailed into Sydney Harbour and Prince Philip actually presented the Trophy to Jock Sturrock, Puffys' skipper, sailing *Kamulla* DKA9.

It was reported that the Dragon class racing in Australia received its greatest fillip from the presence of Prince Philip at the 1954 'Royal Regatta' (as the PPC was referred to) which took place during the Queen's 1954 Australian tour.

Prince Philip then opened the 1956 Melbourne Olympics where the Dragon competition was sailed at Royal Brighton Yacht Club and where *Bluebottle* won bronze with Lt-Cdr Graham Mann at the helm (minus HRH).

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ASTERN CONTINUED FROM THE ARCHIVES

In 1962 Prince Philip was in Perth for the Commonwealth Games and visited Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club to present the PPC Trophy to Victorian Jack Linacre sailing *Lill*. Second Place went to RFBYC's Tony Manford, with Bob Day and Tam Thomson, sailing *Leander* and 3rd was awarded to RFBYC's Michael Ahern sailing *Maranel*.

The Duke was also active in the Flying Fifteen class as owner of *Coweslip*. Whilst visiting RFBYC he also donated the *Coweslip* Trophy to Flying Fifteen Association President Tally Hobbs. Newspaper records indicate that the Duke drove himself from Government House to RFBYC for the occasion. Let's hope he had no trouble finding a parking spot!

There is a newspaper photo and article regarding Prince Philip's visit to RFBYC hanging on the column near the bar.

For many years the Duke acknowledged the efforts of the Club's champion Dragon sailors with Tony Manford receiving a number of notes of congratulations for his numerous PPC wins, Steve Parker receiving one acknowledging the close competition, and the Lynn family receiving no less than four, including a telegram signed off simply as 'Philip', with acknowledgments of the intergenerational sailing skills of the Lynn family. In 1995 Willy Packer wrote to the Duke advising him of his winning of the Prince Philip Cup and together with his crew also received congratulatory notes.

The Club's Archive would appreciate receiving donations of documentary items of Prince Philip's association with RFBYC members.



above: Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, with Charles, Prince of Wales, Uffa Fox, the Duke's Yachting adviser, and Lieutenant-Commander Alistair Easton, Sailing Master of the yacht Bluebottle at Cowes, during their Dragon class race

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below: Mark, Richard and Tony Lynn on Aelous in 1995



ASTERN CONTINUED FROM THE ARCHIVES

From: Mr. Brian McGrath, C.V.O.
BUCKINGHAM PALACE
22nd February, 1990

Dear Mr Lynn

The Duke of Edinburgh has asked me to write to congratulate you, Peter Hay and Geoff Wedgewood for winning the 1990 Prince Philip Cup in your Dragon "Red Baron".

His Royal Highness was also most interested to hear that you followed in your father's footsteps in this respect!

Again, many congratulations to you and your crew.

*Yours sincerely
Brian McGrath*

Mr. Tony Lynn

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FROM: THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH MANY CONGRATULATIONS ON WINNING THE 1984 PRINCE PHILIP CUP FOR INTERNATIONAL DRAGON CLASS YACHTS, AND BEST WISHES FOR THE FUTURE.
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BUCKINGHAM PALACE

From: Commander W. B. Willett, O.B.E., M.V.O., D.S.C., R.N. 4th March, 1974.
Ref: T1/2

Dear Mr Parker,

Prince Philip has asked me send you congratulations on taking home the Prince Philip Cup after the 1974 "Dragon" series.

Judging from the point score His Royal Highness observed that you had to work for your victory!

*Yours sincerely,
William Willett*

S.H. Parker, Esq.

This article was prepared by Susan Parker from member contributions, material published by RYA, in Yachts & Yachting, and on the AIDA website.

From: Richard Davies, C.V.O., C.B.E.
BUCKINGHAM PALACE
2nd February, 1984

Dear Mr Watts

The Duke of Edinburgh has asked me to thank you for your letter of 24th January about the 1984 Prince Philip Cup for International Dragon Class Yachts.

His Royal Highness is grateful to you for so kindly keeping him informed, and has sent a message to Barrie Lynn.

*Yours sincerely
Richard Davies*

Timothy Watts Esq.

From: Mr. Brian McGrath, C.V.O.
BUCKINGHAM PALACE
19th July, 1988

Dear Mr Lynn

The Duke of Edinburgh has asked me to write to congratulate you on winning the Prince Philip Cup again with Aeolus.

This is a very fine effort four years after your last triumph and His Royal Highness hopes you and your crew thoroughly enjoyed the event.

*Yours sincerely
Brian McGrath*

Mr. Bun Lynn

NOW & THEN

SUICIDE BUOY

Now and Then will every now and then relate something from the Club Archives to current events and activities.

I RECENTLY OVERHEARD a discussion on the Club rigging lawn regarding the possibility of renaming Suicide Buoy. Why? I thought. It is so aptly named for the many of us who have been catapulted clear of our dinghy or nearly lost our heads to the uncontrolled gybing boom as we rounded Suicide.

Sailors learned to master the notorious gybe at Suicide through the school of hard knocks.

When I first sailed Lasers in the early 1980's, the Saturday afternoon course was one dreaded buoy after another – the elusive Mosmans followed by the treacherous Suicide and then seeking inside overlap at the problematic Burnside.

Last December when the Club offered the opportunity for non-dinghy sailing adults to experience life closer to the water on a laser, I jumped at the idea. Only forty years had passed since last I sailed the fickle and mercurial laser. They now had a smaller rig option and I'd viewed a few You Tube videos, so I was ready to give it a go.

An easy reach out towards the spit and then a slow almost-under-control tack. I was nervously mastering the single-handed yacht, with two hands when a minimum of three still seems ideal. The tech-

nique, or lack thereof, was coming back to me. Sheeting in, block to block, hiking out as far as a novice Grand Master can, I started to chase the shifty Mosman buoy.

With a steady 18knots, Mosmans was coming up quickly on a star-board tack. I only had to remember to ease the vang off, then the mainsheet and whiz away on a thrilling reach whilst preparing myself for the dreaded Suicide gybe.

But what a disappointment! Hardly any distance for a screaming reach and then a lack lustre gybe—or not—perhaps just a mere bare-away. Suicide is no more.

Sometime over the years gone by, some buoy-person thought that Suicide needed to be less distressing and moved it away from the path of the sou'wester screaming up Black-wall Reach.

So, for those laser sailors with memories of the kamikaze that once was Suicide, I found the following

in the Tidings of February 1980. It was originally written by Garry Hoyt, a Puerto Rican Olympic Finn-class sailor, and then cleverly adapted by Ian Campbell, himself a born-again 1980s Laser sailor. Enjoy the ride!

“You round Mosmans—the windward mark—with a handsome lead. The sea breeze increasing steadily and gusting to 25knots. Vang eased, board up, Cunningham off, arse out, Kazoom – you’re off on a screamer. Sheets of spray and wild exhilaration as you blast out to a wide lead. And then suddenly, before you know it, there it is, the reaching mark.

“By golly, hot damn, gee whiz, we better get set for the old jibe. The jibe!” Brow furrows, vision clouds, muscles stiffen, and a child-like whimper slips from your strong lips.

“Steady. There’s nothing to this. I’ll just wait for a little lull.”

NOW & THEN

CONTINUED



This naïve hope is quickly extinguished by a glance to starboard, revealing a solid mass of hissing whitecaps racing down from Blackwall Reach to join you in your moment of truth.

“Well, we’ll just get the board up a bit, like Bertrand says, so she’ll slide to leeward and not trip.” So you up the board six inches – a precaution your Laser greets with a wild, sickening lurch to windward. Only a desperate jab of the tiller and a frantic yank on the main keep you from instant oblivion via the famous Laser windward wipe-out, or ‘death roll’.

Now Suicide is right off the port bow, and the puff hits full force. Down on your knees you plunge, neatly incising razor-like slashes on your legs from the hikingstrap mounting. Somehow straddling and backing into the tiller, you start the fateful arc. You haul in on the sheet – “Jibe ho!” But wait, she isn’t jibing, and instead she slows down to a queasy stall and hangs there,

amidst a sudden and unnatural silence. “Get over there, you ...,” and you haul powerfully on the sheet and rejam the tiller around. And then she comes – that malevolent boom, screeched over your head by a thousand devils. From long practice, you deftly duck your head and bear off slightly in perfect textbook style, counteracting the momentum of the turn.

*Except you didn’t flick the sheet hard enough, allowing the sheet to catch under the transom – that deadly Laser idiosyncrasy. It’s all over bar the jeering. The boom, which has already so cruelly punished you, now seeks to bury itself, in the leeward bow wave. Your noble steed slops to a stop, sail pinned to the water. Sensing a kill, the wind shrieks its delight at a higher pitch. À la the illustration on page 64 of *Elvstrøm*, you hurl yourself over the windward side to save your craft. But of course you aren’t *Elvstrøm*. So rather than sliding harmlessly to leeward, you ditch ignominiously,*

quite probably fouling the mark in the process.

The rest is almost too painful to recount. Your competitors rocket by like dervishes, and since you know their control is marginal at best, moving around so as to right your boat is like stepping casually onto Kwinana Freeway. At this stage one has the option of either returning to shore and taking up a tactically strong position in the bar or sailing on to try it all over again at Burnside Spit ...”

(Adapted from ‘Go For Gold’ – Garry Hoyt).

So, what is in a name? I asked this of the conversation happening on the rigging lawn. ‘Suicide’ was considered not PC. It was not because the name (that was so on the mark) is no longer relevant.

However, I concede. The position has changed. The connection is lost. Only the vivid memory of fear and dread remains. Perhaps it is indeed time to rename? ■

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VALE JOHN WILLIAM BURLINGTON BOLTON

1945 – 2021

SADLY, WE NOTE the death on 5 April 2021 of John Bolton after a long illness. John began sailing as a junior at RPYC sailing in Pelicans and Skipjack Trainers but joined Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club in 1963 where he sailed a Gwen 12 Truant with long-time school friend Alex Anderson.

From there John progressed to Hornets where he crewed for Syd Lodge (his brother-in-law) on *Atalanta*. It was on this boat that they won the World Hornet Championships at Hayling Island in the UK. The performance was remarkable for several reasons including huge tides and the large fleet of 90 or so boats which we don't experience here in WA. The fleet included the very best from the UK, Netherlands, Germany and Poland. Poland at that time had a huge number of boats with many state-sponsored with professional crews.

Subsequently John purchased a fibreglass Hornet *Thetis II* from

(brother-in-law) Peter Anderson and sailed again with his old mate Alex Anderson as crew.

John's business life was as a member of the family firm Bolton's Motor Body works which is notable here because through John, a Hornet owner could arrange to have his boat painted at 'Boltons'. This was provided of course that the colour was chosen from: Fire engine red, MTT green, Mayday Orange or Virginal White. There was a blue somewhere there too!

After Hornets John graduated to Solings and then a Viking 30 named *Apple Scruff*, all of which he sailed with aplomb and skill.

Finally, he went the way of many old yachties and succumbed to power boats at least one of which was named *Atalanta*.

Had he not been a keen sailor he may well have been a top league footballer having played for the Claremont Football Club. The effects of this caused him knee problems in later life.

He is survived by his wife Sandra, his daughters Jane and Lisa and son Jonathan.

John was a good bloke and member of RFBYC who will be sadly missed.

VALE ROBERT DAY (BOB)

1925 – 2021

Club members were saddened to learn of the death on 3 February 2021 of a fine member of long standing, Bob Day. Bob served with the RAN from June 1943 until discharge in May 1946.

His exemplary record includes a high standard in both seamanship and gunnery which no doubt helped with his later exploits as a yachtsman. After demobilisation from the Navy Bob studied architecture and joined the firm of Hobbs Winning and Leighton.

In 1954, with the encouragement of good friend Tony Manford, Bob joined Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club and with Tam Thompson and Tony formed the *Leander* syndi-

cate. This formidable team became famous in the Dragon class winning many WA championships and the Prince Phillip Cup (Australian Championship) four times.

Professionally, Bob served as a consultant architect for major renovations in 1969 to our clubhouse 'Cappoquin' and for the Junior Club building following the big fire.

After retiring from yacht racing Bob acquired several power boats which he named *Leander*. These in-

cluded the beautiful Grand Banks 13 metre. In these boats he served as chief starter for many championship events held in Soling, Etchells and Dragon fleets.

Although not a 'high profile' member in recent years, Bob will be fondly remembered by his many friends at RFBYC. He is survived by his daughter Sue Walker.

Vale Bob, Good friend and great Club member.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

12 JUNE	CLUB POWER YACHT TIME TRIAL - COURSE 206	12 AUGUST	MARRIWOOD PARK AUTUMN WINTER MID WEEK RACE & FLAG OFFICERS WINTER CUP
12 JUNE	ORWA WA PRIZE NIGHT	14 AUGUST	CPYC STATE HEAT POWER YACHT TIME TRIAL #6
17 JUNE	MARRIWOOD PARK AUTUMN WINTER MID WEEK RACE	15 AUGUST	DINGHY WINTER SERIES RACE 5 - AM
19 JUNE	CPYC STATE HEAT POWER YACHT TIME TRIAL #3	15 AUGUST	KEELBOAT FROSTBITE SERIES RACE 6 - PM
20 JUNE	DINGY WINER SERIES RACE 3 - AM	19 AUGUST	MARRIWOOD PARK AUTUMN WINTER MID WEEK RACE
20 JUNE	KEELBOAT FROSTBITE SERIES RACE 2 - PM	21 AUGUST	CLUB POWER YACHT TIME TRIAL - COURSE 215
24 JUNE	MARRIWOOD PARK AUTUMN WINTER MID WEEK RACE	22 AUGUST	RFBYC CLUB BEST REGATTA
26 JUNE	CLUB POWER YACHT TIME TRIAL - COURSE 208 - VICE PATRONS TROPHY DAY	26 AUGUST	MARRIWOOD PARK AUTUMN WINTER MID WEEK RACE
01 JULY	MARRIWOOD PARK AUTUMN WINTER MID WEEK RACE	29 AUGUST	JM ZEFFERT MEMORIAL TIME TRIAL FOR THE 'KYLIE CUP' & CPYC STATE HEAT POWER YACHT TIME TRIAL #7
04 JULY	KEELBOAT FROSTBITE SERIES RACE 3 - AM	02 SEPTEMBER	MARRIWOOD PARK AUTUMN WINTER MID WEEK RACE
08 JULY	MARRIWOOD PARK AUTUMN WINTER MID WEEK RACE	04 SEPTEMBER-05 SEPTEMBER	SAILING INSTITUTE MATCH RACING REGATTA
15 JULY	MARRIWOOD PARK AUTUMN WINTER MID WEEK RACE	04 SEPTEMBER	CPYC STATE HEAT POWER YACHT TIME TRIAL #8
17 JULY	CPYC STATE HEAT POWER YACHT TIME TRIAL #4	09 SEPTEMBER	MARRIWOOD PARK AUTUMN WINTER MID WEEK RACE
18 JULY	KEELBOAT FROSTBITE SERIES RACE 4 - PM	11 SEPTEMBER	CLUB POWER YACHT TIME TRIAL - COURSE 217 - PATHFINDER TROPHY
22 JULY	MARRIWOOD PARK AUTUMN WINTER MID WEEK RACE	12 SEPTEMBER	DINGHY WINTER SERIES RACE 6 - PM
24 JULY	CPYC STATE HEAT POWER YACHT TIME TRIAL #5	16 SEPTEMBER	MARRIWOOD PARK AUTUMN WINTER MID WEEK RACE
25 JULY	DINGHY WINTER SERIES RACE 4 - PM	18 SEPTEMBER	THE INKOGNITO POWER YACHT CLOSING DAY TIME TRIAL
29 JULY	MARRIWOOD PARK AUTUMN WINTER MID WEEK RACE	19 SEPTEMBER	KEELBOAT FROSTBITE SERIES RACE 7 - AM - FINAL
31 JULY	CLUB POWER YACHT TIME TRIAL - COURSE 213	23 SEPTEMBER	MARRIWOOD PARK AUTUMN WINTER MID WEEK RACE
01 AUGUST	KEELBOAT FROSTBITE SERIES RACE 5 - PM	30 SEPTEMBER	MARRIWOOD PARK AUTUMN WINTER MID WEEK RACE
05 AUGUST	MARRIWOOD PARK AUTUMN WINTER MID WEEK RACE		
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